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Liturgy Schedule

Annunciation Parish

Tuesday's, Thursday's and
Friday's at 8:00; 10:00am on
Wednesday's at the Care
Home.

Weekend Mass Saturday's at
4:00pm with Confessions
prior at 3:00pm
Sunday Mass at 10:30am

Adoration, Benediction &
Rosary Service:
Tuesday's at 7:00pm

Adoration on Friday's
from 1:00pm to 5:00pm

**St. Monica \ St. Elizabeth
Parish Blue Rapids:**

Mass on Sunday Morning at
8:30am with confessions from
8:00am to 8:15am

**St. Columbkille Parish
Blaine**

Mass on Saturday evening at
6:00pm with confessions from
5:30pm to 5:45pm

Sacraments

Baptism

Contact Fr. Daniel to schedule a
baptismal preparation class.

Marriage

Arrangements need to be made at
least six months prior to the
wedding date.

Anointing of the Sick

Contact the office for an appointment
or for emergency instructions.

Confessions

Before weekend liturgy's and by
appointment

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Annunciation Parish

Serving St. Monica \ St. Elizabeth in Blue Rapids
and St. Columbkille in Blaine

AUGUST 2ND 2015

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Growing as disciples of Jesus, making disciples for Jesus

Imagine if your eyes could be opened just a little and see God! That is the promise you offer others by inviting them to living faith in Jesus Christ.

But God doesn't want us to only see him a little, but entirely, for eternity. We gain this prize of eternal life through being disciples of Jesus.

Our mission: To grow as disciples of Jesus, making disciples for Jesus. This two-fold statement contains everything we do as Catholics, everything that will help us see God.

As your new pastor, I am

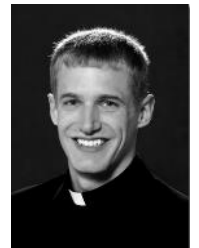
excited for our pilgrimage of faith together. This is no small task, and something we can't do on our own. We need to help each other. We grow as disciples when we use the treasures of the church, and help others to become disciples when we invite others to make use of these spiritual treasures also.

It's my prayer that everyone comes together in small groups to grow as disciples, and in doing so drawing those who currently aren't on the path to salvation into living relationship with Jesus. I want to take this opportunity to personally invite you to get more

involved in our community so we can help each other get to heaven. You can't do it without the Church, and we can't do it without YOU.

As a physician of souls, I care deeply about your wellbeing, and want to help you grow spiritually healthy. If its been awhile since you've had a "checkup", if the cares of this world are weighing on you, come in and we'll talk.

May God's blessings be with you always.
-Fr. Schmitz



Questions

Here are three questions: one for your own reflection, one to talk about as a family, and one to ask your neighbor who you want to see in heaven:

1. It's the first of the month: Have I made a spiritual game plan with concrete goals to grow as a disciple of Jesus and share the Good News with someone else?
2. Can you share with your family one or two of your goals from your spiritual game plan?
3. Which friend or neighbor/family member can you invite to adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament? Can you stop in church a few times this coming week to ask for refreshed faith, to lay your burdens and anxieties down, to ask for strength for a friend going through a hard time?

Mass Intentions

Date	Day	Notes	Intention
08/03/2015	Monday	Weekday	No a.m. Mass
08/04/2015	Tuesday	St. John Vianney	Liv/Dec'd Prockish family
08/05/2015	Wednesday	10:00 a.m. (Frankfort Care Home)	+LJ & +Renee Miller
08/06/2015	Thursday	Transfiguration of the Lord	+Mike Kennedy
08/07/2015	Friday	St. Sixtus II	+Lucile Haas
08/08/2015	Saturday	Frankfort 4:00 p. m.	+Lawrence & +Dorothy Shump
08/08/2015	Saturday	Blaine 6:00 p.m.	+Virginia Roggenkamp
08/09/2015	Sunday	Blue Rapids 8:30 a.m.	+Ray & +Anna Ring
08/09/2015	Sunday	Frankfort 10:30 a. m.	+Jean Kuckelman

Saturday, August 8th: Annunciation 4:00 pm

Sunday, August 9th: Annunciation 10:30 am

Lector	Melody Tommer
Servers	Allison & Mikael Tommer, & Emily Weyer
Communion	C. Weyer, M. Hazen, & R. Broxterman
Musicians	Marilyn Dressman & Frannie F.
Ushers	Paul Tommer & Roy Miller
Gifts	Ushers to appoint
Rosary	Phil & Wilma Harrington
Sacristan	Cathy Weyer

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Lector	Beth Reust
Servers	Tara & Grady Fox, & Alyssa Mitchell
Communion	T. Dressman, P. Maas, & C. Stallbaumer
Musicians	Jeanie Gerstner & Marie Wessel
Ushers	Maurice Bergman & Don Engelken
Gifts	Ushers to appoint
Rosary	Kelli Kokoruda
Care Home	Wilma Harrington
Sacristan	Lois Schreiner

This that and the Other...

NOTE OF THANKS— A Big Thank You to all the individuals & businesses who contributed to our Church Raffle. It is greatly appreciated!

ANNUNCIATION CHURCH PICNIC ASSESSMENTS of \$50.00 are now due. Thank you for your continued support of our Parish!

Benediction, Adoration, & Rosary on Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Fridays, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

NOTE OF THANKS— Thank you to Rheta Matson and Group II of the Altar Society for preparing & serving the delicious meal for our Church Picnic. Also a big thank you to all parishioners who give of their time by signing up and working jobs at the Picnic. We also acknowledge and thank those who donated cakes for the Cake Walk, & items for the Country Store & Silent Auction. Last, but not least We thank all who came to our picnic! You are all so appreciated!

ATTENTION USHERS— Please make sure you are at church at least 15 minutes before Mass begins. Also if you are unable to be there at your assigned mass time please find a substitute!

KELLY YOUTH RALLY— All Youth who have signed up for the Kelly Youth Rally and have not paid \$10.00 for the Rally or the \$12.00 for the t-shirt, please do so ASAP. Please pay Erin Owen.

ANNUNCIATION OFFERINGS

July 26, 2015

Envelopes \$1237.00

Plate \$193.00

Total \$1430.00

Other Income

Kelly Youth Rally \$ 20.00

Picnic Assessment \$ 1635.00

Mass Stipends \$ 120.00

Peter's Pence \$ 5.00

Results of the Picnic will be in next week's bulletin when more of the bills are in.

ALTAR SOCIETY NOTES-

Quilt Chances sold at Summerfest \$56.00. Quilt Chances sold from Sunday \$965.00 . Total \$1023.00
Quilt Auction—\$1150.00

ST. GREGORY, MARYSVILLE-

Annual Parish Bazaar, Sunday, August 9th. Serving Pan Fried Chicken & Ham Dinner, 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. Games for All!
ST. COLUMBKILLE'S, BLAINE Annual Church Bazaar, Saturday evening, August 22, following 4PM Mass at Blaine. Serving Roast Beef or Ham Loaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, and all the trimmings. Fun for everyone!

Frankfort Food Pantry— Please help us support our local food pantry. There is a basket in the back of church to drop off non-perishable food items.

Virtus Training: This is a required program for those who volunteer with children at church-sponsored events and programs. You can sign up at www.virtus.org. We are planning a session for August 3rd, Monday, from 6:30-9:30 PM at St. Vincent DePaul church basement in Onaga. Please call Linda Roggenkamp at [785-844-0340](tel:785-844-0340) or talk to your local Virtus coordinator for more information.

VIRTUS TRAINING-

Wednesday August 12, 2015 at St. Gregory's School in Marysville. The time is 6:00pm-10:00pm. PLEASE REGISTER ON LINE prior to the session at virtusonline.org. Facilitator will be Maria Seematter.

ADULT MINI-RETREAT- ***This retreat is for religious education instructors and parents. Saturday, August 15, 10 am- 1 pm at Highland Community Gym in Baileyville, KS Always rooted in a spirit of humility and faithfulness, world-renowned Catholic speaker and musician [Steve Angrisano](#) has a genuine desire to bring everyone to a closer relationship with the Lord. Share in this morning to find new ways to bring God's Kingdom to earth for yourself and all of those you love - especially the youth in your lives. Appropriate for any adults - ages 18 to 118! Registration begins at 9:30am with coffee and light breakfast. Lunch catered by the Corn Crib. \$10 per person. RSVP REQUESTED BY AUGUST 13th: at ruralyouth@archkck.org. Payment can be made at the door. Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas.

RETREAT OPPORTUNITY -

Christ's Peace House of Prayer will have a weekend retreat on Mary, our Mother. The retreat will look at Catholic teaching on the Blessed Virgin Mary. The retreat will begin Saturday, August 15, the feast of Mary's Assumption and end on Sunday, August 16. There will be 9 talks, Eucharistic Adoration, Mass at the local parish and time for private prayer, spiritual reading, discussion and walking. If you are interested, contact us at info@christspeace.com or 913-773-8255.

HEALING HEART RETREAT,

August 21-23, 2015, Savior Pastoral Center . This retreat is designed to begin the healing process for women who have suffered from any type of sexual trauma. Sexual abuse can affect every aspect of life, even one's relationship with God. The retreat provides a very safe, loving, and supportable environment where participants can begin to heal spiritually. Cost is \$125.00 (scholarships available). For more information call Deacon Tony Zimmerman, Lead Consultant for Marriage and Family Life: 913 647 0329.

"COPING WITH LIFE ALONE ®" is a Beginning Experience ® grief support program that meets each week for 7 weeks. The program helps those who have lost a love relationship due to death, divorce or separation move through the experience of grief and loss into a future with renewed hope. The sessions focus on topics of the grief process, changes in family and other relationships, trust, and coping with memories of your deceased spouse or dealing with your ex-spouse. The next program will meet on Tuesday evenings: August 18 – September 29 from 7:00– 9:00 p.m. For additional information, or to register, please call Angie at (785)220-7773.

Adoptive Parents Needed!!!

St. Joseph Adoption Ministry is in need of more prospective parents. They could place more babies if they had more prospective parents!! *And the average wait time for couples to adopt a baby is only seven months.* This is wonderful news for those considering adoption. For more information call St. Joseph Adoption Ministry at 913-299-5222 or go to their web site at www.CatholicAdoptionMinistry.org. Please spread this good news!!

Note: St. Joseph Adoption Ministry is located in our archdiocese in Kansas City, Kansas and is a ministry of the Congregation of St Joseph.

"LIVING IN LOVE RETREAT"

"We felt like we did when we were first married!" See why over 600 couples in the Archdiocese have experienced the "Living in Love" retreat. Sign up now for the next "Living in Love" retreat at Sacred Heart Parish in Emporia, August 29-30. Register online at www.archkck.org/LivingInLove or contact Mary Anne Kierl at the Archdiocese at 913-647-0345 for information. Get the latest Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas news and volunteer opportunities - LIKE us on Facebook: [facebook.com/ccnek](https://www.facebook.com/ccnek) and FOLLOW us on Twitter: twitter.com/ccnek

Get Ready to Work!

As part of the effort to be prepared for the homily, as well as to help you if you have trouble hearing me this weekend, I'm printing a **draft** of my homily here this week:

What kind of **work** do you do? That's a common question; one I've been able to ask many of you since I came to the area. But for those who have been born and raised here, it's pretty easy to know that so and so is a farmer, so and so is a welder, a banker, a small business owner. So it was in Capernaum, where today's action in the Gospel takes place. Capernaum wasn't any bigger than Frankfort at its biggest, so everybody would've known who everybody else was, what **work** they did. We see it in the verses following today's Gospel, when they ask: "Is this not the son of Joseph?"

Today, the crowds came looking for Jesus not because of his signs (miracles; St. John records 7 miracles of Jesus in the first half of his Gospel that all point to the divinity of Jesus) but because they were hungry and wanted more food. When Jesus tries to turn their mind to heavenly food, this is one of the few places where they willingly go with him, asking: How "can we accomplish the **work** of God?"

Here is where being Catholic gets very personal, because Jesus doesn't say God's work is to be nice to everyone, or Don't do that! or ...give more money... These things are all part of being His disciple, for sure, but Jesus gets very personal. The **work** of God is to believe in the one whom God sent. But here is the amazing part: the people who came to him looking for bread, they don't walk away (yet) when he says to believe in

Him. They want to believe He is the Messiah. It's a tremendous step, and they ask a good question: What sign can you do that we may believe? (You notice that NOW they are looking for signs!) They remind him that Moses gave our ancestors manna. What can you do?

Now, to pause here and draw out that sign of the manna, the sign we heard in the first reading, about that manna in the desert. The Jews had been wandering around the desert, and even though they were free from their oppressors, they began to look back, to long for their fleshpots, their three square meals a day. While they were fine with not having the Egyptian lashes on the backs, they were willing to trade their freedom for a full belly. Much the condition of the people who came to see Jesus. He told them you came here not because you saw a sign, but because you were fed. This crowd does get with the program; they want to believe and accomplish the works of God.

Where are YOU at? Do you already believe and are accomplishing the work of God? Do you look for a sign that you may believe? Or do you simply want a full belly and to be left alone?

This is where the 2nd reading is helpful: That we need to put off the old self with its deceitful desires and put on the new self according to God's righteousness and holiness. If our gluttony, sloth, pride, lust, or greed (like I mentioned in my 2nd homily) distract us from the work of God, we need to be purified, for our faith to grow: through prayer, fasting, sacraments, and the support of fellow disciples. This is where the spiritual game plan and goals come into play. Have you taken steps to accomplish your goal for this year? If not, I ask you to take one step this week toward your annual goal.

One more piece on the manna from the Exodus: Jewish rabbis taught that the Messiah, when he came, would repeat the miracle of the manna from heaven. Jesus

fulfills this by not only giving this life-giving bread that this crowd was looking for, but showing that HE is the bread from heaven. The giver and the gift are one and the same! A lot more on that next week, when Jesus further teaches that, not only must you believe in Him to enter eternal life, you must eat his Body and drink his Blood.

Back to the Gospel: Doing the Work of the Father. Believing in Jesus. This returns to my first homily one month ago: repent and believe in the Gospel of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins and to gain eternal life. Develop your spiritual game plan so you can grow in faith working through love. How has your spiritual game plan gone for you? Have you spoken the

name of Jesus *respectfully* to another person in the past week? Can you make a goal for yourself that includes growing in love for Jesus in the Eucharist? Next week will be all about his real presence; can you stop and make a visit to him here each day this coming week, especially on your way to or from **work**? What if you dropped off all your burdens and anxieties here and walked out with the peace of Christ ruling your heart? What if you brought your deceitful desires here and rather than simply indulging them like the Gentiles do, pray to God now and in the hour of temptation for the strength to fight? Whatever **work** you do, I pray it may be fulfilling for you, both in this life and for the eternal life to come.

Daily Mass Readings

Monday, August 3	First Reading: <u>Nm. 11: 4b-15</u> Gospel: <u>Mt. 14: 13-21</u>
Tuesday, August 4	First Reading: <u>Nm. 12: 1-13</u> Gospel: <u>Mt. 14: 22-26</u>
Wednesday, August 5	First Reading: <u>Nm. 13: 1-2, 25—14: 1, 26-29a, 34-35</u> Gospel: <u>Mt. 15: 21-28</u>
Thursday, August 6	First Reading: <u>Dn. 7: 9-10, 13-14</u> 2nd Reading: <u>2 Ptr 1: 16-19</u> Gospel: <u>Mk. 9: 2-10</u>
Friday, August 7	First Reading: <u>Dt. 4: 32-40</u> Gospel: <u>Mt. 16: 24-28</u>
Saturday, August 8	First Reading: <u>Dt. 6: 4-13</u> Gospel: <u>Mt. 17: 14-20</u>
Sunday, August 9	1st Reading: <u>1 Kgs. 19: 4-8</u> 2nd Reading: <u>Eph. 4: 30—5: 2</u> Gospel: <u>Jn. 6: 41-51</u>



Reflecting On Sunday's Readings

If you have ever tried feeding a toddler who doesn't know what they want to eat you know how difficult it is to satisfy an unidentified desire. Though they are offered numerous and diverse lunch choices they push them away with dissatisfaction. Usually the issue is not one of hunger for food but of a general attitude of dissatisfaction and hunger of spirit. The crowds who followed Jesus evidenced a similar hunger of spirit. Like a child's question, "Mom, what is there to eat?" those who followed Jesus were also asking legitimate questions due to their spiritual hunger. But in a similar way to a child's boredom and rejection of the choices, these seekers of Jesus rejected and were unwilling to receive the Bread of Life which the Father put before them to satisfy their hunger. Though in this week's Gospel reading they responded, "Lord give us this bread always," by the end of the day they abandoned Jesus and the Bread of Life which the Father sent from heaven. Dissatisfaction of spirit is often manifest in many different ways. Some people have an uneasy restlessness that seeks satisfaction for spiritual hunger in the pursuit of one thing after another. This spiritual hunger often drives people to pursue the latest toy, the latest philosophy, or the latest experience. Like a

universal remote control they are haphazardly flipping through the options of life but never able to settle on anything that fully satisfies their inner hunger. We would do well to heed Jesus' advice to them to reevaluate their lives and to not continue to expend their energies on things which do not satisfy. Even as we cannot live without food, so the spirit of man cannot survive and thrive without the spiritual nourishment which is Jesus himself. In the subsequent three weeks the Gospel readings will explore John 6 and Jesus' discourse on the Bread of Life. We will read of the promise that by partaking of him we will receive real life. St. Thomas à Kempis said, "This most high and venerable Sacrament is the health of soul and body, the cure of every spiritual malady. By it our vices are cured, our passions restrained, temptations are lessened, grace is given in fuller measure, and virtue once established is fostered; faith is confirmed, hope is strengthened, and love kindled and deepened." Jesus is the source of life and when he comes to us in the Eucharist he comes to make a difference in us. One difference we can expect to see in our life is that our hunger of spirit will be satisfied. However, we would be remiss if we over-looked the corresponding truth of this week's second reading. Jesus fully

intends to reveal himself to us through Sacred Scripture also. It is through the Scriptures that he brings about renewal of our mind, and enables us to know him; his values, his character, his nature, his truths in an intimate way, and so "learn Christ." It is this relationship of knowing him that removes the hunger of spirit. In the coming weeks we will also hear afresh the invitation to believe and to receive him into our heart and life through the sacred Scriptures and in the Eucharist. We are invited to receive his Body and Blood as confirmation of our faith and commitment to follow him. St. Thomas à Kempis went on to say, "Blessed is the man who, whenever he celebrates the Eucharist or receives Communion, offers himself to Our Lord as a living sacrifice." In the coming weeks we will learn both the right and the wrong way to respond to Jesus and the truth that he is the Bread of Life sent from the Father. How, in the future, will we respond to this invitation? May God help us to do so with an active faith which enables us to continually offer ourselves to him as a living sacrifice.

Reflecting On Sunday's Readings,
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Come, Eat, Live

Lectionary themes for August 2015

PATRICIA DATCHUCK SÁNCHEZ
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Come, eat, live! With these three verbs, the ancient sapiential author (Proverbs, Aug. 16) has summed up the essence of the sacred texts for August. Wisdom has built her house and set her table. She has sent out the call: Come, eat, forsake foolishness that you may live and grow in understanding. This invitation can only be accepted by the simple, who know that all authentic wisdom resides in God.

Come, eat, live, said the Lord of Israel to those enslaved in Egypt (Aug. 2). Come at my invitation and follow Moses to the desert, where I will be with you always. I will enter into a covenant with you and lead you to the land promised long ago. All along the way, I shall provide food for you to eat so that you may live.

On the last Sunday of July, when Jesus fed a multitude with bread and fish, he also, as God's Word and Wisdom incarnate, invited those present to come, eat and live. Thus began the uniquely Johannine Bread of Life narrative and discourse that continues through the Gospels of August 2, 9, 16 and 23. Two themes — one sacramental or eucharistic, and the other sapiential — have been ingeniously woven together by John in order to create a magnificent Christological tapestry that depicts Jesus as the bread from heaven, the bread of life. In a *sapiential* sense, Jesus was the divine revelation of God; he nourished and instructed those who would listen. Like Wisdom, his words, his bread, offered the life of light and truth. To eat this bread, to hear and heed his words, was to know how to live in right relationship with God and all others.

No doubt the Jews in the crowd that day were reminded of the sapiential references to Wisdom feeding the simple and the seekers of truth in their own tradition (Sir 15:3; 24:21; Prov 9:5). They were surely also re-

mindful of the prophetic promise that the messianic era would be celebrated with a great banquet (Isa 25:6-8; 55:1-5) at which all would be fed abundantly. As Raymond E. Brown has pointed out, the Synoptics pictured this banquet as taking place in the afterlife or at the second coming (Matt 8:11, 26-29), but in John, Jesus announces that the banquet is at hand because Jesus, the Bread of Life, is hosting it and offering his word and his very self as food (*The Gospel According to John*, Doubleday, New York: 1966).

In John 6:51-58 (Aug. 16), the *sacramental* theme, which has been secondary to the sapiential theme up to now, comes to the forefront, and Jesus himself is the agent and the source of salvation. Those who would know eternal life are told to “feed on his flesh and drink his blood” (v. 54). Since both of these actions are abhorrent in any other context (Psalm 28:2; Zech 11:9; Gen 9:4; Lev 3:17; Deut 12:23; Jer 46:10; Ezek 39:17), if they “are to have a favorable meaning, they must refer to the Eucharist. They simply reproduce the words we hear in the Synoptic account of the institution of the Eucharist (Matt 26:26-28): ‘Take, eat; this is *my body* ... *drink* ... this is *my blood*’ ” (Brown, *op. cit.*).

The Gospel for Aug. 23 affirms that these words and the truth they imparted were challenging to Jesus' listeners. Their faith shaken, “many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him” (John 6:66). For some, what was meant to be their source of life and unity required too

big a leap of faith. But Peter, speaking for all who struggle toward authentic faith, declared, “You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe ... you are the Holy One of God” (6:68-69).

Only in retrospect and with God's generous grace did the disciples truly begin to grasp what Jesus' words meant. Only after his death on the cross and his resurrection did they understand that he was the Passover lamb of the new covenant with God, whose flesh was bloodied and broken so that sinners might know God's forgiveness. Moreover, he had given them a means of remembering him and experiencing his true presence among them until he returned to take them home.

August will conclude with a reality check of sorts, first from James, and then from the Marcan Jesus. For his part, James reminds us that every gift, including the word, comes from God. So profound is that word that when it is spoken, a response is demanded. Be doers of the word, says James, and not hearers only. Those who are fed and nourished by Jesus are to pay it forward, caring for others as God has cared for them.

In the Gospel, Jesus addresses the hypocrisy of lip-service and the preoccupation with ritual purity. Purity, like evil, comes from within; therefore, conversion begins in the heart and spirit and will of a person. Once a person has opened his or her inmost self to God and to grace, then he or she is able, in prayer, to integrate faith and life. This is not a once-in-a-lifetime decision but a daily process of continuing conversion that requires daily nourishment. To that end, let us listen and heed Jesus' words: Come, eat, live!

Patricia Datchuck Sánchez and Rafael Sánchez Alonso have been collaborating to provide Lectionary commentaries and homilies for *Celebration* since 1979.



St. Monica\St. Elizabeth, Blue Rapids



Calendar and Mass Intention

August 9th, 8:30 am— +Ray & +Anna Ring

July 26, 2015 offerings (No report this week)

Envelopes	\$
Plate	\$

NOTICE-
Eucharistic ministers, lector and servers please meet with Fr Pat in the vestment room 10 minutes before Mass.

Ministers of the Mass

Sunday August 9, 8:30 a.m. St. Monica\St. Elizabeth

Lector	S. Toerber
Servers	E. Toerber, O. Skalla, & K. Skalla
Gifts	Dobrovolny Family
Communion	S. Henry, R. Nugent, & M. Borgerding
Ushers	S. Toerber & M. Rowe

Church Cleaners: August- Liz Miller & Sarah Toerber
Sacristan Schedule: August-Jan Bergkamp

Altar Society Meeting August 19th at 7:00 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will resume September 4th from noon to 5:00p.m. The Adoration Group would like to have more parishioners take an active part in this undertaking. Please take a time.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Olivia Skalla 8/1
- Jerome Charbonneau 8/2
- Elliott Bachura 8/4
- Benjamin Clemo 8/7

ANNIVERSARIES

- James & Gina Johnson 8/9

New playground coming soon!

The playground will soon be on the west side of the church. I want to thank everyone who has donated the materials and the coming labor for this. Although the materials have all been obtained—we're still taking donations for some additions we would like to make. It's important to note that this has been entirely funded by donations and no parish funds have been used. On that note, I want to thank Mark & Janice Rowe for donating the playground equipment and Dewaine Heinen for the lumber.

A Few Words from the Pastor:

I met with the parish council for the first time this week, and got to know many of the good works of God that are done here in the parish. I look forward to seeing them continue, and to the possibilities of new ways for the love of Christ to be made flesh. I would like to see more people stop in and adore Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, especially on Fridays. I'm interested in a young mothers/couples group, where perhaps the Altar Society or others offer to babysit for the parents to get a break, get refreshed, and grow in faith and fellowship. I'm hopeful a few other trusted individuals will step in and help council members with the counting of the collections a few times a year. Above all, I hope the faith continues to grow, prayer and sacraments received more often, and others come to believe in Jesus through our common witness to the faith!

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and God of all encouragement, who encourages us in our every affliction, so that we may be able to encourage those who are in any affliction with the encouragement with which we ourselves are encouraged by God. For as Christ’s sufferings overflow to us, so through Christ does our encouragement also overflow.” 2 Cor 1:3-5



St. Columbkille Parish, Blaine KS

Ministers of the Mass *Saturday August 8, 6:00 p.m.*

Saturday July 25, 2015 offering

Lector	Todd Sheppard
Servers	
Ministers	S. Sheppard, F. Finan, & M. Cusimano
Hospitality	Harry & Lisa Moser

7/25/2015	Envelope	792.00	
	Plate	101.00	
	NCYC	480.00	
	Grand Prize	425.00	
	Votives	24.20	
			1822.20

Cemetery Mowing

August 4th
August 18th

Altar Society Meeting Dates—All meetings at 7:00 pm

August 24, 2015
September 28, 2015
October 26, 2015
November 23, 2015

Knights of Columbus Meeting August 13th, 8:00 p.m.

Church & Hall Cleaning: St. Bridgett has cleaning for the month of August. There are still openings for sign up which can be done at the back of church or on line. Thank you for your time!!

Bulletin Coordinator—Contact Mark Cusimano cusi4@twinvalley.net Please have all bulletin information in by Thursday at 4:00 p.m.

A Personal Note from the Pastor:

We had our first parish council meeting this week, and I was brought up to speed on the various works of God being done in the parish. I look forward to growing in faith and community through these years together. The Council told me of many things that go on in addition to the obvious ones of the sacraments and adoration, and religious education for children. I look forward to future movie nights and fundraisers, adult opportunities and expanding adoration. Also, I want to get a feel for how interested you are in a few things that may enhance the life of the parish; for example, building a rosary garden outdoors. I love driving by and seeing families on the playground; I'd also like to give them a chance to pray as a family when they stop by as well. Something well-done outdoors might have an appeal. I'm especially interested in seeing if our high schoolers could

take the lead on building such a project. Many, many generations have been invested in this parish, and I want to find ways for the youth to also take ownership. As we line up how we will accomplish the mission of God here, we can easily see what the physical space needs are and plan accordingly. For example, the parish council unanimously supported adding a storage room onto the hall. I have a letter from the Archdiocese regarding the parish house in the back for anyone interested to read. I already mentioned the rosary garden I'm interested in. I'm open to other ideas, especially the maintenance of the church itself. I am personally in no rush for any of these things, but I'd like to get your input on the various activities and projects we can undertake for the glory of God and the salvation of souls.

ST. COLUMBKILLE'S, BLAINE Annual Church Bazaar, Saturday evening, August 22, following 4PM Mass at Blaine. Serving Roast Beef or Ham Loaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, and all the trimmings. Kids' Games, Country Store, Cash Bingo, Quilt Raffle and more. 53 Grand Prizes drawn for at 8:30PM. Fun for everyone!

St. Stanislaus Catholic Church, Rossville, will host a picnic dinner during the Tall Corn Festival on Saturday, August 8, from 4-6:45 in Dekat Hall. The menu is pulled pork, cheesy potatoes, cole slaw, green beans, sliced tomatoes and cucumbers, dessert & drink for \$8. The Knights of Columbus will have BINGO from 3-6:45, along with other games, a raffle and a silent auction. Saturday Mass will follow at 7pm.