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Frankfort, KS 66427
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. Columbille 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

Priest: Fr. Daniel Schmitz
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Annunciation Parish

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

DECEMBER 4TH 2016

Second Sunday of Advent

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

Advent Penance Services

- Dec. 4th, 7:00 pm**
St. Bede's, Kelly
- Dec. 10th, 7:00 pm**
St. Vincent De Paul,
Onaga
- Dec. 11th, 3:00 pm**
St. Gregory, Marysville
- Dec. 11th, 7:00 pm**
Annunciation
- Dec. 18th, 3:00 pm**
Sts. Peter & Paul, Seneca

(More Opportunities for Confessions)

- Dec. 14th (6:30 pm 1st
Confessions St. Columbille,
Blaine)
- Dec. 14th, 7:00 pm**
Individual Confessions,
St. Columbille, Blaine
- Dec. 19th 7:00 pm**
St. Columbille, Blaine
- Dec. 21st, 7:00 pm**
St. Monica/St.
Elizabeth, Blue Rapids

Things Take Time

"Anything worth doing
is worth doing poorly."
G.K. Chesterton turned
a common phrase on its
head to make the point
that its ok to fail when
we're trying to do
anything good.
We can get frustrated
when things don't go
according to our plans,
and give up if we don't
succeed on our time
frame. But in
remembering that
Things Take Time,
especially in the
spiritual life, we can
have patience with
ourselves and persevere
in those activities in life
that are worth our time.
Holydays help us make
time for the important
things, including

reconciliation. In our
attempt to do
worthwhile things well,
we fail. Even in
attempting
reconciliation, we may
not succeed the first
time. But practice makes
perfect; please continue
practicing the gift that
Jesus gives us, of being
reconciled to the Father,
and in Him, to be
reconciled to one
another. Please take one
of the times offered for
reconciliation.

CCC 620: Our salvation
flows from God's initiative
of love for us, because "he
loved us and sent his Son
to be the expiation for our
sins" (1 Jn 4:10).
"God was in Christ
reconciling the world to
himself" (2 Cor 5:19)

*Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, December 8th
Our feast today celebrates Mary's conception, even though the great story of the An-
nunciation is told once again in the Gospel reading (Lk. 1: 26-38.) The gospel passage
directs our attention to Jesus' conception and the working of the Holy Spirit. Mary
would have it no other way. The mass schedule for the Holy Day is below:*

Wed., Dec. 7th, 6:00 pm Blue Rapids
Thurs. Dec. 8th 8:00 am Frankfort
Thurs. Dec. 8th, 12:00 pm Blaine
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Mass Intentions

Date	Day	Notes	Intention
12/05/2016	Monday	Advent Weekday	No a.m. Mass
12/06/2016	Tuesday	Advent Weekday	Liv/Dec'd Wessel family
12/07/2016	Wednesday	10:00 am (Care Home)	+Marcella Roeder 6:00 pm –St. Monica/St. Elizabeth -Holy Souls in Purgatory
12/08/2016	Thursday	The Immaculate Conception of the Bl. Virgin Mary	8:00 am –Annunciation —+Peggy Seematter 12:00 pm —St. Columbkille —+Joanne Noel 6:00 pm --Annunciation —+Ed Dressman
12/09/2016	Friday	Advent Weekday	+Melvin Suther
12/10/2016	Saturday	Frankfort 4:00 p. m.	+James & +Katy Noud
12/10/2016	Saturday	Blaine 6:00 p.m.	+Lloyd Geyer
12/11/2016	Sunday	Blue Rapids 8:30 a. m.	For All Parishioners of the 3 Parishes
12/11/2016	Sunday	Frankfort 10:30 a. m.	+Martha Engelken

Saturday, Dec. 10th: Annunciation 4:00 pm

Sunday, Dec. 11th: Annunciation 10:30 am

Lector	Cathy Weyer
Servers	Emily & Colton Weyer
Communion	M. Griffin, C. Weyer, & R. Broxterman
Musicians	Jane S., Rheta M., & Lynn S.
Ushers	Roy Miller & Bill Broxterman
Gifts	Ushers to appoint
Rosary	Charlie & Rita Broxterman
Sacristan	Cathy Weyer

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Lector	Charlie Gerstner
Servers	Grace Dressman, Alyssa Mitchell, & Sydney Wapp
Communion	L. Schreiner, L. Dressman, & Brady Trimble
Musicians	Jeanie Gerstner & Emily Ford
Ushers	Maurice Bergman & Spencer Dressman
Gifts	Ushers to appoint
Rosary	Kay Mitchell
Care Home	Mary Ann Dressman
Sacristan	Lois Schreiner

This that and the Other...

MINISTERS OF THE MASS

Tuesday, Dec. 8th, 8:00 am

Lector: Marilyn Hazen
Sacristan: Pam Suther
Rosary: Sylvia Wapp

MINISTERS OF THE MASS

Tuesday, Dec. 8th, 6:00 pm

Lector: Vicki Adams
Servers: Rebecca Adams, & Claire & Ava Broxterman
Communion: M. Kennedy, P. Maas, & L. Schreiner
Sacristan: M. Kennedy
Ushers: Myron D. & Joe Maas
Gifts: (Ushers to Appoint)
Musicians: Moogie R. & Lynn B.
Rosary: Wilma Harrington

NOTICE– The Annunciation Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, Dec. 8th in observance of Holy Day.

NOTICE There will be no Benediction or Adoration on Tuesday, Dec. 6th as Fr. Schmitz will be unavailable.

ANNUNCIATION CHOIR

PRACTICE– Wednesday, Dec. 7th, 7:30 pm

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

WELCOME &

CONGRATULATIONS to Tara May Broxterman, daughter of Eric & Lauren Broxterman who was baptized at Annunciation Church this weekend. Her sponsors are Ross Broxterman and Mackenzie Neal.

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO READ DURING ADVENT?

Visit the Savior Bookstore ONLINE and order now at www.saviorbookstore.com We have Bibles, Catechisms and a selection of Catholic books recommended by Archbishop Naumann. Good options for Christmas gifts!

ANNUNCIATION OFFERINGS

November 27, 2016

Envelopes \$1414.36

Plate \$241.75

Total \$1656.11

Other Income

Hall Use \$200.00

Picnic \$ 50.00

Thanksgiving \$262.12

Turkey Dinner Results

Income

Total Income \$4281.00

Expenses thus far \$ 171.10

J & R \$ 578.83

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECTION next

weekend. Your donation works for aging religious. "I read that roughly 95% of donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious aid senior religious," a donor writes. "That's wonderful when we truly want our donations to work." Your gift works for elderly religious by helping to furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please support next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious and give to those who have given a lifetime.

CCD NOTES-

Class Grades 1-6, Wednesday,
December 7th, 3:40 to 5:00 pm

Class Grades 7-12, Wednesday,
December 7th, 7:00 pm

CHWC Fundraiser Meal Valley Heights (Commons Area) Friday, Dec. 9th. Serving Pulled Pork Sandwich, chips, baked beans, & dessert. Serving Time 5:00—7:30 pm. Proceeds will be used by local students to attend the Catholic Heart Mission Trip in 2017.

CELTIC CHRISTMAS- Saturday, Dec. 10th. At St. Columbkille Parish Hall, Blaine. 8:30 am-1:30 pm Breakfast Burritos, Homemade Cinnamon Rolls, Kolaches, Homemade Soups & Pies, Ham Sandwiches, & Chili Dogs. Holiday Cookies & Candies sold by the pound. Holiday Shopping Vendors. Come Spend the Day with Us!

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL-
In remembrance of our deceased family members & friends during the Christmas season you are invited to make a donation toward the poinsettias. Please put your donation in the special envelope found in your packet & write the name of the person or persons to be remembered & place in the collection basket. We will publish those names in the bulletin.

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The 20th **Annual Worldwide Candle Lighting Vigil** for the Compassionate Friends will be held on Sunday, December 11th. 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! The Seneca Chapter of Compassionate Friends is planning their own Candle Lighting that evening at the Cornerstone Coffee Haus, 431 Main St. Anyone who has lost a child is welcome to join them that evening. If planning to attend or for more info. about the event, please call 785-336-3691.

Marriage Minute— Have you ever driven on an icy, winding mountain road, or sat in construction traffic for miles? Now think about driving on a wide, dry, flat, open highway. In which scenario can you arrive at your destination more quickly? In which case is the journey more fun? In today's Gospel, John declares that his job is to "make straight his paths." He has been tasked with unwinding, smoothing and clearing the highway between people and their Savior. Your marriage is your vocation, which means it is your "highway" to Jesus. We all need a "John" in our lives to help straighten that path and keep it clear. How do we do this? By learning simple ways to communicate or reconcile, by being reminded of our spouse's wonderful qualities, by receiving encouragement from others. In other words, by setting aside some time for marriage enrichment. What better gift could you give your spouse this Christmas? See www.joyfulmarriageproject for ideas.

NEW YEAR'S EVE CHWC Fundraiser Dinner Located at the

Cigna Center Smoked Pork Chop, Sweet Potato or White Potato, Salad, Roll and Dessert, \$15 per Meal, Reservations are a MUST for the following time slots: 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00. To Go Orders or Local Deliveries are available (must call in advance). RSVP by December 29
EMAIL: roederlinda@yahoo.com
TEXT: 785-844-0060, (785) 927-0445, (785) 713-2456 CALL: 785-799-4460

Is your marriage going down the right road . . . or is it a little off track?

Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage. Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? **Retrouvaille** can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, contact registration team: Local Telephone @ 800-470-2230 or visit our website: HelpOurMarriage.com

GIVE YOUR SPOUSE A SPECIAL GIFT THIS CHRISTMAS

Sign up now for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend and receive the gift of a great marriage. Making a weekend will help you put a little Christmas in your marriage every day! The next Weekend in Kansas City is January 27-29, 2017 For more information or to apply, please visit our website: www.wmme4youandme.org or call Tony & Barb Zimmerman, 816-741-4066 or email tonybarbz@prodigy.net

"Be the Match" Drive for Potential Donors of Stem Cells and Bone Marrow

There are many people who have leukemia who are on the transplant waiting list, waiting for living donors of stem cells and bone marrow. The Marysville Berean Church is hosting a "Be the Match" drive on December 10, Saturday, between 11AM-3PM, so that interested people, between the ages of 18-45, can pick up information on being a donor. They can even give a DNA sample (from a cheek swab) to determine if they are potential matches for people on the waiting list. By giving a DNA sample does not commit a person to being a donor, but it is the beginning of a process of being a donor if that person is interested. The event is "come and go," so a person can drop in anytime during 11-3, and spend just a few minutes talking to a representative of the Midwest Transplant Network, and be on his or her way again. During this "season of giving," please consider giving this life-saving gift to another brother or sister in Christ.



Reflecting On Sunday's Readings

Years ago, I read a cute story that fits well with this week's Advent theme. "The Cardinal was approached one day in the cathedral by a very excited young curate. 'Your eminence' he cried, 'a woman claims to have just seen a vision of the Savior in the chapel behind the main altar. What should we do?' 'Look busy,' the Cardinal told him, 'Look busy!'" Advent is a season of preparation that reminds us, by looking at Jesus' first appearance, that he will appear again. Advent should call us to repent of our attitude of indifference and slothfulness regarding the Lord, and call us from inaction to action. The weeks of Advent provide an opportunity for us to prepare our hearts not only to celebrate the Lord's incarnation but to allow the Lord to be re-birthed in our heart. This week's Gospel reading provides insight as to how we can do that. John the Baptist came ahead of Jesus' public ministry proclaiming, "prepare the way of the Lord." That preparation consisted of confession of their sins and presenting themselves for baptism by John as a sign of their repentance. Now as Catholics we have already been baptized, and confession is a normal part of our spirituality, so what is the meaning and application of this passage for us? Perhaps the meaning and application can be better understood by way of contrast—looking at what it doesn't mean. The Pharisees and Saducees also presented themselves to John for baptism, and he rebuked them. So we know right off that it is not a matter of simply practicing some meaningless religious observance to make oneself feel better. In no mistaken terms John pointed out that preparing the way of the Lord entailed an inner conversion of attitudes and mind-set. People went to John to be baptized because they recognized that their sinful attitudes and mind-set governed their behavior. Also they recognized that their behavior was abhorrent to the Lord. By repenting of these things they

welcomed the Lord's impending appearance and stood ready to receive him and be received by him. So as Catholics, Advent preparation gives us the opportunity not to be re-baptized, but to prepare the way for the Lord by renewing and making present again our baptismal vows. This is especially true if you were baptized as an infant for you do not remember the vows that were made at your baptism. So Advent can enable you to step backward once again into your baptism and make the baptismal vows your personal statement of faith. The confession with which we are concerned is not simply the important daily confession of sin to God or periodic participation in the Rite of Reconciliation, but it is a reflection on, and rejection of the root causes of the sin in our life. Advent can be a time in which we once again renounce Satan and all of his works, making a clean break with sin. It can be a time when we renew and restate our love for Jesus and our intention to be his follower in attitude, mind-set, and behavior. "He belongs to you, but more than that, he longs to be in you, living and ruling in you, as the head lives and rules in the body. He desires that whatever is in him may live and rule in you: his breath in your breath, his heart in your heart, all the faculties of his soul in the faculties of your soul, so that these words may be fulfilled in you: Glorify God and bear him in your body, that the life of Jesus may be made manifest in you."1 This kind of Advent preparation opens wide the doors of our lives to receive Jesus afresh and to welcome him back into the center of our everyday existence. It enables self to consciously step down from the position of selfrule, and surrender the throne of our life to the one person who can rule with righteousness, wisdom, and faithfulness, as Isaiah speaks of in the First Reading. But it must be more than another Christmas gift that we shove under the bed two weeks after Christmas, and forget about. It cannot be simply looking busy it must be a real inner change, a matter of being.

Daily Mass Readings

Monday, Dec. 5	First Reading: <u>Is. 35: 1-10</u> Gospel: <u>Lk. 5: 17-26</u>
Tuesday, Dec. 6	First Reading: <u>Is. 40: 1-11</u> Gospel: <u>Mt. 18: 12-14</u>
Wednesday, Dec. 7	First Reading: <u>Is. 40: 25-31</u> Gospel: <u>Mt. 11: 28-30</u>
Thursday, Dec. 8	First Reading: <u>Gen. 3: 9-15, 20</u> 2nd Reading: <u>Eph. 1: 3-6, 11-12</u> Gospel: <u>Lk. 1: 26-38</u>
Friday, Dec. 9	First Reading: <u>Is. 48: 17-19</u> Gospel: <u>Mt. 11: 16-19</u>
Saturday, Dec. 10	First Reading: <u>Sir. 48: 1-4, 9-11</u> Gospel: <u>Mt. 17: 9a, 10-13</u>
Sunday, Dec. 11	1st Reading: <u>Is. 35: 1-6a, 10</u> 2nd Reading: <u>Jas. 5: 7-10</u> Gospel: <u>Mt. 11: 2-11</u>

Reflecting On Sunday's Readings,
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Looking for a way of praying consistently, and praying with and for others? 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

Dec. 11th, 8:30 am – For All Parishioners of the 3 Parishes

November 27, 2016 offerings

Envelopes	\$452.00
Plate	\$200.00
Fuel	\$ 80.00

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

Ministers of the Mass

Sunday Dec. 11th, 8:30 a.m. St. Monica\St. Elizabeth

Lector	M. Dobrovolny
Servers	J. Brungardt, E. Brungardt, & M. Shanks
Gifts	Jackson family
Communion	H. Brungardt, J. Wienck, & L. Miller
Ushers	M. Rowe & D. Dobrovolny

MINISTERS OF THE MASS Wed. Dec. 7th 6:00 pm

Lector: Sa. Toerber
Servers, Communion & Ushers: Volunteers Welcome
Gifts: 1st Confession Students

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED- There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church for church cleaners. Please take a minute and sign up! All volunteers are greatly appreciated!

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL- In remembrance of our deceased family members & friends during the Christmas season you are invited to make a donation toward the poinsettias. Envelopes are provided in the back of church.

Altar Society TIME CHANGE: It was decided to move our meeting to 12:00 noon. Our December 21 meeting at noon will be a snack meal. We will bring finger foods to share.

CHWC Fundraiser Meal Valley Heights (Commons Area) Friday, Dec. 9th. Serving Pulled Pork Sandwich, chips, baked beans, & dessert. Serving Time 5:00—7:30 pm. Proceeds will be used by local students to attend the Catholic Heart Mission Trip in 2017.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Eliza Benteman 12/6
Dan Howell 12/6

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Look for an update on our plan for the Year of Mercy project next week.

Church Cleaners: December—General cleaning/All Parish members
Sacristan Schedule: December— Jan Bergkamp
Breakfast Committee: December – Norma Hirt, Holly Brungardt, & Beth Bachura



St. Columbkille Parish, Blaine KS

Ministers of the Mass *Saturday Dec. 10, 6:00 p.m.*

Lector	Todd Sheppard
Servers	Rebecca and Eva Krohn
Cross Bearer	Maria Krohn
Ministers	Jean Knoblach, Frank Finan, Mark Cusimano
Hospitality	Patsy Campbell/Debbie O'Shea/Dot O'Shea

Saturday November 26, 2016 offering:

11/26/2016	Envelope	373.00	
	Plate	163.00	
	Hall Rent	90.00	
	Maintenance	90.00	
	100th Celebration Bernice	100.00	
	CCHD	75.00	
			891.00
11/26/2016	Church Reno	270.00	
	100th Celebration Bernice	100.00	
			370.00

Altar Society Meeting No meeting in December

Knights of Columbus Meeting - December 8

Knights of Columbus

There will be a Knights of Columbus initiation degree in Frankfort on December 11 at 11:00. Anyone interested in joining the Blaine Knights of Columbus please contact Jim McCormick or Steve O'Shea.

2016 Church Cleaning Schedule

Dec. 4-10: Kellie O'Shea, Isla Faye Wegman, Karen Lundberg

Dec. 18-24: General Cleaning/to be announced

Server Schedule

Dec 3rd Jarritt Martens and Molly Minihan

Cross Bearer Allie Valburg

Dec 10th Rebecca and Eva Krohn

Cross Bearer Maria Krohn

Dec 17th Eli Roggenkamp and Ethan Karnes

Cross Bearer Malea Karnes

Dec 24th Brooklyn and Dylan Plummer

Cross Bearer Devin Plummer

Dec 31st Jarritt Martens and Allie Valburg

Cross Bearer Molly Minihan

Jan 7th Maria and Eva Krohn

Cross Bearer Rebecca Krohn

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT— every **Wednesday 11:00 to 3:00 pm.** All Parishioners are invited to drop in when they can to share in the peace & blessings of Adoration.

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.

The United Methodist Women of Westmoreland

cordially invite the women of St. Columbkille Church to attend their annual Christmas dinner and program at the Educational Bldg. on Monday, December 5, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. A free will offering will be accepted to benefit The Topeka Rescue Mission. R.S.V.P. Geraldine Fouts at 785-457-3942.

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COUNTDOWN TO CELTIC CHRISTMAS!!!

Just 7 days to go. Let's pray it doesn't snow! Grab your aprons and your books. It's time for cookies and candy from Blaine's greatest cooks. Celtic Christmas is drawing near. Save **December 10th** for a day of festive holiday cheer! Come and share your favorite holiday fare! Please contact **Lois Roggenkamp 785-927-0282** or pandldairy@gmail.com ASAP if you wish to reserve a spot or know of someone else who would like one.

If interested in serving on the parish council, please visit with Fr. Schmitz. We are looking for new members.