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Annunciation Parish

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

MARCH 11TH 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 Fourth Sunday of Lent

Growing as Disciples of Jesus, Making Disciples For Jesus

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT REFLECTION

The first reading opens with Judah's fall, the survivors taken captive and sent to exile in Babylon, punished for scoffing at the prophets and mocking the messengers of God.

We have reached the midpoint of Lent, still walking through the ashen landscape of our sins, but quickening our pace toward the rich pools of mercy we see shimmering in the distance. We are a people in exile, who realize their release is at hand.

It's also Laetare Sunday, named for the first words of the traditional opening antiphon in Latin, *Laetare, Jerusalem!*, "Rejoice Jerusalem!" I am tempted today to rejoice at having made it through Lent's desert, to look back at what I have accomplished, what I've managed to give up and to take up. But Lent is not a self-improvement program, nor is it a self-denial challenge, with badges to be earned for each day or week

I manage not to eat chocolate. Lent is a time for us to be open to God's refashioning of us. Our salvation is not our own doing, it is not a reward, and we should not take pride in it, says St. Paul in the second reading.

The true cause for rejoicing is not whether I manage to keep to my Lenten practice of penance, but that regardless God sends forth his love and his mercy to rescue me. He will bring me back to the mountain where he dwells, to lift my face to God, who is my joy.

Father of consolation, may we faithfully seek the presence of Christ in the midst of our own sufferings, and be moved by his mercy to offer ourselves to others who suffer.

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES

Mar. 11, 5:00 pm at Marysville
Mar. 18, 3:00 pm at Seneca

Additional Confession times:

March 26th, 7:00 pm at
Blaine
March 27th, 7:00 pm at Blue
Rapids
March 28th, 6:00 pm at
Frankfort

Stations of the Cross Fridays during Lent at Annunciation 7:00 pm

March 16th & March 23rd.

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. 12th.

Mass Intentions

Date	Day	Notes	Intention
03/12/2018	Monday	Lenten Weekday	No a.m. Mass
03/13/2018	Tuesday	Lenten Weekday	No am Mass
03/14/2018	Wednesday	Lenten Weekday	No Care Home Mass
03/15/2018	Thursday	Lenten Weekday	No am Mass
03/16/2018	Friday	Lenten Weekday	No am Mass
03/17/2018	Saturday	Frankfort 4:00	+Mark Brady
03/17/2018	Saturday	Blaine 6:00 pm	+Pat O'Shea
03/18/2018	Sunday	Blue Rapids 8:30 a. m.	+Kate Dobrovolny
03/18/2018	Sunday	Frankfort 10:30 a. m.	For All Parishioners of the 3 Parishes

Saturday, Mar. 17th: Annunciation 4:00 pm

Lector	Melody Tommer
Servers	Jarett, Samuel, & Hattie Gros
Communion	M. Parthemer, W. Gros, & S. Wapp
Musicians	Jane S. & Denise S.
Ushers	Phil Maas & Paul Tommer
Gifts	Ushers to appoint
Rosary	Ron Bramlage
Sacristan	Melody Tommer

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Sunday, Mar. 18th: Annunciation 10:30 am

Lector	Bob Stallbaumer
Servers	Alyssa Mitchell, Sydney Wapp, & Julia Studer
Communion	C. Hull, C. Farrell, & L. Schmitz
Musicians	Marilyn, D. Emily F., & Brady T.
Ushers	Herschel Mentgen & Eric Gerstner
Gifts	Ushers to appoint
Rosary	John & Cathy Farrell
Care Home	Stephanie Huninghake
Sacristan	Pam Suther

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CONGRATULATIONS WES

ANDERSON! The Knights of Columbus State Free Throw Championship was held in Salina, Kansas on Sunday, March 4, at Sacred Heart Jr/Sr High School. Wes Anderson, a fourth grader from Frankfort Grade School, won the 10 year old boys division by making 23 out of 25 free throws and 3 out of 5 in a tie breaker.

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.

ANNUNCIATION CHOIR

PRACTICE- Thurs. March 15th, at 6:00 pm. Practicing for the Easter liturgies. All are welcome!

CCD NOTES— Class Grades 1-6 Wed. Mar. 14th, 3:45 to 4:45 pm

JR/SR. HIGH Grades 7-12, Wed. Mar. 14th, attend presentation by Chris Stefanick at Wamego High School 7:00 to 9:30 pm

NOTICE

There will be no Benediction or Adoration on Tues. March 13th, Tues. March 20th, & Tues. March 27th as Fr. Schmitz will be unavailable

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

Catholic Relief Services Collection

This week, we are taking up The Catholic Relief Services collection to respond to **Jesus in disguise**. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support to struggling communities and to work toward peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection.

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

March 4, 2018

Envelopes \$1505.00

Plate \$336.75

Total \$1841.75

Other Income

Mass Stipends	\$ 80.00
Rel. Ed	\$ 10.00
Cath. Relief Serv.	\$ 85.00
Blk. & Ind. Mission	\$ 20.00
Ch. E. Europe	\$ 25.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 10.00

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old!! REBOOT, a life changing event featuring Chris Stefanick. Wednesday March 14th, 2018 7-9:30 pm. Wamego High School, 801 Lincoln Ave, Wamego

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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— Fourth Week of Lent -**Encounter Andrise**— We encounter Andrise, a teacher in Haiti who knows the importance of forming young people who will give back to the community—and their country. Reflect on the role teachers have played in bringing you closer to God and your community. How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

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.

NOTICE ALL PARISHIONERS-

Please SUPPORT our Mission Trip: We are going to Oklahoma City for a week in June to work with the elderly, the poor and the sick. If you would like to help with finances please send a donation to the parish office. If you would like to purchase chances for a Ruger 10/22 Sporter Precision Rifle please notify Jarett Gros at 785-844-0060. Thank you! Catholic Heart Work Campers

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.

YOU ARE INVITED to a presentation from Tim Barton of Wallbuilders on Wed. March 21st at 7pm at Washington County High School Gymnasium, Washington, KS. Wallbuilders is an organization dedicated to presenting America's forgotten history and heroes with an emphasis on moral, religious and constitutional foundation on which America was built. All are welcome!

ALL YOU CAN EAT BOILED SHRIMP, SMOKED PORK CHOPS AND FROG LEGS on Saturday, *March 24th*, sponsored by the Axtell Knights of Columbus. The dinner will be held at the Axtell Legion/Community Building from 5:00 to 8:30 p.m. Adult tickets are \$15.00 in advance or \$17.00 at the door. Children tickets are \$7.00 in advance or \$8.00 at the door. All proceeds to benefit various charities. For tickets, contact *Kurt Sack at 785-294-0440, Tony Smith at 785-713-1311.*

RUNNIN REVS BASKETBALL

Everyone is invited to the Runnin' Revs vs. Serra All-Stars basketball game on 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.

MARRIAGE MINUTE—When you head out to Confession this Lent, you won't be wearing the tennis shoes you wore in second grade. Yet many of us approach this sacrament with an examination of conscience that resembles the one we used in our First Reconciliation! As a married person, ask yourself: • Do I take my spouse for granted? • Do I persist in bad habits that make life hard for my spouse? • Am I holding grudges, or failing to reconcile quickly with my spouse? • Have I allowed things or people outside my marriage to become my priority? • Do I criticize or control my spouse? • Do I strive to grow in my marriage or take my Sacrament for granted? This Lent, confessions are available every Wednesday evening at every parish. Be reconciled with God for the sake of your spouse!

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!!**

FYI—Coming to Theatres near you on March 28th, Paul, Apostle of Christ starring Jim Caviezel who plays Luke in the film. Check it out!

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.wm4youandme.org or call Tony & Barb Zimmerman, 816-741-4066 or email tonybarbz@prodigy.net



Reflecting On Sunday's Readings

If God was looking for a chance to condemn the world it is not for want of opportunities that he has not already done so. Beginning with the rebellion of Adam and Eve, continuing throughout the history of Israel's rebellion, and proceeding all the way through to our own, God has had ample opportunity to pull the plug on his disobedient creation. But he hasn't. So, rather than needing an excuse to destroy us, the real enigma is, what excuse does he have for saving us? This week's readings provide answers to this question. Often because we are conscious of our guilt we feel like we deserve God's wrath, not his love. Frequently, when terrible things happen to us, we subconsciously believe that it is God's punishment that is finally being meted out—which isn't true. Often, we also try to offset this sense of condemnation by doing things to warrant God's love—which we can't. God's feelings toward each of us are captured quite effectively by three phrases in this week's Scriptures; "The great love with which he loved us,"—"the immeasurable riches of his grace and kindness toward us"—"God so loved the world." These and many more expressions of God's feelings toward us were all present and made before we did anything to merit them. That is what makes the Good News, Good News. God freely bestows his love on us who least deserve it. The whole issue of what we can do to warrant his love and earn his salvation can be illustrated by the following imaginary conversation encountered when a person died and desired to enter heaven. Of course, St. Peter meets this person at the Pearly Gates. St. Peter says, "Here's how it works. You need 100 points to make it into heaven. You tell me all the good things you've done, and I will give you a certain number of points for

each item, depending on how good it was. When you reach 100 points, you get in." "Okay," the man says. "I was married to the same woman for 50 years and never cheated on her, even in my heart." "That's wonderful," says St. Peter, "that's worth three points." "Three points?" the man says. "Well, I attended church all my life and supported its ministries with my tithe and service." "Terrific!" says St. Peter. "That's certainly worth a point." "One point? I started a soup kitchen in my city and worked in a shelter for homeless veterans." "Fantastic, that's good for two more points," St. Peter says. "Two points!" the man cries. "At this rate the only way I get into heaven is by the grace of God." "Bingo, 100 points! Come on in!" Humorously, the story makes the point, however this statement by Pope John Paul II speaks with much more authority: "... 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 . . . They should be ever mindful that 'they owe their distinguished status not to their own merits but to Christ's special grace...'"* —Bingo! Could it be said more clearly? Condemnation is the other side of the same coin. If salvation from condemnation is a gift freely given us in Jesus Christ, then condemnation becomes something of our own choosing when we refuse to accept the gift. God is a perfect gentleman; he will not force salvation on us. John's Gospel says, "He who does not believe is condemned already." The presupposition behind this statement is that when a person has heard the story of Jesus' saving mission, and then makes a choice to either disbelieve the story, or believing the story to not entrust their life to him, they expedite their own condemnation. God desires condemnation for no one, which is

Daily Mass Readings

Monday, Mar. 12	First Reading: <u>Is. 65: 17-21</u> Gospel: <u>Jn. 4: 43-54</u>
Tues- day, Mar. 13	First Reading: <u>Ez. 47: 1-9, 12</u> Gospel: <u>Jn. 5: 1-16</u>
Wednes- day, Mar. 14	First Reading: <u>Is. 49: 8-15</u> Gospel: <u>Jn. 5: 17-30</u>
Thurs- day, Mar. 15	First Reading: <u>Ex. 32: 7-14</u> Gospel: <u>Jn. 5: 31-47</u>
Friday, Mar. 16	First Reading: <u>Wis. 2: 1a, 12-22</u> Gospel: <u>Jn. 7: 1-2, 10, 25-30</u>
Satur- day, Mar. 17	First Reading: <u>Jer. 11: 18-20</u> Gospel: <u>Jn. 7: 40-53</u>
Sunday, Mar. 18	First Reading: <u>Jer. 31: 31-34</u> Second Reading: <u>Heb. 5: 7-9</u> Gospel: <u>Jn. 12: 20-33</u>

why he paid such a costly price to deliver us. "He who believes is not condemned." Hallelujah, what good news!!

* Mission of the Redeemer, by Pope John Paul II (10).

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St. Monica\St. Elizabeth, Blue Rapids



Calendar and Mass Intention

March 18th, 8:30 am—+Kate Dobrovolny

Mar. 4, 2018 offerings

Envelopes	\$1013.75
Plate	\$154.00
American Bishops	\$ 20.00
Stations of the Cross	\$ 10.00

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

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Charlotte Bruna 3/11
Melissa McIntyre 3/12
Blair Gleason 3/13
Gina Johnson 3/13
Ryan Bishop 3/15
Dallas Dobrovolny 3/18

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!

Ministers of the Mass

Sunday Mar. 18th, 8:30 a.m. St. Monica\St. Elizabeth

Lector	J. Bachura
Servers	J. Brungardt, A. Brungardt, & E. Swearingen
Gifts	Swearingen family
Communion	M. Borgerding, H. Brungardt, & J. Bachura
Ushers	M. Borgerding & D. Dobrovolny

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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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. 17, 6:00 p.m.*

Lector	Becky White
Servers	Eva, Rebecca and Ty Krohn
Ministers	Lavon Sanford, Mike Sanford, Carol Minihan, Steve O'Shea
Hospitality	Matt & Kim Suther

Saturday March 3, 2018 offering:

3/3/2018	Envelope	358.00	
	Plate	64.00	
			422.00
3/3/2018	Church Reno		200.00
3/3/2018	Church Reno Berg Repair		100.00

Stations of the Cross at St. Columbkille's

March 16th and March 23rd at 7:00 p.m.

Altar Society Meeting March 26th at 7pm.

Server Schedule

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 19-25: Kellie O'Shea, Kathy Murray, Lori Murray
 April 2-8: Carol McCormick, Debbie Plummer, Dala Suther

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!!

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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 16 families who have already made your commitment to the Archbishop's Call to Share 2018. Our percentages to date show a 23% participation rate which has fallen short by 28% 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*