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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

MARCH 12TH 2017

The Second Sunday of Lent

Growing as Disciples of Jesus, Making Disciples For Jesus

LENTEN ACTIVITIES

Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent at Annunciation 7:00 pm-

March 24th, 31st, & April
7th.

Blaine: Wed, Mar 22nd,
7pm

Confessions

Wednesday 6:00 to 7:00 pm.

March 22nd at Blaine (6:00
to 6:45 for All Parishioners
and 6:45 to 7:30 for
Religious Ed. Youth.)

March 29th at Frankfort

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

Sunday, April 2nd, 3:00 pm

St. Gregory's Marysville

Sunday, April 2nd, 7:00 pm

Annunciation

Sunday, April 9th, 3:00 pm

Sts. Peter & Paul, Seneca

FOOD:

Frankfort Fish Fry: Friday,
March 31st, 5-8pm.

Axtell American Legion
Breakfast: Free will offering
Biscuits and gravy, sausage,
eggs, pancakes, and hash
browns

At the American Legion Hall
in Axtell from 7am-1pm on
Sunday, March 26th.

Catholic Radio Special

on The Trials of St Patrick

The Sword, 105.3 FM
and KSWZLP.COM is airing
an 8 part program on the
many difficulties St Patrick
faced in his remarkable life.
It begins this Sunday,

and airs each Sunday at 9:30
am and 8:30 pm.

Visit KSWZLP.COM to
learn how to listen and
to read more about the
series under
PROGRAMS, Seasonal
Schedule.

Vocations: Marriage and Holy Orders

On March 21st, after (*change of pace!) Mass, offered for the health of Dan Gerstner, at 7pm at Annunciation, Bill McHale and his wife of over 50 years will be here to give a little talk on the 10 Commandments of 50 years; three-word sayings they strive to live by in their married lives. Please come for this time of prayer, humor, and gratitude for God's gift of marriage.

(*I've thought about one weekday evening Mass for awhile, and this is a test run.
If an evening daily Mass appeals to you, please let me know.)

Also: Bill, who is very active in promoting prayer for vocations to the priesthood, would like to encourage the formation of a '31 Club,' where people sign up to pray for vocations every day of the month, so that each day, we have people praying for vocations from our parishes and families. If this interests you, please tell me.

Mass Intentions

Date	Day	Notes	Intention
03/13/2017	Monday	Lenten Weekday	No a.m. Mass
03/14/2017	Tuesday	Lenten Weekday	+Carol Mitchell
03/15/2017	Wednesday	10:00 am (Care Home)	Liv/Dec'd Wessel family
03/16/2017	Thursday	Lenten Weekday	+Roy & +Rachel Seematter
03/17/2017	Friday	Lenten Weekday	+Lawrence & +Dorothy Shump
03/18/2017	Saturday	Frankfort 4:00 p. m.	For All Parishioners of the 3 Parishes
03/18/2017	Saturday	Blaine 6:00 p.m.	+Joanne Noel
03/19/2017	Sunday	Blue Rapids 8:30 a. m.	For All Seminarians
03/19/2017	Sunday	Frankfort 10:30 a. m.	+Mark Brady

Saturday, Mar. 18th: Annunciation 4:00 pm

Lector	Cathy Weyer
Servers	Emily & Colton Weyer
Communion	C. Weyer, M. Parthemer, & M. Kennedy
Musicians	Marilyn D. & Rheta M.
Ushers	Joe Parthemer & Roy Miller
Gifts	Ushers to appoint
Rosary	Marybeth Kennedy
Sacristan	Cathy Weyer

Sunday, Mar. 19th: Annunciation 10:30 am

Lector	Charlie Gerstner
Servers	Aiden & Peyton Gerstner & Katelyn Combs
Communion	C. Stallbaumer, P. Maas, & C. Farrell
Musicians	Jeanie G. & Lynn B.
Ushers	Joe Maas & Todd Surdez
Gifts	Ushers to appoint
Rosary	Kelli Kokoruda
Care Home	Wilma Harrington
Sacristan	Pam Suther

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY— Friday, March 31st, 5:00 to 8:00 pm. Fried Fish & all the fixins! All are welcome to join us!

NOTICE

There will be no Adoration or Benediction on Tuesday, March 14th as we will offer Mass for the health of Dan Gerstner.

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

RICE BOWL Second Week of Lent— We encounter Evelina in Zambia as she and other mothers in her community learn new ways to provide nutritious meals for their

growing children and families. How do we ensure that those who are hungry have not only food but true nourishment? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN— You may turn in your filled baby bottles at any time to Jim Roeder or to Marilyn at the Parish Office. Thank you for your generous support to this worthy cause!

VIRTUS TRAINING- Sacred Heart, Sabetha is hosting a Virtus training on Monday, **March 27th** at 6:30 pm
St. Gregory, Marysville is hosting a session on Thursday, **April 6th** at 5:30. Please go to virtus.org and click

on first-time registrant on the left to view a list of sessions (choose Kansas City in KS) and to register!

ANNUNCIATION OFFERINGS

March 12, 2017

Envelopes \$.

Plate \$.

Total \$.

Other Income

Mass Stipends \$.00

Ch. Eastern Europe \$.00

Blk & Indian Missions \$.00

St. Columbkille \$

WILL REPORT NEXT WEEK

CCD NOTES—

Class Grades 1-6 Wed., Mar. 15th.

NO CLASS

Class Grades 7-12, Wed., March

15th, 7:00 pm

HELP WANTED — Would you and some friends be able to provide a light meal for the Jr/Sr High Religious Ed. Class & team leaders? Will need food for approximately 50-60 people. Dates that volunteers are needed are April 19th, April 26th, and May 3rd (May 3rd is the year end party). If you would like to volunteer please contact Cathy Joseph at 785-564-0864.

ST. MICHAEL'S AXTELL Annual Soup Supper, Sun. March 19th. Serving 5 to 8:00 pm. Auction begins at 8:00 pm.

NOTICE— All parishioners are invited to the Cigna Center on Monday, March 20th for a Storm Spotter Training session. The session begins at 7:00 pm and will take approximately 1 hour to 1 1/2 hours. Presentation by a NWS meteorologist. Free and open to the public.

Marriage Minute- This week's second reading tells us to bear hardship "with the strength that comes from God." In the Gospel, Jesus gives a concrete example of this. He prepares Peter, James, and John for his impending death by appearing transfigured before them, so that later when they saw him bound and beaten, they could remember who he truly was. Married people certainly encounter hardships. Whether the trials come from outside forces or from our own sin and weakness, they are guaranteed. One thing that can help us weather these storms is being intentional about taking time out for our own "transfiguration" moments—times we can see our marriages as they truly are. Weekends like "Living in Love" or "Marriage Encounter" won't prevent bad things from happening, but they can remind

us why we married our spouse and how important our vocation is to the Church. To find your "transfiguration", see www.joyfulmarriageproject.com.

Recharge Marriage Workshop: Have you been looking for marriage enrichment but don't have a whole weekend? Recharge is a 4 hour opportunity to connect with your spouse that will give you the basics to increase the love and passion in your marriage! Recharge is a practical application of John Paul II's Theology of the Body. Our next Recharge will be Sunday, April 2, from 1-5pm at Mother Teresa of Calcutta parish in Topeka, KS. Child care is available at no charge! For more details or to register, contact Marty Becker at 785.246.1182, or check out www.archkck.org/recharge.

MARRIED COUPLES: It's spring training time. Play ball with your spouse and sign up to hit a home run at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekend in Kansas City is April 28-30, 2017 For more information or to apply, please visit our website: www.wwme4youandme.org or call Tony & Barb Zimmerman, 816-741-4066 or email tonybarbz@prodigy.net

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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.

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.

Easter season is the perfect time to bring new life into your marriage by learning **Natural Family Planning** and embracing God's design of natural fertility patterns. You are encouraged to attend the course in the Sympto-Thermal Method of NFP beginning in Topeka on Saturday, April 22nd, at 7pm. Reasonable course fee charged. Call Dana or Eric Runnebaum at 785-380-0062 for more info, including the class location and the availability of **online** classes. **Pre-registration required at: www.ccli.org.** Learn more at nfptopeka.blogspot.com.



Reflecting On Sunday's Readings

Have you ever stopped to wonder, “What makes the holy, holy?” What is it that makes a person holy? Is it some inner goodness or merit they achieved? Most godly people would be appalled by this suggestion; rather, they are unusually conscious of their own unworthiness. And this sense of unworthiness is often offset by an unusual consciousness of being a recipient of God’s mercy and grace. A story is told of a young girl, who when visiting a great cathedral, saw the figures depicted in the beautiful stained glass windows. It was explained to her that these were the “saints” of the Church. Later, when asked by someone, “What is a saint?” she answered, “A saint is someone who lets the light shine through.” Isn’t that really what makes us holy, the extent to which we allow Jesus, “the Light,” to shine through us? We are set apart and made spiritually beautiful, or holy, not because we reflect our own merit but because we reflect his merit. Pope John XXIII, in the biography *The Journey of a Soul*, uses two wonderful expressions to capture this same thought. The first is from St. Augustine: “When you crown our merit, you are crowning your own gifts.” The second is his own thought on this concept: “My merit, your mercy.” Both men understood that the goodness and essence of their spirituality was simply, “Christ in you, the hope of glory.” (Colossians 1:27) This week’s Gospel reading relates the story of Jesus and his three disciples on the Mount of Transfiguration. For a few short minutes these disciples visually saw that of which John the Baptist testified, the holiness of Jesus the Lamb of God. John the Baptist said,

“among you stands one whom you do not know, even he who comes after me, the thong of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.” This holy light which transfigured Jesus’ face and caused it to shine like the sun, was just a glimpse of his glory and holiness. This glory and holiness of Jesus Christ is the source of mercy of which Pope John XXIII spoke. As we proceed through these days of Lent, and reflect on our spiritual condition and perhaps the disarray of our relationship with Christ, it is easy to see ourselves as unholy. Often when we perceive our spiritual shortcomings we try to compensate and offset our shortcomings by renewed spiritual vigor and devout promises in an attempt to feel better about ourselves. When we respond this way we are getting the cart before the horse. The place of change and spiritual transformation begins with the recognition that we are holy, in spite of our sins, because the holiness of Jesus has been applied to our lives. God sees us as righteous through the righteousness of his Son. Pope John Paul II says in *Mission of the Redeemer*, “... we must first clearly affirm our faith in Christ, the one Savior of humanity, a faith we have received as a gift from on high, not as a result of any merit of our own. We say with Paul, ‘I am not ashamed of the Gospel: it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith’ (Rom 1:16).” When we are able by faith to grasp that concept we respond back to God in love, as Paul says in 2 Corinthians 5:14, “the love of Christ controls us, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, that those who live might live no longer for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.” This is

Daily Mass Readings

how transformation takes place. With this understanding of Christ’s love for us our resolve to live for him with renewed spiritual vigor comes not from a desire to offset our previous sins, but out of gratitude that our sins have been forgiven. That which makes the holy, holy, is simply the presence of Jesus, the “Light of the World,” dwelling within us. His merit, his gifts shining through us, transforms our attitudes and behavior.

Reflecting On Sunday’s Readings, Copyright 2002-2017, Richard A. Cleveland.



St. Monica\St. Elizabeth, Blue Rapids



Calendar and Mass Intention

Mar. 19th, 8:30 am – For All Seminarians

March 5, 2017 offerings

Envelopes	\$1288.00
Plate	\$ 273.25
Ch. East Europe	\$ 15.00
Blk & Indian Missions	\$ 15.00
American Bishops	\$ 25.00

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

Ministers of the Mass

Sunday Mar. 19th, 8:30 a.m. St. Monica\St. Elizabeth

Lector	J. Bergkamp
Servers	M. Toerber, C. Toerber, & I. Baier
Gifts	Seleska family
Communion	M. Heinen, Sc. Toerber, & P. Waite
Ushers	M. Borgerding & J. Wienck

Church Cleaners: March– Jeanette Borgerding
Sacristan Schedule: March— Theresa Minihan
Breakfast Committee: April – Mary Ann Heinen, Jenni Heinen, & Janice Rowe

Altar Society: No meeting in March. Next meeting will be April 19, 2017 at noon. Will finalize plans for First Communion breakfast which will be April 30, 2017.

Community Vacation Bible School 2017 will be May 22-26! Plans are underway and we are very excited for an awesome week! If you would like to help in any way please see Liz Miller or Sarah Toerber.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

NOTE OF THANKS-

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

ARCHBISHOP’S CALL TO SHARE— Your gift to the Archbishop’s Call to Share is still needed! Thank you to all who have responded to the needs of our Church in northeastern Kansas through the 2017 Archbishop’s Call to Share appeal. One person or parish could not possibly accomplish all that needs to be done for over 40 ministries and services of the Archbishop’s Call to Share. Giving is a Holy Act! Please give today! Our parish goal is \$3,455.00



St. Columbkille Parish, Blaine KS

Ministers of the Mass *Saturday Mar. 25, 6:00 p.m.*

Saturday Mar. 4, 2017 offering:

Lector	Bob Murray
Servers Cross Bearer	Jarritt Martens, Dylan and Devin Plummer
Ministers	Joyce Blaske, Kathy Murray, Natha Manges, Andrea Karnes
Hospitality	George & Sherry Quigley

3/11/2017 Envelope	668.00	
Plate	124.00	
Mass Intentions	10.00	
T Shirts	20.00	
NCYC	1856.48	
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3/11/2017 Church Reno		2,100.00
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Happy Belated St Patrick's Day to you all. The altar society invites you over for an April Fool's St. Patrick celebration. We will be serving Stew, Biscuits and ask that you bring a desert or side. This will be after mass on April 1. If you can't make it there will be Stew available for sale with proceeds going to the restoration fund... just bring a container with you so we can fill or we can fill a zip lock bag of it for you. Contact Kellie O'Shea with questions. Look for sign-up sheet in the back of the church for those who want to help

Altar Society Meeting March 27th at 7pm

Server Schedule

Mar 25th Jarritt Martens, Dylan and Devin Plummer
 Apr 1st Brooklyn Plummer, Allie Valburg and Molly Minihan
 Apr 8th Maria, Rebecca and Eva Krohn
 Apr 16th Eli Roggenkamp, Karnes Malea and Ethan

Church Cleaning

March 19-25: K. O'Shea, K. Murray, L. Murray
 April 2-8 : C. McCormick, D. Plummer, D. Suther
 April 16-22: Rel. Classes/Earth Day Com. Service

Thanks to the Knights for putting on a very successful fish fry. The food was great and well prepared.

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Help us get to Indy! We have a group of teens and chaperones that will be traveling to Indianapolis in November to attend the National Catholic Youth Conference. We are selling trash bags to raise money to help pay for the pilgrimage. The trash bags come in a variety of sizes and are \$12.00 a roll. Please contact Carol Minihan, Sally Olson, or Andrea Karnes for additional information. Thank You for your support of this wonderful opportunity to grow in faith. High Quality! 100% Recycled Heavy Duty Trash Bags! In a variety of Sizes! Something everyone uses! AMERICAN MADE!

THANK YOU –on behalf of Clancy Muller, to all who put the food together and served it for his funeral dinner, and got the church ready and served at Mass. It is greatly appreciated.

Easter Flowers Memorials/Honorariums. Donations will decorate the altar at Easter. Please list your memorials and or honorariums on a separate sheet of paper with your donations and place at the back of church or give them to Natha Manges.

Mass Intentions: 3/25/2017 +Bob & +Eleanor McNeilly