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Annunciation Parish

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

MARCH 4TH 2018

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 any
time by appointment

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The Third Sunday of Lent

Growing as Disciples of Jesus, Making Disciples For Jesus

ProtectAdoptionChoice.org
The bishops are inviting us
to take action. This time isn't
for relief of natural disasters,
but to continue a much more
meaningful relief: Adoption
services. Adoption is
something Catholics have
done since ancient days, and
in the United States since
before there was a United
States. The following are
bullet points of what the
bishops desire us to know.
- In northeast Kansas,
Catholic Charities have
provided homes, especially
for children with special
needs or older kids, into
stable families since the
1950's through the Sisters of
St. Joseph.
- As with all our works of
mercy, we only do them in
accord with the teachings of
Christ. But in several cities
and one state, Catholic
Charities has been shut down
by the government because
we only place children in
homes with a married mother
and father.
- ACLU and other groups
and now suing at multiple
state and federal levels to

shut down all Catholic
adoption agencies because
we won't change our
teachings to fit the passing
winds of this day. (see
Romans 12:2)
- Rather than be tolerant and
inclusive of different points
of view, opponents of the
Church want to make us
cease and desist from
helping these vulnerable
children.
- Eliminating Catholic
Charities from providing
adoptions doesn't serve any
child, only the interests of
powerful groups.
- Birth mothers, for many
reasons, choose a faith-based
organization to place their
children in homes, and they
should continue to have that
right.
*A bill in the Kansas State
legislature, among many
other states, is being
considered that will prevent
Kansas Catholic Charities
from being closed because
we only place children in
homes with a married mother
and father.
- It is important to note that
this bill in no way affects the

legal rights of same-sex
couples to adopt, and in the
seven states that have passed
this legislation already, same-
sex couples continue to
adopt children. This
proposed bill just prevents
faith based providers from
being discriminated against
because of who we are.
*To take action in support of
this legislation, please visit
protectadoptionchoice.org or
call your local legislatures.

For 2,000 years people have
tried to have laws
suppressing the church,
including many times in the
history of our own country.
Catholics have always
responded by insisting upon
our human rights to live our
religion, and this time is no
different. Please always
continue praying for those
who govern us, and
especially for those who
persecute us. Blessed are we.

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES

March 4, 6:00 pm at **Frankfort**
Mar. 11, 5:00 pm at **Marysville**
Mar. 18, 3:00 pm at **Seneca**

Knights of Columbus Frankfort: Lenten Fish Fry will be held on Friday, March 9th
at the Cigna Center. Serving 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Games start at 6. Free Will Offering.

Journey Through Scripture: The Bible and the Virgin Mary!

This Spring's adult faith opportunity is a bible study of the Blessed Virgin in Sacred Scripture. The next meeting is Mar. 5th.

Mass Intentions

Date	Day	Notes	Intention
03/05/2018	Monday	Lenten Weekday	No a.m. Mass
03/06/2018	Tuesday	Lenten Weekday	No 8:00 am. Mass 7:00 pm — +Ed Dressman
03/07/2018	Wednesday	(10:00 am Frankfort Care Home)	+Earl & +Maggie Lauer
03/08/2018	Thursday	Lenten Weekday	+Ida & +Ernest Seematter
03/09/2018	Friday	Lenten Weekday	+Roselita Roggenkamp
03/10/2018	Saturday	Frankfort 4:00	+Ignatius, +Joan, & +Dick Noud
03/10/2018	Saturday	Blaine 6:00 pm	+Hub Roeder
03/11/2018	Sunday	Blue Rapids 8:30 a. m.	For All Parishioners of the 3 Parishes
03/11/2018	Sunday	Frankfort 10:30 a. m.	+Carol Mitchell

Saturday, Mar. 10th: Annunciation 4:00 pm

Lector	Diane Tilley
Servers	Xander Hull & Eli Morton
Communion	M. Hazen, R. Broxterman, & M. Griffin
Musicians	Jane S. & Rheta M.
Ushers	Duane Dressman & Keith Tilley
Gifts	Ushers to appoint
Rosary	Wilma Harrington
Sacristan	Jean Caffrey

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Sunday, Mar. 11th: Annunciation 10:30 am

Lector	Cathy Farrell
Servers	Garret, Caden, & Lexi Dalinghaus
Communion	C. Farrell, T. Dressman, & S. Wapp
Musicians	Lynn B., Emily F., & Lexi D.
Ushers	Jerry Broxterman & Myron Dressman
Gifts	Ushers to appoint
Rosary	Kay Mitchell
Care Home	Jan Stallbaumer
Sacristan	Theresa Dressman

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NOTE— We are taking the next step of the Cigna addition. We have the blue prints and are waiting approval from the Archdiocese before we mail them to the contractors for bids.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED— Please consider leading the Rosary Sunday mornings before Mass. We are in need of two people to be on the weekly rotation schedule. If interested please contact Marilyn in the Parish Office or Sylvia Wapp.

CCD NOTES— **Class Grades 1-6**
Wed. Mar. 7th, 2:15 to 3:15 pm

JR/SR. HIGH CLASS Grades 7-12,
Wed. Mar. 7th, 7:00 pm

NOTICE

There will be no Benediction or Adoration on Tues. March 6th, instead attend 7:00 pm Mass that evening

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

ANNUNCIATION CHOIR

PRACTICE- Thurs. March 8th, at 6:00 pm. Practicing for the Easter liturgies. All are welcome!

ARCHBISHOP'S CALL TO SHARE—

Thank you to all who have responded to the needs of our Church in Northeastern Kansas through the 2018 Archbishop's Call to Share appeal. As of 2/25/18 we had 60 donors and reached 135% of our target.

Catholic Relief Services Collection

Next week our parish will take up the The Catholic Relief Services collection. Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, & bring Christ's love & mercy to all people here at home and abroad. Please give generously and help **Jesus in disguise**.

SAVE THE DATE-Totus Tuus is coming to Annunciation June 3-June 8th. Registration will begin the 1st of May. Anyone interested in housing the team leaders and/or providing a meal please contact Pat Brady at 785-396-4396.

ANNUNCIATION OFFERINGS

February 25, 2018

Envelopes \$1277.00

Plate \$272.00

Total \$1549.00

Other Income

Ch. E. Europe \$ 20.00

St. M/St. E \$927.60*

(*Fr. Schmitz, Jan. sal., insur., food, util., & misc.)

NOTE OF THANKS to the

Annunciation Altar Society—Thank you for the delicious meal you prepared for the funeral of Louise Reust. The food was enjoyed by all relatives and friends. What a blessing this service is!

Larry & Millie Donahue family

CRS RICE BOWL— Third Week of Lent **Encounter Safiata**— In Burkina Faso, we encounter Safiata, a mother, grandmother and farmer who relies on the money she makes from her crops to put her children through school. How can our purchases this Lent support farmers and artisans? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

Protect Adoption Choice Vulnerable Kansas kids need us to fight to preserve the right for people of faith to collaborate in the legal process of adoption. Archbishop Naumann and the Kansas Bishops are calling upon the people of God and the State of Kansas to take proactive steps to explicitly protect the conscience rights of faith-based organizations through a campaign called "Protect Adoption Choice." Please visit and take action through the Kansas Catholic Conference of Bishops' website www.ProtectAdoptionChoice.org. Learn about the issue and then click the TAKE ACTION button to contact your State Representative and Senator.

Savior Bookstore—we have what you need for this Lenten Season! Visit our bookstore ONLINE and order now: www.saviorbookstore.com Type Lent2018 for 20% off at checkout. Don't see what you are looking for? Send us an email at: savior@archkck.org

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.

SUMMERFIELD BREAKFAST

BUFFET at The Border Bar &

Grill— Sunday, March 4th. 9:00-1:00 pm. Homemade Sausage Gravy & Biscuits, Pancakes, Sausage Patties, Cheesy Potatoes, Scrambled Eggs. Made to Order Eggs, Homemade Pastries, Coffee & Juice. Free Will Donation. Sponsored by First Lutheran Church.

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 joy in your marriage! Recharge is a practical application of John Paul II's Theology of the Body. Our next Recharge will be Sunday, March 4, from 2-6pm at Christ the King parish in Topeka, KS. Child care is available! For more details or to register, contact Shannon Nichol at snichol@ctktopeka.org Or 785-273-0710 or go to www.ctktopeka.org Recharge is made possible by the Archbishop's Call to Share and is an offering of the Joyful Marriage Project.

RUNNIN REVS BASKETBALL

Everyone is invited to the Runnin' Revs vs. Serra All-Stars basketball game at 7 p.m., Monday, March 5th at Bishop Miega High School or Monday, April 23rd, 7:00 pm at Hayden HS in Topeka. Bring the family to this fun and competitive basketball which will support our seminarians. There is no charge but donations will benefit seminarians.

Attention everyone ages 12-100 years old!

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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 Sts. Peter & Paul Parish, Seneca, KS on March 17-18. Take advantage of one right near home! Register online at

www.archkck.org/LivingInLove, or contact Mary Anne Kierl at the Archdiocese at 913-647-0345 for information.

ST. MICHAEL'S AXTELL, Annual St. Patrick's Soup Supper, March 18th. Serving 5-8 pm. Chili, Chicken Noodle, Bread, & Pie. Games from 5:30 to 7:30. Auction at 8:00 pm. Everyone is invited and welcome!

LENTEN RETREAT OPPORTUNITY

Christ's Peace House of Prayer will offer a retreat, 'Walking with Jesus: Prepare for Holy Week', on Sat., March 24 to Sunday, March 25. Retreat includes 4-5 talks, daily Eucharistic Adoration, private prayer, spiritual direction, walks in the woods, spiritual reading and time for confession before 5pm Mass Saturday at the local parish. Cost for overnight guests is \$85 per individual or \$125 per couple with meals included. If interested, please contact info@christspce.com or call 913-773-8255.

St. Gregory School Palm Sunday

Breakfast: On Palm Sunday, **March 25**, the school will be hosting a breakfast at the **Marysville Knights of Columbus Hall from 8am—1pm and at the St. Malachy's Parish Hall from 8am-12pm**. The menu will include biscuits and gravy, sausage, pancakes, eggs, coffee, juice, and water. Free will donations will be used to help make necessary playground improvements over the summer. **We hope that you and your family will join us for breakfast on March 25th!!**

Hope for the Divorced: Six Keys to

Healing Join acclaimed author, Lisa Duffy, on Friday, April 20, 7-9pm, for this free seminar discussing many common issues divorced Catholics face, and discover how our Catholic faith stands ready to offer support, healing, and new life. If you are a divorced Catholic or have a loved one facing this difficulty, you won't want to miss this event! Location: The Catholic Center, 20 West Ninth St., Kansas City, Mo. 64105. Questions: call Deacon Tony Zimmerman 913 647 0329

What are married couples saying about Worldwide Marriage Encounter?

"Our Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend was the most joyous and stimulating time of our lives. We had the chance to see how each of us needs to love and be loved and it has made such a difference in our relationship ever since". The next Weekend in Kansas City is April 20-22, 2018 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



Reflecting On Sunday's Readings

Signs and wonders capture our attention. "Seeing is believing," or so the skeptics say. Though miraculous signs and wonders capture our attention seldom do they energize and sustain faith in the disbeliever. C.S. Lewis refers to this phenomenon in his book *Letters to Malcomb*, "I have only known one person in my life who claimed to have seen a ghost. It was a woman; and the interesting thing is that she disbelieved in the immortality of the soul before seeing the ghost, and still disbelieved after having seen it. She thinks it was a hallucination. In other words, seeing is not believing."¹ Jesus knew of this fickle aspect of humanity; we love to be amazed but hate to be convinced, when it comes to our religious beliefs. "Don't confuse me with the facts, my mind is made up," and "You can change my experience, but don't change my theology," seem to be common reactions. And so, though Jesus was moved with compassion to perform miracles on behalf of those in need, he chose not to play to the galleries. For believers, signs and wonders are frosting on the cake, so to speak. These miraculous manifestations do not convince us that the things of Christ are true, but rather because we are convinced that the things of Christ are true, miraculous manifestations simply become a validation of our already active faith. The people of Israel continually sought and asked for a sign, even though Jesus had performed so many of them. And though he was unwilling to pander to their unbelief, he did provide for them one final, convincing sign. A sign which most chose to ignore. Jesus' crucifixion, burial and

resurrection is the most convincing sign imaginable for those who are willing to believe. These people saw him crucified and left hanging until they were convinced that there was no longer life in him. They insured that he was buried and guarded by elite Roman soldiers. The guards knew that he had miraculously arisen, and they must have satisfactorily explained this to the leaders, or else they would have been put to death themselves for dereliction of duty. Instead, they were spared so that they could join in the misinformation campaign. They knew there was no battle at the tomb to steal his body away. If his body had been stolen surely one of the guards would have seen who did it. Yet, none of his disciples were ever pursued for grave robbing, though they walked about openly. Instead, they were only pursued for testifying to his resurrection. The Israelite leaders saw verification again and again that he was truly alive. In the immediate forty days after Jesus arose, witness after witness came forth in spite of the threatening environment, over five hundred people in fact, to confess that they had seen and talked with the risen Jesus. Do you think that there was a serious doubt in these leaders' minds? The sign had been seen! But because they were disinclined to believe, the sign became meaningless to them. In our own life we must be honest and ask the question: Are there areas of my life that I am holding back under the false pretense of needing a sign from God? Surely he has given us all the signs that we need, and today is asking us to live by faith, following him in a spirit of trust and surrender. "Do not be afraid to open your hearts to Christ. Allow Him to come into

Daily Mass Readings

Monday, Mar. 5	First Reading: <u>2 Kgs. 5: 1-15b</u> Gospel: <u>Lk. 4: 24-30</u>
Tues- day, Mar. 6	First Reading: <u>Dn. 3: 25, 34-43</u> Gospel: <u>Mt. 18: 21-35</u>
Wednes- day, Mar. 7	First Reading: <u>Dt. 4: 1, 5-9</u> Gospel: <u>Mt. 5: 17-19</u>
Thurs- day, Mar. 8	First Reading: <u>Jer. 7: 23-28</u> Gospel: <u>Lk. 11: 14-23</u>
Friday, Mar. 9	First Reading: <u>Hos. 37: 3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a</u> Gospel: <u>Mt. 21: 33-43, 45-46</u>
Satur- day, Mar. 10	First Reading: <u>Mi. 7: 14-15, 18-20</u> Gospel: <u>Lk. 15: 1-3, 11-32</u>
Sunday, Mar. 11	First Reading: <u>Ex. 20: 1-17</u> Second Reading: <u>1 Cor. 1: 22-25</u> Gospel: <u>Jn. 2: 13-25</u>

your lives, into your families, into society. In this way, all things will be made new."

² 1 Letters to Malcolm, by C.S. Lewis. 2 Pope John Paul II, from *Witness to Hope: The Biography of Pope John Paul II*, by George Weigel.

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St. Monica\St. Elizabeth, Blue Rapids



Calendar and Mass Intention

March 11th, 8:30 am—For All Parishioners of the 3 Parishes

Feb. 18 & 25, 2018 offerings

Envelopes	\$1279.00
Plate	\$ 340.00
Blk & Indian	\$ 59.00
Ch. East Europe	5.00

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. 11th, 8:30 a.m. St. Monica\St. Elizabeth

Lector	S. Brungardt
Servers	M. Shanks, M. Toerber, & A. Toerber
Gifts	Bachura family
Communion	T. Minihan, Sa. Toerber, & L. Miller
Ushers	D. Heinen & M. Brungardt

Church Cleaners: March— Peggy Waite & Hedy Saville
Sacristan Schedule: March— Theresa Minihan
Breakfast Committee: March— Theresa Minihan, Kim Benteman, Rachel Bishop, Sally Henry, & Patti Bogart
Collection Counters: March— Mark Borgerding & Michele Kotapish

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Peggy Waite 3/10
Charlotte Bruna 3/11

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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays from 1:00 to 5:00 pm. All parishioners are welcome to come and pray anytime during these hours.

Stations of the Cross each Friday at 7 at St. Monica/Elizabeth!

Soup Day Proceeds— Total Income \$1606.00 and Expenses \$224.46. Net \$1381.54

Altar Society meeting March 21, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. Plans will be made for our ladies night April 4. More details coming soon.

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St. Columbkille Parish, Blaine KS

Ministers of the Mass *Saturday Mar. 10, 6:00 p.m.*

Saturday February 24, 2018 offering:

Lector	Todd Sheppard
Servers	Brandon Geyer, Dylan and Devin Plummer
Ministers	Jean Knoblauch, Frank Finan, Mark Cusimano, Janet Holthaus
Hospitality	Larry & Elaine Hofman

2/24/2018	Envelope	543.00
	Plate	118.00
	Mass Intentions	120.00
		781.00

St. Columbkille's Altar Society would like to thank all those who contributed their time and baked goods for the last two funerals. We always receive compliments and thanks from the families and we could not do it without your help.

Altar Society Meeting March 26th at 7pm.

Server Schedule

Mar 3rd Eli Roggenkamp, Malea and Ethan Karnes
 Mar 10th Brandon Geyer, Dylan and Devin Plummer
 Mar 17th Eva, Rebecca and Ty Krohn
 Mar 24th Brooklyn Plummer, Maria Krohn and Jarritt Martens
 Apr 7th Eli Roggenkamp, Malea and Ethan Karnes

Church Cleaning

March 5-11: Becky White, Andrea Karnes, Dawn Henry
 March 19-25: Kellie O'Shea, Kathy Murray, Lori Murray

SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

It is planning time for Catholic Charities Summer Lunch Program! St. Columbkille will sponsor lunches at the Westy Community Center in Westmoreland during the months of June and July on Tues., Wed. and Thurs. of each week, except July 4th. This year food will be kept at and served from the Center from noon to 1:00. We are looking for volunteers to help serve the lunches. Please contact Karen Suther 785-457-3458 to help out. Thank you!!

Barb O'Connor Soup for Support Cancer Benefit

Soup and Cinnamon rolls (free will donation) March 3rd 4 to 8pm Westmoreland Educational Building 107 N 2nd St. Silent auction items

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St. Patrick's Day Come celebrate St. Patrick's Day after

mass March 17. Seasoned ground beef, hard taco shells, soft taco shells, cheese, shredded lettuce and sour cream provided. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. Drinks and table service will be provided as well.

ARCHBISHOP'S CALL TO SHARE—Thank you to 13

families who have already made your commitment to the Archbishop's Call to Share 2018. Our percentages to date show a 19% participation rate which has fallen short by 40% of the target amount of \$3369 If you have given in the past, now is the perfect time to renew your commitment to the ministries of the archdiocese. If you have never given, please consider joining us and our parish families who support the larger Church with gifts to the Archbishop's Call to Share. Our parish is being challenged to increase our participation rate this year, and any gift, great or small, is participation in this important appeal. Return your pledge card to the collection basket here or make your gift online at www.calltoshare.org/give