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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 liturgy's and by
appointment

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Annunciation Parish

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

NOVEMBER 29 T Y 2 0 1 5

First Sunday of Advent

Growing as Disciples of Jesus, Making Disciples For Jesus

PREPARING IN ADVENT THROUGH

MERCY

Pope Francis has called
for the Year of Mercy,
and the Archbishop will
preach next weekend
about the works of
mercy, so I thought I'd
give you a head start:

If you are interested in
learning more about the
Year of Mercy, please
visit the archdiocesan
website:

Archkck.org/mercy

Corporal Works of Mercy:

Feed the hungry

Give drink to the thirsty

Clothe the naked

Shelter the homeless

Visit the sick

Visit the imprisoned

Bury the dead

Spiritual Works of Mercy:

Admonish the sinner

Instruct the ignorant

Counsel the doubtful

Comfort the sorrowful

Bear wrongs patiently

Forgive all injuries

Pray for the living and
the dead

I hope you are able to both
receive and show mercy in
the coming weeks as we
prepare both to remember
Jesus' coming as a babe and
to look to his coming again
in glory!

Yours in Christ
through Mary,
Fr. Schmitz

“The beard signifies the courageous; the beard distinguishes the grown men, the earnest, the active, the vigorous. So that when we describe such, we say, he is a bearded man.” -St. Augustine

Mass Intentions

Date	Day	Notes	Intention
11/30/2015	Monday	St. Andrew, apostle	No a.m. Mass
12/01/2015	Tuesday	Advent Weekday	+Martha Engelken
12/02/2015	Wednesday	10:00 a.m. Mass (Frankfort Care Home)	+LJ & +Renee Miller
12/03/2015	Thursday	St. Francis Xavier	+John & +Ellen Harrington
12/04/2015	Friday	Advent Weekday	+Roy Seematter
12/05/2015	Saturday	Frankfort 4:00 p. m.	+Lawrence & +Dorothy Shump
12/05/2015	Saturday	Blaine 6:00 p.m.	For All Parishioners of the 3 Parishes
12/06/2015	Sunday	Blue Rapids 8:30 a.m.	+Ray & +Anna Ring
12/06/2015	Sunday	Frankfort 10:30 a. m.	+Melvin Suther

Saturday, December 5th: Annunciation 4:00 pm

Lector	Pat Brady
Servers	Maura & Olivia Kennedy
Communion	W. Gros, P. Brady, & M. Parthemer
Musicians	Jane Sedlacek & Rheta Matson
Ushers	Joe Parthemer & Ed Brady
Gifts	Ushers to appoint
Rosary	Wilma Harrington
Sacristan	Melody Tommer

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Sunday, December 6th: Annunciation 10:30 am

Lector	Cathy Farrell
Servers	Spencer & Grace Dressman, & Claire Broxterman
Communion	C. Hull, C. Farrell, & S. Wapp
Musicians	Jeanie G. & Lynn B.
Ushers	Myron Dressman & Wayne Mitchell
Gifts	Ushers to appoint
Rosary	Dan Gerstner & Gerald Gerstner
Care Home	Mary Ann Dressman
Sacristan	Cassie Mitchell

This that and the Other...



Come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

THE ADVENT WREATH-

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.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

Sun. Dec. 13th, 3:00 pm-Marysville
Sun. Dec. 13th, 7:00 p.m. -Frankfort
Sun. Dec. 20th, 3:00 p.m.—Seneca
Mon. Dec. 21st, 7:00 p.m.—Blaine
Tues. Dec. 22nd, 7:00 p.m.-Blue Rapids

NOTICE— There will be no Benediction or Adoration on Tuesday, December 1st. Fr. Schmitz will not be available.

ANNUNCIATION OFFERINGS

November 22, 2015

Envelopes \$2241.64

Plate \$164.61

Total \$2406.25

Other Income

Hall Use \$ 395.00

Camp. Human Dev. \$ 292.00

Insurance \$ 210.00

Thanksgiving \$ 70.00

St. M/St. E \$2018.40*

(Fr. Schmitz Aug/Sept sal., insur., util, food, & misc. etc)

BIBLE STUDY—Next class, Tuesday, Dec. 1st, 7:00 p.m., Cigna Center

RELIGIOUS ED NOTES—Class, for Grades 1-6, Wed. Dec. 2nd, 2:10 –3:10 pm

Jr/Sr. High Religious Ed — Class for Grades 7—12th Wednesday, December 2nd, 7:00 pm

ANNUNCIATION CHOIR

PRACTICE—Wednesday, December 2nd, 7:00 p.m. (All are welcome to join us! Practicing for Christmas masses.)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, FRIDAYS, 1:00 –5:00 pm

OPEN HOUSE—All parishioners are invited to a reception from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Cigna Center on Sunday, December 6th in celebration of Charlie & Peggy Gerstner's 40th wedding anniversary.

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.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY—Holy Day of

Obligation—Tuesday, December 8th Mass Schedule

Mon., Dec. 7th, 6:00 pm—Blaine

Tues., Dec. 8th, 8:00 am-Frankfort

Tues., Dec. 8th, 12:00 pm-Blue Rapids

Tues. Dec. 8th, 6:00 pm-Frankfort

St. Columbkille Catholic Church in Blaine, Kansas will host its annual

Celtic Christmas on Saturday, December 12th from 8:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at the parish hall. Please join us.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF

NORTHEAST KANSAS—For eight -year-old Dustin, school wasn't just a place to get an education—it was a place he knew he would get a meal. But when school let out for the summer, it was anything but a vacation for Dustin. For his friends, summertime was about swimming and playing in the park. For Dustin summertime meant going hungry. Dustin's story is echoed for over 172,000 children in Kansas who lose access to school lunches & snacks over the summer months. That's 1 in 7 kids in Kansas who simply do not have enough to eat. This year through generous supporters like you, Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas kicked off the Kansas Kids Summer Food Program. Because of you, we were able to provide over 5,000 meals this summer to children just like Dustin. You make a difference to our mission & the people we serve. Please make a gift today to help ensure we can continue to offer these supportive services to our brothers & sisters in need.

FRANKFORT HOME TOWN FESTIVAL (previously named

Festival of Trees)—The Frankfort Ambulance Service would like to invite any individual, business or group to who are interested in donating a decorated Christmas tree, wreath, or any holiday decoration of any size to contact City Hall no later than Dec. 4th. They will be hosting the festival at the Education Center again this year. We will begin taking tree donations any time after Nov. 23rd with arrangements to get in the building being made through City Hall. On December 5th there will be an Open House from 9:00 to 3:00 pm for your bidding convenience. A minimum bid will be placed on each item. Cookies and punch will be served. All proceeds from this event will be donated to adopt several families for the Christmas holiday.

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The 19th Annual Worldwide Candle Lighting Vigil

for the Compassionate Friends will be held on Sunday, December 13th. Everyone is invited to *light a candle* in their home from 7 - 8 PM, in memory of all children who have died, but are not forgotten! Please remember those families that have experienced such a devastating loss that evening in your prayers and honor their children by lighting a candle in their memory. The Seneca Chapter of Compassionate Friends is also planning their own Candle Lighting that evening at the home of Brett and Lisa Ohlsen, 503 N. 19th St., Seneca. Anyone who has lost a child is welcome to join them that evening to honor their children! If planning to attend, for more information about the event, or the Seneca Chapter, please call 785-336-3691.

High School Students, you are invited to travel to Denver on June 12th -June 18 to participate in the Catholic Heart Work Camp Mission Trip. If interested, please send a \$100 down payment (make checks to Annunciation Parish). For more information go to the following website: <http://heartworkcamp.com/dates/> or call Linda Roeder at 799-4460.

DEADLINE FOR SIGNUP WILL BE DECEMBER 7TH.



Reflecting On Sunday's Readings

“My Daddy! My Daddy!” the little boy sang out as he spotted his father progressing up the long airport corridor, returning after a long trip. For some time the little boy had pranced around animatedly waiting and watching. His eyes, his face, his whole body strained forward scanning the faces of other passengers to find his father, moving back and forth trying to see around the emerging throng of passengers. Then, sighting his dad, he lit up with recognition, joyfully exclaiming for all to hear, “My Daddy! My Daddy!” This Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent, and the experience of this little boy provides an apt study of what it means to await Christ’ coming. Waiting is not a passive exercise of the marginally interested, instead it should be active anticipation. All our faculties should be attuned to the fact that someone important is about to appear. There should be a concentration of our attention and a readiness to respond in enthusiastic greeting. This week’s Gospel reading provides an appropriate transition from the end of one liturgical year to the beginning of a new liturgical year, for it alerts us to Jesus’ second advent, when he will return from heaven to claim his own. We are encouraged to “look up,” “raise your heads,” “take heed,” “watch,” and pray for his coming is real and redemptive, as real and redemptive as was his first coming. And these actions we are encouraged to follow are the actions of active waiting. With the Second Advent in mind we are stimulated to celebrate his first Advent with similar active waiting, anticipating a fresh appearing of Jesus’ presence in our lives. Will we be like the little boy mentioned above focusing and concentrating our attention on seeing him? Or will we have our attention diverted by the glitz and secular trappings of a Christmas that ignores that he ever existed, or could ever again reappear to us? Perhaps this is the week when we should determine a plan for peering around the emerging

onslaught of secular traditions and purely mercenary celebrations, to actively watch for Jesus. If we take time now to sort out what we are going to do to actively watch for him in the face of this onslaught, and then follow through on our intention, we too will burst forth with exclamations of joy. “For while all things were in quiet silence and the night was in the midst of her course, thy almighty word leapt down from heaven from thy royal throne...’ The passage, brimming with the mystery of the Incarnation, is wonderfully expressive of the infinite stillness that hovered over Christ’s birth. For the greatest things are accomplished in silence—not in the clamor and display of superficial eventfulness, but in the deep clarity of inner vision; in the almost imperceptible start of decision, in quiet overcoming and hidden sacrifice. Spiritual conception happens when the heart is quickened by love, and the free will stirs to action,” (from *The Lord*, by Romano Guardini.) Let us pray as we dwell in this time period between Jesus’ first and second appearing that there might be a third appearing, the reappearing of Jesus in our hearts and lives. When the little boy’s dad appeared he scooped up his son in his arms in mutual love and spent a lifetime mentoring his son to growth and maturity. So may it be with the reappearing Christ in our lives that our hearts would be quickened by love and our free will stirred into action.

Reflecting On Sunday's Readings,
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Daily Mass Readings

Monday, November 30	First Reading: <u>Rom. 10: 9-18</u> Gospel: <u>Mt. 4: 18-22</u>
Tuesday, December 1	First Reading: <u>Is. 11: 1-10</u> Gospel: <u>Lk. 10: 21-24</u>
Wednesday, December 2	First Reading: <u>Is. 25: 6-10a</u> Gospel: <u>Mt. 15: 29-37</u>
Thursday, December 3	First Reading: <u>Is. 26: 1-6</u> Gospel: <u>Mt. 7: 21, 24-27</u>
Friday, December 4	First Reading: <u>Is. 29: 17-24</u> Gospel: <u>Mt. 9: 27-31</u>
Saturday, December 5	First Reading: <u>Is. 30: 19-21, 23-26</u> Gospel: <u>Mt. 9: 35— 10: 1, 5a, 6-8</u>
Sunday, December 6	1st Reading: <u>Bar. 5: 1-9</u> 2nd Reading: <u>Phil. 1: 4-6, 8-11</u> Gospel: <u>Lk. 3: 1-6</u>



St. Monica\St. Elizabeth, Blue Rapids



Calendar and Mass Intention

December 6th, 8:30 am— +Ray & +Anna Ring

November 22, 2015 offerings (No report this week)

Envelopes	
Plate	

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

Ministers of the Mass

Sunday December 6, 8:30 a.m. St. Monica\St. Elizabeth

Lector	Z. Duensing
Servers	S. Brungardt, M. Shanks, J. Brungardt
Gifts	Dobrovolny Family
Communion	M. Borgerding, H. Borgerding, P. Waite
Ushers	M. Borgerding, Mark Rowe

Church Cleaners: December— All parish members (general cleaning)

Sacristan Schedule: December—Norma Hirt

Breakfast Committee: December 6— Norma Hirt, Hedy Saville, & Sharon Skillin. If you cannot work the month you are assigned then trade with someone.

Altar Society -Next meeting will be December 9th at 6:30 p.m. We will be making plans for our Soup Day in February.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Fridays from noon to 5:00p.m. The Adoration Group would like to have more parishioners take an active part in this undertaking. Please take a time.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Christian Clemo 12/2
Eliza Benteman 12/6
Dan Howell 12/6

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NOTICE-

If you borrowed the Thanksgiving, Christmas, or Valentines centerpieces from the hall, could you please return them!

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL

Envelopes are in the back of church if you would like to have a poinsettia placed in memory of a deceased loved one. Please provide the name or names for whom you would like to be remembered and place in the collection baskets.

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Are you new to the Parish? New members please contact Zita Duensing at 785-363-7456; or email is zitaduensing@att.net. to get your names in the parish records.



St. Columbkille Parish, Blaine KS

Ministers of the Mass *Saturday December 5, 6:00 p.m.*

Saturday November 21, 2015 offering:

Lector	Lisa Moser
Servers	
Ministers	H. Moser, E. Hofman, & K. Suther
Hospitality	Robert & Ruth Bergmann

11/21/2015	Envelope	837.00
	Plate	202.00
	Mass Intentions	20.00
	Insurance	45.00
	Human	5.00
	BV Capital Credit	118.97
	Hall Rent	50.00
	NCYC	549.66
	T-Shirts	92.00
		1,919.63

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING:

December 10, 2015

Altar Society Meeting Dates—

December (no meeting)

2016: January 25 (weather permitting), February 22,

March 28, April 25, May 23,

Meeting time is 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

St Columbkille Parish, Blaine, Kansas Annual Celtic Christmas-

St. Columbkille Catholic Church in Blaine, Kansas will host its annual Celtic Christmas on Saturday, December 12th from 8:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at the parish hall. Please join us for Cookies and Candies Sold by the Pound, Breakfast Burritos, Homemade Cinnamon Rolls and Homemade Kolaches. Four different kinds of soup will be served for lunch: Chili, Chicken Noodle, Potato, and Vegetable Beef. Ham sandwiches and Chili Dogs will also be available. Homemade Pies. Holiday Vendors.

NOTICE

The youth will be having their 3rd Annual booth with “Slightly loved Christmas decorations” at the Annual Celtic Christmas. If you have Christmas decorations you no longer use, please feel free to donate them. You can leave them in the back of Church and someone will take them over to the hall. The money from the resale of these items goes to various youth activities that will be coming up in 2016.

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.

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Westmoreland United Methodist Women would like the women of St. Columbkille church to join them at their Christmas Dinner on Monday, December 7th at 6:30pm in the education building south of the church. In recognition of the birth of Christ and the spirit of giving, there will be an opportunity for one to donate to one of our missions “The Big Garden” which grew 82 tons of produce for persons in Nebraska, Iowa and Kansas in 2014. Entertainment will be provided by the Rock Creek HS Jazz band. Please RSVP by December 1st, to Geraldine Fouts 785-457-3942 or email mapafl@bkbluevalley.net, or Dena Schmitz at 785-457-2800 or email denaschmitz@bluevalley.net.

Rob & Diane Campanella, Randy Kufahl, Jennifer Woods and the staff of Campanella Family Funeral Homes

Would like to invite everyone to join us for our Second Annual

Memorial Tribute Service - 2015

Our Second Annual Memorial Tribute Service will be held
Saturday, December 12, 2015
Hors d’oeuvres from 5:30 p.m.

Memorial Tribute Service will begin at 6:30 p.m.
Campanella-Evans Mortuary
612 E Hwy 24, Wamego, Kansas

Please know that anyone who wants to participate will be welcomed, we will accept pictures along with name and dates, no matter when or where services were held. [Submit information and Photo](#) Photos can be dropped off at our office in Wamego, or mailed to P.O. Box 232, Wamego, KS 66547.

Please include the following information: A photo of your loved one, original photos will be returned to you. Your Name and Address (address label can placed on the back of the photo) Your loved ones full name, date of birth and date of death.

Also, did your loved serve in the military?