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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. 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

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Annunciation Parish

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

JANUARY 29TH 2017

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Growing as Disciples of Jesus, Making Disciples For Jesus

This week in Catholic History: Presentation Of The Lord, February 2. At the end of the fourth century, a woman named Etheria made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Her journal gives an unprecedented glimpse of liturgical life there. Among the celebrations she describes is the Epiphany, the observance of Christ's birth, and the procession in honor of his Presentation in the Temple 40 days later. This procession spread throughout the Western Church in the fifth and sixth centuries. At the beginning of the eighth century, Pope Sergius inaugurated a candlelight procession; at the end of

the same century the blessing and distribution of candles (which continues to this day) became part of the celebration, giving the feast its popular name: Candlemas.

Evangalization:

Have someone you'd like to share the faith with? Want to learn how to better do that? We have several opportunities coming up as test parishes for the bishop's evangelization efforts. First, there is a workshop at the diocese the morning of Saturday, March 25th, to learn the successful methods we can put to use for the sake of the Kingdom. Also, the ladies that run the evangelization office for the diocese are coming out to us for a personal chance to get better at reaching out to family and neighbors to

encourage them in the faith. We aren't talking about knocking on strangers' doors or visiting foreign countries (as exciting as that is), I want to focus on the long term view with those we know the best, and what the best for them. Please see me if you're interested in either of these.

Additionally, the Archdiocese's Rural Outreach is putting on a training session featuring Jim Beckman of Y-Disciple: titled, "**IF YOU WANT TO KNOW WHO YOU ARE AND WHY YOU'RE HERE, START PRAYING EVERY DAY**". It will be hosted from 3-6pm, Saturday, February 4th at St Columbkille's, in the east meeting room. Mass is at 6pm. All are invited and encouraged to attend. The parish gets grant money for each person who attends!

Last Chance: Financial Peace University

We have a spot left for Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, starting Feb 2nd, at 7pm in the Cigna Center. You can sign up online through the parish website. Feel free to consider the cost of the program as your tithe to the parish.

Mass Intentions

Date	Day	Notes	Intention
01/30/2017	Monday	Weekday	No a.m. Mass
01/31/2017	Tuesday	St. John Bosco	+Roy & +Rachel Seematter
02/01/2017	Wednesday	10:00 am (Care Home)	+Melvin Suther
02/02/2017	Thursday	Presentation of the Lord	Health of the Marksman Brothers
02/03/2017	Friday	Sts. Blaise & Ansgar	Dana & Nicholas de la Rosa
02/04/2017	Saturday	Frankfort 4:00 p. m.	For All Parishioners of the 3 Parishes
02/04/2017	Saturday	Blaine 6:00 p.m.	Health of Lynda Depew
02/05/2017	Sunday	Blue Rapids 8:30 a. m.	+Madelyn Turnbull
02/05/2017	Sunday	Frankfort 10:30 a. m.	Liv/Dec'd Reinecke family

Saturday, Feb. 4th: Annunciation 4:00 pm

Lector	Diane Tilley
Servers	Alli Tommer & Xander Hull
Communion	P. Brady, M. Hazen, & M. Griffin
Musicians	Jeanie, Emily, & Brady
Ushers	Ed Brady & Keith Tilley
Gifts	Ushers to appoint
Rosary	Wilma Harrington
Sacristan	Pat Brady

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Sunday, Feb. 5th: Annunciation 10:30 am

Lector	Jim Roeder
Servers	Emilee Ebert, Grady & Tara Fox
Communion	C. Hull, P. Maas, & S. Wapp
Musicians	Moogie, Lynn, & Lexi
Ushers	Joe Maas & Todd Surdez
Gifts	Ushers to appoint
Rosary	Dan Gerstner & Charlie Gerstner
Care Home	Stephanie Huninghake
Sacristan	Pam Suther

This that and the Other...

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REMINDER—Don't forget to grab a baby bottle in the back of church and fill it with your loose change. All proceeds will benefit those in need at Birthright in Topeka.

Adoration, Benediction, and Rosary on Tuesdays, 7:00 pm

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

ALTAR SOCIETY NOTES— Your 2017 dues are now due. Dues are \$10.00 per year. You may drop your dues in the collection basket marked for Lucille Swanson or bring to the Parish Office.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS— Knights of Columbus Council #1383 Breakfast will be held on Sunday, Feb. 5th, in the Cigna Center. Serving 7:00 to 1:00 pm. Eggs, Pancakes, Sausage, Biscuits/Gravy & Cinnamon Rolls. Free Will Donation. Take out service available. All are invited.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY— Friday, March 31st, 5:00 to 8:00 pm.

ANNUNCIATION OFFERINGS

January 21, 2017

Envelopes \$1419.10

Plate \$155.40

Total \$1574.50

Other Income

Mass Stipends	\$ 60.00
Hall Use	\$ 90.00
Fuel	\$ 60.00
Ch. Latin America	\$ 60.00

HUNGRY FOR WAFFLES?

The Waffleman is serving all the Belgian Waffles you can eat from 4:30 to 7:30 pm Wednesday, Feb. 1st at St. Gregory's in Marysville. \$7.00 per plate, Children 4 years of age and younger eat free. All proceeds benefit St. Gregory's Catholic School.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS—

St. Monica/St. Elizabeth Soup Day, Wednesday, February 8th, serving 11:00 am to 7:00 pm. Chicken Noodle, Beefy Vegetable, Potato Soup, Ham & Bean, or Chili, includes homemade breads, relish, desserts, & homemade pies. Free Will donations! All are welcome!

HELP WANTED— Would you and some friends be able to provide a light meal for the Jr/Sr High Religious Ed. Classes & Team Leaders? Will need food for approximately 50-60 people. Dates that volunteers are needed are Feb. 8th, Feb. 15th, Feb. 22nd, April 19th, April 26th, & May 3rd. If you would like to volunteer please contact Cathy Joseph at 785-564-0864.

CCD NOTES—

Class Grades 1-6 Wed., Feb. 1st, 3:40 to 5:00 pm.

Class Grades 7-12, Wed., Feb. 1st, 7:00 pm

COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA—

Thank you for your generous support last week of the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Your gift will certainly make a difference!

SAVE THE DATE— Totus Tuus at Annunciation —Jr/Sr High begins Sun. June 4 through Thurs. June 8th. Grades 1-6 is June 5th through June 9th.

Knights of Columbus Council #1383 are once again sponsoring a Pro-Life baby shower during the month of January. Donations of maternity clothing and baby items may be placed in the baby bassinet in the back of church. Also, baby bottles are available for your loose change. Monetary donations may be dropped off at the Church Office or given to Jim Roeder.

Marriage Minute- In two weeks, you'll be invited to participate in the Joyful Marriage Project, an initiative that invites and equips couples to make their marriage more joyful. In this Sunday's second reading, St Paul exhorts us to "Consider your own calling." What does one have to do with the other? For us married couples, considering our own "calling" is a reminder to constantly be aware of the mission of our life. Not that we forget we are married, but we sometimes forget how much we love our spouse. When we take for granted the passionate love we have for our spouse, joy leaks out of our relationship. In the same way Christ was always mindful of his mission to bring God's love to humanity, we married couples must be focused on bringing God's love to our spouse. For practical tips on how to "Consider your own calling," go to www.joyfulmarriageproject.com

World Marriage Day Mass February

12, 2017 Come celebrate World Marriage Day and renew the commitment you made to one another on your wedding day! Mass will be celebrated by Bishop James V. Johnston Jr., and Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, February 12, 2017, at St. Thomas More Parish, 11822 Holmes Road, Kansas City, MO 64131. Mass will include a renewal of commitment and Blessing for the married couples. Mass will be followed by a reception. Families are welcome! Sponsored by the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas and Worldwide Marriage Encounter. For more information call 913-647-0329.

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.

CRISIS CENTER MANHATTAN—

Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Workshop & Volunteer Training, Feb. 4th & Feb. 11th, 9 to 5. Fee is \$15.00. For details, training location and to reserve your spot call 785-539-7935. In order to volunteer with the agency you must attend both training sessions. The Crisis Center serves Clay, Geary, Marshall, Pottawatomie & Riley counties & Fort Riley. More information see flyer in back of church.

Women's Spirituality

Conference: March 11th at St. Thomas More Parish Center in Manhattan. Theme is Finding God in Everything, speaker is Sister Edith Prendergast, R.S.C. If interested in attending this Lenten day of reflection there is a brochure in the back of church. For further information phone number 785-776-5151 or email info@womensspiritualconference.org

RETREAT OPPORTUNITY

Christ's Peace House of Prayer will be holding a Lenten preparation retreat on the weekend of Saturday to Sunday, February 25 - 26. The retreat will have 4 or 5 talks, daily Eucharistic Adoration, Mass at the local parish on Saturday at 5 pm, and time for quiet reflection, walks in the forest, spiritual reading and prayer. The cost is \$85 for individuals and \$125 for couples. The first talk is at 9 am Saturday. Christ's Peace House of Prayer is located at 22131 Meagher Road, Easton, KS 66020. If you are interested in attending, you can contact us at info@christspeace.com or [913-773-8255](tel:913-773-8255).

PROJECT RACHEL

You are loved ...After abortion. Maybe you don't love yourself but that is not God's way. Divine Mercy loves unconditionally, everyone. Let Project Rachel show you the many ways of healing. FREE, CONFIDENTIAL. Private classes or group support. Call or email Patricia at 888-246-1504 or projectrachelkc@archkck.org. Project Rachel is a ministry supported by Call to Share .

NOTICE— The Annunciation Parish has been invited to participate in the parade on June 17, 2017 celebrating Frankfort's Sesquicentennial celebration. Any individual or group of the Parish that would be interested in providing a parade entry that would showcase Annunciation Parish please contact Fr. Schmitz.



Reflecting On Sunday's Readings

In the book *Forty Days and Forty Nights*, Brother Ramon notes, “In these days when words are so cheap in the worlds of commerce, politics and even education, when market forces and advertising expertise further devalue the written and spoken word, it is refreshing and exciting to get back to the plain word of Scripture and be confronted with words of power and integrity. The Gospels are so simple that a child can understand them yet so profound and mystical that they are beyond the comprehension of a philosopher or literary critic.” This Sunday’s Gospel reading certainly bears that out. The Scriptures’ view, Jesus’ view, the Father’s view of humility and lowliness of spirit is so clear and simple, yet so profound and mystical. Humility of spirit personifies the Lord. John the Baptizer confesses that he is not worthy to unlatch Jesus’ sandal yet the two adjectives Jesus uses to describe himself are, “I am gentle and humble in heart.” Emmanuel, God with us, the one “by whom all things were created,” and to whom “all power” has been given has come and presented himself to us in humility. What a mystery, what a glorious mystery! In our world, and as it probably was when Jesus walked the earth, it is the powerful and assertive who usually make the “most admired” lists. Fortunately these lists are very temporal, whereas Jesus is giving us an eternal perspective of the traits God most admires. Though it was interesting to listen to Jesus teach, it was difficult to believe that his perspective was really true. It did in fact turn the world’s philosophies upside down. Then and now, it calls for and requires repentance and conversion to change the way we think and live so that our lives are consistent with Kingdom values. The words quoted above by Jesus, “I am gentle and humble in heart,” may also provide the answer to how it is possible to experience this upside-down way of thinking and living, which in reality is right side up. His

self description is preceded by the invitation, “Come to me ... Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.” Zephaniah encourages us to “seek the Lord.” In so doing we also seek righteousness and humility. As Brother Ramon points out we can seek and find the Lord through the “plain word of Scripture” where we will be “confronted with words of power and integrity.” It is in sacred Scripture that we are able to reflect on Jesus, his character and heart in action. “Behold his poverty even as he was laid in the manger and wrapped in swaddling clothes. What wondrous humility, what marvelous poverty! The King of angels, the Lord of heaven and earth resting in a manger! Look more deeply into the mirror [of Scripture] and meditate on his humility, or simply on his poverty. Behold the many labors and suffering he endured to redeem the human race. Then in the depths of this very mirror, ponder his unspeakable love which caused him to suffer on the wood of the cross and endure the most shameful kind of death.”* St. Paul tells us that it is in beholding his glory as in a mirror that we are transformed into his image, bit by bit (2 Corinthians 3:18). Would you not agree that it is only as his life permeates ours that his spirit transforms our spirit? The good news guarantees that with this transformation of our spirit and manner of life, come all of the benefits he calls “blessed” in this week’s Gospel reading. Benefits which can be experienced even when life does not seem on the surface to be going well for us.

Reflecting On Sunday's Readings,
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Daily Mass Readings

Monday, Jan. 30	First Reading: Heb. 11: 32-40 Gospel: Mk. 5: 1-20
Tuesday, Jan. 31	First Reading: Heb. 12: 1-4 Gospel: Mk. 5: 21-43
Wednesday, Feb. 1	First Reading: Heb. 12: 4-7, 11-15 Gospel: Mk. 6: 1-6
Thursday, Feb. 2	First Reading: Mal. 3: 1-4 2nd Reading: Heb. 2: 14-18 Gospel: Lk. 2: 22-40 or 2: 22-32
Friday, Feb. 3	First Reading: Heb. 13: 1-8 Gospel: Mk. 6: 14-29
Saturday, Feb. 4	First Reading: Heb. 13: 15-17, 20-21 Gospel: Mk. 6: 30-34
Sunday, Feb. 5	1st Reading: Is. 58: 7-10 2nd Reading: 1 Cor. 2: 1-5 Gospel: Mt. 5: 13-16

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

Feb. 5th, 8:30 am – +Madelyn Turnbull

January 22, 2017 offerings

Envelopes	\$589.00
Plate	\$133.00
Latin America	\$ 20.00
Mass Stipends	\$175.00

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

Ministers of the Mass

Sunday Feb. 5th, 8:30 a.m. St. Monica\St. Elizabeth

Lector	
Servers	
Gifts	
Communion	
Ushers	

Church Cleaners: February– Jan Bergkamp & Liz Miller
Sacristan Schedule: February— Norma Hirt
Breakfast Committee: February – Jan Bergkamp, Karen Swearingen, Heather Anderson, Liz Miller, & Lila Swearingen

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Altar Society meeting February 15, 2017 at noon. Will discuss how the soup day went. Any ideas to make it better next year are welcomed.

New contact for Church Hall Rental is John Wienck at 785-799-4069 or jwienck@yahoo.com

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Craig Miller 1/30
Dave Baier 2/1
Anthony Edwards 2/2
Luke Toerber 2/3
Alex Nolte 2/5

PRO-LIFE BABY SHOWER- The Marysville Knights of Columbus will once again be sponsoring a Pro-Life Baby Shower during the month of January. New maternity or baby items or clothing will be accepted. Also accepting monetary donations. Please leave all donations in the back of church. Questions contact John Wienck.

Soup-R-Bowl St Mary's Church and St Benedict serving Soups, Relishes and Pies Sunday Feb 5th 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Free Will Offering

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ARCHBISHOP'S CALL TO SHARE— Our Goal is set at \$3,455. To date we have had 5 families pledge for \$1,875. We have a great start, so if everyone could get their pledge cards in it would be appreciated. Every gift is appreciated, no matter the size. If you are unable to give or pledge at this time, please return blank pledge card. Pledge cards may be mailed or put in the collection basket. As always, please pray for the success of the Call to Share program.

Balance Sheet, December 31, 2016

Assets

Cash in Bank - Blue Rapids

Operating	\$16,487
Hail Storm Insurance	\$9,398
Mary's Garden	\$515
Mercy Giving Accounts	\$1,659
Decorating	\$1,001
St Wenceslaus	\$4,105
Altar Society	<u>\$3,368</u>
Total Cash in Bank - Blue Rapids	\$36,533

Cash in Bank - Waterville \$10,974

Total Assets: \$47,507

Total Liabilities: \$-0-

Total Equity: \$47,507

(6 mo. Income Statement available next week)

Total Liabilities & Equity
47,507



St. Columbkille Parish, Blaine KS

Ministers of the Mass *Saturday Feb. 4, 6:00 p.m.*

Lector	Lisa Moser
Servers Cross Bearer	Jarritt Martens and Allie Valburg Molly Minihan
Ministers	Harry Moser, Elaine Hofman, Debbie Plummer, Mark Cusimano
Hospitality	Frank & Denise Finan

Saturday Jan. 21, 2017 offering:

1/21/2017	Envelope	588.00	
	Plate	171.00	
	Mass Intentions	10.00	
	Latin America	37.00	
			806.00

Pro-Life Baby Shower

Throughout the month of January, the Knights of Columbus will be conducting a Pro-Life Baby Shower. Donations of new or used baby or maternity clothing, baby and pregnancy supplies, diapers, bottles, and formula would be appreciated. Please place any donations in the baby crib in the back of the church. Cash donations can be given to Harry Moser, Steve O'Shea or Jim McCormick.

No January altar society meeting. The next altar society meeting will be February 27, at 7:00 pm at the church hall. Everyone is welcome to attend and/ or join as we do not charge dues.

Server Schedule

Jan 28th Brooklyn and Dylan Plummer
 Cross Bearer Devin Plummer
 Feb 4th Jarritt Martens and Allie Valburg
 Cross Bearer Molly Minihan
 Feb 11th Maria and Rebecca Krohn
 Cross Bearer Eva Krohn

Church Cleaning

Feb. 5-11: Denise Finan, Janel Finan, Lois Roggenkamp
 Feb. 19-25: Karen Lundberg, Maggie Lundberg, Natalie Krohn

Capital Campaign update:

In 2016, we raised \$72,102 in cash and \$46,360 in pledges for a total of \$118,462! Thank you to all who helped make this generosity possible. A third of the way there, we are already improving our church. The cross will be placed back on top of the steeple shortly, and we are gathering bids to re-shingle the steeple when the weather turns warmer. Please continue to pray and sacrifice for the success of our campaign.

Please remember and support the Altar Society's efforts to collect non-perishable food items & toiletries for our Food Pantries in Westy & Frankfort. Also, we collect newborn disposable diapers & wipes for the Onaga Hospital to give to families in need as they leave with their new baby. Thank you!

WELCOME & CONGRATULATIONS to Jaycee Evonne VanDonge, daughter of Kelly and Jenna VanDonge who was baptized at St. Columbkille Parish this weekend. Her sponsors are Ashley & Justin Bambach.

January 23rd Fund Raiser Meal Thankyou to all who contributed cakes and especially to the workers who volunteered their time to prep and serve this successful event.

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Like to win a freezer full of meat? Tickets are available from Grace Suther and Allie Valburg as a fundraiser for the Catholic Heart Work Camp they are going to this summer. Tickets are 2/\$5 or 5/\$10. Drawing week after Easter. Thank you!