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Office Hours:
Monday through Friday
(8:30 am to 12:30pm)
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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 liturgies and by
appointment

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Annunciation Parish

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

MARCH 26 TH 2017

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Growing as Disciples of Jesus, Making Disciples For Jesus

LENTEN ACTIVITIES

Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent at Annunciation 7:00 pm-

March 31st, & April 7th.
St.C: Wed, Mar. 29th, 7pm

Confessions

Wednesday 6:00 to 7:00 pm.

March 29th at Frankfort

LENTEN PENANCE

SERVICES

Sunday, April 2nd, 3:00 pm
St. Gregory's Marysville
Sunday, April 2nd, 7:00 pm
Annunciation

Sunday, April 9th, 3:00 pm
Sts. Peter & Paul, Seneca

FOOD:

Frankfort Fish Fry: Friday,
March 31st, 5-8pm.

Holy Week and Easter Mass Schedule

Holy Thursday

7:00 pm Annunciation

Good Friday

12:00 pm St. Monica/St.
Elizabeth

3:00 pm -St. Columbkille

7:00 pm—Annunciation

Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)

8:00 pm—Annunciation

Easter Sunday

8:00 am - St. Columbkille

9:30 am— Annunciation

11:00 am—St. Monica/St.

Elizabeth

LAETARE SUNDAY:

This Sunday is one of two
days for wearing Rose
colored vestments. Because
it is a chance to not have to
wear purple in public, you
know I like this chance! It is

rose because we mark the
halfway part of Lent; it is
purple mixed with the white
of that Easter day that is
drawing close. I also recently
learned, that for over 800
years, the pope carried a rose
as he left Mass! The rose
was symbol of Christ, taken
from Isaiah's prophecy that
from the root of Jesse a
flower shall blossom. The
flower chosen is a rose, as
Laetare (Rejoicing) Sunday
"represents love after hate,
joy after sorrow, and fullness
after hunger, so does the rose
by its color, smell, and taste,
signify love, joy, and satiety
respectively." You learn
something every day!

Holy Thursday

The Holy Week liturgies are unmatched: beginning with Palm Sunday, our remembrance of Jesus' triumphal entrance into Jerusalem and being hailed for coming in the Name of the Lord, through Easter Sunday with the glory of the Resurrection. Thank you in advance to all those who will help make this sacred time possible.

Holy Thursday is when we commemorate the two-fold gift Jesus gives us at the Last Supper: The Holy Eucharist and the priesthood. If you have been to this Mass before, you know the *washing of the feet* is an integral part as an example of how we serve, both within that Mass and in between each Sunday's Mass. I am in need of 12 volunteers to have their feet washed, (6 from Frankfort, and 3 each from Blue Rapids and Blaine). If you plan on being there, and will let me serve you in this way, please let me know!

Mass Intentions

Date	Day	Notes	Intention
03/27/2017	Monday	Lenten Weekday	No a.m. Mass
03/28/2017	Tuesday	Lenten Weekday	Health of Greg Keating
03/29/2017	Wednesday	10:00 am (Care Home)	+Earl & +Maggie Lauer
03/30/2017	Thursday	Lenten Weekday	+Ray & +Carol Mitchell
03/31/2017	Friday	Lenten Weekday	Liv/Dec'd Bill & Gertie Cain family
04/01/2017	Saturday	Frankfort 4:00 p. m.	In Thanksgiving (Ed & Pat Brady's 50th Anniversary)
04/01/2017	Saturday	Blaine 6:00 p.m.	For All Parishioners of the 3 Parishes
04/02/2017	Sunday	Blue Rapids 8:30 a. m.	Health of Fr. Jim Shaughnessy
04/02/2017	Sunday	Frankfort 10:30 a. m.	+J. Leo Caffrey

Saturday, Apr. 1st: Annunciation 4:00 pm

Lector	Melody Tommer
Servers	Claire & Ava Broxterman, & Xander Hull
Communion	R. Broxterman, W. Gros, & M. Griffin
Musicians	Marilyn, Denise, & Emily
Ushers	Paul Tommer & Duane Dressman
Gifts	Ushers to appoint
Rosary	Charlie & Rita Broxterman
Sacristan	Melody Tommer

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Sunday, Apr. 2nd: Annunciation 10:30 am

Lector	Vicki Adams
Servers	Rebecca Adams, Devin Helmerichs, & Ethan Armstrong
Communion	I. Dressman, C. Farrell, & P. Maas
Musicians	Moogie, Lynn B., & Brady T.
Ushers	Jerry Broxterman & Herschel Mentgen
Gifts	Ushers to appoint
Rosary	Gerald Gerstner & Charlie Gerstner
Care Home	Stephanie Huninghake
Sacristan	Cathy Farrell

This that and the Other...

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY—Next Friday, March 31st, 5:00 to 8:00 pm. Fried Fish & all the fixins! All are welcome to join us!

New Keyboard: We are getting a new keyboard Tuesday! It is a piano, but gives us the flexibility of other (digital) instruments also. It will make a very nice addition to our liturgies. Thank you to all who have already made a donation; we have over half the money raised. If you'd like to contribute to this fund, please simply mark it as such in the collection, or drop it off by the office. Thank you! (Just as a heads up: so long as we run in the black, I'd like to do one

medium sized project each year as a way of continual improvement for the parish; for example, the new tables last year and the piano this year. If you have ideas for these projects, please visit with me anytime.)

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS As a way of remembering the deceased of our families during the Easter season, you are invited to make a donation for the Easter flowers. Include the names of those to be remembered on your special envelope & put in the collection basket.

VIRTUS TRAINING- Sacred Heart, Sabetha is hosting a Virtus training on Monday, **March 27th** at 6:30 pm **St. Gregory**, is hosting a session on Thursday, **April 6th** at 5:30. Please go to virtus.org and click on first-time registrant on the left to view a list of sessions (choose Kansas City in KS) and to register!

HELP WANTED- The landscape committee will be having a workday on Sat., April 1st to get the grounds around the church ready for Easter. Depending upon the temperature, we will either start at 9:00 am or 1:00 pm. We welcome help from anyone—men or women! If interested, please contact Pam Suther or Elma Mitchell or just show up! Thanks in advance for your help!

ANNUNCIATION OFFERINGS

March 12 & 19, 2017

Envelopes \$3529.41

Plate \$402.43

Total \$3931.84

Other Income

Mass Stipends \$ 70.00

Ch. Eastern Europe \$ 40.00

Blk & Indian Missions \$ 60.00

Catholic Relief \$ 15.00

Use of Hall \$ 67.50

St. M/St. E \$918.67*

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

CCD NOTES

Class Grades 1-6 Wed., Mar. 29th,
3:30 to 5:00 pm

Class Grades 7-12, Wed., March
29th, 7:00 pm

ANNUNCIATION CHOIR

PRACTICE- Wednesday, March 29th,
6:30 pm.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Smoked Pork Chop Dinner with all the Fixins and a Country Store, Sunday, April 23rd. Serving 11:00 to 1:30 pm. in the Cigna Center. Adults \$10.00 and Children ages 10 and under \$5.00. (Special Kids Meal Available). Take out meals available with delivery in Frankfort Only. All proceeds will benefit the Annunciation Parish.

6TH ANNUAL BETA SIGMA PHI

SPRING SALAD SUPPER, Thursday, April 6th, 6:30 pm, Helvering Center, Marysville. Advance Tickets for \$8.00 available at Marysville Chamber of Commerce (limited number of tickets available. Entertainment by Cadence A Cappella Kansas State University featuring Sterling Oliver from Marysville. Proceeds benefit Marysville Community Service Projects.

ALL YOU CAN EAT BOILED SHRIMP, SMOKED PORK CHOPS AND FROG

LEGS on Saturday, April 8th, sponsored by the Axtell Knights of Columbus. The dinner will be held at the Axtell Legion/Community Building from 5:00 to 8:30 p.m. Adult tickets are \$15.00 in advance or \$17.00 at the door. Children tickets are \$7.00 in advance or \$8.00 at the door. All proceeds to benefit various charities. For tickets, contact *Kurt Sack* at 785-294-0440, *Tony Smith* at 785-713-1311.

Marriage Minute- This weekend's readings are about seeing clearly. While few people experience physical healing like the blind man in the Gospel, many of us can recall times when God has allowed us to see a situation from a new perspective—with equally miraculous results. If you and your spouse keep running up against the same conflict or difficulty, perhaps you are in need of a new perspective. • Pray specifically for God to "open your eyes" to a new way of seeing your spouse and his or her perspective. • Seek counsel from a couple whose marriage you respect who may have traveled through similar difficult circumstances in the past. • Gain new insights and skills from a marriage enrichment such as Living in Love or Worldwide Marriage Encounter. Other practical marriage tips can be found at www.JoyfulMarriageProject.com.

Recharge Marriage Workshop: Have you been looking for marriage enrichment but don't have a whole weekend? Recharge is a 4 hour opportunity to connect with your spouse that will give you the basics to increase the love and passion in your marriage! Recharge is a practical application of John Paul II's Theology of the Body. Our next Recharge will be Sunday, April 2, from 1-5pm at Mother Teresa of Calcutta parish in Topeka, KS. Child care is available at no charge! For more details or to register, contact Marty Becker at 785.246.1182, or check out www.archkck.org/recharge.

St. Gregory Catholic School Preschool Preview—Preschool preview is **Mon. April 3rd** and **Tues. April 4th** from **6:00 – 7:00 pm**. Parents and children are invited to come visit the preschool classroom and learn more about our preschool program.

St. Gregory Catholic School

Enrollment for all students (preschool through sixth grade) will be on **Wed. April 5th** and **Thur. April 6th** at **7:00 pm** in the St. Gregory school gym. At enrollment, an overview of the upcoming school year will be given, information on school fees and fee assistance will be provided, parents will have the opportunity to ask questions, and you will receive an enrollment packet for the 2017-2018 school year.

ALTAR SOCIETY NOTES—Your 2017 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.

"COPING WITH LIFE ALONE" - PEER -TO-PEER GRIEF SUPPORT "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 former spouse. The next program will meet at Mother Teresa of Calcutta, Topeka, KS, on Tuesday evenings: April 18, 2017 from 7:00– 9:00 p.m. For registration or additional information, please call Michelle at 785-640-1177.

ATTENTION! COUPLES celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2017

Archdiocesan 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration June, 4, 2017, 2:00 pm, Church of the Nativity/Leewood. To receive your invitation from Archbishop Naumann please call the parish office and give us your name, address, & phone number and date of your wedding. *Please do this ASAP!*

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

Easter season is the perfect time to bring new life into your marriage by learning **Natural Family Planning** and embracing God's design of natural fertility patterns. You are encouraged to attend the course in the Sympto-Thermal Method of NFP beginning in Topeka on Saturday, April 22nd, at 7pm. Reasonable course fee charged. Call Dana or Eric Runnebaum at 785-380-0062 for more info, including the class location and the availability of **online** classes. **Pre-registration required at: www.ccli.org.** Learn more at nfptopeka.blogspot.com.

Family Day at Prairie Star Ranch Prairie Star Ranch

is offering you the chance to step away and enter into a day of prayer, adventure, outdoor activities, and time to reconnect. Families, friends, and communities are invited to join us on April 23rd from 9am to 5pm! Opportunities include Horseback Riding, Canoeing, Ropes Activities, and time for prayer. The experience will culminate with the celebration of the Holy Mass in our beautiful St. Kateri Chapel. Let us journey together on this day of Christ-centered adventure! Register online now or contact the Team at Prairie Star Ranch. www.archkck.org/ranch - 785-746-5693 -- psrministry@archkck.org

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.



Reflecting On Sunday's Readings

Many of us know people who have become either completely or partially blind due to accident or disease. Few of us know blind people who have received the ability to see for the first time. In both cases, the contrast between darkness and light is startling. Light opens to us a world of possibilities, freedom of movement, and an ability to comprehend our world. Darkness, on the other hand, limits our options, restricts our freedom to move around freely, and obscures our world. All of us realize that we live in a real, concrete, physical world, but are we equally aware that we concurrently live in a real spiritual world? One reality we can see, hear, and feel; the other is more elusive to our comprehension, however, its effects can be readily recognized. Some of us see well in the earthly realm, even with 20/20 vision, but in the realm of the Spirit we are practically blind. Which is the worst tragedy, to be physically blind, or to be spiritually blind? Like Samuel in this week's first reading it is easy for us to mistakenly make spiritual judgments based on physical appearances. This is unfortunate, for one's physical appearance, good looks, charismatic personality, and fashionable bearing can often mask a person's less attractive spiritual condition. To primarily view people on outward appearances is a form of spiritual blindness which we should abandon. The Lord, on the other hand, looks through people's outward shell to view the spiritual quality of their inner life. This kind of spiritual vision and insight must come from the Lord, and from having our mind transformed to think in light of the truths of sacred Scripture and the

values found in the Word of God. Fanny Crosby, the prolific Christian hymn writer, lost her physical sight as a young child. However, it is obvious through her hymns that she was a person who could wonderfully see with the spiritual eyes of her heart. We get a glimpse of her spiritual insight in the following poem: "Oh, what a happy soul am I! Although I cannot see, I am resolved that in this world, contented I will be. How many blessings I enjoy that other people don't, To weep and sigh because I'm blind, I cannot and I won't." Like the blind man in this week's Gospel reading, there is no shame in recognizing our blindness, rather there is wisdom in doing so. For only when we recognize our blindness can we appeal to Jesus for healing and new sight. Jesus stands ready to make the "sightless see." The only question is, are we ready to admit our need, believe that he does and will give us spiritual insight, and ask him for healing?

Reflecting On Sunday's Readings,
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Daily Mass Readings

Monday, Mar. 27	First Reading: Is. 65: 17-21 Gospel: Jn. 4: 43-54
Tuesday, Mar. 28	First Reading: Ez. 47: 1-9, 12 Gospel: Jn. 5: 1-16
Wednesday, Mar. 29	First Reading: Is. 49: 8-15 Gospel: Jn. 5: 17-30
Thursday, Mar. 30	First Reading: Ex. 32: 7-14 Gospel: Jn. 5: 31-47
Friday, Mar. 31	First Reading: Wis. 2: 1a, 12-22 Gospel: Jn. 1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday, Apr. 1	First Reading: Jer. 11: 18-20 Gospel: Jn. 7: 40-53
Sunday, Apr. 2	First Reading: Ez. 37: 12-14 Second Reading: Rom. 8: 8-11 Gospel: Jn. 11: 1-45



St. Monica\St. Elizabeth, Blue Rapids



Calendar and Mass Intention

Apr. 2nd, 8:30 am – Health of Fr. Jim Shaughnessy

March 19, 2017 offerings

Envelopes	\$507.00
Plate	\$157.00

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

Ministers of the Mass

Sunday Apr. 2nd, 8:30 a.m. St. Monica\St. Elizabeth

Lector	J. Bachura
Servers	M. Shanks, M. Toerber, & A. Toerber
Gifts	Dobrovolny family
Communion	J. Bachura, M. Borgerding, & P. Waite
Ushers	S. Toerber & H. Borgerding

Church Cleaners: April– Cheri Shanks & Theresa Minihan

Sacristan Schedule: April— Jan Bergkamp

Breakfast Committee: April – Mary Ann Heinen, Jenni Heinen, & Janice Rowe

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Altar Society: No meeting in March. Next meeting will be April 19, 2017 at noon. Will finalize plans for First Communion breakfast which will be April 30, 2017.

Community Vacation Bible School 2017 will be May 22-26! Plans are underway and we are very excited for an awesome week! If you would like to help in any way please see Liz Miller or Sarah Toerber.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- William Budenbender 3/20
- Alexis Johnson 3/22
- Maggie Toerber 3/23
- Richard Hawley 3/25
- John Bergkamp 3/26
- Olivia Toerber 3/26
- Patti Moeller 3/27
- Katelyn Budenbender 3/29
- Norma Hirt 3/29
- Mindy Charbonneau 3/31

New contact for Church Hall Rental is John Wienck at 785-799-4069 or jwienck@yahoo.com



St. Columbkille Parish, Blaine KS

Ministers of the Mass *Saturday Apr. 1, 6:00 p.m.*

Saturday Mar. 18, 2017 offering:

Lector	Lisa Moser
Servers	Brooklyn Plummer, Allie Valburg Brandon Geyer
Ministers	Harry Moser, Elaine Hofman, Debbie Plummer, Mark Cusimano
Hospitality	Floyd & Natha Manges

3/18/2017 Envelope	699.00
Plate	134.00
Mass Intentions	103.00
	936.00

NOTICE- The youth are going to lead Stations of the Cross at 7 pm, Wednesday, March 29. All parishioners are invited. They will be following a children's version of reflection.

Love Your Neighbor – Supporting Refugees in Northeast Kansas

Our Catholic faith calls us to love our neighbor, especially the poor, vulnerable and those seeking refuge in our local and global communities. You are invited to join us as we show support and solidarity with our refugee brothers and sisters seeking a new life in Northeast Kansas. We will be collecting essential items needed for these individuals and families as they begin their new life in our community.

Items Needed: Clocks (plug-in alarm clocks), Combs, brushes, toiletries, New & gently used blankets, twin & full sheets, All-purpose household cleaner, laundry detergent, Shower curtain sets (shower curtain and liner), Toilet paper, paper towels, New & good kitchen bowls, silverware
Bring your items on Sunday, March 26 at 2:00PM to the St. Columbkille Parish Hall (at the crossroads of Hwy. 99 & Hwy. 16) in Blaine and stay for a sweet treat and family-friendly presentation by Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas. **If you would like to contribute, but cannot attend or for more information, contact Micki Suther at 785-457-3440 or 785-556-0259.**

A BIG THANKS to those who attended the Tupperware Bingo Fundraiser. Everyone has a good time and it was a success due to you attending! I on behalf of the Altar Society want to thank you each and every one. Natha, Lavon, & Pat Wulf

Attention:

Anyone who took a fundraiser envelope that needs to be returned by March 27th. If you thought to bring it to mass this Evening, I will be glad to get it from you. If I need to come and pick it up, just give me a call (785-456-5577) or you can drop the packet by Lavon Sanford's home in Wheaton. Thanks to all who participated In the Tupperware fundraiser. Natha

Easter Flowers Memorials/Honorariums.

Donations will decorate the altar at Easter. Please list your memorials and or honorariums on a separate sheet of paper with your donations and place at the back of church or give them to Natha Manges.

Happy Belated St Patrick's Day to you all. The altar society invites you over for an April Fool's St. Patrick celebration. We will be serving Stew, Biscuits and ask that you bring a desert or side. This will be after mass on April 1. If you can't make it there will be Stew available for sale with proceeds going to the restoration fund... just bring a container with you so we can fill or we can fill a zip lock bag of it for you. Contact Kellie O'Shea with questions. Look for sign-up sheet in the back of the church for those who want to help

Altar Society Meeting March 27th at 7pm

Knights of Columbus Meeting - April 13

Server Schedule

Mar 25th Jarritt Martens, Dylan and Devin Plummer
Apr 1st Brooklyn Plummer, Allie Valburg and Brandon Geyer
Apr 8th Maria, Rebecca and Eva Krohn
Apr 16th Eli Roggenkamp, Malea and Ethan Karnes
Apr 22nd Jarritt Martens, Dylan and Devin Plummer

Church Cleaning

April 2-8 : C. McCormick, D. Plummer, D. Suther
April 16-22: Rel. Classes/Earth Day Com. Service

The United Methodist Women of Westmoreland

cordially invite the women of St. Columbkille Church to attend their annual Spring Salad Supper and program at the Educational Bldg. on Monday, April 10, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. A free will offering will be accepted to benefit The LaGonave, a mission in Haiti. R.S.V.P. Geraldine Fouts at 785-457-3942.

Thank you for your donations to the food pantry collections! Recently 100 items were taken to the United Methodist Pantry in Frankfort. Thank you to Mike Sanford for delivering it for us.