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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
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Annunciation Parish

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

DECEMBER 20TH 2015

Fourth 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 like going
to confession.

One of the great benefits
of frequent confession is
kindling a greater desire
to be holy. Apathy can't
remain and grow worse
in a heart that regularly
resolves to go and sin no
more.

If you go simply out of
duty, thanks be to God
for fulfilling the precepts
of the Church. If you go
because you desire to
have greater love of God
and your neighbors,
especially your closest
neighbors, thanks be to
God!

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

Sun. Dec. 20th, 3:00 p.m.
—Seneca

Mon. Dec. 21st, 7:00p.m.
—Blaine

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

-Anytime by appointment

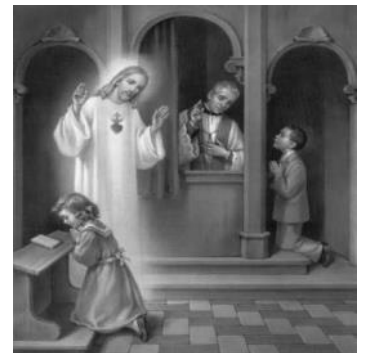
Please say a prayer for all
those for whom it has
been a long while since
they last approached this
great sacrament.

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

May the joy of a clean soul
and being righteous before
God be yours this holy
season.

Yours in Christ through
Mary,

Fr. Schmitz



*O Come, O Come Emmanuel, And ransom cap-
tive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel Shall come to thee O Israel!*

Mass Intentions

Date	Day	Notes	Intention
12/21/2015	Monday	St. Peter Canisius	No a.m. Mass
12/22/2015	Tuesday	Late Advent Weekday	Liv/Dec'd Prockish family
12/23/2015	Wednesday	10:00 a.m. Mass (Frankfort Care Home)	John Graveman
12/24/2015	Thursday	Christmas Eve	4:00 pm—Blue Rapids—For All Priests 6:00 pm—Frankfort — +Joe M. Wapp
12/25/2015	Friday	The Nativity of the Lord	8:30 am—Blaine—+Sissy Depew 10:30 am — Frankfort— +Loretta & +Allen Jones
12/26/2015	Saturday	Frankfort 4:00 p. m.	+Gilbert Bramlage
12/26/2015	Saturday	Blaine 6:00 p.m.	+Pat O'Shea
12/27/2015	Sunday	Blue Rapids 8:30 a.m.	For Vocations
12/27/2015	Sunday	Frankfort 10:30 a. m.	For All Parishioners of the 3 Parishes

Saturday, December 26th: Annunciation 4:00 pm

Lector	Cathy Weyer
Servers	Emily Weyer & Olivia Kennedy
Communion	C. Weyer, M. Parthemer, & M. Kennedy
Musicians	Marilyn D. & Frannie F.
Ushers	Roy Miller & Joe Parthemer
Gifts	Ushers to appoint
Rosary	Eileen Bramlage
Sacristan	Jean Caffrey

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Sunday, December 27th: Annunciation 10:30 am

Lector	Vicki Adams
Servers	Alyssa Mitchell, Garrett & Gavin Dressman
Communion	T. Dressman, C. Stallbaumer, & P. Maas
Musicians	Jeanie G. & Lynn B.
Ushers	Maurice Bergman & Don Engelken
Gifts	Ushers to appoint
Rosary	Kay Mitchell
Care Home	Wilma Harrington
Sacristan	Theresa Dressman

This that and the Other...

CHRISTMAS MASS

SCHEDULE

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SOLEMNITY OF MARY

MOTHER OF GOD, Holy day of

Obligation

Thurs., Dec. 31st, 4:00 pm-Blaine
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Fri., Jan. 1st, 10:00 am-Blue Rapids

MINISTERS OF THE MASS

Dec. 24th, 6:00 pm

Lector: Jay Kennedy
Servers: J. Studer, E. Weyer, & B. Trimble
Communion: J. Kennedy, C. Weyer, & R. Broxterman
Sacristan: Cathy Weyer
Ushers: Phil Maas & Paul Tommer
Musicians: Moogie R. & High School Choir
Gifts: Sylvia Wapp family

MINISTERS OF THE MASS

Dec. 25th, 10:30 am

Lector: Beth Reust
Servers: Aiden & Peyton Gerstner, & Rebecca Adams
Communion: I. Dressman, C. Hull, & L. Dressman
Sacristan: Pam Suther
Ushers: Eric Gerstner & Bob Mitchell
Musicians: Jeanie G. & Choir
Gifts: Leon Fox family

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

COUNCIL #1383 meeting,
Wednesday, December 30th, 8:00 pm.

ANNUNCIATION OFFERINGS

December 13, 2015

Envelopes \$1552.00

Plate \$211.95

Total \$1763.95

Other Income

Use of Hall \$ 55.00

Christmas Flowers \$ 71.00

Thanksgiving \$ 15.00

Mass Stipends \$ 150.00

Retire. Religious \$ 139.00

Cath. Charities \$ 20.00

Camp. Hum. Dev. \$ 20.00

Insurance \$ 25.00

Leaven \$ 63.00

St. Columbkille \$ 839.77*

(*Fr. Schmitz Oct. sal., insur., util., food, etc).

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE—

Please have all of your bulletin items in to Marilyn Hazen by 9:00 a.m. on Monday, December 21st. The Annunciation Parish Office will be closed Tuesday, December 22nd through Friday, December 25th. Merry Christmas Everyone!

RETIREMENT FUND FOR

RELIGIOUS— “We cannot begin to repay all who contribute,” writes a Catholic sister. “So we pray to God, who is never outdone in generosity, to reward you.” Heartfelt thanks for your donations to the collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. May God bless you for your goodness!

RELIGIOUS ED NOTES— No Class, for Grades 1-6, Dec. 23rd or Dec. 30th for the Holidays.

No Class for Jr/Sr. High

on Wednesday, December 23rd or Dec. 30th for the Holidays.

ANNUNCIATION CHOIR

PRACTICE— Tuesday, December 22nd, 5:00 p.m. (Will be singing for Christmas Day mass.)

NOTICE— There will be no Benediction or Adoration on Tuesday, Dec. 22nd as Fr. Schmitz will be unavailable.

NOTICE— There will be no Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Fri. Dec. 25th or Fri. Jan 1st due to the holidays.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF

ADVENT— When Mary visits Elizabeth, she exclaims, “Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord”. Blessed was Mary for her hope & her faith. Blessed are we, to have this same hope & faith in the fulfillment of God’s promise to his followers! It makes you think doesn’t it? Perhaps your faith is shaken when things don’t seem to be going according to plan. The situation of the Lord’s birth certainly wouldn’t match most parents’ hopes. But God has a plan, and he never fails. And what joy this brings! Even in the dark of winter or the dark of a spiritual winter, we can find joy in the fulfillment of our hope and faith. Our souls can magnify the Lord— **HE** is coming!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF

NORTHEAST KANSAS— Nearly half of American households are one emergency away from financial disaster. That could be the neighbor on your left; the one on your right. Maybe it’s you. Angie and Larry were living modestly, working to make ends meet and provide for their family. In June, Larry had a health crisis that resulted in emergency surgery that left him unable to work for several weeks. They struggled paying the bills that were quickly mounting. Then, the unthinkable happened. Just before Larry was cleared to return to work, he suffered a series of small strokes that caused seizures. The doctor deemed it unsafe for Larry to return to his line of work at all. When the couple met with a Catholic Charities case manager their utilities were on the verge of being disconnected. The summer heat had resulted in a very high electricity bill that the couple was desperately trying to pay down. With the assistance of Catholic Charities and the cooperation of the utility company, a manageable payment plan was negotiated to ensure their utilities would remain in service. Your support enable Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas to continue to serve our neighbors in need.

NOTE OF THANKS— Many thanks for the cards received for our 50th anniversary. **John L. & Isla Faye Wegman**

CHWC FUNDRAISER MEAL—

Thursday, Dec. 31st at the Cigna Center. Smoked Pork Chop, Sweet Potato or White Potato, Salad, roll & Dessert. \$15.00 per meal. Reservations are a **MUST** for 5 pm, 6 pm, & 7 pm. **RSVP by Dec. 29th to Linda Roeder at 785-799-4460. email: roederlinda@yahoo.com, or text: 785-844-0660, 785-410-2753.**

CHRISTMAS FLOWER

MEMORIAL— Thank you to all of those who participated. The names for the memorial are Ed Dressman, Dressman & Rottinghaus families, Lester & Martha Engelken, Eugene DeVore, Bryan Killingsworth, Janet Height, Marvin Vhect, Terry O’Neil, Bryan McKern, Kristi Adams, Mark Schoder, Chris Simmonds, Lawrence & Helen Fisher, Joe M. Wapp, Albert Maas, Peg Maas, Ramona Maas, Joe & Betty Roggenkamp, Tangeman & Broxterman family, Victor & Rachel Huninghake, Lucile Haas, Emily Gunselman, Frank & Teresa Marksman, Anne Feltner, Carrie Deneke, John Marksman, Mary Pat Chadwick, Fischer family, Mark Brady, Brady & Burton family, Kermit Johnson, Raymond Johnson family, Arthur Lohman family, Jean & Ted Kuckelman, Richard Kuckelman, Wessel family, Ray & Carol Mitchell, Tom Broxterman, Sally Scott, Bill & Gertie Cain, Lloyd & Rita Gerstner, Tom McCormick, Leo McCormick, Margaret Fudge, Jean Prockish, Prockish & Hazen family, Frank Siebert, Dorothy McCreight, Nellie Travis, Lou & Ila Wardlow, Julius Kenworthy, Frances Whistler, Edward Gregg, Marcella Roeder, Olberding & Schmitz families, Matt & Lillie Noud family, Fred & Mary Howell family, Velma Lierz, Lierz family, Melvin Suther family, Francis Strunk, JoAnn Sandmann, Keith Sandmann, Dale Miller, Bob Stallbaumer Sr., Genitha Horigan, & Helen Carlin.

AN EVENING OF PIANO MUSIC—

by Russel Ronnebaum, Pianist & Composer, Monday, December 28th, 7:00 pm at St. Gregory’s Church, Marysville. Admission — Free will Donation! Reception following.

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).



Reflecting On Sunday's Readings

Since this Fourth Sunday of Advent falls close to Christmas, quite naturally our minds and energies may be focused on the upcoming Christmas celebrations, family gatherings, and traditional remembrances. We will need to be watchful and observant this week and during Mass to not let our minds wander from the wonder of the miraculous to the minutia of the mundane. The Incarnation of Christ is so filled with the miraculous that it is difficult for us as we meditate on one aspect of it to not be immediately awed by some corresponding wonder. Certainly we are dazzled by the immediate, profound, and joyful surrender of Mary, the humble handmaiden of God. Her simple trust and willingness to say yes to God's will in the face of the societal consequences which faced an unwed mother, should astound any reasonable observer. "But Mary" as Pope Paul VI observed, "is above all the example of that worship that consists in making one's life an offering to God. This is an ancient and ever new doctrine that each individual can hear again by heeding ... the very voice of the Virgin as she, anticipating in herself the wonderful petition of the Lord's Prayer—"Your will be done"—replied to God's messenger: 'I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let what you have said be done to me' And Mary's 'yes' is for all Christians a lesson and example of obedience to the will of the Father." Yet even as we contemplate the wonder of Mary's response our thoughts are eclipsed and dazzled more intensely by the humble submission of the Son to the Father. He who participated as co-creator of the universe and who was perfectly united with the Father, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, willingly surrendered all rights, and humbly embraced a body prepared for him. Though he knew that his body was to be a living sacrifice that once for all would remove the effects of sin and death, yet he in willing cooperation says, "I have come to do Thy will." We stand awed

to consider that the Almighty Lord would visit earth in the form of a helpless, totally defenseless and dependent, babe. We are astounded that the Ruler of the Universe would submit to the constraints of so flawed a society of man. We are amazed that he whose appearance is described as "the hair of his head was as white as wool or as snow, and his eyes like a fiery flame, his feet were like polished brass refined in a furnace, and his voice like the sound of rushing water," (Rev. 1:15) would encapsulate his glory in human flesh so that we might know him and know of his love for us. Amazing grace!! The wonder of Jesus' incarnation is explained by Romano Guardini in the book *The Lord*: "At first a child like any other, it cries, is hungry, sleeps, and yet is 'the Word...become flesh.' It cannot be said that God 'inhabits' this infant, however gloriously; or that heaven has set its seal upon him, so that we must pursue it, suffer for it in a manner sublimely excelling all other contacts between God and man; this child is God in essence and in being ... The young creature in the stall of Bethlehem was a human being with human brain and limbs and heart and soul. And it was God. Its life was to manifest the will of the Father: to proclaim the sacred tidings, to stir mankind with the power of God, to establish the covenant, and shoulder the sin of the world ... and the victory of the Resurrection into the new existence of grace." It is no wonder that the baby in Elizabeth's womb jumped for joy, or that Elizabeth, full of the Holy Spirit, and tapping into the wisdom of God, should proclaim "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!" As we kneel in adoration and expectation on this Fourth Sunday of Advent may God grant us similar insight, allowing our hearts to also "jump with joy."

Reflecting On Sunday's Readings,
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Daily Mass Readings

Monday, December 21	First Reading: <u>Sg. 2: 8-14 or Zeph. 3: 14-18a</u> Gospel: <u>Lk. 1: 39-45</u>
Tuesday, December 22	First Reading: <u>1 Sm. 1: 24-28</u> Gospel: <u>Lk. 1: 46-56</u>
Wednesday, December 23	First Reading: <u>Mal. 3: 1-4, 23-24</u> Gospel: <u>Lk. 1: 57-66</u>
Thursday, December 24	First Reading: <u>Is. 62: 1-5</u> 2nd Reading: <u>Acts 13: 16-17, 22-25</u> Gospel: <u>Mt. 1: 1-25</u>
Friday, December 25	First Reading: <u>Is. 52: 7-10</u> 2nd Reading: <u>Titus 3: 4-7</u> Gospel: <u>Lk. 2: 15-20</u>
Saturday, December 26	First Reading: <u>Acts. 6: 8-10; 7: 54-59</u> Gospel: <u>Mt. 10: 17-22</u>
Sunday, December 27	1st Reading: <u>1 Sam. 1: 20-22, 24-28</u> 2nd Reading: <u>1 Jn. 3: 1-2, 21-24</u> Gospel: <u>Lk. 2: 41-52</u>



St. Monica\St. Elizabeth, Blue Rapids



Calendar and Mass Intention

December 27th, 8:30 am— For Vocations
December 24th, 4:00 pm — For All Priests

December 13, 2015 offerings

Envelopes	\$496.30
Plate	\$103.00
Retirement Religious	\$ 30.00
Poinsettias	\$ 55.00
Hall Rent	\$ 35.00

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

Ministers of the Mass

Sunday December 27, 8:30 a.m. St. Monica\St. Elizabeth

Lector	H. Brungardt
Servers	O. Skalla, K. Skalla, & C. Toerber
Gifts	Seleska family
Communion	J. Wienck, H. Borgerding, & H. Botkin
Ushers	J. Bergkamp & S. Toerber

MINISTERS OF THE MASS—DEC. 24TH, 4:00 pm

Lector: M. Heinen

Servers: M. Toerber, M. Shanks, & E. Toerber

Gifts: C. Heinen family

Communion: M. Borgerding, M. Heinen, & E. Henry

Ushers: A. Edwards & J. Wienck

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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

Shelby Woodyard 12/20
Cody McIntyre 12/21
Rick Moeller 12/23

ANNIVERSARIES

Mickey & Sandra McIntyre 12/26
Mike & Theresa Minihan 12/27

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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.

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

Sacristan Schedule: January—Theresa Minihan

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



St. Columbkille Parish, Blaine KS

Ministers of the Mass *Saturday December 26, 6:00 p.m.* **Saturday December 12, 2015 offering:**

Lector	No information this week.
Servers	
Ministers	
Hospitality	

No report this week.

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.

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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.

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

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NOTE OF THANKS

The youth of St Columbkille would to thank those who provided items and donated to the "gently used Christmas decoration" booth at the Celtic Christmas. The financial donations will go to support upcoming youth activities. Thank you again.

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