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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

NOVEMBER 27TH 2016

First 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. Columbkille,
Blaine)

Dec. 14th, 7:00 pm

Individual Confessions,

St. Columbkille, Blaine

Dec. 19th 7:00 pm

St. Columbkille, Blaine

Dec. 21st, 7:00 pm

St. Monica/St. Elizabeth,

Blue Rapids

Dec. 22nd, 7:00 pm

Annunciation

Just like preparing for company to come during the holidays involves many different things, from cooking and cleaning to running to the store for last minute goodies, so preparing for our Savior to come involves many different things. From cooking food for the hungry and cleaning our souls, to stopping in a church for a last minute prayer, Advent is the prime time for preparation.

When it comes to us eating holy meals as the family of God, Mass times stay the same this year with Christmas on a Sunday. When it comes to cleaning our

hearts to prepare for Jesus, Reconciliation times are listed to the left. When it comes to stopping in a saying a prayer, the churches are frequently unlocked.

As you and your family prepares for the holidays and holy days, my prayer for you is that your preparation for our Lord's coming will help bring peace to your homes in the midst of what can be stressful times.

Yours in Christ through
Mary,
Fr. Schmitz

Advent 2016

"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch. Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: Watch!"

Mass Intentions

Date	Day	Notes	Intention
11/28/2016	Monday	Advent Weekday	No a.m. Mass
11/29/2016	Tuesday	Advent Weekday	No a.m. Mass
11/30/2016	Wednesday	10:00 am Mass (Frankfort Care Home)	+Ray Lierz
12/01/2016	Thursday	Advent Weekday	+J. Leo Caffrey
12/02/2016	Friday	Advent Weekday	+Ray & +Carol Mitchell
12/03/2016	Saturday	Frankfort 4:00 p. m.	+John & +Ellen Harrington
12/03/2016	Saturday	Blaine 6:00 p.m.	+Tom McCormick
12/04/2016	Sunday	Blue Rapids 8:30 a. m.	For All Seminarians
12/04/2016	Sunday	Frankfort 10:30 a. m.	For All Parishioners of the 3 Parishes

Saturday, Dec. 3rd: Annunciation 4:00 pm

Lector	Pat Brady
Servers	Kaci Vaughn, Olivia Kennedy
Communion	M. Parthemer, J. Kennedy, & M. Kennedy
Musicians	Jane Sedlacek & Lynn S.
Ushers	Ed Brady & Joe Parthemer
Gifts	Ushers to appoint
Rosary	Marybeth Kennedy
Sacristan	Pat Brady

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Sunday, Dec. 4th: Annunciation 10:30 am

Lector	Bob Stallbaumer
Servers	Aiden & Peyton Gerstner, & Ethan Armstrong
Communion	L. Schmitz, L. Dressman, & T. Dressman
Musicians	Jeanie Gerstner & Choir
Ushers	Eric Gerstner & Bob Mitchell
Gifts	Ushers to appoint
Rosary	Charlie Gerstner & Dan Gerstner
Care Home	Jan Stallbaumer
Sacristan	Elma Mitchell

This that and the Other...

THE ADVENT WREATH and the Colors of Advent are probably the most popular symbols of the season. The Advent wreath is a circular garland of evergreen branches where four candles are arranged. During Advent one candle on the wreath is lit each week representing the coming of the Lord. The first, second, and fourth week's are **purple**, the primary color of Advent, symbolizing repentance. The **Rose** colored candle used during the third week represents joy and reveals a shift in the season away from repentance and toward celebration. The word "advent" comes from the Latin *adventus* meaning

"arrival" or "coming," particularly of something having great importance.

NOTICE There will be no Benediction or Adoration on Tuesday, Nov. 29th and Tuesday, Dec. 6th as Fr. Schmitz will be unavailable.

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

ANNUNCIATION CHOIR PRACTICE— Monday, Nov. 28th, 6:00 pm

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Thank you for your contributions to the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)! Your generous gifts will help CCHD break the cycle of poverty in the United States through better education, improved housing, and economic development. Through CCHD and its beneficiaries, we demonstrate Catholic social teaching and carry out Jesus' mission to "bring glad tidings to the poor...to proclaim liberty to captives & recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free" (Lk 4: 18).

ANNUNCIATION OFFERINGS

November 20, 2016

Envelopes \$2117.00

Plate \$210.43

Total \$2327.43

Other Income

Mass Stipends \$185.00

Insurance \$ 25.00

Thanksgiving \$ 35.00

Leaven \$ 26.00

Camp. Hum. Dev. \$183.00

Ret. Religious \$ 24.00

Cath. Charities \$ 10.00

Mission Sunday \$ 20.00

Christmas Flowers \$ 20.00

Turkey Dinner Results

Income

Total Income \$4281.00

Expenses thus far \$ 171.10 (more bills are expected to come)

CCD NOTES-

Class Grades 1-6, Wednesday, November 30th, 3:40 to 5:00 pm

Class Grades 7-12, Wednesday, November 30th, 7:00 pm

ALTAR SOCIETY NOTES-

Any Altar Society member who no longer has a land line phone number please contact Marilyn Hazen with a current number so that it can be added to the Altar Society Member List.

We thank all members who have worked long and hard in the past. If you would like your name added to the honorary list please contact Marilyn so your name can be updated to that list in 2017. We do not automatically add anyone to the honorary list. You will have to notify Marilyn.

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.

ANNUNCIATION CHURCH PICNIC

ASSESSMENT-We are still accepting your \$50.00 Church Picnic Assessments. The Church Picnic Assessment helps pay for the annual Cathedral fee to the Archdiocese which this year was \$5,421.00 and is 5% of our Ordinary Collections & Other Contributions during the fiscal year. Picnic Assessments received thus far are \$4,025.00.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY- Holy Day of Obligation-Thursdays, Dec. 8th.

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Knights of Columbus Pancake

Breakfast Today, Nov. 27 from 7:00 AM to 12:30 PM at Sts. Peter & Paul School Dining Hall. Free will donation. All are welcome to come for good food and friendship.

FRANKFORT COMMUNITY

CARE HOME- Annual Soup Day, Saturday, December 3rd, 11:00 to 2:00 pm. Public is Invited! There will be a drawing for a gun, smoker, & quilt. Raffle tickets for the gun & smoker are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. Quilt chances are \$1.00 each. Contact FCCH or Elsie Grace's for raffle tickets.

Marriage Minute—We all have plenty of time. If that seems like a crazy statement, think about what you'd do if you found out there was a huge wildfire coming toward you. Suddenly, your schedule would open up, and you'd be able to do what you needed to do to secure your home and family. In today's Gospel, Jesus challenges us to be prepared before disaster strikes. One of the best things we can do on an ongoing basis to keep our family secure is to fortify our marriages. Often, since our marriages seem to be "okay," we turn our time and attention elsewhere. But our marriages are our vocation, our life's work! Don't we owe it to our spouses to invest time in making them great?! This Advent, why not adopt one small practice that will bring more joy to your

marriage? See www.joyfulmarriageproject.com for ideas.

"God's Little Green Acre" Seminarian

Support You are invited to join Catholics across the Archdiocese in giving thanks for our seminarians and support them as they study for the priesthood. Farmers can donate the proceeds from one acre of their crops, and those who don't farm but want to "grow" vocations can make a donation in any amount. This Christmas the donations will be divided among our seminarians to help them pay for textbooks and living expenses. They greatly appreciate these funds since they have no income. For questions call 913-647-0303 or email vocation@archkck.org. Mail donations to: Arch KCK Vocation office, 12615 Parallel Pkwy, Kansas City, KS 66109.

Quo Vadis Discernment Retreat for Single

Men Single men ages 18-35 are challenged to discern the priesthood guided by Archbishop Naumann, retreat master Fr. Andrew Strobl, Vocation Director Fr. Scott Wallisch, and our seminarians. Take a short break from the materialism of Christmas with other guys who are open to God's will. This free retreat is at Savior Pastoral Center Dec. 17-19. Through prayer, Mass and short conferences – listen and discover God's deepest desire for you. No obligation just opportunity, so come even if you cannot stay for the entire retreat. Learn more and register by Dec. 14 at kckvocations.com or email vocation@archkck.org.

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

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

Advent is a season of waiting and watching. Paul, in 1 Thessalonians 1:1-3, describes the inner conversion of the Thessalonians as a “work of faith and labor of love, and steadfastness of hope.” Later in verse 9- 10 he explains how this inner conversion is expressed outwardly in their lives. They “turned to God from idols,” they “served a living and true God” and they waited “for his Son from heaven.” It is the steadfastness of hope and active waiting for the return of Jesus that this week’s Scriptures address. As we enter the season of Advent the eyes of our heart naturally turn to Jesus’ incarnation that we will celebrate and make present once again in a few weeks. How marvelous is the story of our salvation. Israel, a people not only conquered politically but also conquered by unbelief and sin, are rescued in a most unique and extraordinary way; by the birth of a defenseless babe. The coming Messiah -Savior was almost missed by Israel in spite of their years of prayer, watchfulness, and anticipation, for he came in a most unexpected way and at an unexpected time. As we celebrate that First Advent of Jesus with all its unexpected miraculous elements it should remind us that his second Advent, his impending return, could also take place at anytime in an equally unexpected and miraculous way. The Thessalonian Christians, whom we previously mentioned, waited for Jesus’ return from heaven with “assurance” and “steadfast hope.” However, their waiting did not consist of sitting around twiddling their thumbs. Their’s was an active anticipation that propelled them into the tasks of proclaiming the Gospel and reaping a harvest for the Kingdom of God. Because they knew that Jesus could return at any moment they were genuinely sincere about their faith and prudently active in sharing their faith throughout the region, even to the point of patiently enduring persecution. The Second Reading gives us good advice on how to

prepare for Jesus’ Second Advent, “For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; the night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.” As we celebrate the Advent Season we should become increasingly aware that our salvation is nearer than ever. Salvation from the penalty of sin and enslavement to sin is, of course, already present in Jesus Christ and through the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit. However our fallen nature, like an unholy gravity, exerts a continuing downward pull that we must labor to resist. Therefore, each day that we live we are a day closer to the fullness of salvation when we shall be freed from this downward force and set forever free to enjoy the God of our salvation. The Advent Season should remind us to cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. “Wherefore, let us honor this sacred day, the day on which the author of our salvation appeared. Whom the wise men revered as an infant in his crib, let us worship as the all-powerful One in heaven. Just as they offered to the Lord mystical kinds of gifts from their treasures, let us bring forth from our hearts things that are worthy of God. Although he himself bestows all good thing, he nevertheless asks for the fruit of our effort. For the kingdom of heaven comes not to those who sleep but to those who work and watch according to the Lord’s command.”¹ Jesus’ Second Advent is as sure as was Jesus’ First Advent. Two of this week’s Scripture readings alert us to the unexpectedness of Jesus’ Second Advent. We are encouraged therefore to “watch” and “be ready.” Many Israelites missed out on the joyousness of Jesus’ First Advent and were unable to exalt with people like Anna and Simeon who had remained alert and watchful for the Messiah even into old age. What a shame it will be, we will miss out on so much, if we, due to complacency and preoccupation with other things, are unprepared for his return.

Daily Mass Readings

Monday, Nov. 28	First Reading: <u>Is. 4: 2-6</u> Gospel: <u>Mt. 8: 5-11</u>
Tues- day, Nov 29	First Reading: <u>Is. 11: 1-10</u> Gospel: <u>Lk. 10: 21-24</u>
Wednes- day, Nov. 30	First Reading: <u>Rom. 10: 9-18</u> Gospel: <u>Mt. 4: 18-22</u>
Thurs- day, Dec. 1	First Reading: <u>Is. 26: 1-6</u> Gospel: <u>Mt. 7: 21, 24-27</u>
Friday, Dec. 2	First Reading: <u>Is. 29: 17-24</u> Gospel: <u>Mt. 9: 27-31</u>
Satur- day, Dec. 3	First Reading: <u>Is. 30: 19-21, 23-26</u> Gospel: <u>Mt. 9: 35—10: 1, 5a, 6-8</u>
Sunday, Dec. 4	1st Reading: <u>Is. 11: 1-10</u> 2nd Reading: <u>Rom. 15: 4-9</u> Gospel: <u>Mt. 3: 1-12</u>

¹ Leo the Great as quoted in Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture, Volume IX

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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. 4th, 8:30 am – For All Seminarians

November 20, 2016 offerings

Envelopes	\$ 82.00
Plate	\$166.78
Mary's Garden	\$ 10.00
Hall Rent	\$100.00
Human Dev.	\$ 50.00

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. 4th, 8:30 a.m. St. Monica\St. Elizabeth

Lector	Em. Toerber
Servers	O. Skalla, K. Skalla, & A. Toerber
Gifts	Gleason family
Communion	J. Bachura, M. Borgerding, & T. Minihan
Ushers	D. Heinen & H. Borgerding

Church Cleaners: December– General cleaning/All Parish members

Sacristan Schedule: December— Jan Bergkamp

Breakfast Committee: December – Norma Hirt, Holly Brungardt, & Beth Bachura

WELCOME & CONGRATULATIONS to Kali Lynn Carlson, daughter of Steven & Rebecca Carlson who was baptized at St. Monica/St. Elizabeth Parish this weekend. Her sponsors are Greg Jasko & Sonja Smerchek.

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.

NOTICE ALL PARISHIONERS

This year CCD students are collecting aluminum cans. There is a special trash can next to our church dumpster designated for our collection. The money we raise doing this will be used for church and community projects. Thanks for all your support!!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Tami Budenbender 11/26

Roxanne Nugent 11/27

ANNIVERSARIES

Jackie & Kevin Coggins 11/25

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NOTICE

The grounds committee and CCD students of St. Monica/St. Elizabeth church is working on putting in a Mary Garden at the church. The Altar Society has graciously donated \$200 toward the purchase of a Statue of Mary. The Statue will be purchased locally from Baileyville. The cost of a 5 foot Statue of Mary is \$425. The committee is asking for donations. Envelopes for donations towards the purchase are available in the back of the church. Thank you for your help with this meaningful project.

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



St. Columbkille Parish, Blaine KS

Ministers of the Mass *Saturday Dec. 3, 6:00 p.m.*

Lector	Lisa Moser
Servers Cross Bearer	Jarritt Martens and Molly Minihan Allie Valburg
Ministers	Harry Moser, Elaine Hofman, Kenny Suther
Hospitality	Robert & Ruth Bergmann

Saturday November 19, 2016 offering:

11/19/2016 Envelope	996.00	
Plate	263.00	
All Saints	3.00	
Leaven	21.00	
CCHC	20.00	
Hall Rent	30.00	
BVTV Capital Credit	194.62	
		1,527.62

Seeking: Gently loved Christmas decorations and Religious items.

Once again, the St Columbkille Youth will have a booth at the Celtic Christmas Event on December 10th, repurposing these items into someone else's home. The youth are raising money for their upcoming trip to the National Catholic Youth Conference in November, 2017. Your donation of items is greatly appreciated. If you need someone to pick them up, call Sally Olson, 785-410-7760 or just leave them in the back of church and youth member will collect them.

Thanks
Sally

Altar Society Meeting November 28th 7 pm

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

Nov 26th Brooklyn and Devin Plummer
Cross Bearer Dylan Plummer
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

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.

Interested in growing in your faith as a married couple? **Teams of our Lady** is a movement of "Married Spirituality" that brings together Christian couples. There are some new teams forming in the area . If you are interested in becoming a part of Teams or just learning more about it, please contact Ed and Sally Henry at chenry@blueballey.net . They are the regional sector leaders and would love to share more information about it. Additionally fell free to talk to Todd and Sally Olson, Harry and Lisa Moser or Father Schmitz. We are a part of Teams and would love to share our experience and answer any questions. **Sally Olson**

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.

COUNTDOWN TO CELTIC CHRISTMAS!!!

Just **14** 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.