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Annunciation Parish

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

DECEMBER 17TH 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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The Third Sunday of Advent

Growing as Disciples of Jesus, Making Disciples For Jesus

The Third Sunday of Advent Reflection

Reading St. Paul's instructions in today's second reading sounds a little bit like Mission Impossible, not to mention a wee bit Pollyannaish. "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing." The reality is more like this: Rejoice when something good happens. Pray when we need something. (I'm assuming I'm not the only one who falls into those bad habits.) So how do we incorporate these somewhat challenging practices into our completely challenging lives? It's

actually not complicated or time-intensive. It can begin with one simple practice: gratitude.

You've probably heard spiritual gurus and self-help experts touting the power of a gratitude journal. There's a reason. It works. Writing down a few things for which we are grateful every day begins to change our perspective and our lives, and it's just a short leap from daily gratitude to ceaseless prayer. When we begin to count our blessings, we become more thankful for what we have and more aware of what others don't

have. Suddenly our ordinary moments are ripe for prayer. In line at the grocery store, in the waiting room at the doctor's office, sitting in traffic—all of it is an opportunity for grace to enter in and for our lives to become a prayer. We don't have to say nonstop Our Fathers, although that is an option. What we need to do is recognize the miracles in the mundane, the divine in the everyday, and realize there is always reason to rejoice and give thanks.

Advent Penance Services

*Sunday, December 17th, 3:00 pm at Sts. Peter and Paul, Seneca
and 7:00 pm at St. Mary Church, St. Benedict*

*Individual Confessions available Wednesday, Dec. 20th 7:00
pm at Blue Rapids, Thursday, Dec. 21st 7:00 pm at Blaine and
Friday, Dec. 22nd 7:00 pm at Frankfort*

*(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
12/18/2017	Monday	Late Advent Weekday	No a.m. Mass
12/19/2017	Tuesday	Late Advent Weekday	+Joe M. Wapp
12/20/2017	Wednesday	10:00 am (Frankfort Care Home)	+Earl & +Maggie Lauer
12/21/2017	Thursday	St. Peter Canisius	+J. Leo Caffrey
12/22/2017	Friday	Late Advent Weekday	+Roy & +Rachel Seematter
12/23/2017	Saturday	Frankfort 4:00	Liv/Dec'd Prockish/Hazen family
12/23/2017	Saturday	Blaine 6:00 pm	+Tom McCormick
12/24/2017	Sunday	Blue Rapids 8:30 a. m.	For All Seminarians
12/24/2017	Sunday	Frankfort 10:30 a. m. Blaine 4:00 pm Frankfort 7:30 pm	For All Parishioners of the 3 Parishes +Lauralai Emilee Panovic +Ray & +Carol Mitchell

Saturday, Dec. 23rd: Annunciation 4:00 pm

Sunday, Dec. 24th: Annunciation 10:30 am

Lector	Cathy Weyer
Servers	Colton & Emily Weyer
Communion	C. Weyer, M. Parthemer, & M. Kennedy
Musicians	Jane S. and Rheta M.
Ushers	Roy Miller & Joe Parthemer
Gifts	Ushers to appoint
Rosary	Marybeth Kennedy
Sacristan	Cathy Weyer

MINISTERS

Lector	Cathy Farrell
Servers	Garret, Caden, & Lexi Dalinghaus
Communion	C. Farrell, S. Wapp, & C. Hull
Musicians	Marilyn D. and Denise S.
Ushers	Maurice Bergman & Don Engelken
Gifts	Ushers to appoint
Rosary	Sylvia Wapp
Care Home	Stephanie Huninghake
Sacristan	Pam Suther

This that and the Other...

MINISTERS OF THE MASS
(Christmas Eve –Dec. 24th,
7:30 pm)

Lector: Jay Kennedy
Servers: Tara & Grady Fox, Chase Stallbaumer, & Xander Hull
Communion: J. Kennedy, T. Dressman, & P. Maas
Sacristan: Jean Caffrey
Musicians: Jeanie G. & Choir
Ushers: Myron Dressman & Joe Maas
Gifts: Ushers to appoint
No Rosary (Christmas Music)

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

NOTICE– There will be no Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, Dec. 22nd and Friday Dec. 29th due to the holiday weekends.

ALTAR SOCIETY NOTES

We are asking for a volunteer to be **Chairman for the Funeral Committee**. If interested please contact Marilyn in the Parish Office. Also, Ladies of the Altar Society if you have a new contact phone number kindly call Marilyn in the Parish Office so that the list can be updated for 2018. Please do so by Friday, December 22nd. Any member of the Altar Society who wishes to be placed on the Honorary Membership list, please contact Marilyn as well.

CCD NOTES– **NO Grade School Classes until Jan. 3rd, 2018. (Christmas Break)**

JR/SR. HIGH CCD **NO CLASSES until Jan. 10th, 2018. (Christmas Break)**

CHOIR PRACTICE— Wednesday, Dec. 20th, 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 10, 2017

Envelopes \$1942.00

Plate \$186.50

Total \$2128.50

Other Income

Christmas Flowers \$ 85.00

Thanksgiving \$ 60.00

Retirement Rel. Fund \$ 253.00

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED— We are asking for volunteers to help decorate the church for the Christmas season immediately after the 10:30 Mass on Sunday, Dec. 24th.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF NORTHEAST KANSAS

— serves in the Northern Region the following counties in Kansas, Atchison, Brown, Doniphan, Jackson, Jefferson, Leavenworth, Marshall, Nemaha, Pottawatomie & Wabaunsee. Every 60 seconds Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas provides assistance to families across our 21 county service area. 4,403 number of times the mobile resource bus provided **food, shelter, utility assistance, case management, and financial education.** There were 6,448 meals served during our Kids Summer Food Program. Please be generous to the Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas this holiday season!

The Retirement Fund for Religious Collection Religious give thanks. A religious sister writes, “When we see the generous response of so many thousands of persons in order to help us, religious men and women, we are left speechless.” Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests across the country send heartfelt thanks and prayers for your donation to last week’s Retirement Fund for Religious collection.

PIANO RECITAL -

Russell Ronnebaum, originally from Axtell, will entertain with a piano recital performance on Thursday, Dec. 28th at 6:30PM at St. Michael’s Church. There will be a reception to follow in the parish hall. All are welcome!!

Quo Vadis Discernment Retreat for Single Men “St. Peter – Called, Formed, and Sent”

Single men ages 18-35 are invited to discern their vocation guided by Archbishop Naumann, Vocation Director Fr. Scott Wallisch, and our seminarians. Take a short break from the materialism of Christmas and join other guys who are open to God’s will. This free retreat is at Savior Pastoral Center Dec. 21- 23. Through prayer, Mass and short conferences discover God’s deepest desire for you. No obligation just opportunity, so come even if you cannot stay for the entire retreat. Learn more and register by Dec. 18 at kckvocations.com or email vocation@archkck.org.

MARRIAGE MINUTE- Rejoice always! In these weeks before Christmas, we often hear the word “joy,” usually accompanied by a couple laughing as they share a blanket and sip cocoa by the fire. But what happens if our circumstances aren’t “merry and bright?” What if our family is experiencing painful relationships, illness, death or serious financial strain? In these times, we can remember this weekend’s readings which tell us, “Rejoice always.” Always?! Yes! Joy recognizes that the coming of Jesus means: • Forgiveness that sets us free, even if others don’t change. • Hope of eternal life. • Strength to endure trials. • Comfort knowing that Jesus became man to enter into our suffering. Need some joy this week? Try one of our DIY Date Nights in the Resource section of www.joyfulmarriageproject.com.

LIVING IN LOVE RETREAT

“We felt like we did when we were first married!” See why over 700 couples in the Archdiocese have experienced the “Living in Love” retreat. Sign up now for the next “Living in Love” retreat held at St. John the Evangelist, Lawrence, Jan 20-21, 2018. Register online at www.archkck.org/LivingInLove or contact Mary Anne Kierl at the Archdiocese at 913-647-0345 for information.

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.

“EVERY DAY IN LOVE” MARRIAGE WORKSHOP

Do you need a common sense approach to inviting more joy into your marriage? Every Day in Love is an upbeat series of three-hour sessions which offer positive and affirming insights and fun couple exercises to help couples love smarter not harder. Two new series begin in January, one in Overland Park and one in Burlington (Saturday, Jan 13 at Holy Spirit at 5:30p, and Sunday, Jan 14 at 1pm at St. Francis) Cost: \$25 /couple per session. Child Care is included on Limited basis. This empowering series is a featured offering of the Joyful Marriage Project. Register and see more details at www.archkck.org/everyday. Questions: email Brad, bdupont@archkck.org

“Coping with Life Alone” - Peer-To-Peer Grief Support “Coping with Life Alone @” is a Beginning Experience grief support program that meets each week for 7 weeks. The program helps those who have lost a love relationship due to death, divorce or separation, move through the experience of grief and loss into a future with renewed hope. Upcoming program dates and location: Kansas City, MO – Sundays, January 14 through February 25, at St John Francis Regis Church, 8941 James A. Reed Road, KCMO. Contact Donna at (816-305-3760), for information and registration. Sessions will be from 1:30-3:30pm.

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.



Reflecting On Sunday's Readings

Christmas lights are one of the most delightful aspects of the holiday season and to me were even more impressive in the early 1950's. Growing up in Portland, Maine in the early '50's every store front, it seemed, was decorated with colorful lights and animated Christmas displays. As the days of December crept closer and closer to Christmas, more and more homes became festooned with colorful Christmas lights, usually made even more luminous by a fluffy coating of snow. Inside, homes were aglow with well-lighted Christmas trees placed in front of the most prominent windows. Though my dad never joined us, choosing instead to stay home alone, part of our holiday ritual on Christmas eve was to pile the other seven of us into the old Chevy and drive downtown and throughout the various neighborhoods ooh-ing and aah-ing over the lights. What is it about the lights that attract us so? "The Light" was one of John the Baptist's earliest phrases used to describe Jesus. Perhaps that is from where the practice derived of decorating our homes with Christmas lights. In any case, Jesus selected this phrase later in his ministry to describe himself, saying, "I am the light of the world, whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life," (John 8:12). Surprisingly, those who listened did not have enough interest in being enlightened to ask Jesus to give them this light, instead they challenged his right to make this statement. We are reminded of this week's Gospel reading, wherein John the Baptist announces, "Among you stands one whom you do not know." The light was there

with all God's brilliance, but they couldn't see it, or perhaps like my Dad with Christmas lights they didn't want to see it. Jesus is the Light of the world. The formerly broken hearted, those previously held captive, those once bound, and those who have had reason to mourn, who have seen him know this to be true. They know the Light of the world transformed the darkness of their lives, and they will readily testify of the joy he brings. But is it possible, even though we set aside four weeks during Advent to prepare to celebrate Christ's birth, to not only miss seeing the Christmas lights, but also to miss seeing the Light? Is it not possible to be out and surrounded by Christmas displays and yet sit at home in our heart, and miss seeing THE Light of Christmas, to miss out on really seeing Jesus? There are three weeks left of Advent, still time to contemplate Jesus, and the significance of his coming. Still time to ooh and aah over the brilliance of God's love displayed in his Son. "Insignificant man, escape from your everyday business for a short while, hide for a moment from your restless thoughts. Break off from your cares and troubles and be less concerned about your tasks and labors. Make a little time for God and rest a while in him. "Enter into your mind's inner chamber. Shut out everything but God and whatever helps you to seek him; and when you have shut the door, look for him. Speak now to God and say with your whole heart: I seek your face; your face, Lord, I desire. "Lord, my God, teach my heart where and how to seek you, where and how to find you." * Perhaps you are finding it difficult to bring his light into your life. Please don't stand there asking the wrong question, as did the priests

Daily Mass Readings

Monday, Dec. 18	First Reading: <u>Jer. 23:5-8</u> Gospel: <u>Mt. 1: 18-25</u>
Tuesday, Dec. 19	First Reading: <u>Jgs. 13: 2-7, 24-25a</u> Gospel: <u>Lk. 1:5-25</u>
Wednesday, Dec. 20	First Reading: <u>Is. 7: 10-14</u> Gospel: <u>Lk 1: 26-38</u>
Thursday, Dec. 21	First Reading: <u>Sg. 2: 8-14</u> Gospel: <u>Lk. 1: 39-45</u>
Friday, Dec. 22	First Reading: <u>1 Sm. 1: 24-28</u> Gospel: <u>Lk. 1: 46-56</u>
Saturday, Dec. 23	First Reading: <u>Mal. 3: 1-4, 23-24</u> Gospel: <u>Lk. 1: 57-66</u>
Sunday, Dec. 24	First Reading: <u>2 Sm. 7: 1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16</u> Second Reading: <u>Rom. 16:25-27</u> Gospel: <u>Lk. 1: 26-38</u>

and Pharisees. Rather ask for an early Christmas gift, the Light of his presence. If necessary ask a trusted Christian friend for help in allowing Jesus to light up your life.

* Liturgy of the Hour s- Vol I, from "Proslogion" by Saint Anselm, page 184.

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St. Monica\St. Elizabeth, Blue Rapids



Calendar and Mass Intention

December 24th, 8:30 am – For All Seminarians

Nov. 26, Dec. 3, and Dec. 10, 2017 offerings

Envelopes	\$2484.00
Plate	\$ 697.00
Fuel	\$ 40.00
Retired Religious	\$ 135.00
Mary's Garden	\$ 50.00
Poinsettias	\$ 75.00

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. 24th, 8:30 a.m. St. Monica\St. Elizabeth

Lector	M. Dobrovolny
Servers	K. Becker, A. Brungardt, & J. Brungardt
Gifts	Bachura family
Communion	J. Bergkamp, P. Waite, & H. Brungardt
Ushers	H. Borgerding & J. Wienck

Church Cleaners: January– Sally Henry & Hedy Saville
Sacristan Schedule: January— Theresa Minihan
Breakfast Committee: January— Zita Duensing, Carol Parker, Cheryl Skalla, Jeannie Zidek, & Cheri Shanks
Collection Counters: January—Jeremy Bachura & Alex Nolte

Ministers of the Mass Monday, Dec. 25th, 8:30 am

Lector: M. Heinen
Servers: E. Brungardt & S. Brungardt
Gifts: Borgerding family
Communion: M. Borgerding, J. Wienck, & M. Heinen
Ushers: J. Wienck & B. Bruna

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 participate if able.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Rhys Jackson 12/18
Cody McIntyre 12/21
Rick Moeller 12/23

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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.

NOTE OF THANKS

Thank you to all who contributed and worked at our booth "Christmas Around The Square" We appreciate your participation. We took in \$200.

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

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. 23, 6:00 p.m.*

Saturday December 9, 2017 offering:

Lector	Bob Murray
Servers	Brandon Geyer, Dylan and Devin Plummer
Ministers	Joyce Blaske, Kathy Murray, Natha Manges, Andrea Karnes
Hospitality	Ken & Jennifer Blaske

12/9/2017	Envelope	568.00	
	Plate	90.00	
	Immaculate Conception	97.00	
	Hall Rent	45.00	
	RCYC	206.00	
			1,006.00
	Church Reno in mem of Ed		
12/9/2017	& Helen Donnelly		2,000.00
12/9/2017	Church Reno		253.00

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 16th Eli Roggenkamp, Malea and Ethan Karnes
 Dec 23rd Brandon Geyer, Dylan and Devin Plummer
 Dec 24th Krohn Family
 Dec 30th Brooklyn Plummer, Maria Krohn and Jarritt Martens
 Jan 6th Eli Roggenkamp, Malea and Ethan Karnes
 Jan 13th Brandon Geyer, Dylan and Devin Plummer

Church Cleaning

Dec 18: General Cleaning prior to Altar Society meeting.

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

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.

Ministers of the Mass
Dec. 24th, 4:00 pm

Lector: Mike Sanford
Servers: Krohn family
Ministers: Lavon Sanford, Natha Manges, Steve O'Shea, & Janet Holthaus

NOTICE

Envelopes are in back of church for Christmas Flower Memorial Donations.

NOTE OF THANKS

Celtic Christmas is in the past!
 Another **HUGE** success just like the last.
 Thank You, Thank You, Everyone!
 Working side by side hopefully we had some holiday fun!
 The cookies and candies were delicious treats!
 Soups so yummy, rolls, kolaches, and pies could not be beat!
 Pat yourselves on the back, you deserve a rest.
 Hope this holiday season is your very best.
THANK YOU, THANK YOU, EVERYONE!
 Celtic Christmas Committee

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