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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

Priest: Fr. Daniel Schmitz

frschmitz@bluevalley.net

Office Manager: Marilyn Hazen
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Annunciation Parish

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

APRIL 24TH 2016

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Alleluia, He is risen!

GROWING AS DISCIPLES:

From *Sister Act* to the *Sound of Music*, nuns always make a good addition to the plot. But very few popular movies get to the center of what captures a woman's heart so much, fills it with so much love she freely abandons all else in life to follow Christ in poverty, chastity, and obedience. But as the Archbishop says frequently, now as much as ever, women who choose such a joy-filled life are needed as a sign opposed to the greed, lust, and disobedience found in the world.

Nuns get to make the love of Christ tangible. While many have memories of nuns (who may have been better at showing the discipline of God than his merciful love), many today never know one.

One positive of it being harder to enter a convent today is that those who do are filled with joy. While I'd like to organize a 'nun run' for the young women of the parish to visit convents, in the meantime, I'd encourage you to watch religious movies about the lives of saintly nuns, such as those available for free on Formed.org, or from Ignatius (In the meantime, enjoy a few words from the Catechism on consecrated life:)

926. Religious life derives from the mystery of the Church. It is a gift she has received from her Lord, a gift she offers as a stable way of life to the faithful called by God to profess the counsels. Thus, the Church can both show forth Christ and acknowledge herself to be the Savior's bride.

Religious life in its various forms is called to signify the very charity of God in the language of our time

923. Virgins who, committed to the holy plan of following Christ more closely, are consecrated to God, are betrothed mystically to Christ, the Son of God, and are dedicated to the service of the Church. By this solemn rite (Consecratio virginum), the virgin is constituted . . .

a sacred person, a transcendent sign of the Church's love for Christ, and an eschatological (end times) image of this heavenly Bride of Christ and of the life to come.

ALL ARE INVITED

*Come join us for lunch Today, April 24th at the
Cigna Center. Serving 11:00 to 1:30*

*Smoked Pork Chop dinner with all the fixins!
Adults \$10.00 & Children ages 10 & under \$5.00
(A special kids meal available too!)*

*A Country Store with baked goods & crafts.
All are Welcome!*

Mass Intentions

Date	Day	Notes	Intention
04/25/2016	Monday	St. Mark	No a.m. Mass
04/26/2016	Tuesday	Easter Weekday	No a.m. Mass
04/27/2016	Wednesday	10:00 a.m. Mass (Frankfort Care Home)	+Roy Seematter
04/28/2016	Thursday	Easter Weekday	+Jeff Horigan
04/29/2016	Friday	St. Catherine of Siena	+Joe & +Laura Berls
04/30/2016	Saturday	Frankfort 4:00 p. m.	+Ray Mitchell
04/30/2016	Saturday	Blaine 6:00 p.m.	+Connie & +Sissy Depew
05/01/2016	Sunday	Blue Rapids 8:30 a. m.	+Jerry Weis
05/01/2016	Sunday	Frankfort 10:30 a. m.	For All Parishioners of the 3 Parishes

Saturday, April 30th: Annunciation 4:00 pm

Lector	Phil Maas
Servers	Kaci Vaughn & Olivia Kennedy
Communion	M. Kennedy, J. Kennedy, & P. Brady
Musicians	Moogie Roeder & Lynn S.
Ushers	Phil Maas & Paul Tommer
Gifts	Ushers to appoint
Rosary	Ed & Pat Brady
Sacristan	Marybeth Kennedy

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Sunday, May 1st: Annunciation 10:30 am

Lector	Jim Roeder
Servers	Aiden & Peyton Gerstner, & Brady Trimble
Communion	I. Dressman, L. Schmitz, & T. Dressman
Musicians	Marilyn Dressman & Marie Wessel
Ushers	Todd Surdez & Dean Seematter
Gifts	Ushers to appoint
Rosary	Charlie Gerstner & Gerald Gerstner
Care Home	Jan Stallbaumer
Sacristan	Theresa Dressman

This that and the Other...

The Catholic Home Missions

Appeal Supports home mission dioceses in the United States. Your support helps these dioceses by funding essential ministries, seminary education and lay ministry training. The blessing of seminarians places a financial burden on these dioceses, because educating each seminarian costs \$35-40K per year. Please be generous in this appeal and share your resources to strengthen the Church at home.

NOTICE there will be no Benediction or Adoration on Tuesday, April 26th as Fr. Schmitz will be unavailable.

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

KELLY YOUTH RALLY will be held on Saturday, August 20th beginning at 4:00 pm with Mass at 8:30 pm. **Cost to attend the rally is \$10.00 prior to May 31st.** (Late registration fee is \$15.00.) Participation & Transportation Release forms are in the back of church. Sign-up before the May 31st deadline to receive the discounted price. Questions contact Linda Dressman.

ANNUNCIATION OFFERINGS

April 17, 2016

Envelopes \$1888.00

Plate \$371.33

Total \$2259.33

Other Income

Hall Use \$ 90.00

Cath. Home Missions \$ 14.00

RELIGIOUS ED NOTES— Class for Grades 1-6, on Wednesday, April 27th 2:10-3:10 pm. (Last Class)

Class for Jr./Sr. High on Wednesday, April 27th, 7:00 p.m. (Last Class)

Marriage Minute —Have you ever noticed it's often easier to be kind to strangers when you're angry than it is to be kind to your family? In today's psalm we hear that the Lord is "slow to anger and abounding in compassion", and in the Gospel Jesus tells his disciples that they will be known by how well they love. How well we love our families, especially in anger, is proof of our Christianity!

If that's a challenge, consider this. We don't have to feel warm and fuzzy to be kind. In fact, often when we act kind or compassionate despite our feelings to the contrary, the feelings follow. Next time we feel tempted to snap at our loved ones, let's try to think of what it would look like to respond with "abounding compassion". This self-control will be a powerful witness to our children.

Attention! Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2016.

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TEACHING POSTION-

Seeking a Full Time 5th Grade Teacher for the upcoming 2016-17 school year at St. Gregory Catholic School in Marysville, KS. Interested applicants should complete the teacher application process online at www.archkckcs.org. Questions may be directed to Karen Farrell at St. Gregory 562-2831 or email at kfarrell@stgregorychurch.org.

AXTELL LEGION BREAKFAST-

Sunday, May 1st. Serving 7:00 am to 1:00 pm. Sausage, eggs, pancakes, biscuits/gravy, and hash browns. Free Will Offering. All are welcome!

FR. EARL DEKAT 50TH ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY MASS & LUNCHEON-

On Sunday, June 12, 2016, at St. Joseph's Church, Flush, Fr. Earl Dekat will be celebrating his 50th anniversary as an ordained minister in the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas. Celebration of the Holy Eucharist is at 11:00 a.m. That will be followed by a social hour and dinner in the Parish Center. Anyone is welcome to come. If you do plan to come, email him at earld@carsoncomm.com. The dinner is his gift to you for the great blessing you have been to him. Fr. Earl does not want or expect any gifts. Your presence is the best gift.

VIGIL OF PENTECOST, Saturday

May 14, 2016, 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. St. Peter Church, Legacy Center, 815 E. Meyer Boulevard, Kansas City, MO 64131. A day of Praise and Worship, Teachings, Mass with prayers for healing. Cost \$20.00 with scholarships available for financial constraints. Optional meals available. Call 816-885-2322 for more details. Sponsored by Kansas City Catholic Charismatic Renewal.

LIVING IN LOVE RETREAT-

"We felt like we did when we were first married!" See why over 700 couples in the Archdiocese have experienced the "Living in Love" retreat. Sign up now for the next "Living in Love" retreat held at Mater Dei Parish, Topeka, KS, June 11-12, 2016. Register online at www.archkck.org/LivingInLove or contact Mary Anne Kierl at the Archdiocese at 913-647-0345 for information.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS— Totus Tuus is coming to Annunciation again this year. Mark July 17th through July 22 on your calendar and plan on attending. Grades 1-6 meet M-F during the day from 9:00 —3:00. Grades 7-12 meet Sunday —Thursday 7:00 — 9:00 pm. Questions contact Pat Brady at 785-396-4396 or Fr. Schmitz.

All youth and families are welcome to join our summer tour – Radiate Mercy – the weekend of August 13 and 14 featuring Chris Padgett. Events include an adult mini-retreat and luncheon in Seneca Aug 13 morning; family-friendly outdoor youth rally in Horton Aug 13 at 4:00 pm and another outdoor rally in Scipio August 14. Last summer, over 550 youth and adults joined us for inspiration, mass, music, food, and gaga ball. We'd love to welcome YOU this year!

Rural Catholic Youth Conference (RCYC) - 9th-12th Graders

Mass, prayer, socializing, networking, food, and inspiration with Archbishop Naumann, Bob Rice, The Mikey Needleman Band, and a few hundred other ArchKCK kids and adults! November 19-20, 2016 at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Topeka. **Register by May 15 to lock-in the \$110 rate per person**, \$120 rate per person after May 15 - payments are not due until next fall, but we need your registration numbers next month! Please contact Linda Dressman 785-313-5602 if interested or for additional information.

Camp Tekakwitha enters its 19th summer of operation this year. Over 1800 campers attended last summer and grew closer to Christ while having a great time. Thank you for supporting Camp Tekakwitha; your support and your participation are so important to reaching our mission. Please encourage your families to check the Camp Tekakwitha website at <http://www.archkck.org/camp>. Please consider sharing this blurb in your newsletter. If the smart link to the newsletter does not work in your newsletter format the actual address is <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyOanzvhPKg0rIXgaI-Zovw/feed>.

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

A group of professionals asked several children, ages 4-8, "What does love mean?" The answers they received were both humorous and insightful, for instance; □ "I let my big sister pick on me because my Mom says she only picks on me because she loves me. So I pick on my baby sister because I love her." □ "If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate." □ "When you tell someone something bad about yourself and you're scared they won't love you anymore, but then you get surprised because not only do they still love you, they love you even more." □ "Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen." □ "When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You know that your name is safe in their mouth." □ "God could have said magic words to make the nails fall off the cross, but he didn't. That's love." These responses are in some ways the down to earth simplicity of Paul's love list in 1 Corinthians 13. These children, unconfused by the sophistication of maturity, were able to accurately perceive the presence of real love. This is what Jesus refers to with his comments in this week's Gospel Reading —"By this all men will know that you are my disciples." Jesus was ever aware of his mission and calling to both bring about man's salvation and to usher in his Kingdom by spreading the awareness of it throughout the world. Consequently, he was concerned that after he was physically gone from the earth, there should remain a real physical witness of salvation and its power. Christ intended that witness to be—disciples who love. Love began with the incarnation. The Father, motivated by love for us, sent his Son to live and dwell among us. The Son in complete agreement with the Father's love laid aside his divine rights and humbly accepted the mission when he was implanted in Mary's womb as a vulnerable babe. "The very Son of

God, older than the ages, the invisible, the incomprehensible, the incorporeal, the beginning of beginning, the light of light, the fountain of life and immortality, the image of the archetype, the word of the Father: he it is who comes to his own image and takes our nature for the good of our nature, and unites himself to an intelligent soul for the good of my soul, to purify like by like." This is what is meant when John says, "God so loved the world that he gave his only son." Love came to completion through Christ's passion on the cross. That is what Jesus meant when he said, "Now is the Son of man glorified, and in him God is glorified." When Judas went out to confer with Jesus' enemies and to betray Jesus, the process of his passion on the cross began. As the child recognized "God could have said magic words to make the nails fall off the cross, but he didn't,"—that's love. Sacred Scripture explains it this way, "Greater love has no man than this that he lay down his life for his friend." Love culminated with Christ's passion on the cross, it defines and establishes what true love really is—sacrificing your well being for the well being of another so that the Father is glorified. That which makes Jesus' statement to "love one another" so powerful is the qualifying phrase, "as I have loved you." Jesus was not talking only of the way he related to these disciples while walking on earth, but also of his ultimate act of love, his sacrifice on the cross. That is the way they, and we, are to love one another. Jesus is building his Kingdom. People, though they may not know it, are deeply longing to be loved by God and to be a part of his Kingdom. They are looking for evidence that Jesus and his Kingdom are real. We, by our love for one another, are the witnesses as to whether these things are true.

Reflecting On Sunday's Readings,
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Daily Mass Readings

Monday, April 25	First Reading: <u>1 Pt. 5: 5b-14</u> Gospel: <u>Mk. 16: 15-20</u>
Tues- day, April 26	First Reading: <u>Acts 14: 19-28</u> Gospel: <u>Jn. 14: 27-31a</u>
Wednes- day, April 27	First Reading: <u>Acts 15: 1-6</u> Gospel: <u>Jn. 15: 1-8</u>
Thurs- day, April 28	First Reading: <u>Acts 15: 7-21</u> Gospel: <u>Jn. 15: 9-11</u>
Friday, April 29	First Reading: <u>Acts 15: 22-31</u> Gospel: <u>Jn. 15: 12-17</u>
Satur- day, April 30	First Reading: <u>Acts 16:1-10</u> Gospel: <u>Jn. 15: 18-21</u>
Sunday, May 1	1st Reading: <u>Acts. 15: 1-2, 22-29</u> 2nd Reading: <u>Rev. 21: 10-14, 22-23</u> Gospel: <u>Jn. 14: 23-29</u>

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

May 1st, 8:30 am— +Jerry Weis

April 17, 2016 offerings

Envelopes	\$285.00
Plate	\$164.00

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

Ministers of the Mass

Sunday May 1st, 8:30 a.m. St. Monica\St. Elizabeth

Lector	H. Brungardt
Servers	O. Skalla, K. Skalla, & I. Baier
Gifts	Brungardt family
Communion	J. Bachura, M. Heinen, & E. Henry
Ushers	A. Edwards & D. Baier

Church Cleaners: May— Jeanette & Marilyn Borgerding
Sacristan Schedule: May—Peggy Waite
Breakfast Committee: May— Altar Society-Graduation/ Mother's Day-Men Serve. If you cannot work the month you are assigned then trade with someone.

Mark your calendars—Future dates

May 8, Mother's Day & Graduation breakfast
June 19, Father's Day breakfast
October 23 Pork Lion Dinner

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Ruth Tate 4/25
Scott Toerber 4/25
Marilyn Borgerding 4/28
Sophie Brungardt 4/28
William Lamb 4/29
Loren Wassenberg 4/29
Jase Skalla 4/30

ANNIVERSARIES

Jimmy & Ruth Tate 4/24
Becky & Steve Carlson 5/1
Shawn & Stephanie McIntyre 5/1
Irene & Ivan Wienck 5/1

ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH ARE INVITED to the UMW Salad Supper at the United Methodist Church in Blue Rapids, Celebration Hall on Wednesday, May 11th at 6:00 pm. Speaker from Flint Hills Job Corp in Manhattan. Please RSVP by May 6th to 785-363-2610.

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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. to get your names in the parish records.

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A Country Store with baked goods & crafts.
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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Fridays from noon to 5:00p.m.



St. Columbkille Parish, Blaine KS

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

Lector	Ralph Suther
Servers	Knights of Columbus
Ministers	Knights of Columbus
Hospitality	Knights of Columbus

Saturday April 16, 2016 offering:

4/16/2016	Envelope	743.00	
	Plate	85.00	
	Mass Intentions	20.00	
			848.00
4/16/2016	Annex Fund		300.00
4/16/2016	Church Restoration Fund in memory of Connie & Sissy Depew		500.00

2016 Church Cleaning Schedule

May 8-14: Pat Wulf, Terry McClain, Sherry Quigley
 May 22-28: Carol McCormick, Debbie Plummer, Dala Suther

Altar Society Meeting April 25 at 7:00 p.m. **NOTE OF THANKS**—A huge thank you to all the ladies who helped with the Louis Harrington Funeral. We couldn't do what we do without you!!

CEMETERY MOWING— Tuesday, April 26th, 6:00 pm

NOTICE

We will be making a new listing starting June 2016 for hospitality/bringing up the gifts to Father. Please let us know **BY May 10th** if you wish to have your name added or deleted from the listing. Thank you.
 Natha 785-456-5577 or Pat W. 785-396-4366

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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.

CONGRATULATIONS to Wesley Joseph Slifer, son of Kevin & Lauren Slifer who was baptized at St. Columbkille Parish this weekend

NOTE OF THANKS— Congratulations and Thank you to the Parishioners of St. Columbkille for exceeding it's Call to Share goal. The gifts that you have offered will truly bring the healing presence and the joy of our Catholic Faith to Northeast Kansas in the name of the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ. **Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann**

NOTE OF THANKS— Thank you to Bob Koch for his time and the donation of trucking for the gravel at the cemetery.

St. Columbkille's May Day Celebration

Shepherds' Pie Meal

Friday May 8th from 5pm to 7:30pm in the parish hall. Free will donation to benefit the hall annex. **Please Note that the date is the 6th of May and not the 8th!**

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