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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

JANUARY 24TH 2016

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Growing as Disciples of Jesus, Making Disciples For Jesus

Prayer for Protection of Unborn Children

All of the Church's
teachings flow from the
same source and return to
the same source, the
Blessed Trinity. All pieces
of our faith are interwoven.
Consider this from Pope
Francis' letter on the
environment:

"Since everything is
interrelated, concern for
the protection of nature is
also incompatible with the
justification of abortion.
How can we genuinely
teach the importance of
concern for other
vulnerable beings... if we
fail to protect a human
embryo, even when its
presence is uncomfortable
and creates difficulties?"
Pope Francis, *Laudato Si*, no. 120

He's drawing attention to
the fact that we cannot
pretend to be good stewards
of God's earth, caring for
creation, if we do not care
for all creation, especially
the pinnacle, human beings.

*"From the first moment of
his existence, a human
being must be recognized
as having the rights of a
person - among which is
the inviolable right of every
innocent being to
life."* (CCC #2270)

Also, we could not pretend
to be caring for all of
creation if we protected
babies' lives and did
nothing for mothers. This is
one of the areas the Church

shines the strongest in: we put
our money and time and heart
where our mouth is, all
working together to preach the
Gospel of Life. Whether it is
Project Rachel, for women
trying to cope with the guilt of
abortion, or Birthright of
Topeka or any other pregnancy
and baby services we offer to
mothers in need, we care for
each and every person God has
created. These are all examples
of how we keep our faith
integrated as we help build His
Kingdom here on earth.

For all who are vulnerable,
especially unborn children,
persons with disabilities, and
those who are poor, elderly, or
suffering from illness: May
they be respected and cared for
according to their God-given
dignity, we pray to the Lord.

-Fr. Schmitz

RALLY FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

February 17: Noon - 1 PM, the Catholic Bishops of Kansas and others concerned about the future of religious freedom will be hosting a **Rally for Religious Freedom** inside the Kansas State Capitol Building under the dome. A large turnout is needed to demonstrate to Kansas lawmakers that support for religious freedom in Kansas is strong. Let's make this as successful as the rally in 2012, which garnered national attention and was broadcast live on EWTN. We will have outstanding speakers including Ryan Anderson of the Heritage Foundation. For more information please visit www.kscathconf.org.

Mass Intentions

Date	Day	Notes	Intention
01/25/2016	Monday	The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle	No a.m. Mass
01/26/2016	Tuesday	Sts. Timothy & Titus	For All Priests
01/27/2016	Wednesday	10:00 a.m. (Frankfort Care Home)	+Melvin Suther
01/28/2016	Thursday	St. Thomas Aquinas	+Mark Brady
01/29/2016	Friday	Weekday	+Martha Engelken
01/30/2016	Saturday	Frankfort 4:00 p. m.	+Carol Mitchell
01/30/2016	Saturday	Blaine 6:00 p.m.	+Connie & +Sissy Depew
01/31/2016	Sunday	Blue Rapids 8:30 a.m.	For All Youth
01/31/2016	Sunday	Frankfort 10:30 a. m.	For All Parishioners of the 3 Parishes

Saturday, January 30th: Annunciation 4:00 pm

Lector	Pat Brady
Servers	Mikael & Allison Tommer
Communion	P. Brady, M. Hazen, & R. Broxterman
Musicians	Jane S., Rheta M., & Denise S.
Ushers	Paul Tommer & Keith Tilley
Gifts	Ushers to appoint
Rosary	Wilma Harrington
Sacristan	Jean Caffrey

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Sunday, January 31st: Annunciation 10:30 am

Lector	Pat Massie
Servers	Aiden & Peyton Gerstner, & Ethan Armstrong
Communion	C. Stallbaumer, C. Hull, & I. Dressman
Musicians	Moogie R. & Marie W.
Ushers	Herschel Mentgen & Eric Gerstner
Gifts	Ushers to appoint
Rosary	Kelli Kokoruda
Care Home	Mary Ann Dressman
Sacristan	Theresa Dressman

This that and the Other...

ARCHBISHOP'S CALL TO

SHARE— Recently you received a letter from Archbishop Naumann asking for your generous support of the Archbishop's Call to Share. The 2016 ACTS theme "Rich in Mercy" reminds us that the "balm of mercy" is for everyone to share. Once we have been blessed we must extend this compassion and mercy to others. Your gift to the Archbishop's Call to Share is such an act and helps bring the mercy of Jesus to every corner of Northeast Kansas. Please give prayerful consideration to how you can respond as Jesus' disciple by filling out your pledge card and returning it to the collection next

weekend. Our parish goal is \$7842.00. Please give generously to support the ministries of the Church in Northeast Kansas!

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS-

The Knights of Columbus Council #1383 are sponsoring 2 meals in the Cigna Center. More details later. Sunday, Feb. 14th, -Breakfast Friday, March 18th, —Fish Fry

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

COUNCIL #1383—are once again sponsoring their Pro-Life Baby Shower. Donations of new and gently used baby or maternity clothing & baby supplies may be placed in the bassinet in the back of church. Cash donations may be dropped off at the Parish Office. All donations will be taken to Birthright. **In conjunction** with the Pro-Life Baby Shower there will be empty baby bottles in the back of church. You are invited to take one home and fill it with your loose change to help those in need. Return the filled bottles to the Parish Office. All proceeds will go to Birthright Topeka.

ANNUNCIATION OFFERINGS

January 17, 2016

Envelopes \$922.00

Plate \$161.55

Total \$1083.55

Other Income

Fuel/Heat \$ 80.00

Mass Stipends \$ 50.00

Hall Use \$ 185.00

Ch. In Latin America \$ 5.00

ANNUNCIATION ALTAR SOCIETY

NOTES— Your 2016 dues are now due. Dues are \$10.00 per year. You may drop your dues in the collection basket marked for Lucille Swanson or bring to the Parish Office.

HELP WANTED— Please prayerfully consider serving on the Funeral Committee. This is a very important service that we offer families during their time of grief. Questions or to volunteer please contact Marilyn Hazen in the Parish Office. The 2016 Altar Society List with new funeral committee members and new chairman and co-chairman will be published and available in the back of the church as soon as we have someone volunteer for the funeral committee.

RELIGIOUS ED NOTES— Class, for Grades 1-6, Wednesday, Jan. 27th, 2:10 to 3:10 pm.

Class for Jr/Sr. High on Wednesday, Jan. 27th, 2016, 7:00 p.m.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

COUNCIL #1383- meeting
Wednesday, January 27th, 8:30 pm

ANNUNCIATION PARISH

COUNCIL meeting, Thursday, January 28th, 7:00 pm

ST. MONICA/ST. ELIZABETH

SOUP DAY— Wednesday, February 3rd, 11 am —7:00 pm. Serving Chicken Noodle, Beefy Vegetable, Potato Soup, & Chili and includes homemade breads, cinnamon rolls, relish, & desserts. Free Will Donation!

ST. MARY, ST. BENEDICT, KS— Soup-R-Bowl, Sunday Lunch, Feb. 7th. Serving 11:00 to 2:00 pm. Homemade Chili, Chicken Noodle, Vegetable Beef, Relishes & Pie. Free Will Offering. Everyone Welcome!

Marriage Minute January 24 At the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, "He came to Nazareth where He had grown up." Jesus chose to return to familiar surroundings to inaugurate his proclamation of Mercy. Undoubtedly, Jesus was surrounded by long-time friends and extended family members in the synagogue. The truth is that Jesus desires to be at the center of all family relationships and friendships. One of the things Jesus announced that day was, "...a year acceptable to the LORD." Jesus was announcing a Jubilee Year! In our own day, Jesus' Vicar, Pope Francis, declared a Jubilee Year of Mercy. Pope Francis placed marriage and family at the heart of this year by reminding the Church the importance of family when he said, "In the Year of Mercy, every Christian family can become a privileged place on this pilgrimage for experiencing the joy of forgiveness. Forgiveness is the essence of the love which can understand mistakes and mend them. How miserable we would be if God did not forgive us! Within the family we learn how to forgive, because we are certain that we are understood and supported, whatever the mistakes we make." (Homily, Dec 27, 2015) Mercy begins in the family. How do we practically place Jesus and mercy at the center of our family relationships? It is when we say, "I forgive you." or "Please forgive me." or "Can I pray for you?" or "Can I help with dishes?" In other words, we place Jesus at the center whenever we choose to place our spouse's or child's or sibling's needs before our own. Mercy means do the small things with great love.

MARRIED COUPLES.....WHEN ALL THE HUSTLE AND BUSTLE OF THE HOLIDAYS ARE OVER.....

Don't you and your spouse deserve a beautiful, romantic weekend away together? If you agree then you'll want to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekend in Kansas City is January 29-31, 2016. For more information or to apply, please visit our website: www.wwme4youandme.org or call Tony & Barb Zimmerman, 816-741-4066 or email tonybarbz@prodigy.net

DISCOVERING CHRIST a seven week series is being offered on Sunday evenings beginning on Feb. 14th at 5:45 pm. Join us for dinner, fellowship, praise, & worship at Sacred Heart Church in Sabetha. Registration/ Questions contact 785-284-0888.

Men Under Construction **Catholic Men's Conference**

Men of Faith

Come spend a day with other men from our archdiocese learning how to better live our faith. **Men Under Construction 20** is a perfect Lenten investment in your spirituality. Featured speakers include **Archbishop Joseph Naumann**, **Jeff Cavins** (Entertaining Bible expert and former Protestant pastor), **Dr. Ted Sri** (Professor and famed best-selling Catholic author), and **Devin Schadt**. (author and speaker focusing on authentic fatherhood). You will also be able to participate in reconciliation and mass. The 2016 Conference will be Saturday, Feb. 13, 2016 at Church of the Ascension, 9510 W 127th, Overland Park. Conference starts with Registration at 6:15 am and ends with the Archbishop's final blessing and adjournment at 3:30 pm. Coffee, donuts, and lunch included. Admission is \$35. Register online at www.ksmuc.org or pick up a registration form in the back of church. No kum ba ya here! Just real men looking for some truth & happiness.

NFP Bulletin Announcement:

Introduction to the Creighton Model

System- Are you looking for a true method of family planning that will work with any reproductive situation, such as with regular or irregular cycles, while breastfeeding, or in pre-menopause? The Creighton Model is a natural method of fertility regulation, enabling a woman, through recording daily observations, to better understand and maintain her reproductive health. A free introductory session providing an overview of the method, reproductive anatomy and physiology and how to track and monitor your cycle will be held in the Sts. Peter and Paul church basement on February 20th at 9am. To register for the class please call/text Susie Lueger at 336-1934 or register online at <http://annunciationfrankfort.org/nfp>

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE ~ A

Weekend Away for a Lifetime of Change. Serving the Widowed, Separated and Divorced; who are suffering the loss of a love relationship and may feel left out by their church, uneasy around married friends, unsure of themselves and uncertain about their futures. Helps grieving persons focus on their experience, deal with the natural grief process and offers an opportunity to turn the pain of loss into an experience of positive growth emerging from the darkness of grief into the light of a new beginning. The next Beginning Experience Weekend is February 26-28, 2016 at Precious Blood, in Liberty, MO. For more information visit: www.beginningexperiencekc.org, email: register.bekc@gmail.com, or contact Teresa 816-529-9002.



Reflecting On Sunday's Readings

Many converts to the Catholic Church are emotionally moved and deeply impressed by the veneration of the Word of God which is first encountered in the processional as the people stand and the Holy Scriptures are carried elevated, and then enthroned on the altar. The elevation of the Word, and our standing and crossing ourselves at the reading of the Gospel are rooted not only in our beliefs but also in the historic tradition of Judaism. We see in this week's First Reading as Ezra read the Scriptures aloud the people venerated God, "And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people; and when he opened it all the people stood...all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen,' lifting up their hands; and they bowed their heads and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground ..." This veneration of God through the written Word reflects our conviction that Scripture does in fact contain the presence of the Living Word. This veneration of the Scriptures is explained more fully by Lucien Deiss in his book, *The Mass*: "Vatican II spoke about the 'extreme importance' of God's Word. This extreme importance is the very one of the Eucharist... 'The Church has always venerated the divine Scriptures as she venerated the Body of the Lord, in so far as she never ceases, particularly in the sacred Liturgy, to partake of the bread of life and to offer it to the faithful from the one table of the Word of God and the Body of Christ.' That is why the Magisterium could rightly speak about the 'real presence' of Christ in the Word. "This is a marvelous teaching that, after centuries of forgetfulness or carelessness, restores the Word to the place that tradition assigned it. Saint Jerome affirmed: 'I think that the Gospel is the body of Christ and that the Holy Scriptures are his doctrine. When the Lord speaks about eating his flesh and drinking his blood certainly this can mean the mystery (of the Eucharist). However, his true body and

blood are (also) the Word of the Scriptures and its doctrine.'" Unfortunately ritual and tradition often lose their meaning when they become familiar. If for a moment we could have Jesus the Living Word appear again in human form to walk down the aisle of our churches we would see the difference. Our response, if we did not simply faint dead away, would be more like Ezra's people. We would bow down and prostrate ourselves in worship and ready obedience. When the Living Word strode to the pulpit we would not simply listen with half an ear but rather would hang on Jesus' every word, believing and obeying it. This is what our ritual and worship is all about, the external expression of inner beliefs and values. During these coming months we will be looking at the Gospel according to Luke. It is not simply one man's depiction of Jesus' life but a Holy Spirit inspired communication by God of his love to us, his people. Let us arise to acknowledge his presence in the Word and listen attentively with the inner ear of our heart to his message to us. "It is Christ who speaks when the Holy Scriptures are read in the Church." (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy)

Reflecting On Sunday's Readings, Copyright 2002-2015, Richard A. Cleveland.

Daily Mass Readings

Monday, January 25	First Reading: <u>Acts 22: 3-16</u> Gospel: <u>Mk. 16: 15-18</u>
Tuesday, January 26	First Reading: <u>2 Tim. 1: 1-8</u> Gospel: <u>Mk. 3: 31-35</u>
Wednesday, January 27	First Reading: <u>2 Sm. 7: 4-17</u> Gospel: <u>Mk. 4: 1-20</u>
Thursday, January 28	First Reading: <u>2 Sm. 7: 18-19, 24-29</u> Gospel: <u>Mk. 4: 21-25</u>
Friday, January 29	First Reading: <u>2 Sm. 11: 1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17</u> Gospel: <u>Mk. 4: 26-34</u>
Saturday, January 30	First Reading: <u>2 Sm. 12: 1-7a, 10-17</u> Gospel: <u>Mk. 4: 35-41</u>
Sunday, January 31	1st Reading: <u>Jer. 1: 4-5, 17-19</u> 2nd Reading: <u>1 Cor. 12: 31—13:13 or 13: 4-13</u> Gospel: <u>Lk. 4: 21-30</u>



St. Monica\St. Elizabeth, Blue Rapids



Calendar and Mass Intention

January 31st, 8:30 am— For All Youth

January 10 & January 17, 2016 offerings

Envelopes	\$803.50
Plate	\$217.50

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

Ministers of the Mass

Sunday January 31, 8:30 a.m. St. Monica\St. Elizabeth

Lector	M. Dobrovolny
Servers	C. Toerber, S. Lees, & J. Brungardt
Gifts	Swearingen Family
Communion	H. Brungardt, P. Waite, & M. Borgerding
Ushers	D. Heinen & A. Edwards

Church Cleaners: January– Liz Miller & Sarah Toerber
Sacristan Schedule: January—Theresa Minihan
Breakfast Committee: February— Zita Duensing, Sheri Shanks, & Cheryl Skalla If you cannot work the month you are assigned then trade with someone.

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10th Women’s Spirituality Conference , March 12, 2016
St Thomas Moore Parish Center Manhattan , KS.
Program “This Will Be Remembered of Her” Stories of Women Reshaping the World. Registration deadline is March 7th. Registration form in back of church on bulletin board.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Fridays from noon to 5:00p.m. The Adoration Group would like to invite more parishioners to participate. Please take a time.

NOTICE TO ALL PARISHIONERS-
During this Year of Mercy the parish council is considering ways in which our church family can participate in works of mercy. It has been suggested that the parish pledge a percentage of our collections to be given to some charitable causes. The initial thought being that some be given to local causes and some be given to either diocesan projects or worldwide projects. We would like to have a parish meeting after Mass on January 31st to discuss ideas. Please give prayerful consideration to this idea and if you have some projects in mind be ready to share them on the 31st.

PRO-LIFE BABY SHOWER– The Marysville Knights of Columbus will once again be sponsoring a Pro-Life Baby Shower beginning Jan. 31st through the month of February. New maternity or baby items or clothing will be accepted. Also accepting monetary donations. Please leave all donations in the back of church. Question contact John Wienck.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Kim Benteman 1/25
Liz Budenbender 1/26
Don Hoover 1/29

Are you new to the Parish? New members please contact Zita Duensing at 785-363-7456; or email is zitaduensing@att.net. to get your names in the parish records.



St. Columbkille Parish, Blaine KS

Ministers of the Mass *Saturday January 30, 6:00 p.m.*

Saturday January 16, 2016 offering:

Lector	Ralph Suther
Servers	Knights of Columbus
Ministers	Knights of Columbus
Hospitality	Knights of Columbus

1/16/2016 Envelope	561.00
Plate	106.25
Christmas Flowers	20.00
Mass Intentions	40.00
	50.00
	777.25

Christmas Memorial Flowers

Karl & Mary Strafuss and Frank & Bridget Finan .. Finan Family
 Pat O'Shea and Laurie O'Shea Parsons .. Patsy Campbell
 John & Mary Malone, Carl & Beatrice Wulf, Mark Wulf,
 Dorothy Schooler .. Mike & Pat Wulf
 Kenneth & Lorena Alexander .. Frank & Denise Finan
 Ivan Plummer, Thomas & Margaret Keating, Keating Family ..
 Virgie Plummer
 Lenos & Regina Lundberg and Ronald & Elaine Thompson ..
 Steven Lundberg Family
 Betty & Leroy Stewart and Pat O'Shea and Laurie O'Shea
 Parsons .. Steve & Kellie O'Shea Family
 Sutton & Manges Family ...Floyd & Natha Manges
 Betty Gran

Altar Society Meeting Dates—

2016: February 22, (weather permitting), March 28, April 25, May 23, Meeting time is 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

Knights of Columbus

Meeting - February 11
 Fish Fry - March 18 5:00-7:30

Pro-Life Baby Shower

The Knights of Columbus will be conducting a Pro-Life baby shower beginning December 26 and continuing through the month of January. A crib will be set up in the back of the church for donations of new or used baby or maternity clothing, baby and pregnancy supplies, diapers, baby bottles or formula. Cash donations can be given to Steve O'Shea, Harry Moser, or Jim McCormick.

CHANCE TO WIN FREEZER FULL OF MEAT!

Veronica & Allie Valburg & Grace Suther are attending the Catholic Heart Work Camp in Denver, Co. this summer. As a fundraiser for that, they will be selling chances to win a freezer, that is filled with meat, after Mass tonight. Drawing will be March 30th. Chances are 2/\$5 or 5/\$10. Thank you.

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NCYC: The parish council received a nice letter from the kids who attended the National Catholic Youth Conference, thanking us for our help in sending them on this great opportunity to encounter Jesus Christ with 20,000+ other teenagers.

The Blaine/Westmoreland Senior Citizens Hold their meeting every 4th Tuesday of each month in the St. Columbkille Parish Hall at noon. A potluck lunch is followed by a short meeting, cards, & conversation. All senior citizens are welcome.

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NOTE: Per Best Practice from the Archdiocese. It will be mandatory that all bills be presented to Fr Schmitz for approval. Please email, mail or present your bills to Fr Schmitz for approval. All bills should now be mailed % St Columbkille , 213 E 5th, Frankfort Kansas 66427 or frschmitz@bluevalley.net

Parish House: Look for the parish house to finally be gone in the next few weeks. Fr. Pat had told me he planned on having it done before he left, and while that didn't happen, the timing is right for several reasons to make it happen now. Should you have any questions about why the council and I think now is the right time to do so, please bring them to me.