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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

Priest: Fr. Daniel Schmitz
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Annunciation Parish

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

DECEMBER 6 TH 2015

Second Sunday of Advent

Growing as Disciples of Jesus, Making Disciples For Jesus

To the right is a
commitment card from
the Archdiocese. They
ask us to each fill one
out, keeping the bottom
half at home as a
reminder and the top half
returned in the collection
basket.

Alternately, you may
visit:

[archkck.org/mercy/
commit](http://archkck.org/mercy/commit)

to fill this out online, as
well as learn more about
the Year of Mercy.

I hope this time of
showing mercy to others
bears abundant fruit in
joy and peace and helps
you invite others to show
the mercy of God to
those most in need.

Have a Blessed Advent!

Penance Services

Sun. Dec. 13th, 7:00 p.m. –Frankfort
Mon. Dec. 21st, 7:00 p.m.—Blaine
**Tues. Dec. 22nd, 7:00 p.m.- Blue
Rapids**

Your commitment to perform works of mercy will be placed
in a prayer basket in your parish and kept as a silent prayer for
those who need our care and love.

Yes! I will make a commitment
to perform (number of)
acts. _____

CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

- Daily
- Weekly
- Monthly
- Annually

Intended to:

- feed the hungry
- give drink to the thirsty
- clothe the naked
- shelter the homeless
- visit the sick
- visit the imprisoned
- bury the dead

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SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY

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- Weekly
- Monthly
- Annually

Intended to:

- instruct the ignorant
- counsel the doubtful
- admonish sinners
- bear wrongs patiently
- forgive offenses willingly
- comfort the afflicted
- pray for the living
and the dead

Please separate this card at the dotted line; place the top half
with your intentions in the basket at your parish. Please keep the
bottom half to remind you of your pledge to joyfully share mercy
with those in need.

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Mass Intentions

Date	Day	Notes	Intention
12/07/2015	Monday	St. Ambrose	6:00 pm—Blaine— +Donald “Bud” Keating
12/08/2015	Tuesday	Feast of the Immaculate Conception	8:00 am—Frankfort— +Peggy Seematter 12:00 pm—Blue Rapids— For Vocations 6:00 pm—Frankfort— +Lloyd & +Rita Gerstner
12/09/2015	Wednesday	10:00 a.m. Mass (Frankfort Care Home)	For All Priests
12/10/2015	Thursday	St. Francis Xavier	+Ray Mitchell
12/11/2015	Friday	Advent Weekday	+Lucile Haas
12/12/2015	Saturday	Frankfort 4:00 p. m.	+James & +Katy Noud
12/12/2015	Saturday	Blaine 6:00 p.m.	+Dorothy Schooler
12/13/2015	Sunday	Blue Rapids 8:30 a.m.	For All Parishioners of the 3 Parishes
12/13/2015	Sunday	Frankfort 10:30 a. m.	For All CCD students of the 3 Parishes

Saturday, December 12th: Annunciation 4:00 pm

Lector	Phil Maas
Servers	Kaci Vaughn & Allison Tommer
Communion	M. Griffin, R. Broxterman, & M. Parthemer
Musicians	Moogie R. & Lynn S.
Ushers	Bill Broxterman & Keith Tilley
Gifts	Ushers to appoint
Rosary	Charlie & Rita Broxterman
Sacristan	Pat Brady

MINISTERS

Sunday, December 13th: Annunciation 10:30 am

Lector	Bob Stallbaumer
Servers	Grace & Spencer Dressman & Amburley Kokoruda
Communion	T. Dressman, L. Dressman, & P. Maas
Musicians	Jeanie G. & Marie W.
Ushers	Dean Seematter & Jerry Broxterman
Gifts	Ushers to appoint
Rosary	Kelli Kokoruda
Care Home	Jan Stallbaumer
Sacristan	Lois Schreiner

This that and the Other...

MINISTER OF THE MASS

Dec. 8th—8:00 am

Lector: Jim Roeder

Servers: Jack & Chloe Mitchell

Communion: M. Hazen, R.

Broxterman, & S. Wapp

Sacristan: C. Farrell

Ushers: B. Marksman & Joe

Parthemer

Gifts: Ushers to appoint

Musicians: M. Roeder & Lynn S.

Rosary: Kay Mitchell

OFFICE CLOSED— The

Annunciation Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, Dec. 8th in observance of the Holy Day.

MINISTERS OF THE MASS

Dec. 8th—6:00 pm

Lector: Jean Caffrey

Servers: Garret & Caden

Dalinghaus, & Emilee Ebert

Communion: M. Parthemer, P.

Maas, & L. Schmitz

Sacristan: Pat Brady

Ushers: Todd Surdez & Joe Maas

Gifts: Ushers to appoint

Musicians: Jane S. & Rheta M.

Rosary: Eileen Bramlage

NOTICE— There will be no

Benediction or Adoration on Tuesday, Dec. 8th as Fr. Schmitz will be unavailable.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY—Holy Day of Obligation—Tuesday, December 8th

Mass Schedule

Mon., Dec. 7th, 6:00 pm—Blaine

Tues., Dec. 8th, 8:00 am-Frankfort

Tues., Dec. 8th, 12:00 pm-Blue Rapids

Tues. Dec. 8th, 6:00 pm-Frankfort

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

Sun. Dec. 13th, 3:00 pm-Marysville

Sun. Dec. 13th, 7:00 p.m. -Frankfort

Sun. Dec. 20th, 3:00 p.m.—Seneca

Mon. Dec. 21st, 7:00 p.m.—Blaine

Tues. Dec. 22nd, 7:00 p.m.-Blue Rapids

ANNUNCIATION OFFERINGS

November 30, 2015

Envelopes \$3494.07

Plate \$315.22

Total \$3809.29

Other Income

Camp. Human Dev. \$ 10.00

Thanksgiving \$ 102.00

St. Columbkille \$ 931.83*

(Fr. Schmitz Sept sal., insur., util, food, & misc. etc)

NOTICE- All parishioners are invited to the School basement for light snacks Sunday, Dec. 6th immediately after the 10:30 mass.

OPEN HOUSE—All parishioners are invited to a reception from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Cigna Center on Sunday, December 6th in celebration of Charlie & Peggy Gerstner's 40th wedding anniversary.

NOTE OF THANKS—to Erin Owen and Group I of the Teams of Our Lady for providing food for the Y Disciple Youth Group.

BIBLE STUDY—Next class, Tuesday, Dec. 8th, 7:00 p.m., Cigna Center

RELIGIOUS ED NOTES—Class, for Grades 1-6, Wed. Dec. 9th, 2:10 –3:10 pm

Jr/Sr. High Religious Ed — Class for Grades 7—12th Wednesday, December 9th, 7:00 pm

ANNUNCIATION CHOIR

PRACTICE— Wednesday, December 9th, 7:00 p.m. (All are welcome to join us! Practicing for Christmas mass.)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, FRIDAYS, 1:00 –5:00 pm

THERE IS MORE TO KNOW! The central focus of the season is the coming of the Lord. Advent comes from the Latin *adventus* meaning “coming.” The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* stresses a two-fold meaning: “When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming” (524).

“YEAR OF MERCY: COMMITMENT WEEKEND”

Beginning this weekend, we answer Pope Francis's call to give a stronger witness to our faith and a clear reflection of the actions of God in our lives. Please fill out the commitment form provided on the front of the bulletin. Keep a copy for yourself and place a copy in the collection basket. These will be kept in our church as a silent reminder of our willingness to make a sacrifice for others who are depending on us. Please take one of the Year of Mercy prayer cards and keep it with you to Learn, Look and Live a life of mercy. As we begin our commitment this year, let us remember, in the words of Pope Francis, mercy “is the fundamental law that dwells in the heart of every person who looks sincerely into the eyes of his brothers and sisters on the path of life.” Please visit www.archkck.org/mercy to learn more.

St. Columbkille Catholic Church in Blaine, Kansas will host its annual

Celtic Christmas on Saturday, December 12th from 8:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at the parish hall. Please join us.

The Axtell Ecumenical Christmas

Cantata will be presented at Salem Lutheran Church (located at the intersection of Highway 87 and Navajo Road) the evening of **Sunday, December 13, at 7:30 p.m.** “What Child Is This?” by Joel Raney will be directed by Stan Murphy, with Lisa Broxterman accompanying. A time of fellowship will follow. All are invited to attend this annual Christmas season event.

LIVING IN LOVE RETREAT—Did you know that being in love is not a stage you grow out of? Come and experience *Living in Love* a liberating retreat which gives insight into how differently men & women prefer to achieve intimacy. Next retreat opportunity is on Saturday, Jan. 16th 8:30 am to 9:00 pm (includes romantic dinner) and Sunday, January 17th 8:00 to 4:00 pm (Includes Sunday Mass) at Sacred Heart Parish, Sabetha. Register online: www.archkck.org/LivinginLove. For more info call 913-647-0345 (Marriage & Family Life Office).

FIRST RECONCILIATION— for the 2nd grade students will be held on Saturday, December 19th at 9:30 am. Please pray for the students who are preparing for this wonderful Sacrament. Those students are Wes Anderson, Riley Armstrong, Drew Broxterman, Ashlyn Dalinghaus, Annie Dressman, Simon Hull, Lorelei Loiseau, Luke Massie, Tucker Michealis, Mac Studer, Macey Wapp, & Sadie Wessel.

The 19th Annual Worldwide Candle Lighting Vigil

for the Compassionate Friends will be held on Sunday, December 13th. Everyone is invited to **light a candle** in their home from 7 - 8 PM, in memory of all children who have died, but are not forgotten! Please remember those families that have experienced such a devastating loss that evening in your prayers and honor their children by lighting a candle in their memory. The Seneca Chapter of Compassionate Friends is also planning their own Candle Lighting that evening at the Cornerstone Coffee House, 431 Main St., Seneca. Anyone who has lost a child is welcome to join them that evening to honor their children! If planning to attend, for more information about the event, or the Seneca Chapter, please call 785-336-3691.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF

NORTHEAST KANSAS—When Tom and Michelle got married they dreamed of the pitter-patter of little feet. They welcomed sticky, wet kisses and skinned knees. They dreamed of having children to complete their family. However, after years of infertility, their dream of conceiving a child was slowly fading. That's when they turned to the Adoption Services of Catholic Charities. After meeting with the Adoption Counselor, Tom and Michelle knew they had made the right decision. The on-going support they received throughout the whole process assured this couple that Catholic Charities had both parties—the birth mother & the adoptive parent—best interest at heart. It was two years ago when they welcomed their adopted son, William, into their family. Tom and Michelle's experience was so great that, this year, they turned again to Catholic Charities to grow their family. In May, William got a baby brother and Tom and Michelle have realized their dream of sticky, wet, kisses and skinned knees.



Reflecting On Sunday's Readings

“Pre-evangelism” is a modern ministry term that refers to the biblical process of preparing people to receive the Good News of Jesus and the salvation available through him. In one sense it is very much like the agricultural process of preparing the soil to receive seed so that the seed has the optimal chance of germinating and springing into life. The farmer prepares the soil by plowing, tilling, and adding various soil supplements, depending on the condition of the soil. This process takes time, energy and money, however without proper soil preparation much seed would be wasted and the harvest greatly diminished. John the Baptist was a herald of Jesus’ arrival on the scene and history of man’s salvation. John’s austere life and straightforward proclamations prepared the way for the appearance of Jesus and the starting of his ministry. John was involved in “pre-evangelism” long before the term was coined, for he conditioned hearts to be receptive to the arrival of the Lamb of God, and Jesus’ work of salvation. Consequently, when Jesus presented himself to John to be baptized, several of John’s disciples were prepared to follow Jesus, ultimately becoming his disciples. Because of John’s preparatory work the seed of Jesus’ words fell on the receptive soil of their hearts, bringing forth both growth and fruit. We know that Christ has come, that’s what we celebrate during this season of Advent. However, there dwells in our midst many people for whom Jesus’ coming does not exist. Though they may know his name and even use it when cursing, they don’t know who he is, they do not comprehend what he has done for them, and they have never encountered him personally. Many are bruised and battered by life, cynically rejecting the Truth, and steeling themselves against further hurt, they remain unreceptive to the seeds of Truth. Like the people of John the Baptist’s day people need a herald to awaken their hearts to the Good News. As Pope Paul VI points

out “Above all the Gospel must be proclaimed by witness. Take a Christian or a handful of Christians who, in the midst of their own community, show their capacity for understanding and acceptance, their sharing of life and destiny with other people, their solidarity with the efforts of all for whatever is noble and good. Let us suppose that, in addition, they radiate in an altogether simple and unaffected way their faith in values that go beyond current values, and their hope in something that is not seen and that one would not dare to imagine. Through this wordless witness these Christians stir up irresistible questions in the hearts of those who see how they live.” (Evangelii Nuntiandi, 21) Like the farmers soil, people need someone who cares enough to gently break up the fallow ground of their hearts by their living witness, so that it can receive the seeds of Truth. The season of Advent is a prime time to begin this process with people we know. Advent lends itself to being friendly and expanding relationships. Casual conversations about Christmas plans, feelings, and traditions can easily overflow into a gracious and non-threatening sharing with others the real meaning of Christmas for us. Little kindnesses and thoughtful, unexpected acts of grace-filled giving can soften and melt hearts steeled by life’s hurts, communicating love, care and concern. We not only can be, but must be, heralds of Jesus especially during this season of Advent. Who knows? Perhaps God will use us in this season to herald his coming to a friend or family member who will hear him, for the first time.

Reflecting On Sunday's Readings,
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Daily Mass Readings

Monday, December 7	First Reading: Is. 35: 1-10 Gospel: Lk. 5: 17-26
Tuesday, December 8	First Reading: Gen. 3: 9-15, 20 2nd Reading: Eph. 1: 3-6, 11-12 Gospel: Lk. 1: 26-38
Wednesday, December 9	First Reading: Is. 40: 25-31 Gospel: Mt. 11: 28-30
Thursday, December 10	First Reading: Is. 41: 13-20 Gospel: Mt. 11: 11-15
Friday, December 11	First Reading: Is. 48: 17-19 Gospel: Mt. 11: 16-19
Saturday, December 12	First Reading: Rev. 11: 19a; 12: 1-6a, 10ab Gospel: Lk. 1: 39-47
Sunday, December 13	1st Reading: Zeph. 3: 14-18a 2nd Reading: Phil. 4: 4-7 Gospel: Lk. 3: 10-18



St. Monica\St. Elizabeth, Blue Rapids



Calendar and Mass Intention

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

November 29, 2015 offerings (No report this week)

Envelopes	
Plate	

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

Ministers of the Mass

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

Lector	M. Dobrovolny
Servers	H. Borgerding, M. Toerber, & A. Toerber
Gifts	Miller Family
Communion	H. Borgerding, M. Zidek, & J. Wienck
Ushers	J. Bachura & S. Toerber

Church Cleaners: December— All parish members (general cleaning)

Sacristan Schedule: December—Norma Hirt

Breakfast Committee: December 6— Norma Hirt, Hedy Saville, & Sharon Skillin. If you cannot work the month you are assigned then trade with someone.

Altar Society -Next meeting will be December 9th at 6:30 p.m. We will be making plans for our Soup Day in February.

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Eliza Benteman 12/6
Dan Howell 12/6
Linda Cohorst 12/13
Connor Gleason 12/13

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. **DEADLINE FOR SIGNUP WILL BE DECEMBER 7TH.**

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL

Envelopes are in the back of church if you would like to have a poinsettia placed in memory of a deceased loved one. Please provide the name or names for whom you would like to be remembered and place in the collection baskets.

ULTIMATE JOY

A PARISH FESTIVAL TO CELEBRATE REAL JOY THAT ONLY JESUS CAN PROVIDE

NORTHEAST KANSAS RURAL YOUTH COUNCIL IS COMING TO FRANKFORT

Sunday, December 6th light snacks after the 10:30 mass in the Annunciation School basement for all parishioners followed by Joy Program for pre-school –8th grade youth until 12:30 pm

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 December 12, 6:00 p.m.* **Saturday November 28, 2015 offering:**

Lector	Todd Sheppard
Servers	
Ministers	C. Sheppard, F. Finan, M. Cusimano
Hospitality	Dot & Debbie O'Shea, & Patsy Campbell

11/28/2015	Envelope	365.00	
	Plate	78.00	
	CCHD	20.00	
	Mass Intentions	10.00	
	Hall Rent	30.00	
			503.00
11/28/2015	Hall Annex Fund		100.00

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING:
December 10, 2015

Altar Society Meeting Dates—
December (no meeting)

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

NOTE OF THANKS-

Thank you to all who served and came to the reception for Father Dan.

St. Columbkille Parish, Blaine, Kansas Annual Celtic Christmas-

St. Columbkille Catholic Church in Blaine, Kansas will host its annual Celtic Christmas on Saturday, December 12th from 8:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at the parish hall. Please join us for Cookies and Candies Sold by the Pound, Breakfast Burritos, Homemade Cinnamon Rolls and Homemade Kolaches. Four different kinds of soup will be served for lunch: Chili, Chicken Noodle, Potato, and Vegetable Beef. Ham sandwiches and Chili Dogs will also be available. Homemade Pies. Holiday Vendors.

NOTICE

The youth will be having their 3rd Annual booth with "Slightly loved Christmas decorations" at the Annual Celtic Christmas. If you have Christmas decorations you no longer use, please feel free to donate them. You can leave them in the back of Church and someone will take them over to the hall. The money from the resale of these items goes to various youth activities that will be coming up in 2016.

ALL PARISHIONERS INVITED to a surprise 60th birthday party for Sherry Quigley, and Terry Johnson on January 3rd from 2-5pm at the parish hall.

Westmoreland United Methodist Women would like the women of St. Columbkille church to join them at their Christmas Dinner on Monday, December 7th at 6:30pm in the education building south of the church. In recognition of the birth of Christ and the spirit of giving, there will be an opportunity for one to donate to one of our missions "The Big Garden" which grew 82 tons of produce for persons in Nebraska, Iowa and Kansas in 2014. Entertainment will be provided by the Rock Creek HS Jazz band. Please RSVP by December 1st, to Geraldine Fouts 785-457-3942 or email mapafl@bkbluevalley.net, or Dena Schmitz at 785-457-2800 or email denaschmitz@bluevalley.net.

Rob & Diane Campanella, Randy Kufahl, Jennifer Woods and the staff of Campanella Family Funeral Homes

Would like to invite everyone to join us for our Second Annual

Memorial Tribute Service - 2015

Our Second Annual Memorial Tribute Service will be held **Saturday, December 12, 2015**

Hors d'oeuvres from 5:30 p.m.

Memorial Tribute Service will begin at 6:30 p.m.

**Campanella-Evans Mortuary
612 E Hwy 24, Wamego, Kansas**

Please know that anyone who wants to participate will be welcomed, we will accept pictures along with name and dates, no matter when or where services were held. [Submit information and Photo](#)

Photos can be dropped off at our office in Wamego, or mailed to P.O. Box 232, Wamego, KS 66547.

Please include the following information: A photo of your loved one, original photos will be returned to you. Your Name and Address (address label can placed on the back of the photo)

Your loved ones full name, date of birth and date of death.

Also, did your loved serve in the military?

If you have or know of any social concerns, please contact Lavon Sanford at 870-341-1446 or Patsy Campbell at 785-457-3731. For prayer request contact Lisa Moser 785-396-4328.

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.