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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

JULY 24 TH 2016

## The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### *Growing as Disciples of Jesus, (Making Disciples For Jesus)*

Today's first reading focuses on sin. In fact, it says "their sin so grave..." But we also see Abraham's desire for God to show his mercy. Abraham pleads with God to spare the city so that the righteous may live, and God wheels and deals back. However, as we read, sin destroyed the city of Sodom and Gomorrah. Clearly sin separated God from the people of the town. Undoubtedly they were filled with unrepentant mortal sins. But the church also talks about venial sins. We must be clear on the difference so we can be worthy of the Eucharist and of eternity in Heaven. According to the Church a mortal sin is an offense that severs our friendship

with God. Because of this loss we also lose sanctifying grace. These losses ensure us that if we die with unconfessed mortal sin we suffer eternal damnation in hell. A venial sin is not as severe. It hurts our relationship but doesn't destroy it. Think of it like this: your best friend borrows your car and scratches the back bumper. You probably will not end your friendship over that, but you may be pretty angry. If the friend drove drunk and rear ended another car and totaled it as well as yours, charging your insurance and increasing your premiums, you may sever that friendship. Such it is with our relationship with God.

In order for a sin to be mortal the catechism says it must: be a grave matter that offends God's law, you must be aware it's wrong and you must fully and freely give consent. If one of these three is not met, the severity of the sin is reduced. However, let's remember that venial sins can easily lead to mortal sins if not held in check. Therefore, let us continue to seek Christ's mercy and forgiveness in the sacrament of reconciliation and really vow to avoid the near occasion of sin.

Your Seminarian in Christ,  
Jason Roberts

### FORMING CONSCIENCE FOR FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

Seminarian Jason Roberts will be presenting three sessions on the US Catholic Bishop's vision for Catholic participation in political life at St. Columbkille Parish Hall on July 21st, July 28th, and Aug. 4th beginning at 7:00 p.m.

July 21st: Our Call as Catholic citizens (What the church says about public policy)

July 28th: Making Choices and applying principles (Forming your conscience)

Aug. 4th: Church Teaching on the issues (Life, Marriage, Immigration, Education, etc.)

# Mass Intentions

Date	Day	Notes	Intention
07/25/2016	Monday	St. James, apostle	No a.m. Mass
07/26/2016	Tuesday	Sts. Joachim and Anne	+Lucile Haas
07/27/2016	Wednesday	10:00 am (Frankfort Care Home)	+Edward Gregg
07/28/2016	Thursday	Weekday	+Jeff Horigan
07/29/2016	Friday	St. Martha	+Mary Armstrong
07/30/2016	Saturday	Frankfort 4:00 p. m.	+Ignatius & +Dick Noud
07/30/2016	Saturday	Blaine 6:00 p.m.	+Connie & +Sissy Depew
07/31/2016	Sunday	Blue Rapids 8:30 a. m.	+Mr and +Mrs Ignatius Swoboda
07/31/2016	Sunday	Frankfort 10:30 a. m.	For All Parishioners of the 3 Parishes

## Saturday, July 30th: Annunciation 4:00 pm

Lector	Phil Maas
Servers	Jarrett, Samuel, & Hattie Gros
Communion	J. Roberts, P. Brady, & M. Kennedy
Musicians	J. Gerstner, L. Bramhall, & D. Sandmann
Ushers	Paul Tommer & Roy Miller
Gifts	Ushers to appoint
Rosary	Marybeth Kennedy
Sacristan	Pat Brady

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## Sunday, July 31st: Annunciation 10:30 am

Lector	Andrea Dressman
Servers	Tara & Grady Fox, & Devin Helmerichs
Communion	J. Roberts, T. Dressman, & Brady Trimble
Musicians	Marilyn Dressman & Frannie Fangman
Ushers	Myron Dressman & Wayne Mitchell
Gifts	Ushers to appoint
Rosary	Kelli Kokoruda
Care Home	Wilma Harrington
Sacristan	Elma Mitchell

## *This that and the Other...*

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES** to Mary Lou Boeckman who celebrated her 85th birthday this weekend.. Wishing you many more!

**ANNUNCIATION PARISH COUNCIL NOTES**—Next Parish Council meeting is Thursday, August 4th at 7:00 pm

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

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Fridays, 1:00—5:00 pm**

**Catholic Charities summer lunch program.** We are in need of 1 more volunteer for the following dates.. Wednesday, July 27th and Monday, August 1st. If you are able to help out on one or both of those days please contact Marilyn in the Parish Office. Thank you to everyone who have donated their time this summer to the lunch program.

**NOTICE**— The dates for the 3 sessions called **FORMING CONSCIENCE FOR FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP** presented by Seminarian Jason Roberts at St. Columbkille Parish Hall are July 21st, July 28th, & August 4th. All classes begin at 7:00 pm. All parishioners are invited to attend! See page 1 for weekly topic discussion.

**SAVE THE DATE**— Annunciation Parish will host a women's retreat "Rediscovering Joy" on October 15. More details to come.

## **ANNUNCIATION OFFERINGS**

**July 17, 2016**

Envelopes \$1290.00

Plate \$176.23

Total \$1466.23

### **Other Income**

Use of Hall \$ 90.00

Picnic \$685.00

**Marriage Minute** - What the heck is going on here? It seems as if America is sometimes a difficult place to recognize. However, this is not a new experience in human history. For instance, that same question could have been asked in Abraham's time about Sodom and Gomorrah. God was willing to offer mercy if there was one righteous person in the culture. We know the result for Sodom and Gomorrah, but we also know the answer for human history in light of the New Testament. There is only one righteous person who can save any culture, Jesus Christ. The good news is that we can participate in saving our own culture if we simply stay connected to the one righteous Man who desires to redeem all cultures. Maybe that is why Jesus suggested praying the "Our Father" in this Sunday's Gospel. Will you pray this daily for marriage and the culture?

### **AREA CHURCH PICNICS**

**ST. JOSEPH CHURCH, FLUSH**—Annual Church Picnic & Bazaar, Wednesday, July 27th. Chicken dinner. Serving 5:00-8:00 pm. Country Crafts... All are welcome!

### **ST. GREGORY CHURCH,**

**MARYSVILLE**—Annual Church Picnic, Sunday, August 14th. Games for all ages! All are welcome!

### **SACRED HEART CHURCH,**

**SABETHA**—Annual Chicken dinner & Picnic. Sunday, August 14th. Serving begins at 4:30 pm. Games for all ages! All are welcome!

**REMINDER**—Annunciation Parish Annual Church Picnic has been scheduled for **Sunday, September 25th** with new serving hours of 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Mark your calendars and plan to join us!

### **MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT-DEACON JAMES KEATING**

Married couples: Wouldn't you like to be great lovers? "It has been said that great artists begin to 'think in music, or think in colors,' and so it is with great and holy lovers....they begin to think in love!" Come and hear about three simple

steps: beholding, listening and forgiving in your spousal relationship that are the path to being great and holy lovers. Deacon James Keating, married 29 years, father of 4 children, from the Institute for Priestly Formation will share insights that Catholic writer and speaker Ralph Martin calls practical and inspiring. Location: Church of the Ascension, July 30th, 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. To register: [www.archkck.org/marital\\_happiness](http://www.archkck.org/marital_happiness) or call 913 647 0329.

### **17th ANNUAL MIDWEST CATHOLIC FAMILY**

**CONFERENCE** August 5-7, 2016 Century II Convention Center- 225 W. Douglas Avenue-Wichita, KS Programs for all ages-Adult Program, Young Adult Program (ages 18-39, High School Program (grades 9-12), Middle School Program (Grades 6-8), Children's Program (3-4 years old, K-1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, & 5th graders) Inspiration-Education-Daily Mass-Confession-Benediction -Adoration-Outdoor Eucharistic Procession-Music-Vendors.

### **RETREAT OPPORTUNITY**

—Christ's Peace will host a retreat on Interior Freedom and Inner Peace on Saturday, August 6 to Sunday, August 7. The retreat will begin at 9 am Saturday and conclude mid-afternoon Sunday. There will be 4 or 5 talks, Eucharistic Adoration, Mass at the local parish on Saturday and time for spiritual reading, private prayer, reflection, discussion and walking outdoors. If you would like to attend, please contact us at [info@christspeace.com](mailto:info@christspeace.com) or 913- 773-8255. The cost is \$85 for individuals and \$125 for couples and includes all meals.

### **Silent Directed Retreat**

**August 9-14**

**Tuesday, 4:00 pm – Sunday, 1:00 pm**

In the quiet of a monastic setting, come and experience the sacred through personal prayer and daily meetings with a Benedictine sister who is a trained spiritual director. There are also opportunities for daily centering prayer and group sharing of scripture. For more information or to register, call 913-360-6173 or visit Sophia Spirituality Center's website at

[www.sophiaspiritualitycenter.org](http://www.sophiaspiritualitycenter.org)

### **Teens Encounter Christ weekend,**

**August 13-15.** Please consider spending a weekend at Prairie Star Ranch with other teens to learn and

develop a meaningful relationship with Jesus. This may just be exactly what you need before starting the busy school year. If interested contact Linda Roeder at 799 4460.

### **Radiate Mercy –2nd Annual Regional Adult Retreat & Luncheon**

—Saturday, August 13th 10:00 am-1:00 pm. Knights of Columbus Hall, Seneca. \$15 per person. Light breakfast and registration beginning at 9:30 am. Program begins at 10:00 am—Full lunch served. Music by Mikey Needleman and keynote speaker is Chris Padgett. Questions contact Susan Stallbaumer at 785-336-1124. Register one of 3 ways by August 10th. Online at [www.archkck.org/rural-outreach](http://www.archkck.org/rural-outreach) (2) by email: Angie Bittner at [ruralityouth@archkck.org](mailto:ruralityouth@archkck.org) or Susan Stallbaumer at [slstallbaumer@yahoo.com](mailto:slstallbaumer@yahoo.com) or (3) call Susan. Sponsored by the Rural Youth Ministry OutReach/Archdiocese of Kansas City.

### **Married couples, do you want to rekindle that love that you had on your wedding day?**

"Before our Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, all Jim and I ever talked about was kids, his job, the house and money. I wondered what happened to the couple that talked on the phone for hours after being together all day during our courtship. On our weekend we discovered that couple!" The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend in Kansas City is Sept. 30-Oct. 2, 2016. For more information or to apply, please visit our website: [www.wwme4youandme.org](http://www.wwme4youandme.org). or call Tony & Barb Zimmerman at 816-741-4066 or e-mail [tonybarbz@prodigy.net](mailto:tonybarbz@prodigy.net)

### **NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING**

—Learn about Catholic teaching on responsible parenthood and Natural Family Planning. Visit US Conference of Catholic Bishops NFP Program's website at <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/natural-family-planning>.

**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

Prayer is one of the great mysteries of the Christian faith and one of the most difficult, yet most fruitful disciplines. It requires simple faith, not great faith, but simple faith. If it required great faith it would only be available to a few. Faith, "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen, ..." is the ability to believe God for things which we do not currently see. Consequently, prayer is both our first line of offense and first line of defense in spiritual warfare, for spiritual warfare is the unseen battle for the souls of people. Rightly so, did the disciples recognize early in their relationship with Jesus that his life was marked by prayer, and that power and union with the Father was somehow linked to this discipline of prayer. They did not hesitate to ask, "Lord, teach us to pray." The disciples were not religiously ignorant men. They were schooled in the prayers and praying of their Jewish faith, but they recognized that somehow Jesus', and also John the Baptist's, level of praying exceeded that with which they were familiar. So they asked, "Lord teach us to pray." Perhaps that is the first lesson of this week's Gospel Reading; when we recognize the ineptness of our prayer life we need to humbly ask Jesus to teach us to pray. Imagine what would happen if for a month or two you daily asked him to do this. Ask another to teach you to pray and they probably will take you to their bookshelf or the local religious bookstore to find one of the myriad how-to books on the subject. Jesus simply taught them a useable format, so powerful that it has had enduring value for centuries both as a learned prayer and as a valuable pattern for praying. You can learn some things about prayer by reading about it, but you really learn to pray by praying. Imagine what would happen if along with your request to Jesus to teach you to pray, you began praying the Lord's prayer daily for a month or two, not simply as a prayer but also as a pattern for other prayer. Interestingly, in

response to the disciple's request, the other two things Jesus taught regarding prayer were to be persistent ("Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you,") and to have confidence that God will do better than we ask ("If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father ...") Because prayer takes discipline, is spiritual warfare, and requires faith we need to learn to never give up. This message is especially vital in our culture of instant gratification where delay is not an option, and having it now is expected. What could possibly entice us to be persistent when our prayers are not instantly answered? It could only be the conviction that God is really hearing us when we pray and that he has promised that his solutions will exceed our needs. If we perceive the Father to be like the man Jesus talked about, one from whom we have to wrestle help, we won't persist. But Jesus shows us that the Father is not that way, rather he is more loving than the most caring parent. He will respond to our requests with answers that exceed our needs. If we believe he is the Gracious Giver we will persist in prayer. St. Gregory of Nyssa, speaking of the Lord's prayer says, "Now, I make bold to add a little to what Scripture says; for the present congregation needs instruction not so much on how to pray, as on the necessity of praying at all, a necessity that has perhaps not yet been grasped by most people. In fact, the majority of men grievously neglect in their life this sacred and divine work which is prayer. In this matter, therefore, I think it right first of all to insist as much as possible that one must persevere in prayer ... secondly, that we must listen attentively to the Divine Voice which proposes to us the manner in which we should offer prayer to the Lord." So let us begin afresh by asking, "Lord, teach us to pray."

## Daily Mass Readings

Monday, July 25	First Reading: <u>2 Cor. 4: 7-15</u> Gospel: <u>Mt. 20: 20-28</u>
Tuesday, July 26	First Reading: <u>Jer. 14: 17-22</u> Gospel: <u>Mt. 13: 36-43</u>
Wednesday, July 27	First Reading: <u>Jer. 15: 10, 16-21</u> Gospel: <u>Mt. 13: 44-46</u>
Thursday, July 28	First Reading: <u>Jer. 18: 1-6</u> Gospel: <u>Mt. 13: 47-53</u>
Friday, July 29	First Reading: <u>Jer. 26: 1-9</u> Gospel: <u>Jn. 11: 19-27 or Lk. 10: 38-42</u>
Saturday, July 30	First Reading: <u>Jer. 26: 11-16, 24</u> Gospel: <u>Mt. 14: 1-12</u>
Sunday, July 31	1st Reading: <u>Eccl. 1: 2; 2: 21-23</u> 2nd Reading: <u>Col. 3: 1-5, 9-11</u> Gospel: <u>Lk. 12: 13-21</u>

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Looking for a way of praying consistently, and praying with and for others? [www.praymorenovenas.com](http://www.praymorenovenas.com) allows you to join over 200,000 other Catholics with daily prayers/videos emailed to you. It contains some of the most popular novenas in the Church. Novenas are great ways of regularly praying both in thanksgiving for the gifts God has given you and for asking for the good things the Father wants to give His children.



# St. Monica\St. Elizabeth, Blue Rapids



## Calendar and Mass Intention

July 31, 8:30 am– +Mr & +Mrs Ignatius Swoboda

July 17, 2016 offerings

Envelopes	\$297.00
Plate	\$153.00

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

## Ministers of the Mass

**Sunday July 31st, 8:30 a.m. St. Monica\St. Elizabeth**

<b>Lector</b>	Z. Duensing
<b>Servers</b>	M. Toerber, M. Shanks, & I. Baier
<b>Gifts</b>	Dobrovolny family
<b>Communion</b>	S. Henry, E. Henry, & H. Botkin
<b>Ushers</b>	H. Botkin & A. Edwards

**Church Cleaners: August–** Liz Miller & Sarah Toerber  
**Sacristan Schedule: August—** Jan Bergkamp

**Altar Society meeting** July 27, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. Will discuss the Music in the Park and the fair lunch stand proceeds.

**PARISH COUNCIL NOTES**— Thank you to all members who have served in the past. We are looking for two or three new members to serve on the council. If you are interested please contact Fr. Schmitz.

**Mark your calendars—Future date**  
October 23 Pork Lion Dinner

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
Jacob Benteman 7/26  
Mindy Sibley 7/26  
Brooke Lees 7/27  
Jim Borgerding 7/29

**ANNIVERSARIES**  
Leroy & Mindy Sibley 7/30

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**Are you new to the Parish?** New members please contact Zita Duensing at 785-363-7456; or email is [zitaduensing@att.net](mailto:zitaduensing@att.net). to get your names in the parish records. **Notice to all parishioners—If you have a change of address or change of phone numbers, please contact Zita Duensing.**



# St. Columbkille Parish, Blaine KS

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

<b>Lector</b>	Ralph Suther
<b>Servers</b> <b>Cross Bearer</b>	Knights of Columbus
<b>Ministers</b>	Knights of Columbus
<b>Hospitality</b>	Knights of Columbus

**Saturday July 16, 2016 offering:**

7/16/2016	Envelope	593.00	
	Plate	131.00	
	Mass Intentions	50.00	
	Grand Prize	340.00	
			1,114.00

7/16/2016	Hall Annex (K of C fund raiser)		750.00
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**2016 Church Cleaning Schedule**

Aug. 7-13: Vicki Geyer, Patsy Campbell, Megan Campbell, Erin Plummer, Debbie O'Shea  
 Aug. 21-27: Connie Cusimano, Karen Suther, Micki Suther

**Altar Society Meeting** Monday July 25<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

**CEMETERY MOWING**— Tuesday, July 26th, 6:00 pm

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**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**— every Friday 11:00 to 2:00 pm. All Parishioners are invited to drop in when they can to share in the peace & blessings of Adoration.

**WAMEGO FARMERS MARKET** —Every Saturday, May through October, 9:00 am—Noon at the WTC Inc., parking lot, 1009 Lincoln St., Wamego.

**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.

**VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER**— Saturday, July 23rd, immediately following the 6:00 pm Mass in the Parish Hall. All those who volunteer in parish ministry are invited to attend.

**Kids Summer Lunches** can be picked up at the Blaine Hall from 10:45 to 11:00, Monday - Friday during the month of July. Lunches are free to all children 18 years and under. Just drop in with your children - grab and go!

**Server Schedule**

July 23<sup>rd</sup> Molly Minihan, Malea Karnes  
 Cross Bearer Ethan Karnes  
 Aug 6th Eva and Maria Krohn  
 Cross Bearer Rebecca Krohn  
 Aug 13th Brooklyn and Dylan Plummer  
 Cross Bearer Devin Plummer  
 Aug 20th Allie Valburg and Eli Roggenkamp  
 Cross Bearer Jarritt Martens