

St. Michael's Parish

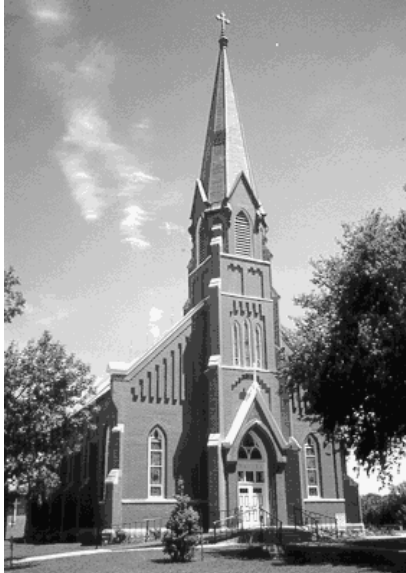
502 6th Street

Axtell, Kansas 66403

Father Mathew Francis

September 14, 2025

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross



St. Michael's MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Sept. 13 - 5:00 PM **Liv/Dec of John & Anna Marie Kuckelman Fam.**

Sunday, Sep. 14 - 10:15 AM **Liv/Dec of Strathman/Deters Family**

Monday, Sept. 15 - 8:30 AM **+Dee Saggars**

Our Lady of Sorrows

Tuesday, Sept. 16 - 8:00 AM **+Cathy Whitaker**

Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian

Thursday, Sept. 18 - 8:00 AM **St. Michael's Ladies Guild and Parish Ladies**

Friday, Sept. 19 - 8:00 AM **+All Souls Day Intentions**

St. Januarius

Saturday, Sept. 20 - 5:00 PM **Liv/Dec of Justin & Frances Rottinghaus Fam.**

Sunday, Sept. 21 - 10:15 AM **People of the Parish**

Holy Family Mass Schedule

Wednesday, Sept. 17 - 8:30 AM ; Sunday, Sept. 21 - 8:30 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

For Next Sunday Morning

2-3 Year Olds

Gavin Shaughnessy, Grace Shaughnessy

4-5 Year Olds

Jena Shaughnessy, Colin Shaughnessy

SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS

For Last Sunday:

Last Weekend Collection: \$ 1,180.00

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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, Sept. 13, 2025 - 5:00 PM

Lector: Donna Heinen

Host Min: Susan Broxterman

Cup Min: Carol Holthaus, Kent Kuckelman

Servers: Braden Sack, Kinley Sack

Usher: Richard Holthaus

Sunday, Sept. 14, 2025 - 10:15 AM

Lector: Mitchell Buessing

Host Min: Tom Rottinghaus

Cup Min: Connie Ronnebaum, Terry Rottinghaus

Servers: Avery Kroeger, Paige Kroeger

Usher: Adam Ronnebaum, Mark Wagner

Liturgical Ministers for Next Weekend

Saturday, Sept. 20, 2025 - 5:00 PM

Lector: Brenda Peschel

Host Min: Donna Heinen

Cup Min: Jane Koch, Dennis Koch

Servers: Wyatt Koch, Lenny Koch

Usher: Bob Mathewson

Sunday, Sept. 21, 2025 - 10:15 AM

Lector: Carla Bishop

Host Min: Virginia Schmitz

Cup Min: Spencer Macke, Erika Buessing

Servers: Grace Shaughnessy, Grace Porting

Usher: Bill Buessing, Dale Buessing

MOWING THE CEMETERY: The Knights and men of the parish are invited to help mow the cemetery on Wednesday, Sept. 17th at 6:30PM.

The Knights of Columbus September meeting will be on Tuesday, Sept. 16th.

Jr. High CCD TEACHER NEEDED Please consider sharing your gift of faith with our youth. We are in need of a **6th Grade CCD teacher** for the upcoming school year. Classes are on Wed. evenings from 7:30 - 8:30 beginning on Oct. 15th 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.

PARISH PICNIC on SEPTEMBER 14th: St. Michael's Church will be holding its annual **Summer Picnic on Sunday, September 14th.** Come and enjoy roast beef, ham, potatoes, and homemade desserts with us! Serving will be from 11-2 p.m. Cost for the meal will be \$13.00 for adults, \$7.00 for kids 10 to 4 years old, 3 and under free. There will be games for all ages, bingo, card game, quilt and grill chances along with our chance book drawing.

NEEDED: We need 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.

PICNIC SET-UP: We will be setting up for the picnic after the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday, September 13th. We would appreciate your help if able.

The Fall Picnic Work Lists and Chance Books are in the back of the Church.

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION: Confirmation for the current 9th, 10th, and 11th 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 9th-11th 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 19th 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.

All are invited to attend the **Axtell American Legion Breakfast** on **September 28, 2025** from 7 AM to 1 PM at the Legion in Axtell. They will be serving biscuits and gravy, sausage, eggs, pancakes, and hash browns. Free Will Donation.

++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 Strohmeier, Jena (CHWC), Shirley Schmitz, Fr. Ed Oen, Duane Bernasek.

Vocation Thoughts: "We neither live nor die as ruler of our own lives. That is a scary, but freeing, thought. What does God free us from? What does God free us for?" (Romans 14:7-9)

Thank You to everyone for your prayers, cards, and other condolences for our sister Dee Saggars. Whoever would have thought a tiny deer tick could cause her rapid decline and death. Thank you for your support.
Richard and Kathy Buessing

Thank You! Seth and I would like to thank everyone for all the prayers and good wishes sent out on Cynthia Bishop Brown's behalf. Cissy, as she was more commonly known in the St Michael parish and Axtell community, has been battling cancer for two-plus years. God called her home on Monday, September 1. We can't say thank you enough for everyone's love & support. **Seth and Carla Bishop**

CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP: It is that time of year to get registered for Catholic Heart Workcamp for the Summer of 2026. The camp will be from June 7-12. If any youth who are currently in the 8th grade or older would like to attend camp next summer, they will need to get a \$200 non-refundable deposit to Jessica Stallbaumer by September 24th. If you have any questions please call or text Jessica at 785-268-0342 or Stacy Hasenkamp at 785-294-1295.

QUILTING TIME: Another quilt has been put in the frame in the northwest classroom. Doors will be open on Wednesdays, all day and evening. All help is greatly appreciated.

FAITH FORMATION: The Faith Formation Program for grades 1-5 will begin on September 26th from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at St. Michael's Church and continue on Fridays throughout the semester that aren't early release days. If your child didn't attend FF last year but you would like them to attend this school year please contact Patty Buessing at 785-799-4516.

LOCAL VIRTUS TRAINING: There is an upcoming VIRTUS training on October 1st at 5:15PM at St. Gregory's School in Marysville. To register, please go to 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.

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.

St. Bede's Church in Kelly will have a **Soup Supper and Auction** on **Sunday, October 12th**. Serving from 4:00 - 7:00PM, Games from 5-8PM, with auction beginning at 8:00PM. Serving chili, chicken noodle soup, vegetable beef soup, ham sandwiches, hot dogs, and dessert. Free Will Donation.

Pilgrimage to Portugal, France & Spain! A very special experience including Fatima, Santiago de Compostela, Lourdes, Zaragoza, Barcelona and more! **March 9 - 21** It's a trip you'll treasure for the rest of your life! For more info, contact Mark Wyble at **816-233-8427** or religiousramblers@gmail.com.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!! **Zita Osterhaus's 90th Birthday OPEN HOUSE** for Friends & Family will be SAT, SEPT 27, from 1:00-3:00 pm at the Summerfield Community Center. Cards may be sent to: 403 5th St Summerfield, KS 66541

Good News!

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The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Numbers 21:4b-9 / Philippians 2:6-11 /
John 3:13-17

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

As he stood in line in front of me, the back of his T-shirt read, "Pain is weakness leaving the body." Though unsaid, it implied that the parting pain would be replaced by newfound strength. Yet, the more I thought about it, I wondered if that is always the case. Some pain simply leaves one empty, like the grief that comes with the death of one's child. That emptiness never leaves, it is never replaced. So too, the pain of living with mental illness, as it seems to isolate one from many of life's joys and satisfactions. Or, eventually, the aging process in all of us, as it slips in and steals the treasures of life, one by one. Pain is not always weakness leaving the body. Sometimes, it is the pain of an alien spirit settling in for the long haul.

If St. Paul's assertion that Jesus came and "emptied himself...coming in human likeness...even [to] death on a cross," then those times that seem to empty us of all we would hold dear are the times when we slowly take on the image of Jesus in our own lives. It is at such times when we are most powerless but also when God's spirit shines through our broken and wounded lives, if only because we become totally dependent upon God. It is Saint Teresa of Kolkata who is said to have once remarked that even God cannot fill what is already full. ●

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Dear Padre

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A Protestant friend tells me that Jesus died to take the punishment for our sins. That doesn't seem accurate to me. What does the Church teach about the meaning of Jesus' death on the cross?

Jesus understood his mission to be sacrificing his own life "as a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:28). His fidelity to that mission was even at the cost of death. However, saying Jesus' death was payment for our sins doesn't mean that a vengeful God was appeased by the slaughter of his own innocent son. Rather, we are redeemed because of the mutual love between Father and Son, as well as the love Christ had for us all when he offered his life. "It is love 'to the end' (see John 13:1) that confers on Christ's sacrifice its value as redemption and reparation, as atonement and satisfaction" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 616). It is in this sense that Jesus' death was a payment—not one to be exacted—but a unique sacrifice "that completes and surpasses all other sacrifices," when "the Father handed his Son over to sinners in order to reconcile us with himself," and the Son of God freely and lovingly offered his human life to his Father "in reparation for our disobedience" (CCC 614). Christ "bore our sins in his body upon the cross.... By his wounds you have been healed" (1 Peter 2:24). Viewed in light of the resurrection, Christ's death has meaning in eternal life's triumph over sin. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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MONDAY

September 15
Our Lady of Sorrows

1 Tm 2:1-8
Jn 19:25-27 or
Lk 2:33-35

TUESDAY

September 16
Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

1 Tm 3:1-13
Lk 7:11-17

WEDNESDAY

September 17
Weekday

1 Tm 3:14-16
Lk 7:31-35

THURSDAY

September 18
Weekday

1 Tm 4:12-16
Lk 7:36-50

FRIDAY

September 19
Weekday

1 Tm 6:2c-12
Lk 8:1-3

SATURDAY

September 20
Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs

1 Tm 6:13-16
Lk 8:4-15

SUNDAY

September 21
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Am 8:4-7

1 Tm 2:1-8
Lk 16:1-13 or
16:10-13

