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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 liturgies and by
appointment

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Annunciation Parish

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

DECEMBER 18TH 2016

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Growing as Disciples of Jesus, Making Disciples For Jesus

Advent Penance Services

Dec. 18th, 3:00 pm

Sts. Peter & Paul,
Seneca

Dec. 19th 7:00 pm

St. Columbkille,
Blaine

Dec. 21st, 7:00 pm

St. Monica/St.
Elizabeth, Blue Rapids

Dec. 22nd, 7:00 pm

Annunciation

This week in

Catholic History:

I'd like to use part of the
cover of the bulletin to
offer the witness of the
saints. If you attended
Catholic schools, you
likely learned much of this
knowledge as part of the
daily life, but the rest of us
have no regular way to
learn about some of the

most fascinating men and
women of history.

In honor of Pope Francis'
80th birthday Saturday,
the first cover feature is on
Blessed Pope Urban V.
Pope Urban lived in the
1300's, a tough time for
the church and the papacy
in particular. In part
because of how many
positions in government
world leaders had given
churchmen, many led
luxurious lives. This
contrasted sharply with the
man elected pope in 1362.

He chose the name Urban
V, because all the previous
Pope Urbans were saints,
and he wanted to be like
them. He continued to live
a simple lifestyle, urging
the clergy to do the same,

and worked especially
with monasteries and
convents to improve both
their governance and their
holiness.

He founded several of the
Catholic universities that
are still in operation, and
worked against the anti-
Semitism of his day.

The pope wasn't perfect,
but he did his best in the
situation he found himself
in as father to the whole
Catholic family. Please
seek his intercession as
you seek to do the will of
God in your life,
especially if he has given
you children to care for
and lead in the way of
holiness.

Blessed Urban V, pray for
us!

In today's Gospel we read Matthew 1: 18-24

Questions to Ponder

What do you believe about angels? What would you think if in a dream an angel spoke to you? What are the distractions that hinder your listening to messages from God? How does Joseph model what it means to follow God?

Mass Intentions

Date	Day	Notes	Intention
12/19/2016	Monday	Our Lady of Guadalupe	No a.m. Mass
12/20/2016	Tuesday	Late Advent Weekday	+Roy & +Rachel Seematter
12/21/2016	Wednesday	10:00 am (Care Home)	+Lawrence & +Dorothy Shump
12/22/2016	Thursday	Late Advent Weekday	+Leonard Boeckman
12/23/2016	Friday	Late Advent Weekday	+Lucile Haas
12/24/2016	Saturday	Frankfort 4:00 p. m.	+Edward Gregg
12/24/2016	Saturday	Blaine 6:00 p.m.	+Michael Finan
12/25/2016	Sunday	Blue Rapids 8:30 a. m.	For All Parishioners of the 3 Parishes
12/25/2016	Sunday	Frankfort 10:30 a. m.	+Joe M. Wapp

Saturday, Dec. 24th: Annunciation 4:00 pm

Lector	Phil Maas
Servers	Alli Tommer, Brady Trimble, & Emilee Ebert
Communion	R. Broxterman, M. Griffin, & P. Maas
Musicians	Jeanie Gerstner & Choir
Ushers	Jim Roeder & Paul Tommer
Gifts	Ushers to appoint
Rosary	No Rosary
Sacristan	Melody Tommer

Sunday, Dec. 25th: Annunciation 10:30 am

Lector	Pat Massie
Servers	Tara & Grady Fox, & Julia Studer
Communion	I. Dressman, C. Hull, & S. Wapp
Musicians	Moogie Roeder & Rheta Matson
Ushers	Todd Surdez & Dean Seematter
Gifts	Ushers to appoint
Rosary	No Rosary
Care Home	Linda Roeder
Sacristan	Pam Suther

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Christmas Mass Schedule

Dec. 24th, 4:00 pm Frankfort
 Dec. 24th, 6:00 pm Blaine
 Dec. 25th, 8:30 am Blue Rapids
 Dec. 25th, 10:30 am Frankfort

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of

God

Dec. 31st, 4:00 pm Frankfort
 Dec. 31st, 6:00 pm Blaine
 Jan. 1st, 8:30 am Blue Rapids
 Jan 1st, 10:30 am Frankfort

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED— We are asking for volunteers to help decorate the church for the Christmas season immediately after Mass on Sunday, December 18th.

NOTICE

There will be no Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, Dec. 23rd or Friday, Dec. 30th due to the holidays.

ANNUNCIATION CHOIR

PRACTICE— Wednesday, Dec. 21st, 7:00 pm

VOLUNTEER NEEDED— We are looking for someone to count the money on Monday mornings. Takes about 1 hour of your time. The months that need covered are January, May, and September. If interested in helping out please contact Marilyn in the Parish Office.

NOTICE— Annunciation Parish Office will be closed Monday, Dec. 26th through Friday, Dec. 30th for the holidays.

ANNUNCIATION OFFERINGS

December 11, 2016

Envelopes \$1102.68

Plate \$ 205.20

Total \$1307.88

Other Income

Mass Stipends \$ 10.00

Christmas Flowers \$220.00

Religious Retire Fund \$234.35

Thanksgiving \$ 20.00

K of C (Religious Ed.) \$350.00

St. M/St. E \$ 983.67*

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

From the Pastor:

Campus Master Plan Update: In August, I solicited parishioners input for the best way forward with our buildings. Only one person asked that we keep the old school, so demolishing that seems the easiest path. When it comes to expanding the Cigna vs a new stand alone building, the cost difference among other reasons makes adding on to the Cigna center the best option.

As for a timeframe, the parish council should have Plan A by the end of January, at which point it'd be turned over to the building committee. ***If you're interested in being on the building committee, please see me.** More details to come as the weeks progress.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECTION

Thank you for supporting senior religious. A sister from Indiana writes, "Because of your kindness, our elderly sisters will have the comfort, security, and joy of living out their remaining years here in their home. You truly honor them & their many years of service by your generosity." Religious across the United States offer sincere thanks for your generosity to last week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF NORTHEAST KANSAS CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas exists because there is need. Because of your generosity, they are able to meet this need every day. Our help is someone's hope. Please give generously to this year's Christmas Collection.

CCD NOTES-

No Class Grades 1-6 until Jan. 11th (Winter Break)

No Class Grades 7-12 until Jan 11th (Winter Break)

NOTICE-

Any Jr/Sr High Youth interested in attending **ONE THING REMAINS** at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church Kansas City, KS, December 30th, estimated charter bus leave time 3:00 p.m. from Annunciation parking lot. A night of Praise, Worship, Adoration, & Confession, then over to their Youth Center for snacks & entertainment. \$5/ person. Contact Linda Dressman at 785-313-5602. Deadline to reserve your spot on the bus is December 18th. We overfilled one charter bus from our rural area last year & the kids had a great time.

NEW YEAR'S EVE CHWC Fundraiser Dinner Located at the Cigna Center

Smoked Pork Chop, Sweet Potato or White Potato, Salad, Roll and Dessert, \$15 per Meal, Reservations are a MUST for the following time slots: 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00. To Go Orders or Local Deliveries are available (must call in advance). RSVP by December 29 EMAIL: roederlinda@yahoo.com TEXT: 785-844-0060, (785) 927-0445, (785) 713-2456 CALL: 785-799-4460

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL-

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

Marriage Minute— It's almost here, but not yet! This 4th Sunday of Advent is so tough for our children. They can hardly wait to open the gifts that are taunting them under the tree. Children can think, "If only I can open those gifts, I would be so happy." Unfortunately, this attitude fails to recognize that happiness is not dependent upon some future event no matter how far or near in the future it lies or how joyous the particular event will be, and Christmas gift opening is pretty joyous! Happiness is experienced in the present moment. We married couples can sometimes fall into the same trap. We think that some future event will transform our marriage. "If we had more money, we would be happy" (or something similar). What if we seized the opportunity for a more joyful marriage by giving the gift of

marriage enrichment for Christmas? Discover your blueprint for a more joyful marriage at www.JoyfulMarriageProject.com.

Is your marriage going down the right road . . . or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage. Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? **Retrouvaille** can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, contact registration team: Local Telephone @ 800-470-2230 or visit our website: HelpOurMarriage.com

OPEN TO LIFE WORKSHOP

"Open to Life: How Jesus through His Church Transforms Persons with Same-Sex Attraction." Come join us and hear Andrew Comiskey and others share how the Church is Good News for persons with SSA. Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2017, 10am to 1pm, St. Andrew the Apostle Church, 6415 NE Antioch Road, Gladstone, MO 64119. \$20/ person includes lunch and Open to Life booklet. Register at www.desertstreams.org/ events.

GIVE YOUR SPOUSE A SPECIAL GIFT THIS CHRISTMAS

Sign up now for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend and receive the gift of a great marriage. Making a weekend will help you put a little Christmas in your marriage every day! The next Weekend in Kansas City is January 27-29, 2017 For more information or to apply, please visit our website: www.wwme4youandme.org or call Tony & Barb Zimmerman, 816-741-4066 or email tonybarbz@prodigy.net

PROJECT RACHEL

You are lovedAfter abortion. Maybe you don't love yourself but that is not God's way. Divine Mercy loves unconditionally, everyone. Let Project Rachel show you the many ways of healing. FREE, CONFIDENTIAL. Private classes or group support. Call or email Patricia at 888-246-1504 or projectrachelke@archkck.org. Project Rachel is a ministry supported by Call to Share .

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.



Reflecting On Sunday's Readings

Advent is the season for listening—listening with the inner ears of our heart. One of the most obvious characteristics of Jesus' first advent was the many occasions that God used to send his unique message through unique messengers. The angel Gabriel spoke to Zachariah, and to Mary, and the Angel of the Lord spoke to Joseph, and to the shepherds. The Magi listened to God's message through the prophets by following the star which announced Jesus' impending birth, and Simeon and Anna watched and waited, listening for the Holy Spirit to announce to them the coming of the "consolation of Israel." Grateful and responsive ears listened to these unique messages brought by God's unique messengers. Though the messages varied from person to person there was a consistency throughout. "Do not be afraid," was the constant refrain as people were surprised by the amazing glory of the heavenly messengers. "Do not be afraid," was a message though that spoke to more than the amazement and surprise of seeing a heavenly being. These words were more than a simple message of comfort in a shocking situation, they were a message of comfort from the all powerful Lord of Host, from our Heavenly Father assuring his people that he only had thoughts of peace and good will toward them. It is a message that we need to listen to as well during this Advent Season. So many of us think that God has an adversarial relationship with us and that we are just one step away from receiving ill will at his hands. Our fear is often rooted in the self-awareness of our soul's neglected condition, and our everyday failure of living up to God's expectations. Advent is a time to listen, but we must not listen to our fears and self-doubt but to God's message to, "Be not afraid." Jesus' first advent was living proof of the Fathers intentions of love and concern for us. Though the words varied from incident to incident there was also a second consistency to the messages

that these heavenly messengers brought. That consistent message was that our salvation was imminent. Listen to these words of salvation: □ To Elizabeth and Zachariah—"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people, and has raised up a horn of salvation for us." □ To Mary—"behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." □ To Joseph—"you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins" □ To the Magi—"from you shall come a ruler who will govern my people Israel" □ To the Shepherds—"I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord" □ To Simeon—"Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; for mine eyes have seen thy salvation which thou hast prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles." As each heard the message they promptly responded in their own way with the obedience of faith Paul talks about in this week's Second Reading. None more profoundly illustrates this response than does Mary with her loving surrender, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." This too is the message of Advent to which we must listen, not only listen but respond in like surrender. As the participants of that First Advent so clearly illustrate, the message of salvation is not something one can easily ignore if you genuinely believe it to be true. Rather, like the shepherds and the Magi, we also should begin moving in the direction of the Savior, the Lord of salvation. Advent is a time of listening, active listening and prompt response. May we each listen, hear and respond this Advent Season.

Daily Mass Readings

Monday, Dec. 19	First Reading: <u>Jgs. 13: 2-7, 24-25a</u> Gospel: <u>Lk. 1: 5-25</u>
Tuesday, Dec. 20	First Reading: <u>Is. 7: 10-14</u> Gospel: <u>Lk. 1: 26-38</u>
Wednesday, Dec. 21	First Reading: <u>Sg. 2: 8-14 or Zep. 3: 14-18a</u> Gospel: <u>Lk. 1: 39-45</u>
Thursday, Dec. 22	First Reading: <u>1 Sm. 1: 24-28</u> Gospel: <u>Lk. 1: 46-56</u>
Friday, Dec. 23	First Reading: <u>Mal. 3: 1-4, 23-24</u> Gospel: <u>Lk. 1: 57-66</u>
Saturday, Dec. 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 or 1: 18-25</u>
Sunday, Dec. 25	1st Reading: <u>Is. 52: 7-10</u> 2nd Reading: <u>Heb. 1: 1-6</u> Gospel: <u>Jn. 1: 1-18 or 1: 1-5, 9-14</u>

Reflecting On Sunday's Readings,
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Looking for a way of praying consistently, and praying with and for others? 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

Dec. 25th, 8:30 am – For All Parishioners of the 3 Parishes

December 11, 2016 offerings

Envelopes	\$620.00
Plate	\$101.96
Retire Rel. Fund	\$ 30.00
Flowers	\$115.00
Mass Intention	\$ 10.00

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

Ministers of the Mass

Sunday Dec. 25th, 8:30 a.m. St. Monica\St. Elizabeth

Lector	S. Bungardt
Servers	E. Brungardt, J. Brungardt, & A. Brungardt
Gifts	Borgerding Family
Communion	M. Borgerding, N. Hirt, & J. Wienck
Ushers	H. Borgerding & M. Borgerding

Church Cleaners: January–

Sacristan Schedule: January— Theresa Minihan

Breakfast Committee: January – Ruth Tate, Peggy Waite, Jeanette Borgerding, & Gail Johannes

NOTE OF THANKS

The Kate Dobrovolny family would like to send out a warm thank you to everyone who helped with Kate's funeral mass and dinner. We are so very thankful for all the parish members who helped set up, participate in mass, and prepare and serve food. We would also like to thank Father Daniel for providing such a beautiful mass.

MISSING!! One of our new electric roasters is gone. If you have any information as to where it might be, please let us know.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED- There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church for church cleaners. Please take a minute and sign up! All volunteers are greatly appreciated!

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL– In remembrance of our deceased family members & friends during the Christmas season you are invited to make a donation toward the poinsettias. Envelopes are provided in the back of church.

Altar Society TIME CHANGE: It was decided to move our meeting to 12:00 noon. Our December 21 meeting at noon will be a snack meal. We will bring finger foods to share.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Cody McIntyre 12/21
Rick Moeller 12/23

ANNIVERSARIES

Mickey & Sandra McIntyre

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Year of Mercy update: We continue to give to the food pantry in town each month. We are also looking for how we could help neighbors with some basics of life, like home repairs/improvements/handicap accessibilities. The orphanage Fr. Bill Bruning and Fr. Tom Aduri support will be our global outreach. May God, who has begun the good work in us, bring it to completion.

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From the Pastor: Interested in serving the parish in a new way? We are looking for people to be involved in the ministries of the church, and this week I'd like to focus on Music in the Park. One of the main pieces to it is calling local business owners and asking them to renew the gift they gave last year, and then sending a thank you to them after they give the gift. It is likely around 10 businesses you would contact, starting with the people you already know. If you are interested in this, please see myself or Ed Henry. Blessings!



St. Columbkille Parish, Blaine KS

Ministers of the Mass *Saturday Dec. 24, 6:00 p.m.*

Saturday December 10, 2016 offering:

Lector	Bob Murray
Servers	Brooklyn and Dylan Plummer
Cross Bearer	Devin Plummer
Ministers	Joyce Blaske, Kathy Murray, & Natha Manges
Hospitality	Christmas-Ken & Jennifer Blaske

12/10/2016	Envelope	598.00	
	Plate	88.00	
	Hall Rent	60.00	
	Immaculate Conception	23.00	
	Christmas Memorial Flowers	60.00	
	Mass Intentions	50.00	
	Youth Group Sales	243.12	
	KofC Religious Education	350.00	
			1,472.12
12/10/2016	Church Reno (Celtic Christmas)		2,103.46

Altar Society Meeting No meeting in December

Church Cleaning Christmas
Dec. 21st at 6:30 pm.

Christmas Decorating December 23rd at 9 am.

Server Schedule

Dec 17th Eli Roggenkamp and Ethan Karnes
Cross Bearer Malea Karnes
Dec 24th Brooklyn and Dylan Plummer
Cross Bearer Devin Plummer
Dec 31st Jarritt Martens and Allie Valburg
Cross Bearer Molly Minihan
Jan 7th Maria and Eva Krohn
Cross Bearer Rebecca Krohn

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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT—every Wednesday 11:00 to 3:00 pm. All Parishioners are invited 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.

Choir practice for our Christmas Eve mass will be Wed. Dec. 21 @ 7:00 p.m. in the choir loft. All are most welcome, please consider joining us!

As a part of your Christmas charity, please remember that we collect non-perishable food for the Westy & Frankfort Food Pantries. We also collect disposable diapers & wipes for the Onaga Comm. Hospital. Items can be dropped in the picnic basket in the back of church. Thank you!

Christmas Flower Envelopes The envelopes for Christmas flower donations are in the back of church

If interested in serving on the parish council, please visit with Fr. Schmitz. We are looking for new members.

Church Renovation Update: As you've seen, the cross and its base are being repaired. We are in the process of soliciting bids to re-shingle the steeple next. Tuck pointing the brick is the next item, which we should begin in the spring. We have received cash and pledges totaling just over \$91,000 to date. Please continue praying for the success of this campaign!