

# St. Michael's Parish

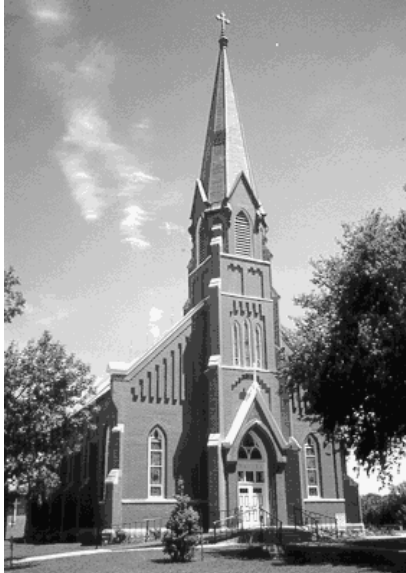
502 6th Street

Axtell, Kansas 66403

**Father Mathew Francis**

August 24, 2025

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



## St. Michael's MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Aug. 23 - 5:00 PM **People of the Parish**

Sunday, Aug. 24 - 10:15 AM **+Henry & Emma Suther**

Monday, Aug. 25 - 8:00 AM **+Sharis Meyer (20th Anniversary of her death)**

*St. Louis, St. Joseph Calasanz*

Tuesday, Aug. 26 - 8:00 AM **St. Michael's Ladies Guild and Parish Ladies**

Thursday, Aug. 28 - 8:00 AM **+All Souls Day Intentions**

*St. Augustine*

Friday, Aug. 29 - 8:00 AM **+Rose Heiman**

*The Passion of St. John the Baptist*

Saturday, Aug. 30 - 5:00 PM **Descendants of the Henry & Clara Meyer Family**

Sunday, Aug. 31 - 10:15 AM **Liv/Dec of the Knight of Columbus #1163**

## Holy Family Mass Schedule

Wednesday, Aug. 27 - 8:30 AM ; Sunday, Aug. 31 - 8:30 AM

## SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

For Next Sunday Morning

**2-3 Year Olds**

Theresa & Braden Sack

**4-5 Year Olds**

Kinley & Emma Sack

## SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS

For Last Sunday:

Last Weekend Collection: \$

**Fr. Mathew Francis:** E-mail: fmathew62@yahoo.com 502 6th St., Axtell, KS 66403  
Rectory: 736-2220 Cell: 913-547-3300 Hall: 736-2343

**Bulletin News:** Contact by Wednesday AM: St. Michael's: **Pamela Buessing** - 799-5481  
rpbuessing@bluevalley.net

**Digital Bulletin:** www.axtellks.com

Holy Family: **Rosalie Meybrunn**  
rmeybrunn@hotmail.com

**Baptisms:** Arranged by Appointment Only **Marriage:** Six Month Notice Requested

**Reconciliation:** Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 PM or Anytime by Arrangement

**Religious Education:** Call Karen Farrell at 620-794-5485.

**Faith Formation:** Call Patty Buessing at 736-2766

**Hall Rental:** Call Jan Koch at 799-7114

**Communion To Shut-Ins:** Call Fr. Mathew at 736-2220

**Young Adults**  
**Group will**  
**meet on the**  
**1st Sunday**  
**of each**  
**month at**  
**1:00PM**

### Liturgical Ministers for This Weekend

**Saturday, Aug. 23, 2025 - 5:00 PM**

**Lector:** Carla Bishop

**Host Min:** Dennis Koch

**Cup Min:** Jane Koch, Carol Holthaus

**Servers:** Ellie Buessing, Ryan Buessing

**Usher:** Stan Broxterman

**Sunday, Aug. 24, 2025 - 10:15 AM**

**Lector:** Amy Schmitz

**Host Min:** Erika Buessing

**Cup Min:** Virginia Schmitz, Susan Broxterman

**Servers:** Avery Buessing, Kandayce Buessing

**Usher:** Junior Holthaus, Alan Koch

### Liturgical Ministers for Next Weekend

**Saturday, Aug. 30, 2025 - 5:00 PM**

**Lector:** Maurice Buessing

**Host Min:** Connie Ronnebaum

**Cup Min:** Dave Ronnebaum, Linda Buessing

**Servers:** Colton Strathman, Brody Strathman

**Usher:** Gary Buessing

**Sunday, Aug. 31, 2025 - 10:15 AM**

**Lector:** Norma Stallbaumer

**Host Min:** Brian Deters

**Cup Min:** Mary Jane Deters, Patty Buessing

**Servers:** Otto Koch, Oakley Koch

**Usher:** Ed Porting, Linus Reinecke

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**FISH FRY:** The Knights of Columbus Fish Fry will be at the city park on **Sunday, Aug. 24th at noon.** Please bring a side dish. Fish, drinks, plates, silverware will be provided.

**Jr. High CCD TEACHERS NEEDED** Please consider sharing your gift of faith with our youth. We are in need of 2 Jr. High CCD teachers for the upcoming school year. Classes are on Wed. evenings from 7:30 - 8:30 beginning in Sept./Oct. and going through April. Teaching resources are provided. If you are interested or would like more information please call or text Karen Farrell at 620-794-5485.

**NEEDED:** We need 20 straw bales, glasses for the dime toss, and ice cream and cool whip containers for the picnic. You can drop items off at the back of the church. Contact Erin Tynon, etynon@ksu.edu or 785-313-4328, if you have bales to donate.

**The Fall Picnic Work Lists and Chance Books are in the back of the Church.** The picnic date is Sunday, September 14th.

**THANK YOU!** Sharon and I would like to thank all those who donated to the Handcrafted Bingo at Axtell Days. It is greatly appreciated, without all your kind donations, it wouldn't be possible to host such a great event. We had a wonderful turn out again this year. Thank you for coming and supporting an amazing event for such a good cause. Most of the income goes towards the Cancer Group here in Axtell and part of it goes toward the youth in our community. Thank you to all that helped assist in the set up and clean up. We are looking forward to hosting again at the next Axtell Days. *Susan Broxterman & Sharon Luttjohann*

**CONFIRMATION INFORMATION:** Confirmation for the current 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students is planned for Oct. 2026. To prepare for Confirmation, students in these grades will begin weekly Confirmation prep classes on Oct. 15 @ 7:30 – 8:30 pm. Classes will continue through April 15, 2026 and resume on September 9, 2026.

The Rite of Choice for Confirmation will be on **Sun. Oct. 19 at the 10:15 am mass** at St. Michael's. All 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> grade students need to attend Mass and Father will call them up to the altar to sign the book indicating their desire to be confirmed. There will be a Confirmation Parent meeting after mass on the 19<sup>th</sup> in the St. Michael's school basement.

Thank you to Theresa Sack, Quinn Buessing, and Mitchell and Leanne Buessing for teaching this year's Confirmation class.

**++Remember in Your Prayers++:** *Please remember those who are sick, taking treatments, or hospitalized: LaVerna Ronnebaum, Larry Macke, Rita Olberding, Kathy Buessing, Kristi Meyer, Lisa Porting, Kade Sides (grandson of Don & Mary Jane Deters), Narisetty Lilly Pushpa (Fr. Gova's mother), Sara McCarn, Cynthia Bishop Brown, Jan Tomlinson, Tiffany Strohmeyer, Jena (CHWC), Shirley Schmitz, Fr. Ed Oen, Duane Bernasek. Please remember in your prayers, the Dan & Jennifer Matson family.*

**Vocation Thoughts:** *"Peter received his special call when he acknowledged Jesus as Messiah. We who believe in Jesus as Lord and Savior also receive a special call. Ask the Lord to direct your heart." Matthew 16:13-20)*

**2 LOCAL VIRTUS TRAININGS:** There is an upcoming VIRTUS training on August 27th at 6 pm at St. Dominic's Hall, 416 Ohio St. in Holton.

There will also be a training on October 1st at 5:15PM at St. Gregory's School in Marysville.

To register, please go to **[www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org)**. Click on **FIRST TIME REGISTRANT** and begin the registration process. You will need to select **Kansas City, KS (Archdiocese)** as your organization. You will then create a User ID & Password that you will need to remember. Make sure that you select this training date/location for VIRTUS training. If you would like to participate in this training, please text/call Erika (785-336-1009) so that she can add you to the list of participants and be looking for your name in the VIRTUS system. If you are unsure if you have had the training or if you have any questions about VIRTUS trainings, please contact Erika.

**The Saints Peter and Paul Church Labor Day Picnic** will be Sunday, August 31st with serving beginning at 4:30PM. A roast beef dinner will be served cafeteria style. \$15 for adults and \$8 for children. Take out meals available at the West door of the parish hall. Bingo, concessions, and games beginning at 5PM. Beer garden from 5-11PM. The auction will begin at 8:30PM.

**TASTE & SEE:** Let's talk about Joy! October 5th at 6PM at Sacred Heart Church in Sabetha. The evening includes a meal, content and discussion, and take home resolutions. All are welcome, Invite a friend, bring your spouse.

**Family Day at Prairie Star Ranch:** Prairie Star Ranch invites you and your family to join us for Family Day on September 21st, 2025 from 9 AM to 5 PM! Come and step away from the hustle for a Spirit-filled day of fun, adventure, and prayer with one another. Enjoy those closest to you as you make memories on kayaks, the climbing wall, and our many other activities. All ages are welcome to this come-and-go-as-you-please event! Visit our website today to learn more and register. We hope to see you there. <https://archkck.org/psr> - 785-746-5693 - [psrministry@archkck.org](mailto:psrministry@archkck.org)

### **Meet Archdiocesan Seminarian Alex Rickert**

Alex Rickert (Ascension, Overland Park, KS) a seminarian at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary in St. Louis, MO, just served a pastoral year at St. Catherine/Didde Center in Emporia, KS. When Alex was 7, his family converted to Catholicism. As he grew in his faith, the possibility of priesthood became increasingly more real to Alex when his grandfather was ordained a Catholic priest. Alex's advice for those contemplating the priesthood or a religious order is to remember "our Lord desires infinitely your ultimate good, your ultimate happiness, your ultimate fulfillment. He knows what He's doing if He's inviting you to more deeply consider a vocation that you haven't thought about much."

# Good News!

August 24, 2025

*Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)*  
Isaiah 66:18-21 / Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13 /  
Luke 13:22-30

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Some people find love in their lives; others complain of loneliness. Some find peace, while others seem to be perpetually angry. Some live comfortably amid human diversity, yet others insist that the rest of the world be like them. There are those who are able to forgive and compromise and offer compassion and those who cannot. The difference seems to be the ability to forgo one's own desires for the sake of a greater good or the common good. Such may be the narrow gate through which some may not be strong enough to enter.

Phrases like *the kingdom of God* or *the kingdom of heaven* are not just references to places to which we go but also ways of being or states of existence. They all refer to God's presence, to life with God. You've heard people say they were so happy that they felt it was like heaven on earth. It wasn't a place they went but an experience of being filled with joy and peace. It's pure gift. No one ever finds it by focusing on oneself. It is the narrow gate by which we find our way into such a life. It is the doorway of caring for others. ●

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# Dear Padre

August 24, 2025

***My wife mentioned that neither the Book of Mormon nor the Catholic Bible mentions purgatory. Please comment.***

A not-uncommon frustration is when a person searches the Bible for a particular word or phrasing. Frankly, it is expecting too much from the religious text to be able to faithfully record a particular word or phrase that originated hundreds of years after the ancient text was composed. Purgatory is one such example of this frustration. The concept of purgatory is referenced in the biblical text, particularly in 2 Corinthians 5:10 and 7:1, Hebrews 9:27 and 12:14, and 2 Maccabees 12:46, but the word is never used.

This should come as no real surprise because it was not until the writings of St. Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274) that the concept was expanded and formed into a theological statement of belief that has become central to Roman Catholicism. And what is that belief? The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* is clear: "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. The Church gives the name purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned" (CCC, 1030, 1031a). The Book of Mormon never references purgatory, but it does speak about the afterlife and the experience of "waiting" in the spirit world for the completion of earthly time. ●

*Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org*

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## MONDAY

August 25  
Weekday

1 Thes 1:1-5,  
8b-10

Mt 23:13-22

## TUESDAY

August 26  
Weekday

1 Thes 2:1-8

Mt 23:23-26

## WEDNESDAY

August 27  
St. Monica

1 Thes 2:9-13

Mt 23:27-32

## THURSDAY

August 28

St. Augustine,  
Bishop and  
Doctor of the  
Church

1 Thes 3:7-13

Mt 24:42-51

## FRIDAY

August 29

The Passion of  
St. John the Baptist

1 Thes 4:1-8

Mk 6:17-29

## SATURDAY

August 30  
Weekday

1 Thes 4:9-11

Mt 25:14-30

## SUNDAY

August 31

Twenty-second  
Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Sir 3:17-18, 20,  
28-29

Heb 12:18-19,  
22-24a

Lk 14:1, 7-14





