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Annunciation Parish

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

DECEMBER 10TH 2017

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 any
time by appointment

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Second Sunday of Advent

Growing as Disciples of Jesus, Making Disciples For Jesus

Second Sunday of Advent Reflection

I think many of us see time as the enemy. There are simply not enough hours in the day. If only I had an extra hour, an extra day, an extra week. Or, during times of suffering when we lie awake at night or times of waiting when we anticipate a visit, a call, a letter, time seems to stand still. I wish it were tomorrow, next week, next year.

In today's Second Letter of Peter, we are reminded that our focus on time and its passing is very different from the Lord's

version of time, which is endless and finite all at once. We simply cannot grasp a concept of time that works like that, not according to clocks, not bound by empty boxes on a wall calendar.

We are told that God is patient, not wishing for us to perish and at the same time that God will come "like a thief in the night" and dissolve the heavens in flames. This is another paradox, another deep lesson calling us to look at the way we live our lives and the way we see time. Often we think we have

plenty of it. There's always tomorrow, we tell ourselves.

How often do you tackle a chore all the while wishing it was over so you could get onto the next thing? It's a struggle to live in the present.

Today's readings remind us that we need to make straight our ways today. God doesn't operate from a day planner, and, when it comes to the big stuff in life, neither should we. Be. Here. Now.

Advent Penance Services

Sunday, December 10th, 3:00 pm Frankfort, and 5:00 pm at St. Gregory's Marysville, Sunday, December 17th, 3:00 pm at Sts. Peter and Paul, Seneca

(The 4th Sunday of Advent Mass schedule will be the usual weekend Mass schedule)

Christmas Mass Schedule

***Sunday, Dec. 24th, 4:00 pm at Blaine and 7:30 pm at Frankfort
Monday, Dec. 25th, 8:30 am at Blue Rapids and 10:30 am at Frankfort***

Mass Intentions

Date	Day	Notes	Intention
12/11/2017	Monday	Advent Weekday	No a.m. Mass
12/12/2017	Tuesday	Our Lady of Guadalupe	+Roselita Roggenkamp
12/13/2017	Wednesday	10:00 am (Frankfort Care Home)	Liv/Dec'd Wessel family
12/14/2017	Thursday	St. John of the Cross	+Melvin & +Joe Gerstner
12/15/2017	Friday	Advent Weekday	+Pauline & +Marvin Emrick
12/16/2017	Saturday	Frankfort 4:00	+Melvin Suther
12/16/2017	Saturday	Blaine 6:00 pm	+Patrick O'Shea
12/17/2017	Sunday	Blue Rapids 8:30 a. m.	For All Parishioners of the 3 Parishes
12/17/2017	Sunday	Frankfort 10:30 a. m.	+Martha Engelken

Saturday, Dec. 16th: Annunciation 4:00 pm

Sunday, Dec. 17th: Annunciation 10:30 am

Lector	Stephanie Huninghake
Servers	Jarett, Samuel, & Hattie Gros
Communion	M. Kennedy, P. Brady, & W. Gros
Musicians	Jeanie G., Denise S., & Brady T.
Ushers	Duane Dressman & Phil Maas
Gifts	Ushers to appoint
Rosary	Ed & Pat Brady
Sacristan	Marybeth Kennedy

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Lector	Pat Massie
Servers	Ethan & Isabelle Armstrong, & Alyssa Mitchell
Communion	T. Dressman, C. Farrell, & L. Schmitz
Musicians	Marilyn D., Lynn B., & Lexi D.
Ushers	Gerald Gerstner & Herschel Mentgen
Gifts	Ushers to appoint
Rosary	John & Cathy Farrell
Care Home	Jan Stallbaumer
Sacristan	Theresa Dressman

This that and the Other...

The 21st **Annual Worldwide Candle Lighting Vigil** for the Compassionate Friends will be held **on Sunday, December 10th**. Everyone is invited to **light a candle** in their home **from 7 - 8 PM**, in memory of all children who have died, but are not forgotten! The Seneca Support Group is planning their own Candle Lighting that evening at the Cornerstone Coffee Haus, **431 Main St.**, beginning at 6 PM. Anyone who has lost a child is welcome to join them that evening. If planning to attend or for more info. about the event, please call **785-336-3691**.

Benediction, Adoration and Rosary
Tuesdays, at 7:00 pm.

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

CCD NOTES— Class on Wednesday, Dec. 13th, 3:45 to 4:45 pm

JR/SR. HIGH CCD No CLASS on Wednesday, Dec. 13th.

CHOIR PRACTICE— Wednesday, Dec. 13th., 6:00 pm

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.

NOTICE—Mass will be at 10:00 am, Monday, January 1st, Frankfort **Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God**—(Being on a Monday, it is not a Holy day of Obligation this year.)

ANNUNCIATION OFFERINGS

December 3, 2017

Envelopes \$1876.87

Plate \$187.52

Total \$2064.39

Other Income

Mass Stipends	\$ 90.00
Hall Use	\$ 120.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 302.00
Leaven	\$ 21.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 50.00
Picnic	\$ 60.00
Retirement Rel. Fund	\$ 10.00

The 2017 Axtell Ecumenical Christmas Choir will be performing the cantata **The Promise of a King** by Lloyd Larson and Joseph Martin on Sunday, December 10, 2017 at 7:30 pm at St. Michael’s Catholic Church in Axtell. This year’s cantata is directed by Stan Murphy, accompanied by Owen Zinke on the piano, and enjoys singers from the Axtell, Baileyville, Frankfort, St. Benedict, Seneca, Salem, and Summerfield areas. Refreshments will be served in the St. Michael’s Church hall after the cantata.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF NORTHEAST KANSAS

—Vanessa’s Hope Story: -Hi, name is Vanessa and this is my hope story...I came to Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas after I was evicted from my place. A relative, who was letting me stay with them temporarily, had a fire and the relative spent Red Cross assistance to meet their own needs. I was homeless and at a loss of where to begin. My Catholic Charities case manager began helping me with a list of housing where one applies at the individual complexes for Section-8 subsidy. I was then on nominal government assistance, and was able to receive food from the Catholic Charities pantry and clothes from their clothing closet. My case manager also told me about the Catholic Charities’ VITA tax preparation site. My case manager found government funding to help me with part of the deposit on a new place to live. I also completed Catholic Charities’ Money Talk 101 class with the goal to get my expenses to match my income. I was so appreciative for everything Catholic Charities has done for me that I even sent my case manager a special thank you note.

The Retirement Fund for Religious Collection “Your generous contribution helps us care for our retired sisters and enables our younger sisters to continue in active ministry,” writes a religious sister. Your gift to today’s collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders!

“God’s Little Green Acre” Seminarian Support You are invited to join Catholics across the Archdiocese in giving thanks for our seminarians and show your support as they study for the priesthood. Farmers can donate the proceeds from one acre of their crops, and those who don’t farm but want to “grow” vocations can make a donation in any amount. Donations will be divided among our seminarians this Christmas to help them pay for textbooks and living expenses. They greatly appreciate these gifts since they have no income. For questions call Melanie at 913-647-0303 or email vocation@archkck.org. Mail donations to: Vocation office, 12615 Parallel Pkwy, Kansas City, KS 66109.

RETREAT OPPORTUNITY – ‘ST. THERESE’S LITTLE WAY’ Christ’s Peace House of Prayer will offer a retreat opportunity ‘St. Therese’s Little Way’ on December 16-17, 2017. Retreat begins with check-in at 8:30am Saturday, Dec. 16, and concludes with Eucharistic Adoration and Evening Prayer at 3:00pm Sunday, Dec. 17. There will be time for reflection, private prayer, walking and watching the movie – Therese, a biography of the Little Flower. Mass will be at the local parish on Saturday at 5:00pm. If interested, please contact info@christspce.com or call 913-773-8255.

Save the Date! Healing Family Breakdown Every family in America has been affected by Family Breakdown. You are not alone. Are you tired of the drama and insecurity and lovelessness, and wonder how you can feel better? Are you heartbroken, wondering what you can do to help your family, including your kids or grandkids? Do you wonder how we got into such a mess and how we can recover? Come to the Ruth Institute's "Healing Family Breakdown" Spiritual Workshop, at Ascension Parish, Saturday, January 27th from 9:00am - 12:30pm. Come, regain hope! Put into practice the practical family building virtues of mercy, empathy, and togetherness. Go to <http://www.ruthinstitute.org/events/healing-family-breakdown> for details and registration information.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE A healthy relationship does not include belittling comments, threats, intimidation, social isolation, economic control, pushing or hitting. If you’re not sure if you are in an abusive situation, go to archkck.org/domestic-violence. If you or a family member or friend needs help now, contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline, 800-799-7233 (24 hours); 800-787-3224 (TTY); www.ndvh.org. If you’re in immediate danger, call 911.

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.

LEAVEN SUBSCRIPTION Your Leaven Subscription is now due in the amount of \$21.00. Please pay for your own subscription as this helps defray the cost to the parish.

The **Knights of Columbus** will be collecting items for distribution to families in need this Christmas season. We are asking for food, clothing, and toys to be collected in the back of church. If you would like to donate (especially a large item), or know a family in need, contact Adam Dressman ([785-713-1655](tel:785-713-1655)) for more details.



Reflecting On Sunday's Readings

“If you can envision yourself living during the time of John the Baptist’s ministry, do you think you would have responded to his message to, “Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight”? Would you have stopped, turned from what you were doing and moved toward him to heed his call, or would you have simply noted his presence and continued on your way unaffected? Perhaps a more important question is how will you respond to the call to prepare for Christ’s coming during this Advent Season? Jesus of course has already appeared in the flesh. This is what we celebrate as the First Advent of Christ, commonly called Christmas. And Jesus is going to appear a second time to complete his reign as Lord and ruler of all. This future appearing is commonly referred to as Jesus’ Second Coming, or Second Advent. This Second Advent is something we should look forward to with hope and anticipation as all of history submits to his rule and reign. In between these two historical events there are many individual advents of Jesus as he appears in the lives of people and comes to reside there. These personal appearances in our lives as Savior and Lord should be recognized and recalled with equal gratitude and celebration. The Advent Season provides an opportunity when this spirit of hope, expectation, and preparation can be renewed as we recall with gratitude, celebration and hope all three advents of Jesus. Preparing the way of the Lord can be likened to preparing the soil of a garden to receive new seed. The hardness of the ground must be broken up into loose receptive soil. Weeds must be pulled up and removed, and a place

prepared so that the seed can be received and take root and thrive. John the Baptist used the term repentance to speak of this spiritual preparation to welcome Jesus’ reign as Savior and Lord. Because of misuse the term “repentance” has received somewhat of a bad rap. Repentance is not mental, emotional, and spiritual flagellation, rather, repentance is turning from the direction we were going and turning toward God’s call of love and forgiveness. It is moving toward the one who calls, with your arms and heart opened wide to receive and be received. Preparing the way of the Lord implies a readiness to change which in the words of Dietrich Von Hildebrand “might even better be termed readiness to become another man.... To do so, he is not required literally to relinquish everything in the sense of the evangelical counsels: this would be in answer to another, more particular call. He is merely required to relinquish his old self, the natural foundation, and all purely natural standards, and open himself entirely to Christ’s action — comprehending and answering the call addressed to all Christians: ‘Put on the new man, who according to God is created in justice and holiness of truth.’”* “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,” and opening yourself “entirely to Christ’s action” is still the message of Advent. Will you simply acknowledge the presence of the call and pass on, busily pursuing other things? Or will you stop and turn, opening wide your heart to Jesus, welcoming his appearing in your life?

* Transformation in Christ, by Dietrich Von Hildebrand, page 8

Daily Mass Readings

Monday, Dec. 11	First Reading: <u>Is 35:1-10</u> Gospel: <u>Lk. 5: 17-26</u>
Tues- day, Dec. 12	First Reading: <u>Zec. 2 14-17</u> Gospel: <u>Lk. 1:26-38</u>
Wednes- day, Dec. 13	First Reading: <u>Is. 40: 25-31</u> Gospel: <u>Mt 11: 28-30</u>
Thurs- day, Dec. 14	First Reading: <u>Is. 41: 13-20</u> Gospel: <u>Mt. 11: 11-15</u>
Friday, Dec. 15	First Reading: <u>Is. 48: 17-19</u> Gospel: <u>Mt. 11: 16-19</u>
Satur- day, Dec. 16	First Reading: <u>Sir. 48: 1-4, 9-11</u> Gospel: <u>Mt. 17: 9a, 10-13</u>
Sunday, Dec. 17	First Reading: <u>Is. 61: 1-2A, 10-11</u> Second Reading: <u>1 Thes. 5:16-24</u> Gospel: <u>Jn. 1:6-8, 19-28</u>

Reflecting On Sunday's Readings,
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St. Monica\St. Elizabeth, Blue Rapids



Calendar and Mass Intention

December 17th, 8:30 am – For All Parishioners of the 3 Parishes

Dec. 3, 2017 offerings

Envelopes	\$
Plate	\$

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. 17th, 8:30 a.m. St. Monica\St. Elizabeth

Lector	CCD students
Servers	E. Toerber, C. Toerber, & S. Brungardt
Gifts	CCD students
Communion	M. Borgerding, T. Minihan, & Sc. Toerber
Ushers	CCD students

Church Cleaners: December– Sally Henry
Sacristan Schedule: December— Jan Bergkamp
Breakfast Committee: December—Ruth Tate, Peggy Waite, Jeanette Borgerding, & Gail Johannes
Collection Counters: December—Scott Toerber & Adam Schreiner

NOTICE— We are scheduled to have church services at Blue Valley Nursing Home on December 17, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. 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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Sophia Parker 12/12
- Linda Cohorst 12/13
- Connor Gleason 12/13
- Tony Schroedl 12/13
- Sarah Toerber 12/15

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Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God—(Not a Holy day of Obligation this year.)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays from 1:00 to 5:00 pm. All parishioners are welcome to come and pray anytime during these hours.

FYI—

Parish Council Members: Scott Toerber
Jeremy Bachura
Mary Ann Heinen
Mark Borgerding
John Wienck
Jeanette Borgerding

Altar Society Officers: President – Holly Brungardt
Vice President – Marilyn Borgerding
Secretary – Liz Miller
Treasurer – Theresa Minihan

CCD Teachers:
Kindergarten – Rachel Bishop,
1st Grade – Janice Rowe
2nd Grade – Sarah Toerber
3rd Grade – Adria Jackson
4th Grade – Liz Miller
5th Grade – Holly Brungardt
6th Grade – Cheri Shanks



St. Columbkille Parish, Blaine KS

Ministers of the Mass *Saturday Dec. 16, 6:00 p.m.*

Saturday December 2, 2017 offering:

Lector	
Servers	Eli Roggenkamp, Malea and Ethan Karnes
Ministers	
Hospitality	

12/2/2017	Envelope	483.00	
	Plate	123.00	
	Hall Rent	100.00	
	RCYC	200.00	
			906.00
12/2/2017	Church Reno		300.00

Knights of Columbus Meeting Dec 14th at 8pm

Altar Society The Altar Society will meet at 6:00 p.m. on December 18th for general cleaning of the church with meeting to follow at 7:00 p.m.

Server Schedule

Dec 9th Eva, Rebecca and Ty Krohn
 Dec 16th Eli Roggenkamp, Malea and Ethan Karnes
 Dec 23rd Brandon Geyer, Dylan and Devin Plummer
 Dec 24th Krohn Family

Church Cleaning

De. 17-23: General Cleaning/to be announced

New Church Sign Our thanks to the Jim Harrington family for donating the new church sign.

Bulletin Information for December 16th I will not be available to accept information for the bulletin this week so if there is an announcement you need to have in the bulletin send it to Marilyn in Frankfort.

Bulletin Information To have information included in the weekend bulletin email Mark Cusimano at cusi4@twinvalley.net before 4pm on Thursdays.

Christmas Bureau USD323

This is an opportunity to help a neighbor at Christmas, St Columbkille's parish has adopted a family through the Christmas Bureau USD 323. We are asking for donations of clothing, toys, food and toiletries for the family. The family includes a 1 year old boy, a 5 year old girl and an 8 year old girl. We have a sign-up sheet and collection box in the back of the church. Donations will be accepted until Sunday, December 17th. Thank you for your generosity.

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Westmoreland United Methodist Women invite you to their Annual Christmas Dinner and evening of fellowship with entertainment by the Timeless a Capella Group on December 11th at 6:30 pm at the United Methodist Church Educational building. A voluntary offering will be collected to benefit the Lutheran Family Services, Refugee Resettlement Program. RSVP with Dena Schmitz at 785-313-0342 or email denaschmitz@bluevalley.net