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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

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# Annunciation Parish

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

AUGUST 9TH 2015

## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## What does it mean to be installed as pastor?

This Sunday, a successor of the Apostles, our own Archbishop Joseph Naumann, will install me as pastor. What does it mean? In short, it means I am entrusted to fulfill the mission of the Church. Here are a few particulars of what a pastor is entrusted to do: **The pastor** exercises the care of the community committed to him under the authority of the diocesan bishop in whose ministry of Christ he has been called to share, so that for that same community he carries out the functions of teaching, sanctifying, and governing, with the assistance of lay members of the Christian

faithful. **He is** to make every effort, even with the collaboration of the Christian faithful, so that the message of the gospel comes also to those who have ceased the practice of their religion or do not profess the true faith.

**He is** to work so that the Christian faithful are nourished through the devout celebration of the sacraments and, in a special way, that they frequently approach the sacraments of the Most Holy Eucharist and penance. He is to endeavor that they are led to practice prayer even as families. A

**pastor** is to visit families, sharing especially in the cares, anxieties, and griefs of the faithful, strengthening them in the Lord, and prudently correcting them if they are failing in certain areas. With generous love **he is** to help the sick, particularly those close to death, by refreshing them solicitously with the sacraments and commending their souls to God; with particular diligence he is to seek out the poor, the afflicted, the lonely, and those weighed down by difficulties. He is to work so that spouses and parents are supported in fulfilling their proper duties and is to foster growth of Christian life in the family.

-Fr. Schmitz

## Questions

Here are three questions: one for your own reflection, one to talk about as a family, and one to ask your neighbor who you want to see in heaven:

1. Its time for school! For better and for worse, the homework starts and the friends get together. What is one way to purposefully place Christ at the center of these gatherings and work?
2. Do you feel like asking other families to begin school functions with prayer?
3. Can you stop by church with someone after school/practice and say a prayer to our Lord?

**St. Thomas Aquinas' Prayer before Study:** O ineffable Creator, Who, out of the treasure of Thy wisdom, hast ordained three hierarchies of Angels, and placed them in wonderful order above the heavens, and hast most wisely distributed the parts of the world; Thou, Who are called the true fountain of light and wisdom, and the highest beginning, vouchsafe to pour upon the darkness of my understanding, in which I was born, the double beam of Thy brightness, removing from me all darkness of sin and ignorance. Thou, Who makest eloquent the tongue of the dumb, instruct my tongue, and pour on my lips the grace of Thy blessing. Give me quickness of understanding, capacity of retaining, subtlety of interpreting, facility in learning, and copious grace of speaking. Guide my going in, direct my going forward, accomplish my going forth; through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

# Mass Intentions

Date	Day	Notes	Intention
08/10/2015	Monday	St. Lawrence	No a.m. Mass
08/11/2015	Tuesday	St. Clare, virgin	+Ed Dressman
08/12/2015	Wednesday	10:00 a.m. (Frankfort Care Home)	For Vocations
08/13/2015	Thursday	Sts. Pontian & Hippolytus	+Edith & +Emil Stoeger
08/14/2015	Friday	St. Maximilian Kolbe	+Marcella Roeder
08/15/2015	Saturday	The Assumption Frankfort 4:00 p. m.	8:00 a.m.—+Martha Engelken +Carol Mitchell
08/15/2015	Saturday	Blaine 6:00 p.m.	+Fred & +Veronica Bensley
08/16/2015	Sunday	Blue Rapids 8:30 a.m.	+Olivia Grossnickle
08/16/2015	Sunday	Frankfort 10:30 a. m.	+Madelyn Howell Stewart Turnbull

**Saturday, August 15th: Annunciation 4:00 pm**

**Sunday, August 16th: Annunciation 10:30 am**

Lector	Jay Kennedy
Servers	Maura & Olivia Kennedy, & Kaci Vaughn
Communion	J. Kennedy, M. Parthemer, & M. Hazen
Musicians	Moogie Roeder & Rheta Matson
Ushers	Joe Parthemer & Bill Marksman
Gifts	Ushers to appoint
Rosary	Charlie & Rita Broxterman
Sacristan	Erin Owen

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Lector	Cathy Farrell
Servers	Garret & Caden Dalinghaus, & Emilee Ebert
Communion	C. Hull, C. Farrell, & T. Dressman
Musicians	Jeanie Gerstner & Lynn Bramhall
Ushers	Myron Dressman & Wayne Mitchell
Gifts	Ushers to appoint
Rosary	Kay Mitchell
Care Home	Mary Ann Dressman
Sacristan	Pam Suther

## This that and the Other...

**WELCOME TO ARCHBISHOP NAUMANN**— He will be here Sunday, August 9th at the 10:30 a.m. Mass to install Fr. Schmitz as pastor of our Parish.

**ANNUNCIATION CHURCH PICNIC ASSESSMENTS** of \$50.00 are now due. Thank you for your continued support of our Parish!

**A Note from the Pastor:**  
After my first parish council meeting, I just wanted to share a few thoughts with you here about the work of God being done here in Frankfort:

First, a very practical one. We have bats in the attic of the Church, similar to the school last year, and we are having the same company take care of them. We looked at several options, and the best to myself and the council was their bid of \$3,800 for the bat removal (this is favorable to the \$4,400 for the gym), and \$3,924 for an insulation that will take care of the bat guano and bugs in the attic, as well as pay for itself with a lower heating bill.

The longer term items are how to best provide education for the kids (i.e. what to do with the school) and how to best reach out to fallen away

Catholics/non-Catholics in the area. Stay tuned for more on that!

**KELLY YOUTH RALLY**— All Youth who have signed up for the Kelly Youth Rally and have not paid \$10.00 for the Rally or the \$12.00 for the t-shirt, please do so ASAP. Please pay Erin Owen. The Kelly Youth Rally will be held on Saturday, August 15th. All those who plan to attend we will leave at 2:45 from the Annunciation School.

**ANNUNCIATION OFFERINGS**

**August 2, 2015**

Envelopes \$1951.00

Plate \$132.65

Total \$2083.65

**Other Income**

Use of Hall	\$ 90.00
Picnic Assessment	\$ 595.00
Food Sales (Picnic)	\$ 112.00
Raffle	\$ 25.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 5.00
St. Columbkille	\$ 1000.75*
St. M/St. E	\$ 1162.99*

(\*Fr. Pat's June sal., insur. Util., food, etc.)

**PICNIC RESULTS**

**Income**

Food Sales	\$ 3729.25
Raffle	\$ 1877.00
Silent Auction/C. Store	\$ 476.00
Cake Walk	\$ 280.40
Kid's Games	\$ 260.50
Bingo	\$ 67.50
Poker	\$ 47.00
Pot-O-Gold	\$ 25.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6763.15</b>

**Expenses Thus Far**

J & R	\$ 732.61
Little Apple Amusement\$ (Slide & Train)	439.00
Oriental Trading	\$ 245.98
(Prizes for Kid's Games)	
Rheta Matson	\$ 192.00
Wal-Mart	\$ 119.65
FAN (ad)	\$ 96.00
Holton Recorder (ad)	\$ 37.80
Courier Tribune (ad)	\$ 42.00
Marysville Advocate	\$ 28.00
Onaga Herald (ad)	\$ 32.00
	<b>\$ 1,965.04</b>

**ALTAR SOCIETY NOTES-**

Quilt Chances sold at Summerfest \$56.00. Quilt Chances sold from Sunday \$965.00 . Total \$1023.00  
Quilt Auction—\$1150.00

**ST. GREGORY, MARYSVILLE-**

Annual Parish Bazaar, Today, August 9th. Serving Pan Fried Chicken & Ham Dinner, 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. Games for All!

**ST. COLUMBKILLE'S, BLAINE**

Annual Church Bazaar, Saturday evening, August 22, following 4PM Mass at Blaine. Serving Roast Beef or Ham Loaf,

mashed potatoes and gravy, and all the trimmings. Fun for everyone!

**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.

**POSITION AVAILABLE**

Sts. Peter and Paul School in Seneca, KS is seeking an enthusiastic K-8 vocal music teacher. Applicants should send resume and/or letter of interest to principal, Todd Leonard, at [tleonard@spps.school.com](mailto:tleonard@spps.school.com). For more information please call 785-336-2727. Salary is dependent on education and experience.

**LEAVEN SUBSCRIPTION**

**INCREASES-** The annual subscription to the Leaven will increase to \$21 per year. Leaven subscriptions are due in September.

**VIRTUS TRAINING-**

Wednesday August 12, 2015 at St. Gregory's School in Marysville. The time is 6:00pm-10:00pm. PLEASE REGISTER ON LINE prior to the session at [virtusonline.org](http://virtusonline.org). Facilitator will be Maria Seematter.

**ADULT MINI-RETREAT-** \*\*\*This retreat is for religious education instructors and parents. Saturday, August 15, 10 am- 1 pm at Highland Community Gym in Baileyville, KS Always rooted in a spirit of humility and faithfulness, world-renowned Catholic speaker and musician [Steve Angrisano](#)

has a genuine desire to bring everyone to a closer relationship with the Lord. Share in this morning to find new ways to bring God's Kingdom to earth for yourself and all of those you love - especially the youth in your lives. Appropriate for any adults - ages 18 to 118! Registration begins at 9:30am with coffee and light breakfast. Lunch catered by the Corn Crib. \$10 per person. RSVP REQUESTED BY AUGUST 13th: at [ruralyouth@archkck.org](mailto:ruralyouth@archkck.org). Payment can be made at the door. Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas.

**HEALING HEART RETREAT,** August 21-23, 2015, Savior Pastoral Center . This retreat is designed to begin the healing process for women who have suffered from any type of sexual trauma. Sexual abuse can affect every aspect of life, even one's relationship with God. The retreat provides a very safe, loving, and supportable environment where participants can begin to heal spiritually. Cost is \$125.00 (scholarships available). For more information call Deacon Tony Zimmerman, Lead Consultant for Marriage and Family Life: 913 647 0329.

**"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 ex-spouse. The next program will meet on Tuesday evenings: August 18 – September 29 from 7:00– 9:00 p.m. For additional information, or to register, please call Angie at (785)220-7773.

**A four session Grief and Loss Support**

Program for couples, individuals or others who are living with the loss of an infant due to miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, stillbirth or early infant death, is being held at Nativity Parish, 3800 West 119th St., Leawood KS, on four Thursday evenings, August 27, September 3, 10, and 17, from 7-9:00 PM. Please contact Mary Helen Dennihan at 913 491 4268 or [dennihan6@kc.rr.com](mailto:dennihan6@kc.rr.com) with questions and to register.

**"LIVING IN LOVE RETREAT"**

**"We felt like we did when we were first married!"** See why over 600 couples in the Archdiocese have experienced the "Living in Love" retreat. Sign up now for the next "Living in Love" retreat at Sacred Heart Parish in Emporia, August 29-30. Register online at [www.archkck.org/LivingInLove](http://www.archkck.org/LivingInLove) or contact Mary Anne Kierl at the Archdiocese at 913-647-0345 for information.

# Food for the Journey

As the Archbishop will be preaching the 10:30 Mass, and as part of the effort to be prepared for the homily, as well as help you see the theme of this month's homilies, I'm printing bullet points of my main topics, and a (rough) **draft** of my homily here this week:

1. The Work of God is to believe in Jesus Christ, and whoever believes has eternal life.

2. Jesus is the Bread of Life, and whoever eats this bread will have strength for the journey.

3. This Bread is His Body and Blood, given up for us. The Sacrifice of Calvary is made present each time at Mass.

4. This teaching caused many to walk away from Him then, and many have walked away in our own time. We must get them back.

**Point A:** Faith in Jesus Christ. **Point B:** Eternal life. Faith puts us on this journey, the path, to heaven. While not many people want those two points, the beginning and the end of life, to be too close together, many lose their way or grow weak from the long journey. Today, the readings cover both those points, from spiritual food that **strengthens** us for the journey and the communion with other persons, both human and divine that **guide** us on the journey.

Elijah in the 1st reading is running away from those who would kill him; but had no food himself. He was about to die of hunger. The Lord brought food to him, and gave him strength for his 40 day journey to the mountain of God. We are walking not to a mountain but to Heaven; Jesus is our food for the journey. We are counting on a life-long journey to get to eternal life; we need food that will carry us that long. If we try to eat food only once

a month, we wouldn't have the strength to work these hot dusty days. We need regular bodily nourishment, and we need regularly spiritual nourishment. If we try to go without spiritual food, we start seeking other foods, poor foods. Can you think of someone who doesn't receive the Body and Blood of Our Lord worthily and instead seeks to fill their soul with power, pleasure, or money?

How do we avoid being careless and gain strength? How do we help others see the glory that lies hidden in this sacrament? Two pieces: First, make communion a special time. Right after receiving Holy Communion is the best time to make supplication to Our Lord. He desires to be united with you so much he has become our food! Let him hear your desires when you receive him, let Him make your desires holy. Second, let this communion strengthen your communion with others, by following the example of God and not children of the world. St. Paul makes a pretty easy list in the second reading of un-Catholic behaviors: bitterness, fury, shouting, malice and the like. They do not belong in us. Then he lays the challenge before us: if we are to receive communion with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we should act like the children of the Father, siblings of the Son, Temples of the Holy Spirit. As we soak in the Divine Presence, and communion with all the saints and angels, we begin to treat the other members of His Body with heartfelt compassion, kindness, forgiveness; imitators of God as his beloved children.

Our Faith, point A, gives us direction and Holy Communion gives us the strength and draws us up to Heaven. Just like any long journey, I need direction; so the Eucharist gives our direction. We think like what we hear and see: if we give our ears and imaginations to things on TV, that's what we'll start thinking like. If we give our hearts and imaginations to Christ in communion, we

will start thinking like Him. In the Eucharist, not only is Christ the Head present, but where the Head is, so is the Body. At Mass, the whole court of Heaven is present, including all the saints. When I was on family vacation, we offered Mass for several of our deceased members, and Holy Communion gave me such a desire to be with them, especially my grandma, that I want to give up my un-Catholic ways and be with them for eternity. That is the greatness held for us in this Blessed Sacrament. Spend more time with Our Lord and His saints after receiving Holy Communion, make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament every day if you can! Make it part of your spiritual game plan if you like. Doing so will help you put on the

mind of Christ and win other hearts for His Kingdom.

Since the Holy Eucharist is the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the Sacrament a) increases our intimate union with Christ; b) preserves, increases, and renews the Sanctifying Grace we received at Baptism; c) cleanses us of past sin and preserves us from future sins; d) strengthens the theological virtue of Charity in us, thus enabling us to be separated from our disordered attachments and to be rooted in Christ; and e) unites us more deeply with the mystery of the Church.

## Daily Mass Readings

Monday, August 10	First Reading: <u>2 Cor. 9: 6-10</u> Gospel: <u>Jn. 12: 24-26</u>
Tuesday, August 11	First Reading: <u>Dt. 31: 1-8</u> Gospel: <u>Mt. 18: 1-5, 10, 12-14</u>
Wednesday, August 12	First Reading: <u>Dt. 34: 1-12</u> Gospel: <u>Mt. 18: 15-20</u>
Thursday, August 13	First Reading: <u>Jos. 3: 7-10a, 11, 13-17</u> Gospel: <u>Mt. 18: 21—19: 1</u>
Friday, August 14	First Reading: <u>Jos. 24: 1-13</u> Gospel: <u>Mt. 19: 3-12</u>
Saturday, August 15	First Reading: <u>Rev. 11: 19a; 12: 1-6a, 10ab</u> 2nd Reading: <u>1 Cor. 15: 20-27</u> Gospel: <u>Lk. 1: 39-56</u>
Sunday, August 16	1st Reading: <u>Prv. 9: 1-6</u> 2nd Reading: <u>Eph. 5: 15-20</u> Gospel: <u>Jn. 6: 51-58</u>



# Reflecting On Sunday's Readings

“It’s scandalous!” You can almost hear the whispered incredulity spread throughout the crowd. Looks of dismay and shock are interspersed by the flashing angry eyes of indignation. In their murmuring you can almost hear them asking, “How could one seemingly so good, doing such miracles and works of mercy, expound such blasphemous remarks?” Their murmuring was not unlike that of their Israelite ancestors in the wilderness when they too expressed their ingratitude by judging the ways of God’s salvation.

The responses of the Jews, and of the multitude of disciples who turned away from Jesus to no longer follow him, provide a commentary on the meaning of Jesus’ remarks in John 6. The scandal, in their minds, was that Jesus claimed to have previously been with God the Father in heaven. Since no man has seen God at any time, or could survive being in the Father’s presence, Jesus’ claim to have been with the Father, and to have spoken directly to him, put Jesus on a par with the great I AM of the Old Testament. Jesus further scandalized these Jewish minds by claiming that, “I am the living bread,” and suggesting that they must eat his flesh, the Bread of Life. We should make no mistake, in their minds Jesus was not speaking figuratively. It was

the literalness of Jesus’ remarks that scandalized them. And it would be scandal, if it were not true, but it is true.

Instead of being scandalous, Jesus’ words were life-giving. People are wandering aimlessly in their sins in a way not dissimilar to the Jews wandering in the wilderness, starving for want of spiritual food and a living relationship with the Father. Even as the heavenly manna was sent to nourish the physical bodies of the Israelites, so the Father sent us his Son, the true heavenly food, to nourish our souls. Jesus is the Living Water, the Bread of Life, all that we need to sustain our spiritual life. He was sent from the Father to be freely received by those who believe. However, it requires of us, as it did for the Jews who were scandalized by Jesus’ claims, an abandonment of a salvation and a savior made in our image, one we can understand, and which comfortably meets our preconceived ideas. It also equally requires abandoning ourselves through faith to the mysteries of salvation, a salvation made in God’s image and likeness. And so we see sandwiched between Jesus’ statement that he came from the Father, and his statement that he is the Bread of Life, the requirement to believe, “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes has eternal life.”

It is purported that when

Elizabeth I was a girl of sixteen, and England was going through the upheaval of religious conflict, she was asked about her belief in the Eucharist. Her reply was, “His was the Word who spoke it, He took the bread and broke it, and what that Word doth make it, I do believe and take it.” We too are confronted with Jesus’ Word, dare we not believe it.

“Let us submit to God in all things and not contradict Him, even if what He says seems contrary to our reason and intellect; rather let His words prevail over our reason and intellect. Let us act in this way with regard to the (eucharistic) mysteries, looking not only at what falls under our senses but holding on to His words. For His word cannot lead us astray,”\*

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# Come, Eat, Live

*Lectionary themes for August 2015*

PATRICIA DATCHUCK SÁNCHEZ  
and RAFAEL SÁNCHEZ ALONSO



Come, eat, live! With these three verbs, the ancient sapiential author (Proverbs, Aug. 16) has summed up the essence of the sacred texts for August. Wisdom has built her house and set her table. She has sent out the call: Come, eat, forsake foolishness that you may live and grow in understanding. This invitation can only be accepted by the simple, who know that all authentic wisdom resides in God.

Come, eat, live, said the Lord of Israel to those enslaved in Egypt (Aug. 2). Come at my invitation and follow Moses to the desert, where I will be with you always. I will enter into a covenant with you and lead you to the land promised long ago. All along the way, I shall provide food for you to eat so that you may live.

On the last Sunday of July, when Jesus fed a multitude with bread and fish, he also, as God's Word and Wisdom incarnate, invited those present to come, eat and live. Thus began the uniquely Johannine Bread of Life narrative and discourse that continues through the Gospels of August 2, 9, 16 and 23. Two themes — one sacramental or eucharistic, and the other sapiential — have been ingeniously woven together by John in order to create a magnificent Christological tapestry that depicts Jesus as the bread from heaven, the bread of life. In a *sapiential* sense, Jesus was the divine revelation of God; he nourished and instructed those who would listen. Like Wisdom, his words, his bread, offered the life of light and truth. To eat this bread, to hear and heed his words, was to know how to live in right relationship with God and all others.

No doubt the Jews in the crowd that day were reminded of the sapiential references to Wisdom feeding the simple and the seekers of truth in their own tradition (Sir 15:3; 24:21; Prov 9:5). They were surely also re-

mindful of the prophetic promise that the messianic era would be celebrated with a great banquet (Isa 25:6-8; 55:1-5) at which all would be fed abundantly. As Raymond E. Brown has pointed out, the Synoptics pictured this banquet as taking place in the afterlife or at the second coming (Matt 8:11, 26-29), but in John, Jesus announces that the banquet is at hand because Jesus, the Bread of Life, is hosting it and offering his word and his very self as food (*The Gospel According to John*, Doubleday, New York: 1966).

In John 6:51-58 (Aug. 16), the *sacramental* theme, which has been secondary to the sapiential theme up to now, comes to the forefront, and Jesus himself is the agent and the source of salvation. Those who would know eternal life are told to “feed on his flesh and drink his blood” (v. 54). Since both of these actions are abhorrent in any other context (Psalm 28:2; Zech 11:9; Gen 9:4; Lev 3:17; Deut 12:23; Jer 46:10; Ezek 39:17), if they “are to have a favorable meaning, they must refer to the Eucharist. They simply reproduce the words we hear in the Synoptic account of the institution of the Eucharist (Matt 26:26-28): ‘Take, eat; this is *my body* ... *drink* ... this is *my blood*’ ” (Brown, *op. cit.*).

The Gospel for Aug. 23 affirms that these words and the truth they imparted were challenging to Jesus' listeners. Their faith shaken, “many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him” (John 6:66). For some, what was meant to be their source of life and unity required too

big a leap of faith. But Peter, speaking for all who struggle toward authentic faith, declared, “You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe ... you are the Holy One of God” (6:68-69).

Only in retrospect and with God's generous grace did the disciples truly begin to grasp what Jesus' words meant. Only after his death on the cross and his resurrection did they understand that he was the Passover lamb of the new covenant with God, whose flesh was bloodied and broken so that sinners might know God's forgiveness. Moreover, he had given them a means of remembering him and experiencing his true presence among them until he returned to take them home.

August will conclude with a reality check of sorts, first from James, and then from the Marcan Jesus. For his part, James reminds us that every gift, including the word, comes from God. So profound is that word that when it is spoken, a response is demanded. Be doers of the word, says James, and not hearers only. Those who are fed and nourished by Jesus are to pay it forward, caring for others as God has cared for them.

In the Gospel, Jesus addresses the hypocrisy of lip-service and the preoccupation with ritual purity. Purity, like evil, comes from within; therefore, conversion begins in the heart and spirit and will of a person. Once a person has opened his or her inmost self to God and to grace, then he or she is able, in prayer, to integrate faith and life. This is not a once-in-a-lifetime decision but a daily process of continuing conversion that requires daily nourishment. To that end, let us listen and heed Jesus' words: Come, eat, live!

Patricia Datchuck Sánchez and Rafael Sánchez Alonso have been collaborating to provide Lectionary commentaries and homilies for *Celebration* since 1979.



# St. Monica\St. Elizabeth, Blue Rapids



## Calendar and Mass Intention

August 16th, 8:30 am— +Olivia Grossnickle

August 2, 2015 offerings (No report this week)

Envelopes	\$
Plate	\$

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

## Ministers of the Mass

**Sunday August 16, 8:30 a.m. St. Monica\St. Elizabeth**

<b>Lector</b>	M. Heinen
<b>Servers</b>	H. Borgerding, C. Toerber, & M. Toerber
<b>Gifts</b>	C. Heinen Family
<b>Communion</b>	M. Borgerding, Z. Duensing, & E. Henry
<b>Ushers</b>	A. Edwards & D. Heinen

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

### Altar Society Meeting August 19th at 7:00 p.m.

**ALL ARE INVITED-** Breakfast after the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, August 30th in the Parish Hall. Sponsored by the Marysville Knights of Columbus.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** will resume September 4th from noon to 5:00p.m. The Adoration Group would like to have more parishioners take an active part in this undertaking. Please take a time.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Kelsie Gleason 8/10  
Jan Bergkamp 8/11  
Wilma Hogan 8/12  
Hayden Budenbender 8/13

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and God of all encouragement, who encourages us in our every affliction, so that we may be able to encourage those who are in any affliction with the encouragement with which we ourselves are encouraged by God. For as Christ’s sufferings overflow to us, so through Christ does our encouragement also overflow.” 2 Cor 1:3-5

### New playground coming soon!

The playground will soon be on the west side of the church. I want to thank everyone who has donated the materials and the coming labor for this. Although the materials have all been obtained—we’re still taking donations for some additions we would like to make. It’s important to note that this has been entirely funded by donations and no parish funds have been used. On that note, I want to thank Mark & Janice Rowe for donating the playground equipment and Dewaine Heinen for the lumber.

### A Few Words from the Pastor:

I met with the parish council for the first time this week, and got to know many of the good works of God that are done here in the parish. I look forward to seeing them continue, and to the possibilities of new ways for the love of Christ to be made flesh. I would like to see more people stop in and adore Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, especially on Fridays. I’m interested in a young mothers/ couples group, where perhaps the Altar Society or others offer to babysit for the parents to get a break, get refreshed, and grow in faith and fellowship. I’m hopeful a few other trusted individuals will step in and help council members with the counting of the collections a few times a year. Above all, I hope the faith continues to grow, prayer and sacraments received more often, and others come to believe in Jesus through our common witness to the faith!



# St. Columbkille Parish, Blaine KS

**Ministers of the Mass** *Saturday August 15, 6:00 p.m.*

**Saturday August 2, 2015 offering**

<b>Lector</b>	Becky White
<b>Servers</b>	
<b>Ministers</b>	Lavone Sanford, Mike Sanford, Carol or Wade Minihan
<b>Hospitality</b>	Steve Roggenkamp & Becky White

8/1/2015	Envelope	437.00	
	Plate	81.00	
	Mass Intentions	50.00	
			568.00
	Keating Family Memorial		150.00

**Cemetery Mowing**

August 11<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.  
August 18th at 6pm.  
September 1st

**St. Columbkille Bazaar** Please get your grocery money to Mark Minihan as soon as possible.

**Altar Society Meeting Dates**—All meetings at 7:00 pm

August 24, 2015  
September 28, 2015  
October 26, 2015  
November 23, 2015

**Knights of Columbus Meeting** August 13<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 p.m.

**ST. COLUMBKILLE'S, BLAINE** Annual Church Bazaar, Saturday evening, August 22, following 4PM Mass at Blaine. Serving Roast Beef or Ham Loaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, and all the trimmings. Kids' Games, Country Store, Cash Bingo, Quilt Raffle and more. 53 Grand Prizes drawn for at 8:30PM. Fun for everyone!

**St. Stanislaus Catholic Church, Rossville,** will host a picnic dinner during the Tall Corn Festival on Saturday, August 8, from 4-6:45 in Dekat Hall. The menu is pulled pork, cheesy potatoes, coleslaw, green beans, sliced tomatoes and cucumbers, dessert & drink for \$8. The Knights of Columbus will have BINGO from 3-6:45, along with other games, a raffle and a silent auction. Saturday Mass will follow at 7pm.

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