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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

SEPTEMBER 6 TH 2015

## Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Growing as Disciples of Jesus, Making Disciples For Jesus

This Sunday, Jesus heals the deaf man with the speech impediment. The word for healed is the same word for saved in the New Testament (translated depending upon context) but they carry similar meanings: the man is saved from his illness, and our souls are healed from the separation we have from our loving God. Salvation carries the joy of never being alone, of always being with Him who loves us most (barring mortal sin, of course).

The whole world always looks brighter after overcoming a major illness, and it is no different with overcoming sin by salvation. The vision statement (introduced here last week) continues its theme on joy: Pope

Benedict proposed enduring joy can only be found when we are united to God: "How many people are surrounded by material possessions yet their lives are filled with despair, sadness and emptiness! To have lasting joy we need to live in love and truth. We need to live in God."

If we are not united to God then enduring joy is impossible.

Pope Benedict posed this question to the Church's young people: "How often ... do we see that choosing to build our lives apart from God and his will brings disappointment, sadness, and a sense of failure? The experience of sin, which is the refusal to follow God and an affront

to his friendship, brings gloom to our hearts."

"Christianity is sometimes depicted as a way of life that stifles our freedom and goes against our desires for happiness and joy. But this is far from the truth. Christians are men and women who are truly happy because they know that they are not alone. They know that God is always holding them in his hands. It is up to you, young followers of Christ, to show the world that faith brings happiness and joy, which is true, full and enduring."

Salvation gives us this union, this friendship, this adoption as the sons and daughters of God, healing us of our isolation and fear. May you relish in your salvation today!

Yours in Christ through Mary,

Fr. Schmitz

### Questions

1. 1st weekend of the month: How is your spiritual game plan going?
2. What ways can your family use your tongues to praise Our Savior?
3. Can you say a prayer of healing for someone whose wounds have driven them farther from Christ?

# Mass Intentions

Date	Day	Notes	Intention
09/07/2015	Monday	Weekday	No a.m. Mass
09/08/2015	Tuesday	The Nativity of the Bl. Virgin Mary	<b>No 8:00 a.m. Mass</b> 10:00 a.m. Funeral Mass for Albert Maas
09/09/2015	Wednesday	10:00 a.m. (Frankfort Care Home)	+LJ & +Renee Miller
09/10/2015	Thursday	Weekday	+Leonard Boeckman
09/11/2015	Friday	Weekday	No a.m. Mass
09/12/2015	Saturday	Frankfort 4:00 p. m.	+Ford Bussart
09/12/2015	Saturday	Blaine 6:00 p.m.	+Fred & +Veronica Bensley
09/13/2015	Sunday	Blue Rapids 8:30 a.m.	For All Parishioners of the 3 Parishes
09/13/2015	Sunday	Frankfort 10:30 a. m.	+Ed Dressman

## Saturday, September 12th: Annunciation 4:00 pm

## Sunday, September 13th: Annunciation 10:30 am

Lector	Phil Maas
Servers	Emily Weyer, Jarett & Samuel Gros
Communion	C. Weyer, W. Gros, & M. Parthemer
Musicians	Jane Sedlacek & Rheta Matson
Ushers	Roy Miller & Joe Parthemer
Gifts	Ushers to appoint
Rosary	Ed & Pat Brady
Sacristan	Cathy Weyer

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Lector	Jim Roeder
Servers	Ethan Armstrong, Aiden & Peyton Gerstner
Communion	P. Maas, C. Hull, & S. Wapp
Musicians	Moogie Roeder & Lynn S.
Ushers	Eric Gerstner & Wayne Mitchell
Gifts	Ushers to appoint
Rosary	Kay Mitchell
Care Home	Mary Ann Dressman
Sacristan	Elma Mitchell

### *This that and the Other...*

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

**NOTE OF THANKS-** to all parishioners who have paid their Picnic Assessments. This helps pay our Cathedral to the Archdiocese which this year amounted to \$5,477.42. The Cathedral is 5% of our Ordinary Collections & Other Contributions during the fiscal year.

**Benediction, Adoration, & Rosary,** Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

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

**STATE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**—Religious Ed. Raffle. Tickets are \$100.00 each (can be multiple people per ticket). Our Religious Ed. Program gets \$250.00 back if all our 5 tickets are sold. Chance to win a \$20,000 Grand Prize. For information or to purchase a ticket contact Joe Maas.

**OFFICE CLOSED** on Monday, September 7th in observance of the Labor Day holiday and on Friday, September 11th. so Fr. Schmitz and Marilyn can attend the Convocation Workshop in Kansas City.

**EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE-** Please have all bulletin items in to Marilyn by 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 10th.

**LEAVEN SUBSCRIPTION INCREASES-** The annual subscription to the Leaven will increase to \$21 per year. Leaven subscriptions are due in September.

## **ANNUNCIATION OFFERINGS**

**August 30, 2015**

Envelopes \$1355.00

Plate \$423.50

Total \$1778.50

### **Other Income**

Picnic Assessment \$ 50.00

Hall Use \$ 90.00

Leaven \$ 66.00

Mass Stipends \$ 190.00

Religious Ed. \$ 30.00

St. Columbkille \$ 920.03\*

(\*Fr. Schmitz July sal., insur., util., food, etc.)

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Wyatt Stueve, son of Marc & Kirrisa Stueve and Kora Seleska, daughter of Robert & Kim Seleska who were baptized at Annunciation Parish this weekend.

**RELIGIOUS ED NOTES**—Grades 1 through 6 Religious Ed. Classes are scheduled to begin at 2:10 pm on Wednesday, September 23rd. Fees are \$15.00 per student. **Please stop by and sign the bus transportation forms which are located in the back of church. All students will need a signed form before they can ride the bus.**

**Jr/Sr. High Religious Ed classes**—7th Grade religion class will not start until the 16th. Class for Confirmation students, Wednesday, September 9th, 7:00 –8:15 pm. **Fees are \$15.00 per student.**

**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.

**Sts. Peter & Paul, Seneca Picnic**—Today, September 6th. Roast beef and ham dinner. Serving begins at 4:30. Concession stand and beer garden open at 5:00 pm. Games for all ages! Auction begins at 8:30 pm. Teen dance from 8:30-11:30 at the Sts. Peter & Paul Auditorium. Admission is \$4.00.

## **ANNUNCIATION CHOIR**

**PRACTICE**—Wednesday, Sept. 9th, 7:00 p.m. New members welcome!

## **SACRED HEART CHURCH,**

**SABETHA**, Annual Picnic, Sunday, September 13th.. Serving begins at 4:30 pm. Family style chicken & ham dinner. Games for all ages!

## **MARYSVILLE KNIGHTS OF**

**COLUMBUS**— Smoked Pork Loin Dinner, Sunday, September 13th, 11:30 to 1:30 pm. Knights of Columbus Hall, Marysville. Everyone Welcome!

## **Mother Teresa Catholic Church,**

**Topeka, KS** will host its annual Holy Smoking Jamboree on Saturday September 12<sup>th</sup> and Sunday September 13<sup>th</sup>. This event is known for its smoked ribs available both days. A roast beef dinner will begin serving on Sunday at 11:30 am. This event is fun for all ages it includes bingo, cake walk, children's events, silent auction, raffles and a live auction on Sunday afternoon.

## **ST. PATRICK, CORNING—**

Pancake Breakfast. Sunday, September 13th. Serving 7:00 a.m. to 12:30 pm. Pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee, & OJ at the Corning Community Center. Free Will Donation. Proceeds will help finance the pilgrimage to the National Youth Conference in Indianapolis in November.

## **CATHOLIC CHARITIES-**

Pregnancy Counseling and Adoption is the founding program of Catholic Charities that continues today. Confidential pregnancy support services are available free of charge to all those facing an unintended pregnancy regardless of marital status, age, race or faith. For those who have longed to adopt a child, Catholic Charities is a leader in nationally accredited adoption services providing the expertise,

experience and honest answers throughout the adoptive experience. For more information, contact Donda at 913-433-2063 or [dmclaughlin@catholiccharitiesks.org](mailto:dmclaughlin@catholiccharitiesks.org)

## **MARRIED COUPLES**

Why not give yourselves a weekend away from it all. Time away from the pressures of work and everyday responsibilities. A chance to talk and listen that special someone who loves you. If that sounds good to you, sign up now for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The last dates in 2015 are: **October 2 - 4 and November 20 - 22**. For information or to apply, check our website: [www.wwme4youandme.org](http://www.wwme4youandme.org) or call Tony & Barb Zimmerman, 816-741-4066 or email [tonybarbz@prodigy.net](mailto:tonybarbz@prodigy.net)

## **CRISIS CENTER, INC. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/ SEXUAL ASSAULT WORKSHOP-**

Volunteer Training Program—Saturday, Sept. 19th, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm AND Saturday, September 26th, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 pm . Held at 437 Houston St., Manhattan, KS. Fee is \$15.00. For details & to reserve your spot call 785-539-7935. In order to volunteer for The Crisis Center agency it is required to attend both training days. Serving Clay, Geary, Marshall, Pottawatomie & Riley counties & Fort Riley.

What a perfect time to enroll in **Natural Family Planning** classes! After the course fee is paid, expenses are nearly zero—no doctor or pharmacy bills to pay. Better yet, the only typical side effects of NFP are a happier marriage and healthier spouses. You are encouraged to attend the course in the Sympto-Thermal Method of NFP in Topeka beginning Thurs., Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Reasonable course fee charged. You may call Dana or Eric Runnebaum at 785-380-0062 or the Couple to Couple League of Kansas City at 913-894-3558 for more info, including the location of this class. **Online pre-registration required at: [www.ccli.org](http://www.ccli.org).** Learn more at [nfptopeka.blogspot.com](http://nfptopeka.blogspot.com).

# What do you need healed?

A draft of the homily to be given this weekend:

People reached out to Jesus on behalf of the deaf man. Jesus, in response, reaches out and touches the man's ears and mouth to heal him. Why? Why not just speak the words like he did with so many other miracles, telling Lazarus to come out, or saying "Let there be light"? First, scholars say it was common for rabbis known for their healing to touch the tongue of a mute person. But more importantly, the man couldn't hear Jesus' voice or express his needs; Jesus touched him so he could know exactly who healed him, exactly how much he is loved by God.

Think about it: this healed man will never forget his Savior. And what this passage does on the literal level, so on the spiritual level it does for us: We never forget who saves us. The word for healing is the same word for salvation, and it makes sense. Salvation is the healing of our relationship with Jesus, body and soul. Being healed from any infirmity of soul or body is being saved from that evil. The spiritual healing is obviously the more meaningful one, even if we lose sight of it in the day to day grind. Think of the Israelites in the 1st reading: they had just come back from the exile in Babylon to the promised land, to find it was occupied with pagans! Easy to get discouraged or lose sight of

the God of Israel when so much that surrounds you takes your mind off Him. But Isaiah's prophecy points straight to the Messiah: "DO not be afraid! The Anointed one will come and make the deaf hear and the blind see." (This section of Mark begins with the healing of the deaf man and ends a few chapters later with the healing of a blind man.) We, possessing the fullness in Christ, have no need to fear! We need only continue to work out our salvation with fear and trembling.

The movement of the Gospel passages gives several helps for our work. 1st, the crowd brought the man to Jesus. This poor man probably didn't want to bother the Master, he had more important things to do, didn't want to waste his time. But his friends wouldn't have any of it. If you have friends who need help, either spiritually or materially, help them! Bring them to the remedy. This is why Catholics throughout the world are respected: we help all in need with anything that is good for them. I've seen the same already at work here in Frankfort. In offering help to others in need we can easily follow St. James instruction to show no partiality to the rich or poor. That can be tough because rich and powerful people can do things for us, things we want done but can't do ourselves. But having things done for us is never as important to a disciple as doing things for others out of love. I think next week I'll give the whole homily to the Letter of St. James. I've never done that before and I think it'll go well. It's a short letter, but one filled with great

teachings and exhortations, and one that has been divisive down through the ages.

2nd: Jesus took the man away from the crowd, away from the noise. Do you need more silence in your life? Come away with Jesus in Adoration or quiet prayer. Simply make it your priority.

3. Jesus looked up to Heaven and groaned. In your prayer, here, on your own, as a family, let Jesus groan for you, let him intercede for you. Picture what that looks like ...draw out what that looks like for me...

4th. If I asked you to name what way(s) you are deaf to God, what would it be? There are any number of possibilities. None of them should exist in the soul of a disciple and none of them will by the time we make it too eternal life. Get them rooted out now! Take the part of your heart that's hardest, present it to the Divine Physician to cure, let him touch your deaf ears and mute tongue so you may praise him forever. We won't experience it like the deaf man, but we do experience it with his sacramental presence: receive the Holy Eucharist so that in penetrating your body and soul he might heal you for eternity with his love.

## Daily Mass Readings

Monday, September 7	First Reading: <a href="#">Col. 1: 24—2:3</a> Gospel: <a href="#">Lk. 6: 6-11</a>
Tuesday, September 8	First Reading: <a href="#">Mic. 5: 1-4a</a> or <a href="#">Rom. 8:28-30</a> Gospel: <a href="#">Mt. 1: 1-16, 18-23</a>
Wednesday, September 9	First Reading: <a href="#">Col. 3: 1-11</a> Gospel: <a href="#">Lk. 6: 20-26</a>
Thursday, September 10	First Reading: <a href="#">Col. 3: 12-17</a> Gospel: <a href="#">Lk. 6: 27-38</a>
Friday, September 11	First Reading: <a href="#">1 Tim. 1: 1-2, 12-14</a> Gospel: <a href="#">Lk. 6: 39-42</a>
Saturday, September 12	First Reading: <a href="#">1 Tim. 1: 15-17</a> Gospel: <a href="#">Lk. 6: 43-49</a>
Sunday, September 13	1st Reading: <a href="#">Is. 50: 4c-9a</a> 2nd Reading: <a href="#">Jas. 2: 14-18</a> Gospel: <a href="#">Mk. 8: 27-35</a>



# Reflecting On Sunday's Readings

“This is the first thing to get clear in talking about miracles, whatever experiences we may have, we shall not regard them as miraculous if we already hold a philosophy which excludes the supernatural. Any event which is claimed as a miracle is, in the last resort, an experience received from the senses; and the senses are not infallible. We can always say we have been the victims of an illusion; if we disbelieve in the supernatural this is what we always shall say.”\* For many of us the miraculous is non-existent in our lives, yet if asked we would profess that we have no doubt that Jesus lives and is at work in the world today. Which is true, that the miraculous is not present in our world, or that it is not recognized in our world? In the biblical accounts of Jesus’ life we read of many miraculous healings as well as other miracles. Not everyone in the crowd personally received a miracle, though all observed them, because not everyone needed a miracle. Though everyone does not need a miracle, everyone does need to know that a miracle-worker exists. Simultaneously we see in the crowd of observers people who saw the miracles, and discounted their existence because they were preoccupied with other concerns, usually illegitimate concerns. These people did not want to believe that a miracle-worker existed, especially one sent from God. When the evidence that something miraculous had taken place they endeavored to attribute it to other causes, so they would try and fabricate an

explanation; this person wasn’t really lame, he does it by the power of the devil, it’s an illusion, etc. Though miracles took place within their midst they did not recognize them. Consequently, the absence of the miraculous from our world may not mean that miracles are non-existent, but simply that they are non-recognizable due to our predisposition toward unbelief. Like the man in this week’s Gospel reading many of us have a similar malady. Though we may not have a physical impediment of speech and hearing, we are tuned out to the spiritual and miraculous realm which exists around us. Though we can see evidence of God’s handiwork around us we are deaf to the Spirit’s explanation, and possess lips that are silent rather than expressing appreciation and gratitude. Though we pray, and God answers, we are oblivious to the fact that what has transpired comes from him. Subconsciously we attribute the things in our life to our goodness, good science, or to good luck. We have been trained by the world to discount God’s influence in the world. However, the world cannot be given all the credit or all the blame for our spiritual malady, since most often we have under-girded the world’s influence by practicing ingratitude. Much of our problem with the presence or absence of the miraculous in the world has to do with our concept of God. What do we really believe he is like? We can readily give the text book, or catechism short form answer, but do we believe it? Do we believe God is omnipotent or impotent? Is he all-

powerful or powerless? If he is the latter then we are right in not expecting a miracle or his intervention in the affairs of our lives. If he is the former, and he is, than we do ourselves, and all those around us a disservice by discounting his ability. If we desire to see and experience the miraculous in our lives we need to appeal to Jesus to open our spiritual senses to recognize the Spirit, and spiritual realities in the midst of our world. As he does this, and he surely will if we ask it of him, we need to cooperate with him by reflecting on what is happening around, and to and through us. A good place to begin is to read the book of Acts in the New Testament, or delve into some of the Old Testament books which recount so vividly the awesome power of God. This awareness of the miraculous can also be cultivated through the attitude and practice of thanksgiving. It is in expressing gratitude and thanks to God that we recognize and recall the incidences of our lives where he has been active. It is in expressing gratitude and thanks that we attribute to God, his rightful due. It is in expressing gratitude and thanks that we find the confidence to believe God for even greater miracles in our lives.

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# SAVED!

To supplement the part of the homily on salvation, here are the words of Catechism:

## I. WHY DID THE WORD BECOME FLESH?

**456** With the Nicene Creed, we answer by confessing: "For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made man."

**457** The Word became flesh for us in order to save us by reconciling us with God,

**511** The Virgin Mary "cooperated through free faith and obedience in human salvation

**588** Jesus scandalized the Pharisees by eating with tax collectors and sinners as familiarly as with themselves.<sup>364</sup> Against those among them "who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and despised others", Jesus affirmed: "I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."<sup>365</sup> He went further by proclaiming before the Pharisees that, since sin is universal, those who pretend not to need salvation are blind to themselves.

**601** The Scriptures had foretold this divine plan of salvation through the putting to death of "the righteous one, my Servant" as a mystery of universal redemption, that is, as the ransom that would free men from the slavery of sin.

**169** Salvation comes from God alone; but because we receive the life of faith through the Church, she is our mother: "We believe the Church as the mother of our new birth, and not in the Church as if she were the author of our salvation."<sup>55</sup> Because she is our mother, she is also our teacher in the faith.

**851** God wills the salvation of everyone through the knowledge of the truth. Salvation is found in the truth. Those who obey the prompting of the Spirit of truth are already on the way of salvation. But the Church, to whom this truth has been entrusted, must go out to meet their desire, so as to bring them the truth. Because she believes in God's universal plan of salvation, the Church must be missionary.

**1257** The Lord himself affirms that Baptism is necessary for salvation.<sup>60</sup> He also commands his disciples to proclaim the Gospel to all nations and to baptize them.<sup>61</sup> Baptism is necessary for salvation for those to whom the Gospel has been proclaimed and who have had the possibility of asking for this sacrament.<sup>62</sup> The Church does not know of any means other than Baptism that assures entry into eternal beatitude; this is why she takes care not to neglect the mission she has received from the Lord to see that all who can be baptized are "reborn of water and the Spirit." God has bound salvation to the sacrament of Baptism, but he himself is not bound by his sacraments.

**1741** Liberation and salvation. By his glorious Cross Christ has won salvation for all men. He redeemed them from the sin that held them in bondage. "For freedom Christ has set us free."

**1811** It is not easy for man, wounded by sin, to maintain moral balance. Christ's gift of salvation offers us the grace necessary to persevere in the pursuit of the virtues. Everyone should always ask for this grace of light and strength, frequent the sacraments, cooperate with the Holy Spirit, and follow his calls to love what is good and shun evil.

**2744** Those who pray are certainly saved; those who do not pray are certainly damned.



# St. Monica\St. Elizabeth, Blue Rapids



## Calendar and Mass Intention

September 13th, 8:30 am— For All Parishioners of the 3 Parishes

August 30, 2015 offerings

Envelopes	\$390.00
Plate	\$203.00

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

## Ministers of the Mass

**Sunday September 13, 8:30 a.m. St. Monica\St. Elizabeth**

<b>Lector</b>	H. Borgerding
<b>Servers</b>	E. Toerber, C. Toerber, & S. Lees
<b>Gifts</b>	Rowe Family
<b>Communion</b>	H. Borgerding, R. Nugent, & N. Hirt
<b>Ushers</b>	D. Baier & M. Rowe

**Church Cleaners: September—** Norma Hirt & Sally Henry  
**Sacristan Schedule: September—**Norma Hirt

**Altar Society meeting** Wednesday, September 16, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.

**New Parish Council members sought** –We are looking for two members to help further the mission of the parish. If you are interested please contact Fr. Schmitz.

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**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.

**MARYSVILLE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS-** Smoked Pork Loin Dinner, Sunday, September 13th, 11:30 to 1:30 pm. Knights of Columbus Hall, Marysville. Everyone Welcome!

### **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.

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Jeanette Borgerding 9/9  
Emogene Travelute 9/10  
Amber Borgerding 9/11  
Chance McIntyre 9/13

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Mary & Carl Dixon 9/6



# St. Columbkille Parish, Blaine KS

**Ministers of the Mass** *Saturday September 12, 6:00 p.m.* **Saturday August 29, 2015 offering**

<b>Lector</b>	Todd Sheppard
<b>Servers</b>	
<b>Ministers</b>	Charlene Sheppard, Frank Finan, Mark Cusimano
<b>Hospitality</b>	Andrea & Scott Karnes

8/29/2015	Envelope	421.00	
	Plate	74.00	
	Mass Intentions	10.00	
	Hall Rent	390.00	
	NCYC	130.00	
	T-Shirts	370.00	
	Votives	21.25	
	Grocery \$	50.00	
			1466.25

**ANNUNCIATION PARISH OFFICE CLOSED** on Monday, September 7th in observance of the Labor Day holiday and on Friday, September 11th.

**Bulletin Request** Have to be in by Wednesday September 9<sup>th</sup>

**A Note from the Pastor:**

At this week's parish council meeting, several topics were discussed, especially options for inviting the lapsed adults and high school students to participate in the parish. Also, we discussed at length adding storage space onto the hall. There are several reasons for this. It would let us get rid of the \$100/mo for the storage trailer that currently sits on site. It would let us move the items in the garage/shed to an enclosed space. We would have the convenience of everything being close at hand, especially in inclement weather. And, it would free up a classroom for the children to use for CCD classes. For these and other reasons the counsel supports expanding the hall. However, we would still need to decide how big to make the storage room. If you have an opinion on this, or what the aesthetics of the addition should be, or on adult and youth outreach, or on how the bazaar went, please let me know. I want to have the input of everyone concerned before making a final decision. In Christ, Fr. Schmitz

**Westmoreland United Methodist Church** Our church is celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Worship service is at 11:00 am, Rev. Claudia Bakley, Flint Hills District Superintendent will deliver the message. We invite all pastors, former members and friends to join us in this historic celebration. An anniversary choir is planned, welcoming all former choir members. The choir will rehearse at 9:45 am. A catered meal will follow the service with a Free Will offering appreciated.

In addition there will be a program after the meal in which special recognition will be given to the older members in both service and age. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to the church at 785-457-3491 by September 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Altar Society Meeting Dates**—All meetings at 7:00 pm  
September 28, 2015  
October 26, 2015  
November 23, 2015

**Knights of Columbus**

Meeting September 10, 2015  
Pancake Breakfast -- October 10, 2015 7am -1pm

**Religious Education (1<sup>st</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grade)**

Classes begin September 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-7:30pm. Please sign your child up in the back of church. We are looking for an additional religious education teacher. Please contact Sally Olson, if interested. [solson@vet.ksu.edu](mailto:solson@vet.ksu.edu) or 785-410-7513.

**Parish Groups**

The group listings of our parish, which are St. Anne, St. Bridget and St. Monica, are in need of restructuring. The Altar Society would like to discuss this process at our November meeting. If you would like to give us your input and ideas as to how best this might be accomplished, please join us on November 23, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. All are welcome to attend.

**Garage Sale** The Altar Society will again be serving breakfast and lunch at our annual garage sale on September 25 & 26<sup>th</sup>. Last year we asked for food donations and had a wonderful response. Please check the sign-up sheet in the back of church if you would like to donate any of the items listed. **Signup Sheet for Garage Sale Volunteers** There is also a signup sheet for workers needed on the sales floor. Your help is greatly appreciated.