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Annunciation Parish

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



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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 any
time by appointment

Priest: Fr. Daniel Schmitz

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The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Growing as Disciples of Jesus, Making Disciples For Jesus

Manifestations of God's Power:

Throughout Scripture, from
Genesis (Gen 18) through
most all of the book of
Revelation (Rev 1:10-11),
God has visions and
apparitions of angels and
saints to communicate his
message of Divine Mercy to
humanity, and he certainly
hasn't stopped when the last
Apostle died. Throughout the
history of the Church, Christ
and many saints have
appeared to people to
encourage repentance and
faith, furthering the mission
of the Church.

The Blessed Trinity has seen
fit to use appearances of our
Lady to bring forth abundant
fruit for the Kingdom of
Heaven.

This 1st Sunday of May, a
little focus on the message of
Our Lady at Fatima,

supplemental material to the
homily:

1917, in the midst of a war
that would see 17 million
deaths, Pope Benedict XV
asked for prayers throughout
the world to God through
Mary, Queen of Peace on
May 5th. On May 13th, in
Fatima, Portugal, three small
children, Lucia (9),
Francisco (10), and Jacinta
(6) saw a woman "brighter
than the sun, shedding rays
of light clearer and stronger
than a crystal goblet filled
with the most sparkling
water and pierced by the
burning rays of the sun." at a
place called, the Cove of
Peace. This Lady, holding a
Rosary, encouraged the
children to pray devoutly and
offer sacrifices for the glory
of God and conversion of
sinners. The children over
the coming months had six

apparitions of Our Lady.
While it was no surprise
word got around their small
town, the big surprise was on
October 13th, when 70,000
people showed up on the
word of a few small children.
They witnessed a miracle on
that day involving the sun,
but bearing the good fruit of
the conversion of many
sinners, especially
unbelievers to the Faith,
which during that time in
Portugal was undergoing a
rather severe persecution.
Our Lady promised that if
enough people pray and offer
their sufferings as sacrifice
to Our Lord, peace will
come.

This message has helped
bring peace and healing to
many families over the past
100 years, and I hope it can
inspire you to more closely
follow Our Lord today.

Proposed Plan for Phase 1, Expansion: \$500 from 100 of our ~170 families will allow us to add 6 classrooms (2 on the main floor and 4 in the basement) to the south end of the Cigna center. Additionally, by adding onto the hall in this manner, we can add ~900 sq/ft onto the main floor of the hall, or enough for approximately 9 tables/72 people to sit and eat (or be a dance floor!) Also included with be expanded bathrooms and storage.

Proposed Plan for Phase 2, Maintenance/Improvements: Replacing the floor and adding angled parking to the south of the Cigna center, demolishing the old school, resurfacing the parking lot, new flooring in at least part of the church (?), and replacing the HVAC in the Cigna Center. In essence, I'd like a plan in place for all the equipment that is getting worn out, so the next few years (cont'd on page 3...)

Mass Intentions

Date	Day	Notes	Intention
05/08/2017	Monday	Easter Weekday	No a.m. Mass
05/09/2017	Tuesday	Easter Weekday	+Roselita Roggenkamp
05/10/2017	Wednesday	10:00 am (Frankfort Care Home)	+Chuck Wendling
05/11/2017	Thursday	Easter Weekday	+Ruby Rothfelder
05/12/2017	Friday	Easter Weekday	+Ernest & +Ida Seematter
05/13/2017	Saturday	Frankfort 4:00 p. m.	For All Parishioners of the 3 Parishes
05/13/2017	Saturday	Blaine 6:00 pm	+J. Leo Caffrey
05/14/2017	Sunday	Blue Rapids 8:30 a. m.	For All Seminarians
05/14/2017	Sunday	Frankfort 10:30 a. m.	+Ray & +Carol Mitchell

Saturday, May 13th: Annunciation 4:00 pm

Lector	Jay Kennedy
Servers	Emily & Colton Weyer
Communion	J. Kennedy, C. Weyer, & M. Parthemer
Musicians	Jane S. & Rheta M.
Ushers	Joe Parthemer & Ed Brady
Gifts	Ushers to appoint
Rosary	Marybeth Kennedy
Sacristan	Cathy Weyer

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Sunday, May 14th: Annunciation 10:30 am

Lector	Bob Stallbaumer
Servers	Emilee & Breleigh Ebert, & Rebecca Adams
Communion	P. Maas, C. Hull, & S. Wapp
Musicians	Moogie R. & Lynn B.
Ushers	Jerry Broxterman & Gerald Gerstner
Gifts	Ushers to appoint
Rosary	Kay Mitchell
Care Home	Wilma Harrington
Sacristan	Dorothy Schreiner

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CCD NOTES—

Classes have ended for this year. ... A HUGE THANK YOU to all of the volunteers who gave of their time and talent in teaching the Grade School Religious Ed. classes. Also special **THANKS** to our Coordinator for her countless ways of dedication, guidance, and help during the year! **ALSO WE GRATEFULLY THANK** all those volunteers who helped make the YDisciple Junior/Senior program a success. **A special thank you to all the volunteers who provided food for the kids each evening. They greatly appreciated it!**

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATING SENIORS—

Next Sunday, May 14th at the 10:30 Mass the Seniors will be recognized. Those Seniors from our parish are Josh Armstrong, Rylen Bailey, Whalen Kokoruda, & Mic Thomas. Seniors please arrive for Mass at 10:15 and wear your gowns.

NOTICE

Benediction, Adoration, & Rosary
Tuesdays, 7:00 pm

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

MOTHERS TO BE RECOGNIZED

On Sunday, May 14th at the 10:30 am Mass the Knights of Columbus Council will recognize all Mothers who have had their children baptized since last Mother's Day. Mothers being recognized are Merica Surdez & Bowen & Blake, Alyce Dressman & Nolan, Ashley Schroller & Carter & Colton, Annie Crumbaker & Connor, Rebekah Rombeck & Emalyn, Lauren Broxterman & Tara, Kate Koch & Nash, Ronessa Stueve & Maxon.

ANNUNCIATION OFFERINGS

April 30, 2017

Envelopes \$1098.00

Plate \$284.22

Total \$1382.22

Other Income

Rice Bowl	\$ 26.05
Piano	\$ 100.00
Easter (Priesthood)	\$ 5.00
Mass Stipends	\$ 40.00
Food Sales	\$ 206.95
Cath. Home Missions	\$ 175.00

SMOKED PORK CHOP DINNER

Income

Food Sales	\$2,623.45
Country Store	\$ 220.00
Pot-O-Gold	\$ 22.00
	<u>\$2,865.45</u>

Expenses thus far

J & R Shurfine foods	\$1,275.56
Holton Recorder (ad)	\$ 23.60
FAN (ad)	\$ 36.00

MAY-MARY'S MONTH

May is always is a time of special devotion to Mary. Beginning with the Spring feast of Annunciation we think of her holiness & beauty as the Virgin Mother of God and our Mother. The Hail Mary, the Memorare, the Regina Coeli and the Rosary are prayers that express our love for her & in her intercession. Jesus comes to live in the hearts & homes of all who honor his Mother & seek her help. O Mary, Queen of May pray for us.

MARRIAGE MINUTE- It is still the Easter Season, and therefore, the season of Mercy! Have you ever thought, "How do the Works of Mercy apply to family life?" God's beautiful plan allows for the Works of Mercy to be practiced daily in family life. Corporal Works of mercy: • Give drink to the thirsty; ever give your child a cold lemonade on a hot day? • Feed the hungry; ever prepare dinner for the family? • Visit the imprisoned; ever visit your child while he is in time-out? • Visit the sick; ever visit your sick child at 3am to make sure they are ok? • Shelter the homeless; ever make a mortgage payment to provide the house you live in? • Clothe the naked; ever give a baby a new diaper and onesie? • Bury the dead; ever make sure a loved one receives proper burial? For more ways to joyfully practice the works of mercy, visit www.JoyfulMarriageProject.com

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.

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CATHOLIC CHARITIES SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM— In cooperation with Catholic Charities we will once again be participating in the Summer Lunch Program in the Park. Anyone who would like to volunteer for the program please contact Fr. Schmitz or Marilyn in the Parish Office. Watch the bulletin for details on a training session that will be held soon in the Cigna Center.

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND- "The Bishops of the United States have approved a special collection to take place in parishes across the nation on Mother's Day 2017. Your generous support will help complete a beautiful mosaic that will adorn the Trinity Dome, the crowning jewel of America's Catholic Church in Washington, D.C., The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Envelopes will be provided for your gift. Thank you for your generous contribution. For more information visit: www.trinitydome.org."

St. Vincent de Paul 1st Annual Summer Social Featuring a Kickball Tournament. Event is Sunday, June 4th. 9-11 players per teams. Games will be 6 innings. Number of boys on team cannot exceed number of girls. Cost is \$5/player for 10 yrs & younger; \$10/ player for 11 yrs & older. Teams can be composed of any age. **Please sign up by May 20th by contacting Sarah Todd at 785-410-8759 or Christine Merriman at 785-364-0489.**

(from the front page) ...we shouldn't have any surprises. This cost is anticipated to be around \$160,000, so just under \$1,000 per family, which I'd like to aim for over the 3 years following the completion of phase one. If collections stay generous over the next several years we wouldn't need to raise much for phase 2, but collections are taxed at 7% by the diocese and donations to capital campaigns are not, which is why I'm all in favor of capital campaigns. Please see the narthex of Annunciation for renderings and more detailed information.

RETROUVAILLE WEEKEND FOR COUPLES JUNE 2, 2017 KANSAS CITY
In marriage, communication is more than just talking. At some point, did you stop sharing about the things that were important to you? Did your spouse? Improving a marriage takes time and a conscious effort to learn about your spouse. Growing closer in a marriage does not happen automatically. Retrouvaille is a marriage program dedicated to helping couples grow closer and develop a stronger bond. You give your heart and soul to everything you do, between your work and your family. Are you giving your heart and soul to your marriage? Retrouvaille is a marriage program designed to bring couples closer together.
FOR MORE INFORMATION,(800) 470-2230 OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE: HELPOURMARRIAGE.COM

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

St. Vincent de Paul 1st Annual Summer Social Event. Sunday, June 4th. Serving Fried Chicken & Ham with all the fixings from (New time!) **11 AM-1:30 PM. NEW LOCATION: Pottawatomie Fairgrounds in Onaga.** Air conditioned 4-H building, handicap accessible. Bingo, Silent Auction, Games, Raffle, and Homemade Ice Cream. Come join us for the good food, company, and fun from 11 into the afternoon! Kickball tournament will be on the South baseball diamond with concessions available.



Reflecting On Sunday's Readings

“It is as absurd to argue men, as to torture them, into believing.” (Cardinal John Newman) The religious leaders of Jesus’ day made it perfectly clear that a person does not have to believe to be religious. Jesus made it perfectly clear that religion is in vain, even counter to God, if it is not rooted in faith; “ So they said to him, ‘What can we do to accomplish the works of God?’ Jesus answered and said to them, ‘This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent.’ ” John 6:28, 29 Each of this week’s Sunday Readings involves some aspect of personal faith. Because as Catholics we are often baptized as infants and raised in the Church, we often overlook the need to make our own reasoned faith decision about Jesus and the salvation he offers. Often we are Christian and Catholic because we were raised that way, not because we exercised our free choice. The Catechism says, “To be human, ‘man’s response to God by faith must be free, and . . . therefore nobody is to be forced to embrace the faith against his will. The act of faith is of its very nature a free act.” It further points out, “Faith is a personal act – the free response of the human person to the initiative of God who reveals himself.” (160, 166) So the Church teaches that it is important to make this decision to respond to God by faith in Christ. Go and Make Disciples 1 points out that “people experience conversion in many ways. Some experience a sudden, shattering insight that brings rapid transformation. Some experience a gradual growth over many years. Others undergo conversion as they take part in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults ...” Though the processes may vary the step of personal faith is crucial. The Catechism has a great definition of the concept about which we are speaking; “Believing is an act of the intellect assenting to the divine truth by command of the will moved by grace.” (155) A personal faith decision not only understands the truth about

Jesus’ death and resurrection but agrees with and responds to grace with an act of the will to consent to believe and follow Jesus. You will discover that this is the choice the people had in today’s first reading. The people, confronted with these truths by Peter, asked one another “what shall we do.” John Paul II provides a wonderful suggestion in the following quote. “. . . Please allow me to shout it aloud: ‘It is time to return to God!’ The person who does not yet have the joy of the faith is asked for the courage to seek it with confidence, perseverance and openness. Whoever has the grace of possessing it is asked to value it as the most treasured possession of his life, living it thoroughly and witnessing to it with passion. Our world hungers for faith, for an authentic and deep faith, because God alone can fully satisfy the desires of the human heart.” The Gospel reading clearly indicates that personal faith is not the mere assent to doctrinal truths but is a relationship with a loving Shepherd. Consequently, Jesus speaks of the gate of salvation as coming through a person, him; “I am the gate” and “whoever enters through me.” Because the Father is gracious he gives us the opportunity to choose to enter into this relationship with Jesus, or not to. May we find our heart fully satisfied by choosing him. 1 Published by the National Council of Catholic Bishops. 2 From “It is Time to Return to God!” L’Osservatore Romano as quoted in The Catholic Church at the End of an Age, by Ralph Martin

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Daily Mass Readings

Monday, May 8	First Reading: <u>Acts 11: 1-18</u> Gospel: <u>Jn. 10: 11-18</u>
Tues- day, May 9	First Reading: <u>Acts 11: 19-26</u> Gospel: <u>Jn. 10: 22-30</u>
Wednes- day, May 10	First Reading: <u>Acts 12: 24— 13: 5a</u> Gospel: <u>Jn. 12: 44-50</u>
Thurs- day, May 11	First Reading: <u>Acts 13: 13-25</u> Gospel: <u>Jn. 13: 16-20</u>
Friday, May 12	First Reading: <u>Acts 13: 26-33</u> Gospel: <u>Jn. 14: 1-6</u>
Satur- day, May 13	First Reading: <u>Acts 13: 44-52</u> Gospel: <u>Jn. 14: 7-14</u>
Sunday, May 14	First Reading: <u>Acts 6: 1-7</u> Second Reading: <u>1 Pt. 2: 4-9</u> Gospel: <u>Jn. 14: 1-12</u>



St. Monica\St. Elizabeth, Blue Rapids



Calendar and Mass Intention

May 14th, 8:30 am – For All Seminarians

April 30, 2017 offerings

Envelopes	\$387.00
Plate	\$125.00
Cath. Mission	\$ 60.00

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

Ministers of the Mass

Sunday May 14th, 8:30 a.m. St. Monica\St. Elizabeth

Lector	C. Toerber
Servers	M. Shanks, H. Borgerding, & C. Dobrovolny
Gifts	Miller family
Communion	H. Brungardt, J. Wienck, & N. Hirt
Ushers	M. Rowe & D. Dobrovolny

Church Cleaners: May– Peggy Waite & Hedy Saville

Sacristan Schedule: May— Peggy Waite

Breakfast Committee: May – Sarah Toerber, Dana Baier, Becky Carlson, Kelsey Gleason, & Amber Schreiner

Promotion and graduation breakfast will be May 21 after Mass.

Altar Society meeting May 17, 2017 at noon.

Community Vacation Bible School 2017 will be May 22-26! If you would like to help in any way please see Liz Miller or Sarah Toerber.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Hadley Anderson 5/8
- Lucy Bachura 5/11
- Holly Brungardt 5/13
- Hallie Borgerding 5/14
- Kynadee Bishop 5/14
- Paige Miller 5/14

ANNIVERSARIES

- Patti & Rick Moeller 5/10

ARCHBISHOP’S CALL TO SHARE– Congratulations to St. Monica/St. Elizabeth Parishioners who have responded to the Call to Share. You have pledged \$3,585.00 which is 104% of your goal. The gifts you have offered will truly bring the healing presence & the joy of our Catholic faith to Northeast Kansas. I appreciate your efforts! *Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann*

St. Gregory the Great Catholic School is seeking a Full Time 5th Grade Teacher for the upcoming 2017-18 school year. Interested applicants should complete the teacher application process online at www.archkckcs.org. Questions may be directed to Karen Farrell at 562-2831 or through email at kfarrell@stgregorychurch.org

New contact for Church Hall Rental is Holly Brungardt at 785-363-7355 or brungardt9@yahoo.com

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Parish Hall upgrade!

The parish council is in discussion to have something beside concrete for the floor in our parish hall, as well as take care of the tile in the bathrooms/kitchen.

Feel free to express preferences you have for what kind of flooring we should put down, and be on the lookout for an announcement when we have gathered a suitable number of bids for the work to be done.

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St. Columbkille Parish, Blaine KS

Ministers of the Mass *Saturday May 13, 6:00 p.m.*

Lector	Todd Sheppard
Servers	Allie Valburg, Rebecca and Eva Krohn
Ministers	Jean Knoblauch, Frank Finan, Mark Cusimano, Janet Holthaus
Hospitality	Todd & Sally Olson

Confirmation Parent Meeting

Saturday, May 6th after Mass in the hall.

St. Columbkille Cemetery Mowing Tuesday, May 9 at 6 pm

Altar Society Meeting Monday May 22nd at 7pm

Knights of Columbus Meeting - May 11 8:00 PM

Server Schedule

May 6th Brooklyn Plummer, Maria Krohn and Brandon Geyer
 May 13th Allie Valburg, Rebecca and Eva Krohn
 May 20th Eli Roggenkamp, Karnes Malea and Ethan

Church Cleaning

May 7-13: Pat Wulf, Terry McClain, Sherry Quigley
 May 21-27: Sallly Olson, Carol Minihan, Katie Kufahl, Jeanna VanDonge

Attention Parish Families

The Altar Society will again do the "Silent Auction" at the annual church bazaar in August, in lieu of the Country Store. Last year the project brought in \$800. Let's make even more this year! Get on your thinking caps for great ideas for individual items or basket themes. Some families may want to go together to make an even "bigger" theme if you like. Get your ideas to the Altar Society so that we can be even more organized this year! Thanks for your support for a great cause, our parish community.

Help us get to Indy! We have a group of teens and chaperones that will be traveling to Indianapolis in November to attend the National Catholic Youth Conference. We are selling trash bags to raise money to help pay for the pilgrimage. The trash bags come in a variety of sizes and are \$12.00 a roll. Please contact Carol Minihan, Sally Olson, or Andrea Karnes for additional information. Thank You for your support of this wonderful opportunity to grow in faith. High Quality! 100% Recycled Heavy Duty Trash Bags! In a variety of Sizes! Something everyone uses! AMERICAN MADE!

Saturday Apr. 29, 2017 offering:

4/29/2017	Envelope	525.00	
	Plate	179.00	
	Hall Rent	75.00	
			779.00

May 13th is the 100 year anniversary of the 1st apparition of Our Lady of Fatima. Everyone is invited to watch a movie documenting this apparition on our Blessed Mother. The titles include: *The 13th Day*, *Finding Fatima* and an animated show for kids titled, *The Day the Sun Danced*. Go to formed.org. If you have already registered in association with the church account, log In. If you have not yet registered, scroll down the page and enter the access code X82TT6 (case sensitive), fill out the basic info page, and you're in.

Additionally everyone is invited to say the Rosary on the 13th. The month of May is dedicated to our Blessed Mother. One might consider placing a statue of Mary out on your dining table with some flowers or candles, visit a Mary grotto in the area to say a rosary or ask for intercessory prayers from Our Mother, or begin saying the rosary daily.

Easter Memorial Flowers

Ivan Plummer – Virgie Plummer
 In Honor of Pat O'Shea and Laurie J O'Shea Parsons – Dot O'Shea
 Sophia & Mike Magnett ; Rita & Clifford Reginier, Isadora & Paul Wine,– Jean Knoblauch
 Leo Caffrey, Lawrence & Kate Noud, and Dan & Viva Caffrey -- Billie Caffrey
 Pat O'Shea, Laurie O'Shea Parsons, Lloyd & Robert Geyer – Russ & Vicky Geyer
 Michael Finan, Frank & Bridget Finan and Karl & Mary Strafass – Dorothy Finan and Family
 Ed Murray – The Bob Murray Family
 John & Lillian Minihan and Hugh & Irene Priddy – Francis & Martha Minihan
 Leroy & Betty Stewart , Patrick O'Shea , Laurie O'Shea Parsons & Jean Malone– the Steve O'Shea Family
 Kenneth & Lorena Alexander -- Denise & Frank Finan
 John & Mary Malone, Beatrice & Carl Wulf, Mark Wulf, Dorothy Schooler – Mike & Pat Wulf
 Kathy Suther -- Ralph & Karen Suther
 Lenos & Regina Lundberg and Ronald & Elaine Thompson from Steve & Karen Lundberg family
 Pat O'Shea & Laurie O'Shea Parsons – Patsy Campbell Family
 Elvera and Vernon Kufahl and Mrs Eleanor Sanford – Mike & Lavon Sanford

Building Fund Update: We have received just under \$110,000 in cash with a little over \$26,000 pledged, and are about to sign a contract with Heinen Const. for \$52,000 worth of work on the steeple and bell tower. The tuck pointing bids are currently being worked up. Please continue to pray and sacrifice for the successful renovation our building, and especially for the renewal of our hearts!