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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

Priest: Fr. Daniel Schmitz

frschmitz@bluevalley.net

Office Manager: Marilyn Hazen
annparfrankfort@bluevalley.net



Annunciation Parish

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

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The Third Sunday of Lent

Growing as Disciples of Jesus, Making Disciples For Jesus

Knowledge is Power

was a common tagline to hear on TV growing up, and it has stayed true to this day. The more we know about our faith, the richer our lives will be, principally because our eyes will be opened a little more to just how much God loves us.

While the Sunday readings, homilies, and prayers are certainly a consistent source of information, many times a topic only interests us because something in life happens.

For those times, here is a short list of several good sources to learn from, each of which can lead you to many other places to keep learning.

Commentary on

Scriptures:

- 1)Bibliaclerus
- 2)www.stpaulcenter.com/studies/courses
- 3)Navarre Commentary
- 4)Ignatius Catholic Study Bible

Catechism of the Catholic Church

(free online)

(Comprehensive summary of
our faith.)

Scott Hahn,

40 Signs of Life

(On Scriptural roots of
different Catholic practices)

Catholic.com

(One of the best websites at
taking common questions and
hot topics and giving solid
answers.)

Your parish priest!

In addition, if you have topics
you'd like addressed in an
adult faith series, please let me
know.

Confessions

Every Wednesday night of
Lent from 6:00 to 7:00.

MAR 2nd-Blue Rapids

MAR 9th-Blaine

MAR 16th-Blue Rapids

MAR 23rd-Frankfort

Penance Services

Mar 12-Blaine, after Mass

Mar 13-Frankfort, 7p

Mar 22-Blue Rapids, 7p

Mar 5-Onaga, after Mass

Mar 6-Kelly, 7p

Mar 13-Marysville, 3p

Mar 20-Seneca, 3p

Mar 20-Sabetha, 7p

Stations of the Cross

Fridays of Lent 7:00 p.m.

March-4 Frankfort

March-11 Frankfort & Blue
Rapids

March-18 Frankfort

Fish Fry

Blaine-

March 4th, 5p-7:30p

Frankfort-

March 18th, 5p-8p

*A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL KNIGHTS & THEIR FAMILIES for the more
than \$1,000 collected from the recent baby shower*

Birtheright of Topeka writes...

*Thank you so much for your recent gift of cash and so many
beautiful clothes and baby items for Birtheright! What a wonder-
ful gift for God's Littlest Ones and their Mothers! Just think of the
smiles you have put on so many faces!*

Mass Intentions

Date	Day	Notes	Intention
02/29/2016	Monday	Lenten Weekday	No a.m. Mass
03/01/2016	Tuesday	Lenten Weekday	+Jim Craun
03/02/2016	Wednesday	10:00 a.m. Mass (Frankfort Care Home)	+LJ & +Renee Miller
03/03/2016	Thursday	Lenten Weekday	+Annie Mendonca
03/04/2016	Friday	Lenten Weekday	+Jeff Horigan
03/05/2016	Saturday	Frankfort 4:00 p. m.	+Ignatius & +Dick Noud
03/05/2016	Saturday	Blaine 6:00 p.m.	+Pat O'Shea
03/06/2016	Sunday	Blue Rapids 8:30 a.m.	+Jerry Weis
03/06/2016	Sunday	Frankfort 10:30 a. m.	For All Parishioners of the 3 Parishes

Saturday, March 5th: Annunciation 4:00 pm

Lector	Jay Kennedy
Servers	Maura & Olivia Kennedy, & Ava Broxterman
Communion	J. Kennedy, M. Hazen, & R. Broxterman
Musicians	Jeanie G. & Frannie F.
Ushers	Keith Tilley & Jim Roeder
Gifts	Ushers to appoint
Rosary	Eileen Bramlage
Sacristan	Jean Caffrey

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Sunday, March 6th: Annunciation 10:30 am

Lector	Bob Stallbaumer
Servers	Katelyn Combs, Grace Dressman, & Julia Studer
Communion	L. Dressman, C. Hull, & C. Farrell
Musicians	Moogie R. & Marie W.
Ushers	Spencer Dressman & Don Engelken
Gifts	Ushers to appoint
Rosary	Charlie & Gerald Gerstner
Care Home	Jan Stallbaumer
Sacristan	Cathy Farrell

This that and the Other...

ARCHBISHOP'S CALL TO SHARE—

To date we have received pledges of \$5,280 which is 67% of our goal. Please prayerfully consider what you can do to help us reach our parish target of \$7,842. Thank you for your generous gifts in support of the ministries of the Church in Northeast Kansas!

K OF C ANNUAL FISH FRY -

The Knights of Columbus Council #1383 are sponsoring a Fish Fry on Friday, March 18th in the Cigna Center. Serving 5:00—8:00 pm Pollack, cheesy potatoes, cornbread, green beans, & dessert. Free Will donation. All are invited!

NOTICE- There will be choir practice on Wed., Mar. 2nd at 5:30 p.m. We will be practicing for some of the Easter liturgies. All are welcome!

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIAL-

As a way of remembering the deceased of our families or parish during the Easter season, you are invited to make a donation towards the Easter flowers. Include the names of those to be remembered on your special envelope & put in the collection basket.

THE ARCHDIOCESAN CHRISM

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ANNUNCIATION OFFERINGS

February 21, 2016

Envelopes \$1553.58

Plate \$209.02

Total \$1762.60

Other Income

Mass Stipends \$ 60.00

Ch. In East Europe \$ 5.00

Blk & Indian Mission \$ 5.00

ANNUNCIATION ALTAR SOCIETY

NOTES— Your 2016 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.

ATTENTION ALTAR SOCIETY

LADIES— The 2016 Group List is available in the back of church with the new chairman and co-chairman of each group assigned.

RELIGIOUS ED NOTES— **NO Class**, for Grades 1-6, on Wednesday, March 2nd.

NO Class for Jr/Sr. High on Wednesday, March 2nd.

CHANCE TO WIN A FREEZER

FULL OF MEAT— 26 campers will be attending the Catholic Heart Workcamp in Denver, CO this summer. As a fundraiser for that, they will be selling chances to win a freezer, that is filled with meat. Drawing will be March 30th. Chances are 2/\$5 or 5/\$10. To purchase some chances you may contact Kaci Vaughn at 785-927-0445 or Colton Parthemer at 785-410-9909. Thank You!

OPERATION RICE BOWL—
HUNGERING FOR A HEALTHY

START The next stop on our CRS Rice Bowl journey is the African nation of Rwanda where we're reminded to care for the unborn,. This week we pray for pregnant mothers, that they may have the medical and nutritional support they need to raise healthy, thriving children.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS—

Upcoming Annunciation Parish
Fundraiser Events-

Sunday, April 24th—Smoked Pork Chop Dinner

Sunday, September 25th, Annual Parish Picnic (**Note- date change**)

Sunday, November 6th, Annual Turkey dinner.

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year! Dates are July 17th –July
22nd...more details later!

Marriage Minute

In this Sunday's first reading, we encounter one of the most famous passages in the Old Testament. Moses is wandering through the desert tending his flock of sheep, faithful to his duty, when he encounters the Living God made present to him through the burning bush. This encounter with God changed him and gave him the confidence he needed to fulfill the mission God had for him. Many of us feel like we are wandering through the desert of our family life, faithfully doing our duty of tending our little sheep, our children. It is easy to get distracted in the midst of cleaning the house, making dinner, getting kids to do homework, getting to activities on time or meeting deadlines at work. If we are not mindful, we may miss the attempts by God to encounter us. The image of the burning bush has always been seen as an icon of what happens to us in prayer; we are ignited with the flame of God's love and yet, we are not consumed. As we are now firmly entrenched in Lent, let us joyfully find those moments during the faithful attendance to our duties of work and family life. Each day, step away from the chaos and allow yourselves to encounter the Living God in prayer, alone and with your spouse. When we do this, we, like Moses, are changed to better fulfill the mission that God has for us, which is heroically loving our spouse and children!

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

COLLECTION— Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. This collection supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. The funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all people. Next week, please give generously to The Catholic Relief Services Collection and **help Jesus in disguise.**

Use the following link for a seven day "Virtual Marriage Retreat-Marriage and Mercy" for daily home use by married couples. Go to www.foryourmarriage.org/everymarriage/enrichment/seven-day-virtual-marriage-retreat/

Take a mini-retreat this Lent and join us for Benediction, Adoration, & Rosary, Tuesdays, 7:00 pm— Recharge your spiritual life with prayer, peace and quiet and grace!

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

ALL ARE INVITED to a Mexican Lunch at the Cigna Center on Sunday, March 6th. Serving 11:00 to 1:00 pm. Sponsored by Beta Epsilon. Proceeds benefit local philanthropic projects.

THE BIBLE TIMELINE SEMINAR with JEFF CAVINS— Friday, March 4 (7:00-8:30 pm) and Saturday, March 5 8:00 am Mass and Seminar 9:00-3:00 pm at St. Francis Xavier Parish, 2618 Seneca St., St. Joseph, MO. In the Bible Timeline Seminar you will learn how the key people, places and events in the Bible fit together to reveal God's plan for humanity. See how the events in the Old Testament are fulfilled in the New Testament and Gain a greater appreciation for the Scripture reading you hear during Mass and much more! Early registration fee is \$35 by 2/27/16 or \$40 after 2/27/16 (Price includes seminar packet, lunch and snacks). Registration forms and more information are in the back of church. You may also register online at <http://www.sfxstjoe.com>

10th Women's Spirituality Conference

March 12, 2016 St Thomas Moore Parish Center Manhattan , KS. Program "This Will Be Remembered of Her" Stories of Women Reshaping the World. Registration deadline is March 7th. Registration form in back of church on bulletin board.

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.



Reflecting On Sunday's Readings

In this week's Gospel Reading through the parable Jesus tells he puts a premium on fruitfulness. He does this first by stressing the vineyard owner's severe judgment of the fig tree that has continued to bear no figs. The vineyard owner is ready to remove the fig tree because it is totally unproductive. Secondly, he focuses on the importance of being fruitful by underscoring the vinedresser's unusual concern and attention to try and insure the fig tree's future productivity. Both in the vineyard owner's judgment and the vinedresser's care, one message comes through loud and clear; fruitfulness is essential. This focus on bearing fruit takes on added importance when we recall Jesus' last conversation with his disciples in John's Gospel. In John 15:16 Jesus said, "You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last." Earlier in verse 8, he stated that this is the way his Father is glorified, "that you bear much fruit and become my disciples." Clearly, as Jesus was preparing to leave his disciples and begin the ordeal of his crucifixion he did not merely discuss trivial things with them, but shared his very heart and soul. And at the heart of what he said was his expectations for their fruitfulness. When the subject of fruitfulness comes up it is not unusual to see opinions vary regarding what is meant by fruit. Some would suggest that fruitfulness is simply Christian character, others that it is Christian deeds, and still others that it is Christian converts. I would suggest that to some degree it is inclusive of all of these because the three types of fruit mentioned are interdependent and interconnected. However, it is interesting that when we study the nature of fruit we discover that fruit always contains the seed of new life. So it is with both Christian character and Christian deeds, they are never intended to dwell alone, but are the seeds of new life, converts; "In the same way, let your light shine before

others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." Our Christian lives and deeds should result in non-believers' desiring to also become believers. If we as a community of believers are not seeing conversions take place through us, we need to be concerned. How does all of this fit into Lent? Lent should be both a time of pruning and of cultivation. It is the time of year when we pay special attention to Christ and our relationship with him. As we focus on Christ, and add to our lives disciplines that enhance our spiritual consciousness and receptivity to him, it allows the Holy Spirit to begin tilling up the hardness of our hearts. Lenten missions, more frequent attendance at Mass and other celebrations, Lenten discussion group studies, and personal prayer and reflection are all means which the Holy Spirit can use to rework the dry, hard ground of our hearts. As these stony portions are broken up, and turned over, our hearts become more receptive to the nourishing nutrients that bring about growth and fruitfulness; sacred Scripture, Christ's Presence, and prayer to seek God's will. We are faced with the same decision as the disciples, will we, or will we not go and bear fruit so that the Father is glorified? Pope Paul VI in *On Evangelization in the Modern World* clearly calls us to this realization. "The Church is born of the evangelizing activity of Jesus and the Twelve. She is the normal, desired, most immediate and most visible fruit of this activity..." And he earlier states, "Those who have received the Good News and who have been gathered by it into the community of salvation can and must communicate and spread it." May this Lent be a time of preparation for just such fruitfulness, and may Easter be a time when we invite those who don't know Christ to "Come see!"

Reflecting On Sunday's Readings,
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Daily Mass Readings

Monday, February 29	First Reading: 2 Kgs. 5: 1-15ab Gospel: Lk. 4: 24-30
Tues- day, March 1	First Reading: Dn. 3: 25, 34-43 Gospel: Mt. 18: 21-35
Wednes- day, March 2	First Reading: Dt. 4: 1, 5-9 Gospel: Mt. 5: 17-19
Thurs- day, March 3	First Reading: Jer. 7: 23-28 Gospel: Lk. 11: 14-23
Friday, March 4	First Reading: Hos. 14: 2-10 Gospel: Mk. 12: 28-34
Satur- day, March 5	First Reading: Hos. 6: 1-6 Gospel: Lk. 18: 9-14
Sunday, March 6	1st Reading: Jos. .5: 9a, 10-12 2nd Reading: 2 Cor. 5: 17-21 Gospel: Lk. 15: 1-3, 11-32

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

March 6th, 8:30 am— +Jerry Weis

February 21, 2016 offerings

Envelopes	\$1007.00
Plate	\$ 157.00

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

Ministers of the Mass

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

Lector	M. Dobrovolny
Servers	O. Skalla, K. Skalla, & E. Toerber
Gifts	Gleason family
Communion	R. Nugent, J. Wienck, & S. Henry
Ushers	M. Borgerding & A. Edwards

Church Cleaners: March— Hedy Saville & Peggy Waite
Sacristan Schedule: March—Theresa Minihan
Breakfast Committee: March— Craig & Liz Miller and Scott & Sarah Toerber. If you cannot work the month you are assigned then trade with someone.

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PRO-LIFE BABY SHOWER— The Marysville Knights of Columbus will once again be sponsoring a Pro-Life Baby Shower beginning Jan. 31st through the month of February. 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.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Chase Lees 2/28
ANNIVERSARIES
Scott & Jenny Lees 3/1

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Fridays from noon to 5:00p.m. The Adoration Group would like to invite more parishioners to participate. Please take a time.

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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 March 5, 6:00 p.m.*

Lector	Lisa Moser
Servers	
Ministers	H. Moser, E. Hofman, K. Suther
Hospitality	Kenny & Dala Suther

Saturday February 20, 2016 offering:

2/20/2016	Envelope	447.00	
	Plate	63.00	
	Votives	30.15	
			540.15

2016 Church Cleaning Schedule

March 6-12: Karen Lundberg, Maggie Lundberg, Natalie Krohn
 March 20-26: Lois Roggenkamp, Becky White, Andrea Karnes

Altar Society Meeting March 28th at 7pm. Meeting time is 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

CHANGE OF DATE

Knights of Columbus

Fish Fry - March 4th 5:00-7:30. Please note the date of our **Fish Fry** has changed. The **Fish Fry** will be **March 4**. Mark your calendars and plan on attending.

NOTE OF THANKS

To all who contributed to the Adopted Christmas Family, a big thank you for helping to make this family's Christmas a little brighter!!

A huge thank you to all the ladies who helped with the Harrington and Roggenkamp funerals this past weekend. We couldn't do it without you!! Connie and Dorothy

Envelopes for Easter flower donations are in the back of church.

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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.