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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



# Annunciation Parish

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

FEBRUARY 14TH 2016

## The First Sunday of Lent

## Growing as Disciples of Jesus, Making Disciples For Jesus

### Confessions

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

FEB 17th-Frankfort  
FEB 24th-Blaine  
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-Onage, after Mass  
Mar 6-Kelly, 7p  
Mar 13-Marysville, 3p  
Mar 20-Seneca, 3p  
Mar 20-Sabetha, 7p

### LENTEN ACTIVITIES

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

**Adoration of the Blessed  
Sacrament Fridays, 1:00 to  
5:00 p.m.**

### Stations of the Cross

Fridays of Lent 7:00 p.m.

**Feb-12** Frankfort  
**Feb-19** Frankfort  
**Feb-26** Blaine

**March-11** Blue Rapids  
**March-18** Frankfort

### Fish Fry

**Blaine-  
March 4th, 5p-7:30p**

**Frankfort-  
March 18th, 5p-8p**

### Remember....

**Fasting and abstinence during  
Lent**

To sum up those requirements,  
Catholics between the ages of 18  
and 59 are obliged to fast on Ash  
Wednesday and Good Friday. In  
addition, all Catholics 14 years old  
and older must abstain from meat  
on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday,  
and all the Fridays through the year,  
or make some other suitable  
sacrifice.

Fasting as explained by the US  
bishops means partaking of only  
one full meal. Some food (not  
equaling another full meal) is  
permitted at breakfast and around  
midday or in the evening—  
depending on when a person  
chooses to eat the main or full meal.  
Abstinence forbids the use of meat,  
but not of eggs, fish, milk products  
or condiments made of animal fat.

### Looking ahead:

Holy Thursday-7p Frankfort

Good Friday-12p-Blaine

-3p-Blue Rapids

-7p-Frankfort

Easter Vigil-8p-Frankfort

Easter Sunday-8a-Blue Rapids

-9:30a-Frankfort

-11a-Blaine

*A big thank you for all the birthday cards,  
presents, and prayers!  
(I'll find a way to pay Marilyn back for  
putting that in the bulletin!)*

*-Fr. Schmitz*

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# Mass Intentions

Date	Day	Notes	Intention
02/15/2016	Monday	Weekday	No a.m. Mass
02/16/2016	Tuesday	Lenten Weekday	+Ray Mitchell
02/17/2016	Wednesday	10:00 a.m. Mass (Frankfort Care Home)	+Melvin Suther
02/18/2016	Thursday	Lenten Weekday	+Marcella Roeder
02/19/2016	Friday	Lenten Weekday	+Roy Seematter
02/20/2016	Saturday	Frankfort 4:00 p. m.	+Julius Kenworthy
02/20/2016	Saturday	Blaine 6:00 p.m.	+Virginia Roggenkamp
02/21/2016	Sunday	Blue Rapids 8:30 a.m.	For All Parishioners of the 3 Parishes
02/21/2016	Sunday	Frankfort 10:30 a. m.	+Lloyd & +Rita Gerstner

## **Saturday, February 20th: Annunciation 4:00 pm**

Lector	Cathy Weyer
Servers	Emily and Colton Weyer
Communion	M. Parthemer, C. Weyer, & M. Kennedy
Musicians	Jeanie Gerstner & Marie Wessel
Ushers	Joe Parthemer & Keith Tilley
Gifts	Ushers to appoint
Rosary	Ed & Pat Brady
Sacristan	Marybeth Kennedy

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## **Sunday, February 21st: Annunciation 10:30 am**

Lector	Vicki Adams
Servers	Rebecca Adams, Grace Dressman, & Sydney Wapp
Communion	L. Dressman, P. Maas, & C. Stallbaumer
Musicians	Moogie Roeder & Frannie Fangman
Ushers	Joe Maas & Spencer Dressman
Gifts	Ushers to appoint
Rosary	Kelli Kokoruda
Care Home	Wilma Harrington
Sacristan	Lois Schreiner

## ***This that and the Other...***

### **ARCHBISHOP'S CALL TO SHARE—**

Your pledge is appreciated! As we look at our lives and the many ways God has blessed us, let us give back a proportionate gift to the Archbishop's Call to Share. Our archdiocesan family is truly an extension of our parish life. We are grateful to those who take part in this effort! Our parish goal is \$7,842.00. To date our parishioners have made pledges of \$3,790.00 which is 48% of our goal. Thank you for your generous gifts in support of the ministries of the Church in Northeast Kansas!

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #1383 BREAKFAST—**

Today, February 14th in the Cigna Center. Serving 7:00 am to 1:00 pm. Biscuits/Gravy, Sausage, Eggs, & Cinnamon Rolls. Free Will Offering. Proceeds will benefit sonograms & Birthright.

### **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!

### **NOTE OF THANKS-**

On behalf of **UNBOUND** I want to thank your pastor, Father Schmitz, and all the members of Annunciation, St. Columbkille and St. Monica-St. Elizabeth Parishes for the warm welcome you gave me last weekend. I really enjoyed my visit. We received a total of 20 new sponsors as well as several generous one time donations and the promise of your prayers for our mission to the poor. If you wish to learn more about **UNBOUND** or still wish to become a sponsor you can go online at [unbound.org](http://unbound.org). Thank you. *Fr. Bob*

## **ANNUNCIATION OFFERINGS**

**February 7, 2016**

Envelopes \$1136.00

Plate \$267.70

Total \$1403.70

### **Other Income**

Ch. In Latin America \$ 5.00

Ch. In East Europe \$ 30.00

Blk & Indian Mission \$ 20.00

## **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.

**NOTE OF THANKS**— We thank Peggy Gerstner, Beth Horigan, and Ann Huninghake who have graciously volunteered to serve on the Annunciation Altar Society Funeral Committee!

**RELIGIOUS ED NOTES**— Class, for Grades 1-6, Wednesday, Feb. 17th, 2:10 to 3:10 pm.

**Class for Jr./Sr. High** on Wednesday, Feb 17th, 7:00 p.m.

## **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. Thank you.

## **COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE-**

Thank you for your generous contributions to the Collection for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe. Your gift is an expression of solidarity with the suffering people of this region. Through joining in the work of this collection, you are helping to **restore the Church and build the future.**

## **OPERATION RICE BOWL-**

**HUNGERING FOR THE JOURNEY** Our journey with CRS Rice Bowl begins in Colombia, where coffee beans are changing lives! What actions can we take this Lent to change lives—at home and around the world? . Pick up your family's rice bowl

**ST. BEDE'S KELLY, KS**— Annual Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, Feb. 21st. Serving pancakes, sausage, and eggs from 7:00 am to 12:30 pm. Free Will donation.

## **CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP**

**FUNDRAISER:** There will be a Mexican Meal on February 23 at Frankfort High School from 5 - 7:30 pm during the basketball game. Menu is as follows: Soft and Hard Tacos, Chalupas, Taco Salad, Mexican Rice and Fried Ice Cream. It will be Free Will Donation. We will deliver meals. Please call Linda Roeder at 785-799-4460 or 292-4897. Thank you for your support.

## **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.

### **Marriage Minute**

This year the first Sunday of Lent falls on Valentine's Day. While prayer, fasting and almsgiving don't seem particularly romantic, there is actually a significant tie-in. In today's Gospel, Jesus is tempted by Satan to put temporal things such as money and power before his relationship with the Father. Isn't that what gets in the way of us feeling "in love" in our marriages? Long hours at work crowd out time together. Stress about bills makes us snap at each other. A desire to be right drives a wedge between us. We don't mean it, but sometimes these things get in the way of the fundamental truth that we are a man and woman in love. If this is our situation, what if we decided to rethink Lent this year? What if we skipped giving up chocolate and instead tried to do something we know would make our spouse feel more loved? Here are some ideas: • Skip lunch out at work and buy flowers with the money. • Fast from criticism. • Suggest a date night (out or in) that includes your spouse's favorite activity. • Make an effort to correct a habit that irritates your spouse. • Be home by six for dinner. • Set a specific time to pray for or with your spouse. For marriage enrichment opportunities, check out [www.archkck.org/family](http://www.archkck.org/family). Let us take advantage of the graces of Lent to help improve our most significant relationship!

## **RALLY FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM**

**February 17: Noon - 1 PM. The Catholic Bishops of Kansas and others concerned about the future of religious freedom in Kansas, will be hosting a Rally for Religious Freedom** inside the Kansas State Capitol Building in the 2nd Floor Rotunda. A large turnout is needed to demonstrate to Kansas lawmakers that support for religious freedom in Kansas is strong. Let's make this as successful as the rally in 2012, which garnered national attention and was broadcast live on EWTN. Free parking at the Kansas Expocentre and round-trip shuttle to and from the Capitol is available from 10:30 A.M until 2:00 P.M. For more information please visit [www.kscathconf.org](http://www.kscathconf.org).

**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/](http://www.foryourmarriage.org/everymarriage/enrichment/seven-day-virtual-marriage-retreat/)

## **RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES**

The Carmelites at Scipio have facilities available for persons wishing to make a directed or private retreat. In the Carmelite Residence - Elijah's Rest Priory- we offer three guest suites. In addition to the suites in the Priory, we offer two Hermitages (fully equipped with central air/heat, kitchen facility, bath and bedroom). If interested, please contact Fr. David Simpson at 630-536-7866.

**Recharge Marriage Enrichment:** Have you been looking for marriage enrichment but don't have a whole weekend? Recharge is a four hour opportunity to reconnect with your spouse that will give you the basics to rekindle the love and passion in your marriage! Recharge is a practical application of John Paul II's Theology of the Body. Our next Recharge will be March 6 at Christ the King Parish in Topeka (5973 SW 25th St) from 1:30-5:45pm. Child care is available! There is a parish Mass at 6pm. For more details or to register, go to [www.archkck.org/recharge](http://www.archkck.org/recharge). For questions, contact Brad DuPont at [bdupont@archkck.org](mailto:bdupont@archkck.org) or 913.647.0301.

### **Can't afford a foreign pilgrimage?**

Then consider a state-side pilgrimage during this Jubilee Year of Mercy to the National Shrine of Divine Mercy in Stockbridge & Boston, Massachusetts , July 23-27 with Fr. Don Bedore, of the Diocese of Dodge City and staff of Divine Mercy Radio, Diocese of Salina. For more information go Divine Mercy Radio's web site at [dvmercy.com](http://dvmercy.com), and click on the pilgrimage tab, or call 785.621.4110.



# Reflecting On Sunday's Readings

What image comes to your mind when you think of Lent? — Penance? Fasting? Sacrifice? A time to do something difficult and severe, or perhaps a time to give up or abstain from something dear to us? Though all of these may have their place during the Lenten season, Lent is primarily a time of preparation and growth through anticipation of and celebration of Christ's saving sacrifice. Marilyn Gustin points this out so aptly in her book *Living the Liturgy*, "It is a time for our own conscious, deliberate effort to cooperate in our own transformation. If our life in God is to become vital in our experience, we must be involved in ongoing and repeated transformation. It does not have to be forced, but it does have to be real. God's grace will do most of it, but our cooperation is required. During Lent we make our cooperation as conscious and disciplined as we can." This cooperation can take many forms, from extended time reading the Scriptures and praying, to various forms of fasting to make us conscious of our Christ on whom we should focus. During this time of cooperation, though we may not have a face to face encounter with Satan as Jesus did in this week's Gospel Reading, we will undoubtedly be tempted to abandon our spiritual resolve and make light of our Lenten commitments. During Jesus' forty-day fast he too was tempted. We need to take courage and find strength in Jesus' steadfastness, and learn from his resistance. Jesus did not allow the illusionary promise of immediate gratification dissuade him from his deep-rooted commitment to entrust himself to the Father's will. Jesus confronted each temptation with confidence rooted in sacred Scripture and in knowledge of God. This intimate acquaintance with God's Word strengthened his resolve and provided the answers to combat each alluring temptation. We have the sacred Scripture readily available to us in numerous translations. Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to indwell us so that we

could discern the truth and grow in Christ-likeness. He will readily and eagerly respond to our efforts to cooperate with his work of transformation. So whatever else we do during this Lenten season, we need to make sure that our hearts and minds are available to his transforming presence through the Sacraments, prayer, and reading and reflecting on the Holy Scripture. As Catholics we can readily take pride in the fact that we have preserved, defended, and venerated sacred Scripture for centuries. On the other hand we must acknowledge that many of us as Catholics are undeniably ignorant of both the Scripture and the teachings of the Church. Sadly for some Catholics' commitment to know and study God's written word is often less than that of many non-Catholic Christians. We would do well to reflect on St Chrysostom's perspective: "Here is why the exhortation of the Scripture is given: that the man of God may be rendered complete by it. Without this he cannot grow to maturity. You have the Scriptures, he says, in place of me. If you would learn anything, you may learn it from them." One other aspect of Lent to consider is that transformation is not intended to be temporary, something that is present for only six weeks. Our disciplines and Lenten practices can be temporary but the changes they endeavor to bring about should be eternal. So perhaps it would be more beneficial to introduce into our lives during Lent, disciplines and practices that we would like to have become a permanent part of our relationship with Christ. This year during Lent, by the power of the Holy Spirit we can be introduced into a new depth of spiritual transformation. Practically, perhaps the place to begin this transformation is by asking the Holy Spirit to transform our commitment to daily read and reflect on sacred Scripture.

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## Daily Mass Readings

Monday, February 15	First Reading: <u>Lv. 19: 1-2, 11-18</u> Gospel: <u>Mt. 25: 31-46</u>
Tuesday, February 16	First Reading: <u>Is. 55: 10-11</u> Gospel: <u>Mt. 6: 7-15</u>
Wednesday, February 17	First Reading: <u>Jon 3: 1-10</u> Gospel: <u>Lk. 11: 29-32</u>
Thursday, February 18	First Reading: <u>Est. C 12, 14-16, 23-25</u> Gospel: <u>Mt. 7: 7-12</u>
Friday, February 19	First Reading: <u>Ez. 18: 21-28</u> Gospel: <u>Mt. 5: 20-26</u>
Saturday, February 20	First Reading: <u>Dt. 26: 16-19</u> Gospel: <u>Mt. 5: 43-48</u>
Sunday, February 21	1st Reading: <u>Gen. 15: 5-12, 17-18</u> 2nd Reading: <u>Phil. 3: 17—4:1 or 3: 20—4:1</u> Gospel: <u>Lk. 9: 28b-36</u>

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Looking for a way of praying consistently, and praying with and for others? [www.praymorenovenas.com](http://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

February 21st, 8:30 am— For All Parishioners of the 3 Parishes

February 7, 2016 offerings

Envelopes	\$532.00
Plate	\$120.00

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

## Ministers of the Mass

**Sunday February 14, 8:30 a.m. St. Monica\St. Elizabeth**

<b>Lector</b>	C. Miller
<b>Servers</b>	E. Toerber, C. Toerber, & S. Lees
<b>Gifts</b>	Heinen family
<b>Communion</b>	E. Henry, R. Nugent, & N. Hirt
<b>Ushers</b>	C. Miller & D. Baier

**Church Cleaners: February**— Jan Bergkamp  
**Sacristan Schedule: February**—Norma Hirt  
**Breakfast Committee: March**— Craig & Liz Miller and Scott & Sarah Toerber. If you cannot work the month you are assigned then trade with someone.

**NOTICE** All are invited to the February breakfast which will be on February 14th after Mass. Come celebrate Valentine’s Day with your church family.

**ALTAR SOCIETY** meeting February 17, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. Plans for World Day of Prayer which will be March 4, 2016. More information later.

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**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.

**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.

**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. Question contact John Wienck.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Mike Minihan 2/15  
Jeannie Zidek 2/19  
Shawn McIntyre 2/20

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





# St. Columbkille Parish, Blaine KS

**Ministers of the Mass** *Saturday February 20, 6:00 p.m.*

**Saturday February 6, 2016 offering:**

<b>Lector</b>	Becky White
<b>Servers</b>	
<b>Ministers</b>	Lavon Sanford, Mike Sanford, & Carol or Wade Minihan
<b>Hospitality</b>	Todd or Charlene Sheppard

2/6/2016	Envelope	712.00	
	Plate	90.01	
	House Donation	75.00	
	Energy	50.00	
			927.01

**2016 Church Cleaning Schedule**

Feb. 21-27: Lavon Sanford, Denise Finan, Janel Finan

**Altar Society Meeting Dates—**

2016: February 22, (weather permitting), March 28, April 25, May 23, 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

**The Altar Society** is in the process of creating a scheduled cleaning list for the church. We will have bi-monthly cleaning dates with names assigned to each cleaning. Please watch the bulletin for your turn. The list will also be sent out by email and in the back of church. A check-off job list is hanging in the west room for your convenience. Cleaning the hall will continue to be done with volunteer help. A list of cleaning dates will always be in the back of church that members can sign up on and a check-off job list will be in the kitchen. Thank you!

**CHANCE TO WIN FREEZER FULL OF MEAT!**

Veronica & Allie Valburg & Grace Suther are attending the Catholic Heart Work Camp 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. Thank you.

**Servers Training—** February 20th after Mass.

**The Youth of St Columbkille** are selling palm size prayer crosses for Lent in the back of church after Mass. They are made from olive wood and come in a nice gift bag. They fit perfectly in your palm, your pocket and your purse. Buy one for yourself to use and give one as a gift. They are 5.00 each.

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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.