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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. Pat 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

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 7:00am
to 7:40am - before mass

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Annunciation Parish

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

JUNE 28TH 2015

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The mission of our faith community

After Mary visited her
cousin, she proclaimed the
beautiful words known as
the Magnificat: *"My soul
proclaims the greatness of
the Lord; my spirit rejoices
in God my savior"*.

As Christian people, we
should strive to have the
same zeal towards God in
every aspect of our lives.

God created humanity for
greatness and calls each of
us to continually grow in
holiness. This is no small
task, and something we can't
do on our own. So Jesus
gave us the Church and its
many treasures to guide us,
providing a perfect road

map to salvation.

It's my prayer that everyone
comes to know the truth of
the gospel. I want to take
this opportunity to
personally invite you to join
our community so we can
help each other get to
heaven. You can't do it
without the Church, and we
can't do it without YOU.

Annunciation
church ministers to 310
families spread over three
parishes (serving Saint's
Monica and Elizabeth in
Blue Rapids, and
St. Columbkille in Blaine).
Our doors are open to any
and all who desire to hear

the truth in a loving and
peaceful setting.

As a physician of soul's, I care
deeply about your wellbeing,
and want to help you stay
spiritually healthy. If its been
awhile since you've had a
"checkup", come on in and we'll
chat. If there's anything else we
can do for you, please don't
hesitate to ask.

May God's
blessings be with
you always.



Father Pat Sullivan



*"Little girl, I say to you, arise!"
The girl, a child of twelve, arose
immediately and walked around.
At that they were utterly astounded."*

For those who were unable to be at
mass this weekend and hear my parting
words, I wanted to take this opportunity
to thank you. Our parish communities
have been so gracious over the four and
a half years I've been here; there's
really not enough words to adequately
give thanks. I will always keep each
and everyone of you close to my heart
in thought and prayer. We are more
than friends, we are family, and I look
forward to staying in touch with you as
I'm able. Please know of my love for
each of you. In His name...

-Fr. Pat

Mass Intentions

Date	Day	Notes	Intention
06/29/2015	Monday	Sts. Peter & Paul, apostles	No a.m. Mass
06/30/2015	Tuesday	Weekday	No a.m. Mass
07/01/2015	Wednesday	Weekday	No Mass at the Care Home
07/02/2015	Thursday	Weekday	+Marcella Roeder
07/03/2015	Friday	St. Thomas, apostle	+Lucile Haas
07/04/2015	Saturday	Frankfort 4:00 p. m.	Liv/Dec'd Wessel family
07/04/2015	Saturday	Blaine 6:00 p.m.	+Norbert Brady
07/05/2015	Sunday	Blue Rapids 8:30 a.m.	+Jerry Weis
07/05/2015	Sunday	Frankfort 10:30 a. m.	+Martha Engelken

Saturday, July 4th: Annunciation 4:00 pm

Lector	Phil Maas
Servers	Emily Weyer, Allison & Mikael Tommer
Communion	J. Kennedy, C. Weyer, & M. Griffin
Musicians	Moogie Roeder & Frannie F.
Ushers	Paul Tommer & Bill Broxterman
Gifts	Ushers to appoint
Rosary	Phil & Wilma Harrington
Sacristan	Cathy Weyer

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Sunday, July 5th: Annunciation 10:30 am

Lector	Charlie Gerstner
Servers	Spencer & Grace Dressman, & Amburley Kokoruda
Communion	I. Dressman, T. Dressman, & L. Dressman
Musicians	Jeanie G. & Lynn B.
Ushers	Myron Dressman & Wayne Mitchell
Gifts	Ushers to appoint
Rosary	Gerald Gerstner & Dan Gerstner
Care Home	Stephanie Huninghake
Sacristan	Cathy Farrell

This that and the Other...

NOTICE– There will be no Benediction or Adoration on Tuesday, June 30th.

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

FAREWELL POTLUCK FOR FR. PAT– Today, June 28th in the Cigna Center immediately following the 10:30 mass. Bring a dish or two to share. Drinks and table service will be provided. All are welcome!

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES– 1 male position and 1 female position to serve a three year term is open on the Parish Council beginning in July. If you are interested in serving on the Council please contact Fr. Pat. This ministry is extremely rewarding. We thank Pat Brady and Jill Parthemer for their dedication and hard work these past three years!

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION– Today we are supporting Pope Francis in his charitable works. The Peter's Pence Collection is taken up worldwide to support the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. This is an opportunity to join with our Holy Father, Pope Francis, and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers & sisters. Please be generous in today's collection.

ANNUNCIATION OFFERINGS

June 21, 2015

Envelopes \$850.00

Plate \$388.31

Total \$1238.31

Other Income

Mass Stipends \$ 30.00

St. Columbkille \$ 938.47*

(Fr. Pat's May sal., insur., food, util, etc.)

KELLY YOUTH RALLY- will be held on Saturday, August 15th. All incoming 7th graders through 12th grade are invited and encouraged to attend the Youth Rally. Anyone who plans to attend must have your signed Participation & Release Form and money to Erin Owen or the Parish Office. Questions contact Erin Owen at 714-388-5851 or via e-mail at erinowen76@gmail.com

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.

Please start praying for the success

of Totus Tuus for our youth, coming back this July to Annunciation. July 19th through July 24th. Grades 1-6 from 9:00-3:00 daily and Grades 7-12 from 7:00-9:00 in the evening. A unique Catholic experience for your kids..... Don't miss it!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED-

Volunteers age 18 and older and virtue certified, needed for week of Totus Tuus in our parish (July 19-24). Assisting Team Leaders with first and second grade; hall monitors. If you can help all week or one or two days or half days. Call Pat Brady 785-396-4396 for more details. Also, if you would like to host dinner Sun., Tues, or Wed., in your home please call with any questions.

AREA CHURCH PICNICS

Music in the Park- Today, June

28th at 5:30 pm. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy pork burgers & homemade ice cream, listen to the band play in the Waterville City Park, register for a long list of prizes including 4-\$100 prizes and a 32" TV. We are looking for local talent or variety show acts for Music in the Park. If interested please contact Ed Henry at 785-363-2604 or 785-562-7410. Sponsored by St. Monica/St. Elizabeth Parish.

St. Mary's Church, St. Benedict

Sunday, June 28th. Chicken and Ham supper. Serving begins at 5:00 pm. Games & activities for all ages! Auction at 8:30 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE- Annunciation Parish Annual Picnic will be held on Sunday, July 26th. **New menu this year!** Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Coleslaw, rolls, & desserts. We will also be doing a Silent Auction. Handmade items, pies, cinnamon rolls, or any other item are most welcome! Questions you may contact Pat Brady at 396-4396.

PICNIC NOTES- Group II of the Altar Society will be cooking & serving the meal for the Picnic on July 26th. We will also need other volunteers from the parish to help with other jobs for the picnic as well. Sign-up sheets will be available at a later date for these jobs. **Note to all parishioners-** If you have extra tomatoes, cucumbers & onions from the garden we are asking for donations of these vegetables to serve with the meal.

RAFFLE DONATIONS- If you would like to donate a prize for the Raffle Donations at the annual Church Picnic, please contact Marilyn in the Parish Office by the end of June.

Quilt Auction & Quilt Raffle

You may view the two quilts on our parish website at

www.annunciationfrankfort.org

The queen size green quilt was handmade and quilted by Martha Engelken. It will be auctioned during the Church Picnic on July 26th. The queen size brown quilt was quilted by the quilting ladies. You may purchase Chances on this quilt. It will be given away during the Church Picnic as well.

"LIVING IN LOVE RETREAT"-

"We felt like we did when we were first married!" See why over 600 couples in the Archdiocese have experienced the "Living in Love" retreat. Sign up now for the next "Living in Love" retreat at Most Pure Heart of Mary Parish in Topeka, July 11-12. Register online at www.archkck.org/LivingInLove or contact Mary Anne Kierl at 913-647-0345 for information.

VIRTUS TRAINING-

Wednesday August 12, 2015 at St. Gregory's School in Marysville. The time is 6:00pm-10:00pm. PLEASE REGISTER ON LINE prior to the session at virtusonline.org. Facilitator will be Maria Seematter.

HEALING HEART RETREAT,

August 21-23, 2015, Savior Pastoral Center. This retreat is designed to begin the healing process for women who have suffered from any type of sexual trauma. Sexual abuse can affect every aspect of life, even one's relationship with God. The retreat provides a very safe, loving, and supportable environment where participants can begin to heal spiritually. Cost is \$125.00 (scholarships available). For more information call Deacon Tony Zimmerman, Lead Consultant for Marriage and Family Life: 913 647 0329.



Reflecting On Sunday's Readings

Because we live in a damaged world sickness is very prevalent, as is the awareness of the need for healing. Besides looking to modern medicine when we are sick, we pray for God to bless the procedures, and we pray for miraculous healing as well. Consequently the connection between faith and healing is being recognized more and more, it is sought by many, and abused by some. On the one hand incidents of miraculous healing are known and reported, while on the other hand claims of healing attributes are used by some for selfish purposes. Frequently the burden of sickness is increased by well meaning but accusatory advice that, "If you will only believe more completely you will be healed." Simultaneously, we also know of godly, faith filled believers, recipients of many people's prayers, who succumb to their illness and experience what seems like an untimely death.

This week's Gospel reading records Jesus' healing power graciously given to both a well-off leader, and to the humble unknown. In one instance fear and hopelessness was present and in the other fear and faith, yet both were recipients of Jesus' healing power. And so we rightly wonder what is the proper understanding of this relationship between faith and

healing.

Perhaps the best way to approach this question is to begin with what we know: 1) Sickness and death are a normal part of the human condition, a condition accompanying our fallen nature. 2) Jesus' death and resurrection restores our fallen nature so that we can become partakers of his divine nature and escape the corruption that is in the world. 3) Reversing the natural progression of sickness and death requires miraculous power which resides only within the power of God, and through his grace he has allowed mankind to discover many medical cures. 4) In all of life we are to have faith, faith in God's love and concern for our physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual well being, and faith in his ability and desire to help us. 5) The quantity of our faith is not as important as its quality, for Jesus said if we even have the faith of a mustard seed, a very tiny thing, we can do wonders. So it isn't how much faith we have but in *whom* our faith resides. 6) Our faith needs to be exercised not only in trusting God's power to heal, but also in trusting God's will for us when healing is not granted. God does allow his children to incur sickness and even death to bring about his glory and to accomplish his purposes. It takes equally as great faith to say, as Jesus did, "Nevertheless, thy will be done,"

as it does to say, "Please heal me." The things God allows in our lives are designed to bring us closer to him, to help us discover the depths of his love for us, and to illicit the willing abandonment of ourselves to his love and mercy. And though we often fear sickness and death, the abandonment of ourselves to his love in the midst of our illness and in the face of death is what the Holy Spirit enables us to do, replace fear with faith.

"There is a sense in which no doctor ever heals. The doctors themselves would be the first to admit this. The magic is not in the medicine but in the patient's body ... What the treatment does is to stimulate Natural functions or to remove what hinders them. We speak for convenience of the doctor, or the dressing, healing a cut. But in another sense every cut heals itself: no cut can be healed in a corpse ... All who are cured are cured by Him, not merely in the sense that His providence provides them with medical assistance and wholesome environments, but also in the sense that their very tissues are repaired by the far-descending energy which, flowing from Him, energizes the whole system of Nature."

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Treasure the Gift of Love

Questions to discuss before the synod

By PEG EKERDT

The Extraordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops will meet this fall to continue conversations on church and the family. In anticipation of the synod, they have released working papers that pose myriad questions for the church community to discuss. To greater and lesser degrees, Catholics will engage in dialogue, picking and choosing the questions that resonate. So it was at a recent meeting of pastoral associates that we began a healthy dialogue centered on two of the questions: “What is being done to demonstrate ... the gift of indissolubility (of marriage) so as to promote a desire to live and strengthen it?” (#10) and “How do people manifest that the grace of the Sacrament sustains married couples?” (#11).

We speculated about what makes it difficult to maintain lifelong marriages. We discussed teachings of the church that sometimes alienate our people, as well as teachings that encourage steadfast commitment. And we began to share our varied pastoral practices that attempt to encourage and meet the spiritual needs of our married couples and their families. In the next few months, I would like to highlight and explore some of the ways in which we in parish ministry support those who have chosen the vocation of marriage.

As one among you who is blessed with the ministry of marriage preparation, I find myself on many a June afternoon or evening watching processions form and listening to Pachelbel’s “Canon in D” as couples begin the journey of marriage. From my perspective, these celebrations of marriage are graduations of a kind, because by the time our engaged couples walk down the aisle to make their public commitment, they have completed a six-step preparation process.

That process begins with me. After 20



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years of meeting with engaged couples, I know that it is a privilege to receive their stories and to affirm their love. They come with open hearts and willing spirits. Perhaps they are not quite sure what to expect, but they come at this most joyous time in their lives filled with hope and eager to share their happiness. Suggestion Number One: Welcome them in the name of the church, thank them for choosing to bring their love to the church and promise them the support of the church.

Throughout the process, they complete a communication inventory, which reveals that they already have discussed many things but always highlights areas for discussion. They meet twice with a family therapist to deepen their understanding of how their families of origin form them. They are connected to a lead couple and two other engaged couples for a series of four meetings in which they not so much give expert advice as share experiences. Suggestion Number Two: Let them know that this lifetime commitment takes work, but they are not alone; and that the better they understand themselves, the more patient they are in listening and the clearer they are in stating what they think and feel, the easier the work of

marriage becomes.

Couples participate in a class on the sacrament and spirituality of marriage that invites them to recognize that their relationship merges the human and the Divine (*Gaudium et Spes* #49). As they explore what that really means, they talk about how God has been present or absent in their lives. They think about grace, and where it is visible in their lives. And they consider that God is not far away but exists within them. Suggestion Number Three: Provide a forum to discuss images of God, who taught them to pray, how they pray and what helps them pray. Affirm that they are indeed worthy of God’s love and God is waiting to know them better, as individuals and as a couple.

In a final step of the preparation process, our engaged couples come before the Sunday assembly to ask for the blessing of the parish community. Lesson Number Four: Share them with the parish, for in doing so, we emphasize the importance of the sacrament of marriage, encourage the bond of community and wrap each couple in the embrace of the parish as they hear the community’s prayer for them:

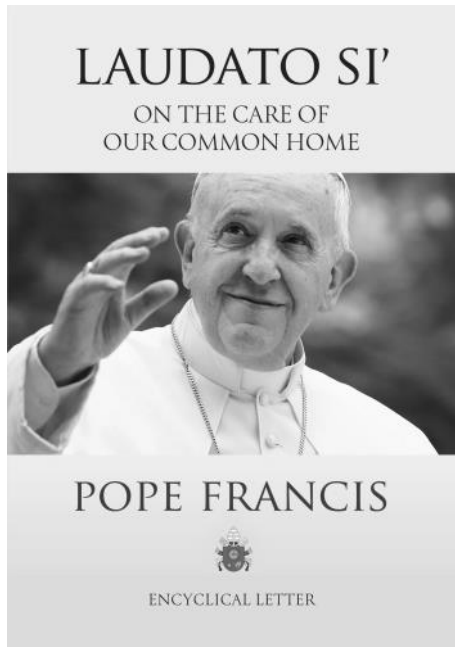
With each morning’s dawn — in good times and in hard times — may you cling to each other and choose daily to love anew. May you seek and find God ever at the center of your lives, giving purpose to your days as you go forth to live that Love in the world. With gratitude for your presence among us, we promise you our prayers for all days to come, as we bless you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

There are many ways to respond to the synod’s questions. I invite you to share suggestions of your own.

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Pope Francis's Environmental Encyclical: 13 Things to Know and Share

Jimmy Akin—*Catholic Answers*



Pope Francis's highly anticipated encyclical—*Laudato Si'*—is now out.

Here are 13 things to know and share.

1) What are the basic facts about this encyclical?

An encyclical is a teaching document issued by the pope. Encyclicals are among the more solemn and thus more authoritative papal documents.

This one is called *Laudato Si'* (“Be praised” or “Praise be to you”)—a line from the *Canticle of the Sun* by St. Francis of Assisi.

It is Pope Francis's second encyclical. His first was *Lumen Fidei*, which was largely drafted by his predecessor, Benedict XVI. *Laudato Si'* is thus the first encyclical prepared entirely at Pope Francis's initiative.

It is devoted to ecology and related themes.

2) Where can I read it—or just get a summary of it?

You can read it online at the Vatican website [here](#).

There are various summaries of it online, including ones by Edward Pentin and Kevin Cotter.

3) Why did Pope Francis write this encyclical?

Care for creation is something that is close to his heart. You might guess this from the fact that he chose to be called Francis after St. Francis of Assisi, who was famed for his concern for nature (so much so that the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* mentions it; see CCC 2416).

More fundamentally, Pope Francis believes that there are significant ecological problems today that need to be addressed. They include not only problems in the natural environment but also in the human sphere, particularly among the poorest.

There may also be an evangelistic motive. Pope Francis is convinced that the Church needs to do more with evangelization and engaging people who currently don't listen to the Church.

4) What is unique about this encyclical?

Several things. First, it is the only encyclical devoted to environmentalism. This topic has been the subject of many papal statements, but Francis is the first pope to devote an encyclical to it.

Second, virtually all encyclicals are addressed to the bishops of the Catholic Church, sometimes with added groups like other Catholic clergy, religious, laypeople, and even—in exceptional cases—all people “of good will.”

Laudato Si' is different. It is *not* addressed specifically to the bishops with additional groups added.

Instead, it is addressed to every person on the planet. This means, unlike any previous encyclical, only a minority of its intended audience is Catholic. (Catholics make up a little more than one billion of the seven billion people alive.)

Third, encyclicals are usually more centered on Catholic doctrine. While *Laudato Si'* contains many elements of Catholic teaching, it is not focused on Church doctrine in the same way.

For example, the first chapter is devoted to a summary of the various environmental problems Pope Francis sees the world facing, and his summary is based on scientific studies rather than theological documents.

When he does begin focusing in a sustained way on Church teaching, in the second chapter, he begins with a note explaining why a document addressed to so many nonbelievers would have a chapter specifically devoted to religious belief. (His explanation is that science and religion can have a fruitful dialogue.)

Fourth, and related to the former, the encyclical does not simply propose views that all are expected to accept because of the pope's religious authority. Instead, he invites the people of the world to a dialogue on the subject of environmentalism, writing:

In this encyclical, I would like to enter into dialogue with all people about our common home.

5) What does the encyclical contain?

Including a brief introduction, the document comprises six chapters:

1. What Is Happening to Our Common Home
2. The Gospel of Creation
3. The Human Roots of the Ecological Crisis
4. Integral Ecology
5. Lines of Approach and Action
6. Ecological Education and

Spirituality. The document concludes with two prayers, one that can be said by all who believe in God as the all-powerful Creator and one that is meant to be said specifically by Christians.

6) What does the pope mean by “integral ecology”?

The word *integral* means “complete.” The idea is that an ecology will be only partial if it focuses on nature and leaves out mankind and his needs.

For an ecology to be integral, or complete, it needs to include “human ecology” as well as natural ecology.

7) What ecological problems does the encyclical focus on?

In the first chapter, Pope Francis discusses several themes:

1. Pollution and climate change
2. The issue of water
3. Loss of biodiversity (i.e., the extinction of plants, animals, etc.)
4. Decline in the quality of human life and the breakdown of society
5. Global inequality

8) Many in the media have been talking about what the encyclical has to say on global warming. How prominent a theme is this?

While global warming is one of the themes in the document, it would be a mistake to think of this as a “global-warming encyclical.” The document goes into much more than that.

As the list of topics covered in chapter one indicates (see previous question), global warming or “climate change” is just part of the first of five major sections dealing with ecological problems that the pontiff sees.

Of the 40,500 words in the official English translation of the document, the word *warming* occurs nine times and the phrase *climate change* occurs twelve times.

It would be a mistake to portray the document as having nothing to say about global warming, but it would also be a mistake to focus on this one issue to the exclusion of the many others that the document discusses.

However, because the subject has received so much publicity and generated so many questions, we will look further at it.

9) What does the encyclical say about global warming?

Concerning the idea that the climate is getting warmer in general, the pope writes:

A very solid scientific consensus indicates that we are presently witnessing a disturbing warming of the climatic system. In recent decades this warming has been accompanied by a constant rise in the sea level and, it would appear, by an increase of extreme weather events, even if a scientifically determinable cause cannot be assigned to each particular phenomenon. Humanity is called to recognize the need for changes of lifestyle, production and consumption, in order to combat this warming or at least the human causes which produce or aggravate it [LS 23].

The pope thus sees there as being “a very solid scientific consensus” regarding the idea of global warming.

He is more cautious on the question of whether it is due to human activity. In the passage already quoted he refers to human responsibility to address “at least the human causes which produce or aggravate it”—suggesting that there may be other causes as well. He goes on to name some:

It is true that there are other factors (such as volcanic activity, variations in the earth’s orbit and axis, the solar cycle), yet a number of scientific studies indicate that most global warming in recent decades is due to the great concentration of greenhouse gases (carbon dioxide, methane, nitrogen

oxides and others) released mainly as a result of human activity. . . . Another determining factor has been an increase in changed uses of the soil, principally deforestation for agricultural purposes [Ibid.].

In contrast to the “very solid scientific consensus” he points to for the fact of warming, he says only that “a number of scientific studies” indicate that “most” recent warming is due to greenhouse gasses, and he also cites deforestation as a contributing cause.

10) Does this mean that Catholics are obliged to believe in manmade global warming?

Properly speaking, no. This is in the scientific section of the encyclical, and the pope points to scientific studies—not religious sources—to back up the views he is proposing.

Whether the Earth is getting warmer and the degree to which we may be responsible for that are matters of science, not faith. They stand or fall by the scientific evidence, which is why the pope appeals to scientific studies.

If good science supports manmade global warming, that gives Catholics (and everyone else) reason to believe it. If good science opposes manmade global warming, that gives everyone reason to disbelieve it.

Furthermore, since the results of science are always provisional and open to revision—with the “scientific orthodoxy” of one generation frequently replaced in the next generation—people on both sides of the question should hold their views with proper reserve and openness to revising them.

This is thus a subject on which there can be a legitimate diversity of opinion among Catholics and among people in general.

11) Why would the pope take up a scientific matter like this?

Because science has practical and moral consequences. If the science of the day points to factors that may cause immense suffering in the future, there is a moral and practical need to address that fact.

Pope Francis feels that present science is sufficiently strong to warrant sounding the alarm bell in this regard.

12) Can I just dismiss the encyclical if I don't believe in manmade global warming?

If you are a Catholic, no. Even if it deals in part with matters of a scientific nature, it also articulates matters of faith and morals upon which the pope can speak, and *is* speaking, authoritatively.

Because this document involves more of a mix of the religious and the scientific than most Church documents, believers may need to think more carefully than usual about which propositions belong to which category, but one cannot simply dismiss what the pope says on matters of Church teaching.

Indeed, believers should not adopt a hostile attitude toward this document. Even if they hold different views on some of the scientific matters the pope touches on, they should seek to find as much as possible in the document that is good and useful.

13) Does the pope say things that are critical of the standard secular environmentalism that is popular in the media?

Yes. Among other things, he rejects approaches that:

- Treat mankind as if it is fundamentally harmful to the environment
 - Fail to take into account human needs, especially those of the poor
 - Blame the world's environmental problems on population growth
 - Seek to justify abortion on environmental grounds
- There is much more to be said about *Laudato Si'*, but because of space restrictions, it must wait for another time.

Humor

Jim grabbed his suitcase off the luggage carousel and headed outside to hail a taxi. A taxi promptly picked him up and they were on their way. Twenty minutes into the ride Jim had a question for the taxi driver, "Excuse me sir" said Jim tapping the driver on the shoulder. "AHHHH HHH" screamed the taxi driver swerving the taxi across three lanes of traffic finally stopping the car on the opposite shoulder. "What the heck was that all about?" demanded Jim thoroughly shaken. "I'm sorry," said the taxi driver, wiping his brow, "this is my first day on the job, I've been driving a hearse for the last fifty years!"

An old geezer, who had been a retired farmer for a long time, became very bored with retirement, so he decided to open a medical clinic. He put a sign up outside that said: "Dr. Geezer's clinic. Get your treatment for \$500; if not cured—get back \$1,000."

An "actual" Dr. named Dr. Young, was positive that this old geezer didn't know beans about medicine, thought this would be a great opportunity to get \$1,000. So he went to Dr. Geezer's clinic. This is what transpired:

Dr. Young: --- "Dr. Geezer, I have lost all taste in my mouth. Can you please help me?" Dr. Geezer: --- "Nurse, please bring medicine from box 22 and put 3 drops in Young's mouth." Dr. Young: --- "Aaagh!!" "This is Gasoline!" Dr. Geezer: "Congratulations! You've got your taste back. That will be \$500."

Dr. Young gets annoyed and goes back after a couple of days figuring a way to recover his money. Dr. Young: "I have lost my memory. I cannot remember anything." Dr. Geezer: "Nurse, please

bring medicine from box 22 and put 3 drops in the patient's mouth. "Doctor Young: "Oh no you don't, that is Gasoline!" Dr. Geezer: "Congratulations! You've got your memory back. That will be \$500."

Dr. Young (after having lost \$1000) leaves angrily and comes back after several more days. Dr. Young: "My eyesight has become weak, I can hardly see!!!!" Dr. Geezer: "Well, I don't have any medicine for that, so here's your \$1000 back." Dr. Young: "But this is only \$500..." Dr. Geezer: "Congratulations! You got your vision back! That will be \$500."

Moral of story -- Just because you're "Young" doesn't mean that you can outsmart an old "Geezer"!!!!

Daily Mass Readings

Monday, June 29	First Reading: Acts 12:1-11 2nd Reading: 2 Tim. 4: 6-8, 17-18 Gospel: Mt. 16: 13-19
Tuesday, June 30	First Reading: Gen. 19: 15-29 Gospel: Mt. 8: 23-27
Wednesday, July 1	First Reading: Gen. 21: 5, 8-20a Gospel: Mt. 8: 28-34
Thursday, July 2	First Reading: Gen. 22: 1b-19 Gospel: Mt. 9: 1-8
Friday, July 3	First Reading: Eph. 2: 19--22 Gospel: Jn. 20: 24-29
Saturday, July 4	First Reading: Gen. 27:1-5, 15-29 Gospel: Mt. 9: 14-17
Sunday, July 5	1st Reading: Ez. 2: 2-5 2nd Reading: 2 Cor. 12: 7-10 Gospel: Mk. 6: 1-6a



St. Monica\St. Elizabeth, Blue Rapids



Calendar and Mass Intention

July 5th, 8:30 am— +Jerry Weis

June 21, 2015 offerings (No report this week)

Envelopes	\$
Plate	\$

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

Ministers of the Mass

Sunday July 5, 8:30 a.m.

St. Monica\St. Elizabeth

Lector	H. Borgerding
Servers	H. Borgerding, C. Toerber, & G. Richey
Gifts	Borgerding Family
Communion	N. Hirt, H. Borgerding, & M. Zidek
Ushers	C. Miller & J. Bergkamp

Church Cleaners: July—Hedy Saville & Peggy Waite

Sacristan Schedule: July—Jan Bergkamp

Change of plans—and change of mass time...

We have changed the day\time of the going away reception for Fr. Pat. Realizing that Friday night is not a good time for families, we changed it to Sunday June 28th after mass. **On that note, mass on June 28th is moved to 8:00am**. This will give all ample time to chat with Father. Breakfast and reception immediately following the mass.

NOTE OF THANKS— Thank you so much to those who graciously donated toward the renovation of the Stations of the Cross. Donations are still being accepted as we still have \$500 left to meet our goal.

On the weekend of June 28, 2015, St. Monica - St. Elizabeth Parish (Blue Rapids) will be remembered in a petition at all the Masses at the Cathedral of St. Peter. As the cathedral parish, we want to pray for your parish to foster spiritual growth and express our unity. God Bless You, Father Harry Schneider, Pastor

Music in the Park— Today, June 28th at 5:30 pm.

Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy pork burgers & homemade ice cream, listen to the band play in the park, register for a long list of prizes including 4-\$100 prizes and a 32" TV. We are looking for local talent or variety show acts for Music in the Park. If interested please contact Ed Henry at 785-363-2604 or 785-562-7410. Sponsored by St. Monica/St. Elizabeth Parish.

New playground coming soon!

The playground will soon be on the west side of the church. I want to thank everyone who has donated the materials and the coming labor for this. Although the materials have all been obtained—we're still taking donations for some additions we would like to make. It's important to note that this has been entirely funded by donations and no parish funds have been used. On that note, I want to thank Mark & Janice Rowe for donating the playground equipment and Dewaine Heinen for the lumber.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Rhonda Wassenberg 6/27

Martha Hoover 6/29

Michael Clemo 7/1

ANNIVERSARIES

Dallas & Moriah Dobrovolny 7/5



St. Columbkille Parish, Blaine KS

Ministers of the Mass *Saturday July 4, 6:00 p.m.*

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

Saturday June 20, 2015 offering

6/20/2015	Envelope	672.00	
	Plate	67.00	
	Kelly Youth Rally	160.00	
	Maintenance	90.00	
	Ice	49.00	
			1038.00
	McCormick		
6/20/2015	Memorial		25.00

WE are in need of one...

new female member for our parish council. Please let Fr. Pat know if you're interested or want any information on this rewarding ministry to our parish.

Cemetery Mowing June 30th at 6pm

Knights of Columbus Meeting July 9 at 8:00

Altar Society Meeting July 27th, 7 pm

CHURCH & HALL CLEANING—July is St. Anne's month for cleaning. You can sign up in the back of church or on-line. Thank you!

E-mail Notifications

I am going to initiate a mass emailing for our church, so that those of you who cannot attend mass weekly will be made aware of upcoming events, i.e. pot luck dinners, fund raisers etc. If you would like to be on this list send an email to me and I will include you on the list. Those of you who are not members of our parish but would like to be made aware of these events I also welcome your emails. Email me at cusi4@twinvalley.net

Bulletin Coordinator—Contact Mark Cusimano cusi4@twinvalley.net Please have all bulletin information in by Thursday at 4:00 p.m.

St. Columbkille Hall Rental Information Please Contact Denise Finan at 785-396-4331 or Charlene Sheppard at 785-457-2164. Also available on <http://www.annunciationfrankfort.org> click the link titled "Church Hall Rental Information and Availability Calendar".

Fundraiser for the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC)

In November 2015, a number of our parish's youth and adult chaperones will be "Here I Am Lord · Aquí Estoy Señor" at the National Catholic Youth Conference November 19-21 in Indianapolis. The NCYC is a great experience for our youth because it allows them to meet thousands of other Catholic youth from around the country at the largest gathering of Catholic youth anywhere in the U.S! More than 23,000 attendees celebrate their Catholic faith as they share in daily Mass, talks, and workshops on faith and other topics that interest them, and participate in safe, fun activities during the conference. It costs \$600-\$700 for each person to attend and we're asking for your help. We will be selling those awesome trash bags again. These bags are environmentally friendly because they are made of 100% recycled plastic. The bags are THICKER and LARGER than most found in stores. Everyone already buys trash bags somewhere. Please contact one of the youth attending NCYC or Carol Minihan 785-396-4513.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament— is now being held every Friday from noon to 3:00 p.m. The Adoration Group would like to invite all parishioners to drop in when they can to share in the peace & blessings of Adoration.

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.