

St. Michael's Parish

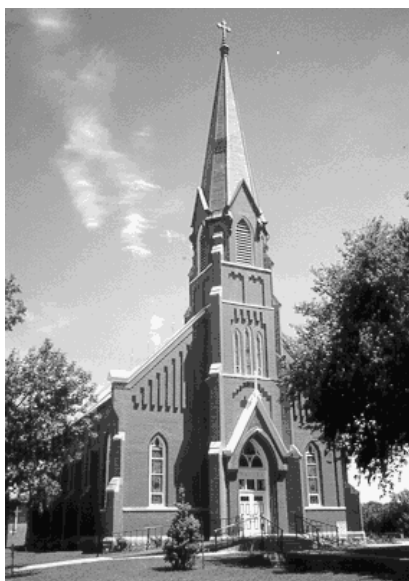
502 6th Street

Axtell, Kansas 66403

Father Mathew Francis

January 25, 2026

The Third Sunday In Ordinary Time



St. Michael's MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Jan. 24 - **4:00 PM** Liv/Dec of the Clarence & Irene Heinen Family

Sunday, Jan. 25 - **11:30 AM** People of the Parish

Monday, Jan. 26 - 8:30 AM Liv/Dec of Charles & Eileen Shaughnessy Family
Sts. Timothy & Titus

Tuesday, Jan. 27 - 8:00 AM **NO MASS**

St. Angela Merici

Thursday, Jan. 29 - 8:00 AM **+All Souls Day Intentions**

Friday, Jan. 30 - 8:00 AM Liv/Dec of the Paul & Augusta Wempe Family

Saturday, Jan. 31 - 5:00 PM **+Mildred Mueting**

Sunday, Feb. 1 - 10:15 AM **+Virgil Haug**

Holy Family Mass Schedule

Wednesday, Jan. 28 - 8:30 AM Sunday, Feb. 1 - 8:30 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

For Next Sunday Morning

2-3 Year Olds

Leslie Kohake & Clayton Heinen

4-5 Year Olds

Avery & Kandayce Buessing

SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS

For Last Sunday

Last Weekend Collection: \$ 1,544.00

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Digital Bulletin: www.axtellks.com Holy Family: **Rosalie Meybrunn**
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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
FertilityCare, NFP, Women's Reproductive Health: Jess Buessing: 785-639-7802
jbuessing.fertilitycare@gmail.com

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

Liturgical Ministers for This Weekend

Saturday, Jan. 24, 2026 - 4:00 PM

Lector: Mary Jane Deters

Host Min: Theresa Sack

Cup Min: Amy Smith, Tony Smith

Servers: Cole Heinen, Grace Heinen

Usher: Mike Ronebaum

Sunday, Jan. 25, 2026 - 11:30 AM

Lector: Roy Buessing

Host Min: Dave Koch

Cup Min: Connie Ronnebaum, Terry Rottinghaus

Servers: Brantley Meyer, Kinsley Meyer

Usher: Alan Ronnebaum, Andy Ronnebaum

Liturgical Ministers for Next Weekend

Saturday, Jan. 31, 2026 - 5:00 PM

Lector: Donna Heinen

Host Min: Mitchell Buessing

Cup Min: Linda Buessing, Susan Broxterman

Servers: Riley Hasenkamp, Regan Hasenkamp

Usher: Stan Broxterman

Sunday, Feb. 1, 2026 - 10:15 AM

Lector: Mary Jane Deters

Host Min: Tom Rottinghaus

Cup Min: Erika Buessing, Virginia Schmitz

Servers: Macy Mathewson, Ellie Mathewson

Usher: Adam Ronnebaum, Mark Wagner

FAITH FORMATION

Friday, February 6 at 8:00AM

Lector: Brynn Sandmann

Reading: Charlee Shaughnessy

Response: Logan Kohake

Petitions: Sydney Heinen, Colby Strathman

Serve: Kinsley Meyer, Paige Kroeger

Notice: Please check the bulletin each week for mass times as some weeks will be changed due to the availability of our area priests.

Listed are the upcoming mass changes:

NO mass this Tuesday, Jan. 27.

Saturday, January 24th: 4:00 PM at St. Michael's **AND** 6:00 PM at Holy Family

Sunday, January 25th: 11:30 AM at St. Michael's

Reminder: Mass times for the weekend of Feb. 7-8 will be switched with Holy Family due to the Knights of Columbus Consignment Sale.

CANCER SURVIVORS MEETING: The Axtell Cancer Survivor's Group Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 4, at ACES at 6:00 PM. Anyone is welcome!

FREE THROW CONTEST: The local Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest was Sunday, Jan. 18th in Axtell. Listed are 1st and 2nd Place in each division. The winners will be competing in Marysville on Sunday, Feb. 1st at 1PM (doors open at noon) for the District Competition.

Congratulations and Good Luck!!

Age 9: 1st Place: Josie Perry & Calvin Shaughnessy

Age 10: 1st Place: Paige Kroeger & Brycen Ronnebaum

Age 11: 1st Place: Grace Shaughnessy & Colson Tynon

Age 12: 1st Place: Ensley Bergmann & Cole Heinen

Age 13: 1st Place: Ellie Buessing & Brody Strathman

Age 14: 1st Place: Brycen Heinen

2nd Place: Grace Heinen & Colton Strathman

2nd Place: Oakley Koch & Ryan Buessing

2nd Place: Kinley Sack & Jack Perry

2nd Place: Ryder Hasenkamp

2nd Place: Kasen Kohake

DONATION NEEDED: The St Michael's Ladies Guild is asking for donations of 130 pounds of ground beef for the Knights Consignment Sale on February 7th. If you wish to donate, please contact Amy Heinen before January 19th at (785)294-2562.

EGGS NEEDED: The St. Michael's Ladies Guild is asking for donations of eggs for making noodles for the Soup Luncheon. We will need 12 dozen by February 13th. If you wish to donate, please contact Amy Heinen, 785-294-2562. We appreciate your support!

The 2025 Guild Year End Financial Report and 2026 Group List Assignments are available at the back of the church.

MASS INTENTIONS: We are in need of more mass intentions, especially for weekday masses.

++Remember in Your Prayers++: *Please remember those who are sick, taking treatments, or hospitalized: Cort Collins, Lourdu Samy Francis (Fr. Mathew's brother), Gladys Koch, Kathy Buessing, Kristi Meyer, LaVerna Ronnebaum, Larry Macke, Rita Olberding, Lisa Porting, Kade Sides (grandson of Don & Mary Jane Deters), Narisetty Lilly Pushpa (Fr. Gova's mother), Sara McCarn, Jan Tomlinson, Tiffany Strohmeier, Jena (CHWC), Shirley Schmitz, Fr. Ed Oen, Duane Bernasek.*

Vocation Thoughts: *"The Spirit of God is upon you! Through baptism and confirmation God sends you "to bring glad tidings to the poor and proclaim liberty to captives; to announce a year of favor from the Lord." Are you called to be a priest, deacon, brother, or sister?" (Luke 1:1-4, 14-21)*

CONSIGNMENT SALE: The Axtell Knights of Columbus Consignment Sale will be Saturday, February 7th. Consignments accepted until Feb. 6th. For more information contact: Mitchell at 785-927-0150, Bob at 785-336-1737, Jim at 785-547-7132

MAKING NOODLES: The following ladies are asked to help make noodles on February 14th at 8:30 am in the church hall. Marian Hasenkamp, Kass Heiman, Lisa Mathewson, Joan McKinley, Julie Meyer, Cheryl Reinecke, Janet (Roger) Ronnebaum, Sherry Ronnebaum and Ann Shaughnessy. If you are not able to be there, please try to find a replacement. Thank you for your help!

The Knights of Columbus DVD "**Four Greater Glory**" is missing from the back of the church. If you have it, please return it so others can watch and enjoy it. Thank-you!

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE: The St. Michael's Ladies Guild is again offering the opportunity to the Class of 2026 seniors to apply for a scholarship. Applications are available by contacting Deb Ronnebaum at the Axtell School and are due April 1st.

FIRST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH: There will be Adoration from 6:45-7:45AM prior to the First Friday of the month masses at 8:00AM.

WEEKEND COLLECTION: This weekend we take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America! Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean lack access to church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, rugged rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity enables our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous in the special collection! To learn more, please visit usccb.org/Latin-america. iGiveCatholic also accepts funds for this collection if you prefer to donate online.

Pancake Breakfast: The St. Ann's Altar Society will host their annual Pancake Breakfast at Sts. Peter & Paul on Sunday, January 25th in the parish hall. Serving time will be 7:00AM to 12:30PM. Free Will Donation.

BENEFIT: Cort Collins Benefit Raffle & Silent Auction will be Saturday, January 24th from 4-9PM at the Triplains School in Winona, KS. Free Will Donation Meal will begin at 5:30PM. They are accepting donations for the Auction and Raffle. Contact Amy Smith at 785-713-1643 for more information or to donate. All proceeds will go to the Collins Family.

Encounter Youth Rally 2026! All youth (middle school & high school) are invited to Encounter Youth Rally 2026—a powerful day of faith, friends, and fun! Join youth from across the Archdiocese as we encounter Christ through prayer, music, and community. Choose the location that works best for you: Emporia (Feb. 20), Kansas City (Feb. 21), or Topeka (Feb. 22). Learn more at archkck.org/encounter-youth-events or contact your parish youth minister for details.

Good News!

January 25, 2026

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Isaiah 8:23-9:3 / 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17 /

Matthew 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand” (Matthew 3:2) is the message preached by Jesus after the arrest of John the Baptist. It is important to place this message in context. Jesus is not repeating the preaching of the Baptist. His message is unique and compelling.

Look closely at what Jesus is saying. Do not automatically fill in the blanks with the memories of every sermon you have heard. Try to hear Jesus’ words again, for the first time. Is the emphasis on “repent,” or is the emphasis on the announcement, “The kingdom of heaven is at hand”? Does it make any difference?

Repeat these words and change the emphasis each time. Play with the words. Let the words play with you. Notice how you respond. Notice what makes a difference. Notice how you react, and, most of all, notice whether you feel invited or you feel judged.

The Baptist made no bones about it. You are being judged: “Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees” (Matthew 3:10). Jesus, on the other hand, seems not to judge but to invite: “for the kingdom of heaven is at hand” (Matthew 4:17). In the invitation, we are challenged to see in a different way. Use different skills. Refrain from automatic judgments. Seek to understand but, most of all, to accept and to love. ●

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Dear Padre

January 25, 2026

Why can't a Protestant receive the Eucharist at a Catholic Mass?

United by baptism, fellow Christians are our brothers and sisters in the Lord. As such, they are always welcome at Catholic Mass, but they do not ordinarily participate in holy Communion. “Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to holy Communion” (Code of Canon Law, 844 §4).

When Catholics receive Holy Communion, they firmly believe the bread and wine are transformed into the Real Presence of Christ. In the Eucharist, we become part of the body of Christ and share in holiness and unity with one another. Our “Amen” to “The Body of Christ” and “The Blood of Christ” means, “Truly, so be it!” It indicates that we affirm our belief in this mystery, which is fundamental to our Catholic identity. If non-Catholics receive the Eucharist but do not embrace this identity and same belief, it may disrespect Catholics who do, as well as disrespect their own identity in the denomination to which they belong.

However, at Mass, fellow Christians can join their prayers with Catholics in praising God. Together, we also pray that the divisions which separate us will finally disappear, in keeping with Christ’s prayer for us “that they may all be one” (John 17:21). ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org

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MONDAY

January 26

Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops

2 Tm 1:1-8

or Ti 1:1-5

Mk 3:22-30

TUESDAY

January 27

Weekday

2 Sm 6:12b-15,
17-19

Mk 3:31-35

WEDNESDAY

January 28

*St. Thomas Aquinas,
Priest and Doctor
of the Church*

2 Sm 7:4-17

Mk 4:1-20

THURSDAY

January 29

Weekday

2 Sm 7:18-19,
24-29

Mk 4:21-25

FRIDAY

January 30

Weekday

2 Sm 11:1-4a,
5-10a, 13-17

Mk 4:26-34

SATURDAY

January 31

*St. John Bosco,
Priest*

2 Sm 12:1-7a,
10-17

Mk 4:35-41

SUNDAY

February 1

*Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

Zep 2:3; 3:12-13

1 Cor 1:26-31

Mt 5:1-12a

