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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 13TH 2015

## Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

### BIBLE STUDY!

Are you interested in consuming the Word of God, that you may be consumed by Him? Do you desire to deepen your friendship with Our Lord Jesus? Do you have a friend that you could twist their arm to come learn more about our Faith?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, this upcoming Bible study is for you! We will have an 8 week session using the "Great Adventures" Bible study, where we will look in depth at God's plan of salvation for you and I.

My first focus will be to draw out the different covenants God made with us, building up to the new

and eternal covenant in Christ's Blood.

Each covenant has something unique to tell us about how we are loved by the Greatest Lover, and all come alive and are made present to us each time we celebrate the new and eternal covenant, the Eucharist.

The second focus will be how the covenant of marriage is reflected in God's covenants with us, again building up to the covenant Christ made with His Bride, the Church. I hope that doing this will help each person understand and be able to talk with others about why the Church teaches what she does about marriage. Some people make it very complicated these days, but

it still is as simple as loving as Christ loves, with a pure, chaste, complete self-giving love. We see these in the covenants of salvation history.

Tied to this focus on marriage, I plan to make this study especially for divorced people. The Holy Father has himself done great work in reaching out to people who experience such hardships and difficulties, and insists his priests do the same: this is one of the small ways I want to do so.

The plan is to meet on Thursday evenings, beginning Oct 15th. If more than 12 sign up, then we will add another session, so don't ignore this because Thursdays are no good. Call the office for more information.

Yours in Christ through Mary,

Fr. Schmitz

### Questions from the 2nd Reading/Homily

1. What choices/actions are you doing now that not only keep your faith alive, but will bring the greatest reward in eternal life?
2. Can your family read a verse of scripture at the dinner table? Perhaps, read the Sunday Gospel on the way to church or at sometime during the week, to prepare for Holy Mass?
3. Which person (especially non-active disciple) can you invite to take part of the Bible Study?

# Mass Intentions

Date	Day	Notes	Intention
09/14/2015	Monday	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	No a.m. Mass
09/15/2015	Tuesday	Our Lady of Sorrows	+Elmer & +Mary Skoch
09/16/2015	Wednesday	10:00 a.m. (Frankfort Care Home)	+Marcella Roeder
09/17/2015	Thursday	St. Robert Bellarmine	+Martha Engelken
09/18/2015	Friday	Weekday	+Mike Kennedy
09/19/2015	Saturday	Frankfort 4:00 p. m.	Liv/Dec'd Wessel family
09/19/2015	Saturday	Blaine 6:00 p.m.	For All Parishioners of the 3 Parishes
09/20/2015	Sunday	Blue Rapids 8:30 a.m.	+Olivia Grossnickle
09/20/2015	Sunday	Frankfort 10:30 a. m.	+Carol Mitchell

## Saturday, September 19th: Annunciation 4:00 pm

Lector	Cathy Weyer
Servers	Emily Weyer, Jarett & Samuel Gros
Communion	M. Griffin, C. Weyer, & P. Brady
Musicians	Jeanie Gerstner & Frannie Fangman
Ushers	Ed Brady & Bill Broxterman
Gifts	Ushers to appoint
Rosary	Phil & Wilma Harrington
Sacristan	Erin Owen

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## Sunday, September 20th: Annunciation 10:30 am

Lector	Vicki Adams
Servers	Amburley Kokoruda, Rebecca Adams, & Julia Studer
Communion	I. Dressman, C. Farrell, & C. Stallbaumer
Musicians	Marilyn Dressman & Rheta Matson
Ushers	Maurice Bergman & Don Engelken
Gifts	Ushers to appoint
Rosary	Kelli Kokoruda
Care Home	Jan Stallbaumer
Sacristan	Cathy Farrell

## *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.

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

**NOTE OF THANKS-** The Albert Maas Family would like to extend a special thanks to Father Daniel Schmitz and the choir for the beautiful service, to the Altar Society for the great meal and most of all to the parishioners for masses, memorials, friendships and visits to our dad.

## **ANNUNCIATION OFFERINGS**

**September 6, 2015**

Envelopes \$1594.00

Plate \$336.05

Total \$1930.05

### **Other Income**

Hall Use \$ 395.00

Leaven \$ 218.00

Mass Stipends \$ 210.00

Religious Ed. \$ 30.00

Picnic \$ 50.00

Cath. University \$ 46.00

St. M/St. E \$ 961.86\*

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

**NOTICE**— Fr. Schmitz would like to invite all parishioners for a decade of the Rosary following the first religion class on September 23rd. We will meet at the church around 3:05 p.m. Please come if you can! *Jan Stallbaumer*

**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**—The 7th graders will meet in the grade school for their first religion class on Wednesday, September 16 at 7 pm. Class for Confirmation students, Wednesday, September 16th, 7:00 –8:15 pm. **Fees are \$15.00 per student.**

**HUMAN TRAFFICKING** —the U.S. Department has identified Kansas as an originating state for human trafficking. Please join us in learning more about this modern form of slavery on Wednesday, September 23rd, 7:00 p.m. at Salem Lutheran Church, Axtell. Questions contact Iris Turnbull at 785-736-2887 or [classic@bluevalley.net](mailto:classic@bluevalley.net)

**YOUTH RETREAT** \$5 per person. If interested contact Linda Roeder at 799-4460 September 26-27. What is Prairie Star Under the Stars? This event gives your high school youth group or any family the opportunity to experience Our Lord in the midst of nature while having a blast in Canoes, on the Climbing Tower, at Confession by the lake, or many of our other adventure activities. Your group may come, pitch your tents, and get ready to have a great time in fellowship, participating in the numerous activities available throughout the day. So prepare yourself to experience a day of fun and friendships with Christ at the center.

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**SACRED HEART CHURCH, SABBETHA**, Annual Picnic, Today, 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, Today, September 13th, 11:30 to 1:30 pm. Knights of Columbus Hall, Marysville. Everyone Welcome!

**ST. PATRICK, CORNING**— Pancake Breakfast. Today, 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.

**HOLTON KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** -Chicken Fry. Serving Fried & Baked Chicken, Baked Potatoes, Salads, Baked Beans, & Desserts. Sunday, Sept. 20th, 11:00 to 1:00 p.m. at St. Dominic's Hall in Holton. Free Will Offering. Proceeds support the Holton Special Ed. Co-op.

**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.

**RETREAT OPPORTUNITY**- Therese of Lisieux, Doctor of the Church, Mystic, Saint. The day will be spent with talks, a guided meditation, showing of a DVD, and personal sharing. Presented by Sister Sheila Carroll, OSB. Fee is \$55 per person. Saturday, October 10th, held at the Sophia Center, 751 S. 8th, Atchison, KS. Please register by October 1st. See brochure in back of church.

**BOB FISHERS' SECRETS OF SHOOTING BASKETBALL CLINIC** -Oct. 11, 2015 at Frankfort High School. Grades 4th & 5th will be from 1:00 to 2:30. Grades 6th, 7th, & 8th will be from 3:00 to 4:30. Fee per student is \$25.00. Pick up a registration form in the back of church. All proceeds will benefit Annunciation Church.

**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.

# What will it look like when we all do good works?

## The image and likeness of God

Its good to try something new; like giving, for the first time, a homily over a single New Testament letter. St. James did something new, in writing this letter. Likely within 15 years of our Saviors death and resurrection, James is charged with bringing the flock in Jerusalem to eternal life. He has already seen many disciples killed for their faith, and that has made him firm in the faith, but others haven't taken the Gospel to heart about who Christ is, and the complete claim he lays to our lives. James joins Peter in his confession of Christ as the Messiah, and writes his letter to encourage others who claim to do so to live like it.

1st: Who it was written for: The 12 tribes of the diaspora, codename for the whole church. (This is what makes this and other NT letters known as Catholic, or universal, letters, written to all.)  
 2nd: When? Two possible dates exist: it is either within 10-15 years after the crucifixion, and St. James the Lesser is fulfilling what the Lord commanded he and the others to do: teach the disciples to observe everything Jesus commanded them. The other option is that he wrote this to clear up some of the confusion between faith and works that St. Paul caused with his writings (For example, St. Peter wrote in his 2nd letter that some of what Paul wrote is hard to understand and the ignorant twist them to their own destruction. This becomes important when we talk about the historical impact of this letter.)

Second, the theme of the letter, which can be stated as being doers and not only hearers of the word, or, have living faith. Faith without works is dead and has no power to save. This was rather well understood until Martin Luther wanted to throw this letter out of the Bible because of this line. It was hard for him to preach that faith alone saves when St. James wrote faith without works has no power to save. You see, Luther took one of St. Paul's lines being justified by faith apart from works of the law, and cut off that last phrase 'of the law.' All Christians still agree that works of the law won't save, but works of grace are necessary. Later disciples of Martin Luther (at least some of them) have modified what he taught and worked to basically a Catholic understanding.

(I'd like to tie together the last few weeks homilies here, because it concerns the most important themes in existence: salvation, justification, religion. We are saved through faith in Jesus Christ and justified by the precious blood shed on the cross. We receive our share of this salvation through grace, which justifies us, makes us pleasing to God. Now, if faith alone saved, Jesus and all the other letters of the NT wouldn't worry about teaching what are good and evil actions. But faith works through love. faith without works is dead; we lose sanctifying grace. Upright actions and words are required to remain in a state of grace, and we have the sacrament of Confession for when we lose that blessedness of Christ. Conversely, every good action redounds to merit in eternal life; see the next page for more on that.)

Third: a few particulars. Like bishops of every age and place, he exhorts the disciples to control their tongue, to favor the poor and not just the rich, to be just in business dealings, to trust in Divine Providence...to not give into evil passions that are the cause of divisions but rather embrace holy, healthy passions for God and the things of heaven. The last chapter of the letter he shows his concern for the suffering, showing us how the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick was present from the beginning, instructing us, if there are people sick among us, to send for the priests of the church praying over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord.

Now, doing new things can be a mix of exciting and scary, but all the good works done for God are worth the challenge. Maybe you can try something new as a family, praying before meals/bedtime; reading a little scripture each day. Watching any of the online Symbolon videos and cut out one TV show a week. Maybe you can do something a little more involved and sign up for the Bible Study I'm starting in a month. And of course, starting something new by turning away from a sin, whatever it takes, is always a worthwhile endeavor. May God, who has begun the good work in you, bring it to completion!

### Daily Mass Readings

Monday, September 14	First Reading: <a href="#">Nm. 21: 4b-9</a> 2nd Reading: <a href="#">Phil. 2: 6-11</a> Gospel: <a href="#">Jn. 3: 13-17</a>
Tuesday, September 15	First Reading: <a href="#">1 Tim. 3: 1-13</a> Gospel: <a href="#">Jn. 19: 25-27</a> or <a href="#">Lk. 2: 33-35</a>
Wednesday, September 16	First Reading: <a href="#">1 Tim. 3: 14-16</a> Gospel: <a href="#">Lk. 7: 31-35</a>
Thursday, September 17	First Reading: <a href="#">1 Tim. 4: 12-16</a> Gospel: <a href="#">Lk. 7: 36-50</a>
Friday, September 18	First Reading: <a href="#">1 Tim. 6: 2c-12</a> Gospel: <a href="#">Lk. 8: 1-3</a>
Saturday, September 19	First Reading: <a href="#">1 Tim. 6: 13-16</a> Gospel: <a href="#">Lk. 8: 4-15</a>
Sunday, September 20	1st Reading: <a href="#">Wis. 2: 12, 17-20</a> 2nd Reading: <a href="#">Jas. 3: 16—4:3</a> Gospel: <a href="#">Mk. 9: 30-37</a>



# Reflecting On Sunday's Readings

On October 19, 1984, the Polish state police stopped the car of Fr. Jerzy Popieluszko beat him to death and then threw his bound body into the Vistula River. His crime? Encouraging people to take the side of “good against evil, truth rather than falsehood, and love rather than hatred,” thus resisting the evil of the Polish Communist regime, (adapted from *Witness to Hope*, by George Weigel). In this week’s Gospel reading Jesus also challenges the disciples to choose whether they will be on God’s side or not, implying that God’s side would entail the suffering, rejection and death of himself, their leader. Can we blame Peter for his response that Jesus should be spared this ordeal? Though our spirit applauds movies like *Rocky* and *Karate Kid*, when the hero, beaten and bloodied, arises from the canvas in the final round to overcome the villain’s plummeting, we do not desire this kind of victory for ourselves or the ones we love. We, like Peter, would choose for ourselves and others a life free from pain and suffering, believing that our good intentions for them are synonymous with God’s intentions for them. Jesus on the other hand fully recognized that to fulfill God’s intentions in a world opposed to his rule, would require a life of sacrifice and a willingness not only to suffer but also to die. Consequently, Jesus spelled out precisely, that suffering, rejection and death lay ahead for many of those who would follow him. He knew that people would have to be willing to not put their comfort and

well being ahead of God’s mission and will. This was the basis of his call to “come after me.” Knowing people’s aversion to pain and suffering and our preoccupation with self-preservation, why did Jesus invite them to follow him while introducing this scenario? Equally mystifying is why the disciples said yes to Jesus’ call. This week’s Gospel sheds some light on the reasons. First, as we see in Peter’s answer to Jesus’ question, the disciples had moved from a position of simply viewing Jesus as a great teacher to one of knowing that he was in fact the Christ. When this truth grips a person’s heart and mind, as it did the disciples’ hearts, then it becomes the most important thing in the world. Once Jesus has become to us, and for us, the Christ, there is no other alternative, and he is to be followed and pursued regardless of the cost. Second, the promise of suffering, rejection and death included the promise of rising again. Victory was assured regardless of the intensity of the battle. The only way they could lose out in the long run was to choose selfpreservation in the short run. The disciples knew that eternity was at stake and were unwilling to settle for the shortterm solution of peace now, in exchange for forfeiting the long term promise of peace for eternity. When our relationship with Christ and a resurrected life with him becomes so important to us that nothing else matters, we will understand and rejoice in Jesus’ statement that, “Where I am, there will be my disciples also.” Third, the promise that “whoever loses his life for my

sake and the gospel will save it” also introduces fulfillment and peace in this life. Throughout history those who have followed Jesus wholeheartedly have discovered joy, peace, contentment, and purpose in the midst of service—a quality of life they would never exchange for the riches, comfort, and security others are striving for and finding unfulfilling. Do you really want a great life, an abundant life? Try following Jesus wholeheartedly. When you look back you will discover that you choose the best. Christ’s call is a call to martyrdom. For most of us it will be a life of martyrdom rather than a death of martyrdom, but we will need to have the same attitude as did Lorenzo Ruiz. This Philippine layman who was martyred in World War II, said, “Even if this body would have a thousand lives, I would let all of them be killed [before you would] force me to turn my back on Christ.”

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# SAVED!

Closely linked to living faith through good works, is merit in eternal life because of them. To avoid the confusion that reigned during the 1500's, we are not talking about anything we do on our own, apart from God's power. We are speaking of the acts in which our will cooperates with God's grace. It isn't rocket science to see the Christ rewards those who do good things. He says in many places the rewards that await those who give up everything, for example, or who give drink to the thirsty and food to the hungry.

Immediately after the section in the Catechism on justification (i.e. last week's bulletin) and grace, comes the summary of teaching on merit. Here it is:

## **PART THREE LIFE IN CHRIST**

### **SECTION ONE MAN'S VOCATION LIFE IN THE SPIRIT**

#### **CHAPTER THREE GOD'S SALVATION: LAW AND GRACE**

##### **ARTICLE 2 GRACE AND JUSTIFICATION**

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### **III. MERIT**

You are glorified in the assembly of your Holy Ones, for in crowning their merits you are crowning your own gifts.

**2006** The term "merit" refers in general to the recompense owed by a community or a society for the action of one of its members, experienced either as beneficial or harmful, deserving reward or punishment. Merit is relative to the virtue of justice, in conformity with the principle of equality which governs it.

**2007** With regard to God, there is no strict right to any merit on the part of man. Between God and us there is an immeasurable inequality, for we have received everything from him, our Creator.

**2008** The merit of man before God in the Christian life arises from the fact that God has freely chosen to associate man with the work of his grace. The fatherly action of God is first on his own initiative, and then follows man's free acting through his collaboration, so that the merit of good works is to be attributed in the first place to the grace of God, then to the faithful. Man's merit, moreover, itself is due to God, for his good actions proceed in Christ, from the predispositions and assistance given by the Holy Spirit.

**2009** Filial adoption, in making us partakers by grace in the divine nature, can bestow true merit on us as a result of God's gratuitous justice. This is our right by grace, the full right of love, making us "co-heirs" with Christ and worthy of obtaining "the promised inheritance of eternal life." The merits of our good works are gifts of the divine goodness. "Grace has gone before us; now we are given what is due. . . . Our merits are God's gifts."

**2010** Since the initiative belongs to God in the order of grace, no one can merit the initial grace of forgiveness and justification, at the beginning of conversion. Moved by the Holy Spirit and by charity, we can then merit for ourselves and for others the graces needed for our sanctification, for the increase of grace and charity, and for the attainment of eternal life. Even temporal goods like health and friendship can be merited in accordance with God's wisdom. These graces and goods are the object of Christian prayer. Prayer attends to the grace we need for meritorious actions.

**2011** The charity of Christ is the source in us of all our merits before God. Grace, by uniting us to Christ in active love, ensures the supernatural quality of our acts and consequently their merit before God and before men. The saints have always had a lively awareness that their merits were pure grace.

After earth's exile, I hope to go and enjoy you in the fatherland, but I do not want to lay up merits for heaven. I want to work for your love alone. . . . In the evening of this life, I shall appear before you with empty hands, for I do not ask you, Lord, to count my works. All our justice is blemished in your eyes. I wish, then, to be clothed in your own justice and to receive from your love the eternal possession of yourself.





# St. Monica\St. Elizabeth, Blue Rapids



## Calendar and Mass Intention

September 20th, 8:30 am— Olivia Grossnickle

September 6, 2015 offerings

Envelopes	\$1085.00
Plate	\$ 152.56
Cath. Univ.	\$ 30.00
Insurance	\$ 50.00

**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 20, 8:30 a.m. St. Monica\St. Elizabeth**

<b>Lector</b>	C. Miller
<b>Servers</b>	M. Toerber, K. Skalla, & O. Skalla
<b>Gifts</b>	Skalla Family
<b>Communion</b>	M. Borgerding, M. Heinen, & E. Henry
<b>Ushers</b>	A. Edwards & J. Wienck

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

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

**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.

**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.

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### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

- Chance McIntyre 9/13
- Janice Rowe 9/16
- Jeremy Bachura 9/17
- Karen Swearingen 9/18
- Pat Schwartz 9/20

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

- Kurt & Cheryl Skalla 9/17
- Daniel & Kelsie Gleason 9/18

### **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.



# St. Columbkille Parish, Blaine KS

**Ministers of the Mass** *Saturday September 19, 6:00 p.m.* **Saturday September 5, 2015 offering**

<b>Lector</b>	Becky White
<b>Servers</b>	
<b>Ministers</b>	Lavone Sanford, Mike Sanford, Carol or Wade Minihan
<b>Hospitality</b>	Kaleb & Megan Campbell

9/5/2015	Envelope	707.00	
	Plate	100.00	
			807.00

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

**Knights of Columbus**  
 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 do have a 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher, so be sure to sign up your 1<sup>st</sup> grader.  
 Questions Sally Olson [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.

**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>.

**YOUTH RETREAT** \$5 per person. If interested contact Linda Roeder at 799-4460 September 26-27 What is Prairie Star Under the Stars? This event gives your high school youth group or any family the opportunity to experience Our Lord in the midst of nature while having a blast in Canoes, on the Climbing Tower, at Confession by the lake, or many of our other adventure activities. Your group may come, pitch your tents, and get ready to have a great time in fellowship, participating in the numerous activities available throughout the day. So prepare yourself to experience a day of fun and friendships with Christ at the center.

**High School Students**, you are invited to travel to Denver on June 12th -June 18 to participate in the Catholic Heart Work Camp Mission Trip. If interested, please send a \$100 down payment (make checks to Annunciation Parish). For more information go to the following website: <http://heartworkcamp.com/dates/> or call Linda Roeder at 799-4460.