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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

JANUARY 3RD 2016

The Epiphany of the Lord

Growing as Disciples of Jesus, Making Disciples For Jesus

MERCY

Gratefully received,

Joyfully shared

Archbishop Naumann's
10 year vision has his 3
keys for growth; the
third of which is
centered on mercy. The
first step was to know
and commit to showing,
both individually and as
a family, the works of
mercy.

The second is to do the
same at the parish level.

To accomplish this
second step, I invite all
parishioners to stay after
the Masses on the
weekend of the 30th and
31st to discuss ideas for
what kind of mercy can
we show as a parish.

Things we already
practice include visiting
the sick, praying for the
living and the dead,
sending cards to the sick
and family of deceased,
educating adults and
youth in the ways of
faith, helping pregnant
moms in need, giving
food and clothing to the
hungry and naked, and
financially supporting the
various works of God.

The Archbishop asks us to
seek new ways of showing
mercy, or if recommitting to
existing ways, to invite
people who currently aren't
practicing mercy to be part
of what we do as Catholics.
I hope we can take this
opportunity to pray for
someone we want to see
show more mercy, and
invite them to participate in
this most divine gift. I also
hope you will stay after
Masses on the last weekend
in January to participate in
discussing how we will
show mercy as a parish.

Yours in Christ through
Mary,

Fr. Schmitz



"And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother.

They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."

Mass Intentions

Date	Day	Notes	Intention
01/04/2016	Monday	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	No a.m. Mass
01/05/2016	Tuesday	St. John Neumann	No a.m. Mass
01/06/2016	Wednesday	St. Andre Bessette	No a.m. Mass
01/07/2016	Thursday	Christmas Weekday	No a.m. Mass
01/08/2016	Friday	Christmas Weekday	No a.m. Mass
01/09/2016	Saturday	Frankfort 4:00 p. m.	+Matt & +Lillie Noud
01/09/2016	Saturday	Blaine 6:00 p.m.	+Catharine McCormick
01/10/2016	Sunday	Blue Rapids 8:30 a.m.	For All Parishioners of the 3 Parishes
01/10/2016	Sunday	Frankfort 10:30 a. m.	+Ray Mitchell

Saturday, January 9th: Annunciation 4:00 pm

Lector	Jean Caffrey
Servers	Maura & Olivia Kennedy
Communion	J. Kennedy, M. Griffin, & P. Brady
Musicians	Marilyn D., Lynn B., & Denise S.
Ushers	Ed Brady & Phil Maas
Gifts	Ushers to appoint
Rosary	Eileen Bramlage
Sacristan	Pat Brady

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Sunday, January 10th: Annunciation 10:30 am

Lector	Beth Reust
Servers	Grace Dressman, Garrett & Gavin Dressman
Communion	L. Schmitz, L. Dressman, & P. Maas
Musicians	Jeanie G. & Marie W.
Ushers	Joe Maas & Spencer Dressman
Gifts	Ushers to appoint
Rosary	Kay Mitchell
Care Home	Jan Stallbaumer
Sacristan	Lois Schreiner

This that and the Other...

SERVERS TRAINING– Sunday, January 10th, immediately after the 10:30 mass. This is for all those who want to learn how to serve mass. Questions contact Fr. Schmitz.

OFFERING ENVELOPES-Please take a minute to stop and pick up your 2016 offering envelopes. They are sorted in numerical order. Thank you for all your continued support of our parish!

NOTICE– There will be no **Benediction or Adoration on Tuesday, Jan. 5th as Fr. Schmitz will be unavailable.**

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

CATHOLIC CHARITIES— Thank you for supporting Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas with the 2015 Christmas collection. Your support allows us to help those in need in our community.

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– A very special thank you to all the ladies of the Altar Society for all of your work and generous donations of food for the various functions that we provide throughout the year. Without your dedication and help we could not do these functions.

ANNUNCIATION OFFERINGS

December 24, 25, 26, & 27, 2015

Envelopes \$1766.50

Plate \$942.90

Total \$2709.40

Other Income

Christmas Flowers \$ 55.00

Retire. Religious \$ 65.00

Cath. Charities \$1091.00

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

No Class for Jr/Sr. High on Wednesday, Jan. 6th, 2016. Next class will be on Jan. 13th, 7:00 p.m.

NOTE OF THANKS— During this holy season as we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus we also remember our loved ones who have gone before us. The Mt. Calvary Cemetery Board would like to thank all those who graciously make donations to the cemetery fund.

ALL ARE INVITED— to a Reception in honor of Mary Ann Dressman’s 85th birthday on Sunday, January 3rd, 1-3 pm in the Cigna Center. All parishioners are welcome!

KC’s Largest Catholic Men’s Conference The perfect Christmas gift! Men Under Construction celebrates its 20th anniversary in 2016. MUC is the longest running Catholic Men’s Conference in the United States, attracting over 1000 men annually. All men 12 years old and up are encouraged to attend. Speakers include Archbishop Joseph Naumann, Jeff Cavins, Dr. Ted Sri and Devin Schadt. The 2016 Conference will be Saturday, Feb. 13, 2016 from 7am to 3:30 pm at Church of the Ascension, 9510 W 127th, Overland Park. Registration opens online at www.ksmuc.org on January 1, 2016. Admission is \$35. Breakfast, lunch, confessions and Mass are provided.

Marriage Minute Jan 3 Feast of Epiphany

Epiphany means, “Manifestation.” This feast commemorates how God revealed Himself as the King of all nations through the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ. The key word here is gift. In the chaos of this season with parties, gatherings, travel, and gift wrapping, we can lose sight of the greatest gift that God has blessed our marriages with, our children. Children are the “supreme gift” of marriage (CCC 1652) Pope Francis put it like this, “Motherhood and fatherhood are a gift of God, but to accept the gift, to be astonished by its beauty, and to make it shine in society, this is your task. Each of your children is a unique creature that will never be duplicated in the history of humanity. When one understands is, or that God wanted each one, we are astounded by how great a miracle a child is! A child changes your life! We have all seen – men, women – that when a child arrives, life changes. It is another thing. A son or daughter is a miracle that changes in life.” (Address to the Italian Association of large families, December 28, 2014) This Epiphany, take a moment to give a gift of thanksgiving to Jesus, like the wise men, for the gift “manifested” to you through your children.

NFP Bulletin Announcement:

“Prescription for a Long and Happy Life”, an evening with Dr. Laurie Heap: This introduction to NFP takes an intellectually honest look at the medical benefits of natural fertility management systems and how they enhance the married relationship. Our next event is Saturday, Jan 30 from 6 – 9:30 PM at Savior Pastoral Center (12601 Parallel Parkway, KCK, 66109). Wine, appetizers, dessert, and coffee will be served. If you are engaged, this fulfills your Archdiocesan requirement for NFP introduction in Marriage Preparation. Interested married couples also welcome. For more info, contact Brad DuPont in the Archdiocesan Office of Marriage and Family Life at bdupont@archkck.org or 913.647.0301. To register or to see future dates, go to www.archkck.org/prescription (\$35/ couple)

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

Famous searches, such as the search for the Loch Ness Monster, and the search for Noah's Ark, pale in comparison to the search that Israel had been conducting for the Messiah. For many millennia Israelites watched the heavens for a sign, and probed historical events for a clue to discovering the Messiah's appearing. Epiphany Sunday celebrates the end of that search with the manifestation of Christ to the Magi. "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 ... Jesus did not 'experience' God; he was God. He never at any moment 'became' God; he was God from the start. His life was only the process by which this innate divinity came into its own. His task was to place divine reality and power squarely in the realm of his human consciousness and will; to reflect holy purity in his relations to all things, and to contain infinite love and divinity's boundless plenitude in his heart of flesh and blood." (Romano Guardini in *The Lord*). In this week's Gospel reading it is interesting to note that the search was conducted not only by Israel and the Magi, but also by Herod. He searched for the child who was the newly born "King of the Jews," but, oh how different was the search! The Magi personally searched for the place of his appearing so that they could personally worship and serve him. Herod, on the other hand, made an impersonal second-hand search, with the evil intent to thwart and end the reign of this newborn King of the Jews before it began. This search is unusual inasmuch as the One sought for, is in fact the One who discloses himself to the searchers, and makes the discovery possible. We see this foretold in this week's First Reading where the light of Christ's glory arose out of darkness to be a light to the nations. It was in fact the hand of God manifest in a heavenly star that led the Magi to the place of Jesus' birth. All men, like Israel and the Magi, spend their life

searching for God. Some people, like Herod, search with poor methods and wrong motives, following their own devices and inclinations, finding instead of the Messiah, frustration, disappointment, and emptiness. Others, like the Magi, search by following God's illumination with full intention not to thwart his rule but with a personal commitment to worship and serve him. For those who have found him, or should we say to whom he has disclosed himself, the challenge is to continually pay homage to him and to offer to him the "gold, frankincense and myrrh" of our lives. We can be encouraged by the hope and the sure promise that God will reveal the Son to those who seek him, for "He seeks such to worship him." For those with a desire to discover more and more of Christ, Jesus revealed the secret of knowing him during that last night with his disciples prior to his crucifixion. Jesus promised, "He who has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me; and he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him." What a glorious confidence it is to know that in our search we will be found by him.

Reflecting On Sunday's Readings,
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Daily Mass Readings

Monday, January 4	First Reading: <u>1 Jn. 3: 22—4:6</u> Gospel: <u>Mt. 4: 12-17, 23-25</u>
Tues- day, January 5	First Reading: <u>1 Jn. 4: 7-10</u> Gospel: <u>Mk. 6: 34-44</u>
Wednes- day, January 6	First Reading: <u>1 Jn. 4: 11-18</u> Gospel: <u>Mk. 6: 45-52</u>
Thurs- day, January 7	First Reading: <u>1 Jn. 4: 19—5:4</u> Gospel: <u>Lk. 4: 14-22a</u>
Friday, January 8	First Reading: <u>1 Jn. 5: 5-13</u> Gospel: <u>Lk. 5: 12-16</u>
Satur- day, January 9	First Reading: <u>1 Jn. 5: 14-21</u> Gospel: <u>Jn. 3: 22-30</u>
Sunday, January 10	1st Reading: <u>Is. 40: 1-5, 9-11</u> 2nd Reading: <u>Tit. 2: 11-14; 3: 4-7</u> Gospel: <u>Lk. 3: 15-16, 21-22</u>



St. Monica\St. Elizabeth, Blue Rapids



Calendar and Mass Intention

January 10th, 8:30 am—For All Parishioners of the 3 Parishes

December 24 & 27, 2015 offerings

Envelopes	\$327.00
Plate	\$157.00
Cath. Charities	\$820.05

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

Ministers of the Mass

Sunday January 10, 8:30 a.m. St. Monica\St. Elizabeth

Lector	S. Toerber
Servers	E. Toerber, C. Toerber, & I. Baier
Gifts	Rowe family
Communion	H. Borgerding, R. Nugent, & H. Botkin
Ushers	D. Baier & M. Rowe

Church Cleaners: January— Liz Miller & Sarah Toerber
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.

Envelopes for 2016 are in the back of church. The address on the label is the address on file with the parish. If this address is incorrect please let Zita Duensing know. Phone 785-363-7456 or email zitaduensing@att.net.

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.

Altar Society meeting January 20,2016 at 6:30 pm. Final plans for our soup day February 10th. Plan to attend weather permitting. Workers list will soon be forthcoming.

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Joseph Brungardt 1/3
- James Johnson 1/3
- Jessie Zidek 1/4
- Ashley Howell 1/6
- Robert Green 1/8



St. Columbkille Parish, Blaine KS

Ministers of the Mass *Saturday January 9, 6:00 p.m.*

Lector	Todd Sheppard
Servers	
Ministers	C. Sheppard, F. Finan, & M. Cusimano
Hospitality	Pat & Mike Wulf

Saturday December 12, 2015 offering:

12/25/2015	Envelope	140.00	
	Plate	218.00	
	Catholic Charities	357.00	
	Christmas Flowers	34.00	
	Votives	22.92	
			771.92
12/27/2015	Envelope	762.00	
	Plate	217.00	
	Catholic Charities	25.00	
	Christmas Flowers	25.00	
	Youth Fund	30.00	
			1059.00
	Church Restoration Fund in memory of the Jim & Karen Harrington Children		
12/27/2015			300.00

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING:

January 14, 2016

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.

THANK YOU to all who participated in the Adopted Christmas Family donations. All were delivered the 22nd and we were warmly received by a very grateful family. We gave them a wonderful Christmas with food, toiletries, clothing, bedding and gifts. Blessings to all for sharing a part of your Christmas!

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.

Pro-Life Baby Shower

The Knights of Columbus will be conducting a Pro-Life baby shower beginning December 26 and continuing through the month of January. A crib will be set up in the back of the church for donations of new or used baby or maternity clothing, baby and pregnancy supplies, diapers, baby bottles or formula. Cash donations can be given to Steve O'Shea, Harry Moser, or Jim McCormick.

THANK YOU—to Lisa Moser and Becky White for their years of service on the parish council. I'm very grateful for their dedication to help us grow as disciples of Jesus and lead others to become disciples. I am interested in having two new members to become part of the parish council. We meet once a quarter to review the financial and spiritual state of the parish, and then whenever a special event occurs. If you are interested in serving the parish in such a way, please see me. -Fr. Schmitz