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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

DECEMBER 13TH 2015

Third Sunday of Advent

Growing as Disciples of Jesus, Making Disciples For Jesus

RECONCILIATION!

Nothing brings joy to the
Lord and prepares a soul
for Christmas and
Christ's coming like
going to confession.

Don't let fear or apathy
or the season's less
important things prevent
you from receiving the
Lord's Mercy during this
holy year of mercy.

With courage and
conviction, approach the
font of grace to receive
timely help from on
high.

Please say a prayer for
our little ones preparing
for their first holy
confession!

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, 7:00p.m.
—Blaine

Tues. Dec. 22nd, 7:00p.m.
-Blue Rapids

Please say a prayer for all
those for whom it has been a
long while since they last
approached this great
sacrament.

(Please turn in the little
commitment sheets for the
works of mercy from last
weekend.)

Yours in Christ through
Mary,

Fr. Schmitz



Mass Intentions

Date	Day	Notes	Intention
12/14/2015	Monday	St. John of the Cross	No a.m. Mass
12/15/2015	Tuesday	Advent Weekday	+Marcella Roeder
12/16/2015	Wednesday	10:00 a.m. Mass (Frankfort Care Home)	Sp. Intention for Mary Eileen Barsano & family
12/17/2015	Thursday	Late Advent Weekday	+Albert Maas
12/18/2015	Friday	Late Advent Weekday	+Mary Skoch
12/19/2015	Saturday	Frankfort 4:00 p. m.	For All Parishioners of the 3 Parishes
12/19/2015	Saturday	Blaine 6:00 p.m.	+Virginia Roggenkamp
12/20/2015	Sunday	Blue Rapids 8:30 a.m.	+Elmer Henry
12/20/2015	Sunday	Frankfort 10:30 a. m.	+Carol Mitchell

Saturday, December 19th: Annunciation 4:00 pm

Lector	Stephanie Huninghake
Servers	Jarett & Samuel Gros
Communion	M. Kennedy, P. Brady, & W. Gros
Musicians	Moogie R. & Frannie F.
Ushers	Duane Dressman & Jim Roeder
Gifts	Ushers to appoint
Rosary	Ed & Pat Brady
Sacristan	Marybeth Kennedy

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Sunday, December 20th: Annunciation 10:30 am

Lector	Charlie Gerstner
Servers	Tara & Grady Fox, & Clara Dressman
Communion	C. Stallbaumer, C. Farrell, & S. Wapp
Musicians	Marilyn D. & Lynn B.
Ushers	Gerald Gerstner & Herschel Mentgen
Gifts	Ushers to appoint
Rosary	Sylvia Wapp
Care Home	Stephanie Huninghake
Sacristan	Cathy Farrell

This that and the Other...

FIRST RECONCILIATION— for the 2nd grade students will be held on Saturday, December 19th at 9:30 am. Please pray for the students who are preparing for this wonderful Sacrament. Those students are Wes Anderson, Riley Armstrong, Drew Broxterman, Ashlyn Dalinghaus, Annie Dressman, Simon Hull, Loralei Loiseau, Luke Massie, Tucker Michealis, Mac Studer, Macey Wapp, & Sadie Wessel.

CHRISTMAS MASS

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MOTHER OF GOD, Holy day of

Obligation

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WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

to Darcie Gail Mitchell and Brian Matthew Kramer who were married at Annunciation Church this weekend. May God richly bless you as you begin your married life together. Proud parents are Wayne and Elma Mitchell and Marvin and Sharon Kramer.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are asking for volunteers to help decorate the church for the Christmas season immediately after Mass on Sunday, December 20th.

ANNUNCIATION OFFERINGS

December 6, 2015

Envelopes \$1974.00

Plate \$200.50

Total \$2174.50

Other Income

Use of Hall \$ 247.50

Christmas Flowers \$ 315.00

Thanksgiving \$ 30.00

Mass Stipends \$ 60.00

Retire. Religious \$ 10.00

Picnic \$ 50.00

RETIREMENT FUND FOR

RELIGIOUS— Aging religious need your help. In the United States today, there are more than 33,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. These religious worked tirelessly in Catholic schools, hospitals, and agencies, usually for little to no pay. As a result, many religious communities lack adequate savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift to the collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more. Please be generous.

BIBLE STUDY— Next class, Thursday, Dec. 17th, 7:00 p.m., Cigna Center

RELIGIOUS ED NOTES— Class, for Grades 1-6, Wed. Dec. 16th, 2:10 –3:10 pm

No Class for Jr/Sr. High on Wednesday, December 16th.

ANNUNCIATION CHOIR

PRACTICE— Monday, December 14th, 7:00 p.m. (Will be singing for Christmas Day mass.)

Benediction, Adoration, & Rosary, Tuesdays, 7:00 pm

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

The Axtell Ecumenical Christmas

Cantata will be presented at Salem Lutheran Church (located at the intersection of Highway 87 and Navajo Road) the evening of **Sunday, December 13, at 7:30 p.m.** A time of fellowship will follow. All are invited to attend this annual Christmas season event.

THERE IS MORE TO KNOW!

This Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent, is known as Gaudete Sunday, or Rejoice Sunday. How great is that? It's a reminder that our preparation, though it includes repentance and efforts to bear fruit, is a joyful endeavor Our Lord is coming! On the first Sunday of Advent we are encouraged to live so that our hearts are not weighed down with the worries of this world. Today's first reading from Zephaniah is a reminder to celebrate. God brings goodness and salvation! By the pink candle that we light this week during our Advent meditation, we can see that the time is near. The light is returning to the world. What happiness we can enjoy as we make straight the paths! We can be full of joy knowing that when the Messiah comes, we will celebrate with him.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL

In remembrance of our deceased family members & friends during the Christmas season you are invited to make a donation toward the poinsettias. Please put your donation in the special envelope found in your packet & write the name of the person or persons to be remembered & place in the collection basket. We will publish those names in the bulletin.

LIVING IN LOVE RETREAT— Did you know that being in love is not a stage you grow out of? Come and experience *Living in Love* a liberating retreat which gives insight into how differently men & women prefer to achieve intimacy. Next retreat opportunity is on Saturday, Jan. 16th 8:30 am to 9:00 pm (includes romantic dinner) and Sunday, January 17th 8:00 to 4:00 pm (Includes Sunday Mass) at Sacred Heart Parish, Sabetha. Register online: www.archkck.org/LivinginLove. For more info call 913-647-0345 (Marriage & Family Life Office).

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 Cornerstone Coffee House, 431 Main 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.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF

NORTHEAST KANSAS— Heat, medicine, food? Which would you choose? After of lifetime of contributing to society, 76 year old Bob and his 68 year old wife, Lorraine, now on a fixed income, were faced with having their utilities disconnected. Suffering from declining health and expensive prescriptions, the elderly couple was forced to make some tough decisions— heat, medicine, or food. Bob was no longer able to provide the care his disabled wife needed. Moving into an assisted living facility was the only choice, however, they needed to pay a portion of the moving expenses up front. This left them without the resources to pay the utilities for the month until they moved. It also meant they had to decide whether they could afford to buy their medicine or groceries. For Bob and Lorraine, the choice was real. Their situation seemed daunting, they were losing hope. That's when they were introduced to the services provided by the Catholic Charities Mobile Resource Bus. Because of generous supporters like you, Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas was able to keep Bob and Lorraine's utilities connected and also provide them with the food they needed. 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 and sisters in need. Help us give hope to the hopeless.



Reflecting On Sunday's Readings

The question, "What shall we do?" found in this week's Gospel reading arose from John the Baptist's exhortation to "bring forth fruits in keeping with repentance." We must keep in mind that John, as the forerunner of Jesus, prepared people to receive him as Lord and Christ. During Advent we also anticipate the arrival of Jesus, the Christ, hoping that he will be birthed afresh in our hearts and lives, bringing a new awareness of the hope of salvation. Consequently, this passage provides insight as to how we might prepare to receive him. It is interesting that John relates repentance first with action rather than simply having deep feelings of regret. The Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary supports this position by listing as the first definition of repentance, "to turn from sin and dedicate oneself to the amendment of one's life." It is only when we look at the second definition that we encounter feelings of "regret and contrition," and "change of one's mind." Obviously, both aspects of repentance are important, however John's use of repentance emphasizes action and a change of behavior, and not simply inner feelings which can easily be forgotten once we arise from our knees. Many might question whether this imperative to change our sinful behavior is really "good news." Perhaps one would be justified to think this way, had John's message stopped there, but it didn't. John also foretold the impending appearance of another messenger from God who was to be more important and powerful than himself, who would baptize with the Holy Spirit. Now that is good news! The Holy Spirit, who is a gift to us from the Father and the Son, is an integral part of the good news of Jesus' first advent. The Holy Spirit is the means to the end; release from captivity to sin and to

rebirth into a life with God. He is the indwelling power for changing our inclinations, enabling us to break old habits of sin and replace them with new habits of righteousness. This space is too small to even begin to reiterate all the grace and gifts that come with his presence, but suffice it to say that they are manifold. As the Catechism explains: "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. Because we are dead or at least wounded through sin the first effect of the gift of love is the forgiveness of our sins. The communion of the Holy Spirit in the Church restores to the baptized the divine likeness lost through sin. He, then, gives us the 'pledge' or 'first fruits' of our inheritance; the very life of the Holy Trinity, which is to love as 'God [has] loved us.' This love... is the source of the new life in Christ, made possible because we have received 'power' from the Holy Spirit." As Christians we too often forget this aspect of the Good News which Jesus brought. He has imparted to us the Holy Spirit. This constant companion and intercessor helps us to experience real incarnational life in Christ. This Third Week of Advent should remind us of this message of hope and gift of enablement. Additionally it should renew us in his love, and prepare us to open our hearts wholly to him.

Reflecting On Sunday's Readings,
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Daily Mass Readings

Monday, December 14	First Reading: <u>Nm. 24: 2-7, 15-17a</u> Gospel: <u>Mt. 21: 23-27</u>
Tuesday, December 15	First Reading: <u>Zep. 3: 1-2, 9-13</u> Gospel: <u>Mt. 21: 28-32</u>
Wednesday, December 16	First Reading: <u>Is. 45: 6b-8, 18, 21b-25</u> Gospel: <u>Lk. 7: 18b-23</u>
Thursday, December 17	First Reading: <u>Gn. 49: 2, 8-10</u> Gospel: <u>Mt. 1: 1-17</u>
Friday, December 18	First Reading: <u>Jer. 23: 5-8</u> Gospel: <u>Mt. 1: 18-25</u>
Saturday, December 19	First Reading: <u>Jgs. 13: 2-7, 24-25a</u> Gospel: <u>Lk. 1: 5-25</u>
Sunday, December 20	1st Reading: <u>Mi. 5: 1-4a</u> 2nd Reading: <u>Heb. 10: 5-10</u> Gospel: <u>Lk. 1: 39-45</u>



St. Monica\St. Elizabeth, Blue Rapids



Calendar and Mass Intention

December 20th, 8:30 am— +Elmer Henry

Nov. 22, Nov. 29, & December 6, 2015 offerings

Envelopes	\$1249.00
Plate	\$ 467.50
Retirement Religious	\$ 10.00
Cath. Charities	\$ 10.00
Human Dev.	\$ 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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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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Linda Cohorst 12/13
Connor Gleason 12/13
Sarah Toerber 12/15

Ministers of the Mass

Sunday December 20, 8:30 a.m. St. Monica\St. Elizabeth

Lector	H. Botkin
Servers	E. Toerber, C. Toerber, & E. Brungardt
Gifts	CCD students
Communion	H. Botkin, R. Nugent, & N. Hirt
Ushers	CCD students

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

Sacristan Schedule: December—Norma Hirt

Breakfast Committee: January 3— Jeanette Borgerding, Kate Dobrovolny, & Dallas & Moriah Dobrovolny. If you cannot work the month you are assigned then trade with someone.

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.

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 19, 6:00 p.m.* **Saturday December 5, 2015 offering:**

Lector	Becky White
Servers	
Ministers	Lavone Sanford, Mike Sanford, Carol or Wade Minihan
Hospitality	Kelly & Jena VanDonge

12/5/2015	Envelope	582.00	
	Plate	107.26	
	Insurance	20.00	
	Hall Rent	90.00	
			799.26
12/5/2015	Hall Annex Fund		250.00

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING:

January 14, 2016

The winner of the Knights of Columbus Thanksgiving Raffle was Elaine Miller. Thanks to everyone who participated.

Altar Society Meeting Dates—

2016: January 25 (weather permitting), February 22, March 28, April 25, May 23,
Meeting time is 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

ALL PARISHIONERS INVITED to a surprise 60th birthday party for Sherry Quigley, and Terry Johnson on January 3rd from 2-5pm at the parish hall.

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If you have or know of any social concerns, please contact Lavon Sanford at 870-341-1446 or Patsy Campbell at 785-457-3731. For prayer request contact Lisa Moser 785-396-4328.

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.

General Church Cleaning for Christmas will be held Sat. Dec. 19th @ 10:00 a.m. Please join us - many hands make speedy work! Thank you.

The Religion Classes and everyone are invited to share Christmas joy at the Westy Care Home by singing Carols Dec. 20th at 2:00. Please join us!

Thank you,
Micki

The **Altar Society** has adopted a Christmas Family! Information and sign up can be found at the back of church. The deadline for signup is Dec. 16th and for donations is Dec. 19th. Thank you for considering being a part of Christmas for someone in need.