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Frankfort, KS 66427

Office Hours:
Monday through Friday
(8:30 am to 12:30pm)
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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

Priest: Fr. Daniel Schmitz

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Annunciation Parish

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

DECEMBER 25 TH 2016

The Nativity of the Lord

Growing as Disciples of Jesus, Making Disciples For Jesus

This week in Catholic History:

St. Thomas Beckett

The Octave of Christmas is filled with saints, and one of the great English saints is St. Thomas. He was a deacon at Canterbury when King Henry II made him chancellor of all of England. The King, as so many before and since, wanted more control of the church, so when the current Archbishop of Canterbury died, the King insisted on Thomas being the new leader of the church in England. He didn't count on St. Thomas becoming more

loyal to the Pope than the King, and when the King started usurping the pope's rights, Thomas pushed back. Their battle ended with four of the kings men killing St. Thomas in his Cathedral on Dec 29th, 1170. Unlike a later King Henry who also martyred a St. Thomas, Henry II repented of what he had done and returned to practicing the Catholic faith. St. Thomas' tomb was the most popular pilgrimage site in England for 500 years, rivaling St. Patrick in Ireland.

St. Thomas Beckett, Pray
for Us!

Catholic Charities Christmas Collection:

Twice a year, the bulk of our collection goes towards a special need of the diocese; Christmas is one of them. Each Christmas, Catholic Charities is supported by your gifts, their main source of funding from the church throughout the entire year. This help provides for everything from handing out a Christmas dinner to providing training in financial education that helps a family escape poverty. Thank you for your generosity!

Merry Christmas!

May the new year be full of God's blessings!

Mass Intentions

Date	Day	Notes	Intention
12/26/2016	Monday	St. Stephen	No a.m. Mass
12/27/2016	Tuesday	St. John, apostle	Liv/Dec'd Caffrey family
12/28/2016	Wednesday	10:00 am (Care Home)	+Mary Hildebrandt
12/29/2016	Thursday	St. Thomas Becket	+Ray Lierz
12/30/2016	Friday	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph	+Hubert & +Clara Roeder
12/31/2016	Saturday	Frankfort 4:00 p. m.	+Gilbert Bramlage
12/31/2016	Saturday	Blaine 6:00 p.m.	+Larry Haskin
01/01/2017	Sunday	Blue Rapids 8:30 a. m.	+Madelyn Turnbull
01/01/2017	Sunday	Frankfort 10:30 a. m.	For All Parishioners of the 3 Parishes

Saturday, Dec. 31st: Annunciation 4:00 pm

Lector	Pat Brady
Servers	Xander Hull, Joee and Branden Bussman
Communion	M. Hazen, C. Weyer, & M. Kennedy
Musicians	Jeanie G., Lynn B. Denise S., & Lexi D.
Ushers	Ed Brady & Roy Miller
Gifts	Ushers to appoint
Rosary	Marybeth Kennedy
Sacristan	Pat Brady

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Sunday, Jan. 1: Annunciation 10:30 am

Lector	Beth Reust
Servers	Garret, Caden, & Lexi Dalinghaus
Communion	T. Dressman, I. Dressman, & C. Stallbaumer
Musicians	Marilyn Dressman & Emily Ford
Ushers	Jerry Broxterman & Gerald Gerstner
Gifts	Ushers to appoint
Rosary	Gerald Gerstner & Ivan Dressman
Care Home	Jan Stallbaumer
Sacristan	Theresa Dressman

This that and the Other...

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE 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

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

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

ALTAR SOCIETY NOTES- The 2017 Altar Society list with new chairman and co-chairman is available in the back of the church. **Many thanks to all members** of the Altar Society for their dedication and hard work in support of the various parish functions throughout the year.

ALTAR SOCIETY NOTES— Your 2017 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.

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.

ANNUNCIATION OFFERINGS

December 18, 2016

Envelopes \$1334.00

Plate \$ 164.70

Total \$1498.70

Other Income

Mass Stipends \$500.00

Christmas Flowers \$255.00

Religious Retire Fund \$ 30.00

Hall Use \$190.00

BVTC (Capital Credit) \$ 53.98

Leaven \$ 21.00

Picnic \$100.00

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

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.

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)

CHRISTMAS FLOWER

MEMORIAL

Thank you to all those who participated . The names for the memorial are Matt & Lillie Noud family, Fred & Mary Howell family, Leroy Davenport, Sylvester & Ethel Fox, George & Edna McClary, Lloyd & Rita Gerstner, Bill & Gertie Cain, All unborn babies, Farrell family, McCormick family, Victor & Rachel Huninghake, Feldkamp & Gerstner families, Joe M. Wapp, Ray Mitchell & Carol Mitchell, W.F. Kennedy family, Ted & Jean Kuckelman, Martha & Lester Engelken, Ed Engelken, Fischer family, Mark Brady, Brady & Burton family, Roy & Rachel Seematter, Lucile Haas, Emily Gunselman, Frank & Teresa Marksman, Frank Deneke, Frank & Wilma Suther, John & Ellen Harrington, Rachel Huninghake, Helen Fisher, Allen & Loretta Jones, Lawrence & Helen Fisher, Joe & Florence Deters, Kermit Johnson, Hale & Johnson family, Art & Bon Lohmann, Lohmann family, Marcella Roeder, Joe & Thelma Trindade, Matt Miller, Mike Trindade, Bert Rodgers, Olberding & Schmitz family, Fred & Freda Suther, JoAnn Sandmann, Keith Sandmann, Francis Strunk, Brady Strunk, Melvin Suther family, Dale Miller, Ferdie Niehues, Genitha Horigan, Bob Stallbaumer Sr. Helen Carlin, Ed Dressman, Dressman & Rottinghaus families, Joe & Helen Boeckman family, Joe & Mary A. Lueking family, Leonard Boeckman, Jean Prockish, Prockish/Hazen family, Frank Siebert, Lou & Ila Wardlow, Dorothy McCreight, Nellie Travis, Ray & Velma Lierz, Julius Kenworthy, Frances Whistler, Edward Gregg, Howard Kenworthy, Peg Sulanka, Gregg family, Owen & Ahern families, Dale Owen, Lucas, Rundle, & Rotert families, Albert, Peg, & Ramona Maas, Joe & Betty Roggenkamp.

Marriage Minute— "It's the most wonderful time of the year!" How many times have you heard that song over the past several weeks as the barrage of "Christmas songs" have reached a crescendo on this day? It's the most wonderful time because it's the most wonderful day of the year! It is the day where we began to realize the fullness of God's love by taking on our humanity and pledging to never abandon us! For married couples, Christmas is analogous to our wedding day. We committed the entirety of our being to our spouse and pledged to "take on the other's humanity" in every aspect. In other words, we committed to bringing joy and happiness to our beloved like the Christ child pledged to bring us joy and

happiness. This Christmas, let's recommit to bringing our spouse joy and being more concerned with their happiness than our own. This recommitment is the greatest gift we can give. For practical ways to live this commitment, go to www.joyfulmarriageproject.com.

ONE THING REMAINS

Come join us and bring your family for a faith filled afternoon with Tony Melendez and his Family! Friday, December 30th Talk, Prayer, Music FREE for all families Blessed Sacrament School gym Start at 3pm Nacho Bar at 5:30pm. Then come join us 7-8:30pm for Adoration, Benediction and Reconciliation with Archbishop Naumann at Blessed Sacrament Church.

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.wmme4youandme.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 projectrachelkc@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

The birth of Jesus is the apex of the revelation of the Father's love, to and for humanity. Though God again and again communicated his love, throughout the centuries humanity had been slow to learn, whether the message came by word or by deed, through holy messengers or saving actions. And though at times we were able to recognize and acknowledge glimpses of his love we quickly turned aside and forgot him until we once again were in trouble and needing temporal salvation from some dire strait. So at long last, like the parable of the vineyard owner, the Father sent his Son to communicate to a rebellious people. "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, ..." Jesus' coming into the world was a great act of salvation; putting into motion not only the communication of God's love to mankind, but actually securing our salvation. The angels foretold the babe's role in our salvation, his taking on of our flesh, our sin, and our death so that he could deliver us from the penalty of death which our sin warranted, but who would have believed that at long last, from this innocent helpless babe lying in a manger, would come salvation and reconciliation. "The very Son of God, older than the ages, the invisible, the incomprehensible, the incorporeal, the beginning of beginning, the light of light, the fountain of life and immortality, the image of the archetype, the immovable seal, the perfect likeness, the definition and word of the Father: he it is who comes to his own image and takes our nature for the good of our nature, and unites himself to an intelligent soul, for the good of the soul, to purify like by like. He takes to himself all that is human, except for sin. He was conceived by the Virgin Mary, who had been first prepared in soul and body by the Spirit; his coming to birth had to be treated with honor, virginity had to receive new honor. He comes forth as God, in the human nature he has taken, one being, made of two contrary

elements, flesh and spirit. Spirit gave divinity, flesh received it. "He who makes rich is made poor; he takes on the poverty of my flesh, that I may gain the riches of his divinity. He who is full is made empty; he is emptied for a brief space of his glory, that I may share in his fullness. What is this wealth of goodness? What is this mystery that surrounds me: I received the likeness of God, but failed to keep it. He takes on my flesh, to bring salvation to the image, immortality to the flesh. He enters into a second union with us, a union far more wonderful than the first. "Holiness had to be brought to man by the humanity assumed by one who was God, so that God might overcome the tyrant by force and so deliver us and lead us back to himself through the mediation of his son. The Son arranged this for the honor of the Father, to whom the Son is clearly obedient in all things. ..." * This is the story and meaning of Christmas, a story which many unwrap only once a year, and then in a few days will pack back into boxes to store for the coming year under the bed, in the closet, or in the rafters of the garage. For many Christmas is not a celebration of salvation and reconciliation and the communication of the Father's love but simply a lovely, warm family holiday and occasion to exchange gifts of affection. There is nothing wrong with these latter things but "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, ..." must be much more than this, for the expression of familial love, as noble as that is, it is not a sufficient reason for the Son of God to leave the glory of heaven, take on our flesh, and die. If God has gone to such lengths to communicate with you doesn't it warrant that he should have first place in your life (loving him with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength) and in your home, rather than being relegated to a dust-gathering box, only to be brought forth once a year as a merry memory?

Daily Mass Readings

Monday, Dec. 26	First Reading: <u>Acts. 6: 8-10, 7: 54-59</u> Gospel: <u>Mt. 10: 17-22</u>
Tuesday, Dec. 27	First Reading: <u>1 Jn. 1: 1-4</u> Gospel: <u>Jn. 20: 1a, 2-8</u>
Wednesday, Dec. 28	First Reading: <u>1 Jn. 1: 5-2: 2</u> Gospel: <u>Mt. 2: 13-18</u>
Thursday, Dec. 29	First Reading: <u>1 Jn. 2: 3-11</u> Gospel: <u>Lk. 2: 22-35</u>
Friday, Dec. 30	First Reading: <u>Sir. 3: 2-6, 12-14 or Col. 3:12-21 or 3:12-17</u> Gospel: <u>Mt. 2: 13-15, 19-23</u>
Saturday, Dec. 31	First Reading <u>1 Jn. 2: 18-21</u> Gospel: <u>Jn. 1: 1-18</u>
Sunday, Jan. 1	1st Reading: <u>Nm. 6: 22-27</u> 2nd Reading: <u>Gal. 4: 4-7</u> Gospel: <u>Lk. 2: 16-21</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

Jan. 1st, 8:30 am – +Madelyn Turnbull

December 18, 2016 offerings

Envelopes	\$383.50
Plate	\$118.00
Military	\$ 36.00

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

Ministers of the Mass

Sunday Jan. 1st, 8:30 a.m. St. Monica\St. Elizabeth

Lector	Z. Duensing
Servers	O. Skalla, K. Skalla, & S. Brungardt
Gifts	Brungardt Family
Communion	J. Bachura, M. Borgerding, & T. Minihan
Ushers	D. Heinen & H. Borgerding

Church Cleaners: January– Sally Henry
Sacristan Schedule: January— Theresa Minihan
Breakfast Committee: January – Ruth Tate, Peggy Waite, Jeanette Borgerding, & Gail Johannes

Mass Schedule for Holy Day
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

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.

NOTICE- There will be No Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, Dec. 30th.

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

New contact for Church Hall Rental is John Wienck at 785-799-4069 or jwienck@yahoo.com

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Carol Parker 12/31
Clayton Budenbender 1/1

ANNIVERSARIES
Mickey & Sandra McIntyre 12/26
Mike & Theresa Minihan 12/27
Craig & Liz Miller 12/29

BLUE VALLEY NURSING HOME- We are scheduled to have church services at Blue Valley Nursing Home on January 8, 2017 at 9:30 am. It would be great to have several of us there to help bring the Word of God to the residents. Please mark your calendar and participate if able.

PRO-LIFE BABY SHOWER- The Marysville Knights of Columbus will once again be sponsoring a Pro-Life Baby Shower during the month of January. New maternity or baby items or clothing will be accepted. Also accepting monetary donations. Please leave all donations in the back of church. Questions contact John Wienck.

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.

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. 31, 6:00 p.m.*

Saturday December 17, 2016 offering:

Lector	Ralph Suther
Servers Cross Bearer	Knights of Columbus
Ministers	Knights of Columbus
Hospitality	Knights of Columbus

No report this week.

Altar Society Meeting No meeting in December

NOTICE

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

Server Schedule

Dec 24th Brooklyn and Dylan Plummer
Cross Bearer Devin Plummer
Jan 7th Jarritt Martens and Allie Valburg
Cross Bearer Molly Minihan
Jan 14th 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.