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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 any
time by appointment

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Annunciation Parish

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

DECEMBER 31ST 2017

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Growing as Disciples of Jesus, Making Disciples For Jesus

THANK YOU!
An attitude of gratitude is the basis of a healthy life for anyone, and the basis of a holy life for disciples of Jesus. I always like being able to say 'thanks' this time of year, and each year I've realized a little more how much I have to be grateful for. In place of the usual few lines, I decided to see how many things I could put down that I'm grateful for, so here it goes:
Thank you for all the cards and cookies, cash and chips, chocolate and dinners you offered me throughout this holy season! I've come to see them even more than simple acts of kindness to even many times being expressions of affection,

and I appreciate that. Thank you for caring for the sick of the parishes now and throughout the year! This time of year above all is pretty crummy to be in a hospital, but the joyful presence of others brings the light of Christ. Thank you to all who have made donations of food and clothing to those in need! I can imagine how grateful I would be to receive such gifts should I ever be in that position. Thank you to all who hand on and teach the Catholic Faith! Without you, I'd do a pretty poor job for the children and adults. There are many things working against our faith and everyone has to fight the battle of apathy

from time to time, you help us along the path to Heaven. Thank you to all who spend hours in prayer with our Savior, drawing the needed grace for our daily lives. Thank you to the council members, bookkeepers, money counters, donors, and maintenance helpers who keep the physical structures in suitable repair. Thank you to all who assist in the liturgy, from serving to singing to preparing the sacred spaces. Thank you to all who show care and concern to the non-Catholics and share with them the gift of our Faith! Thank you to all who hear the voice of the Lord and respond with living faith!
Fr. Schmitz

SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD,

Monday, January 1st, 10:00 am Mass (Since this falls on a Monday this year it is not a Holy Day of obligation)

PLEASE NOTE: Mass at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, January 2nd. There will be no 8:00 am Mass that day and no Benediction or Adoration that evening.

Mass Intentions

Date	Day	Notes	Intention
01/01/2018	Monday	The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God	10:00 am Frankfort — +Darlene Broxterman
01/02/2018	Tuesday	St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen	No 8:00 am Mass 7:00 pm. — Liv/Dec'd K of C #1383
01/03/2018	Wednesday	10:00 am (Frankfort Care Home)	+Frances Whistler
01/04/2018	Thursday	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	+Eugene Prockish
01/05/2018	Friday	St. John Neumann	+Mary Armstrong
01/06/2018	Saturday	Frankfort 4:00	+Mary Pat Chadwick
01/06/2018	Saturday	Blaine 6:00 pm	+Frances Sutton
01/07/2018	Sunday	Blue Rapids 8:30 a. m.	For All Parishioners of the 3 Parishes
01/07/2018	Sunday	Frankfort 10:30 a. m.	+Jim Marksman

Saturday, Jan. 6th: Annunciation 4:00 pm

Lector	Stephanie Huninghake
Servers	Chase Stallbaumer & Xander Hull
Communion	M. Hazen, M. Griffin, & S. Wapp
Musicians	Jane S. & Rheta M.
Ushers	Duane Dressman & Jim Roeder
Gifts	Ushers to appoint
Rosary	Wilma Harrington
Sacristan	Jean Caffrey

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Sunday, Jan. 7th: Annunciation 10:30 am

Lector	Bob Stallbaumer
Servers	Jack & Chloe Mitchell, & Claire Broxterman
Communion	I. Dressman, C. Stallbaumer, & C. Hull
Musicians	Moogie R., Emily F., & Brady T.
Ushers	Don Engelken & Todd Surdez
Gifts	Ushers to appoint
Rosary	Charlie Gerstner & Dan Gerstner
Care Home	Wilma Harrington
Sacristan	Cassie Mitchell

This that and the Other...

MINISTERS OF THE MASS Monday, January 1st, 10:00 am

Lector: Jim Roeder
Servers: Chase Stallbaumer, Emilee & Breleigh Ebert
Communion: M. Griffin, P. Maas, & R. Broxterman
Sacristan: Elma Mitchell
Musicians: Jeanie G., Emily F., & Brady T.
Ushers: Wayne Mitchell & Joe Maas
Gifts: ushers to appoint
Rosary: John & Cathy Farrell

CCD NOTES— Class for Grades 1-6, Wed. Jan. 3rd, 2:15 to 3:15 pm).

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

No Benediction or Adoration on Tuesday, Jan. 2nd instead attend Mass at 7:00 pm

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

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2018 are available for you to pick up in the back of church. They are sorted alphabetically not by envelope #. Thank you each and every one of you for your continued support of our parish!

ALTAR SOCIETY NOTES

We are asking for a volunteer to be **Chairman for the Funeral Committee.** The funeral luncheons that are offered to families during their time of grief is a wonderful service that is provided to the families by the Altar Society. **Please consider serving as Chairman of the Funeral Committee.** Contact Marilyn in the Parish Office to volunteer. 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, Dec. 29th. Any member of the Altar Society who wishes to be placed on the Honorary Membership list, please contact Marilyn as well.

ANNUNCIATION OFFERINGS

December 24, 2017

Envelopes \$

Plate \$

Total \$

Other Income

(Report will be in next week's bulletin).

Hoping and Praying you have a blessed New Year in 2018....

ANNUNCIATION ALTAR SOCIETY

NOTES—Your 2018 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.

“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

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.

“HEALING FAMILY BREAKDOWN” SPIRITUAL WORKSHOP

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.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

Bewildered as to how the use of contraception has led to a horrifying **increase** in the rates of divorce, poverty, abortion, and child abuse? The Couple to Couple League (CCL) can answer your questions and teach you a moral way to plan your family. You are encouraged to attend the course in the Sympto-Thermal Method of NFP beginning in Topeka on Saturday, January 27th, at 7pm. Reasonable course fee; financial assistance available. You may call Dana or Eric Runnebaum at 785-380-0062 for the location of this class & for more info about other classes in the surrounding area. Self-paced **online** classes are also available. **Pre-registration is required at www.ccli.org. Learn more at nfptopeka.blogspot.com.**

“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

Tracing one's genealogy, the study of human descent through family lines, is an occasional fad for some and an intense preoccupation for others. The quest to ascertain where we came from and to whom we are related is made more poignant by the isolation people experience, and by the family disintegration we see in our society. It is fun, and can be helpful to understand our family roots, for they can show us not only our lineage but give insight as to why we function as we do. In one sense history is a simple and natural compilation of family relationships. Men and women have become great and/or infamous because of the contributions of their family, or in some cases in reaction to their family. Pope John Paul II taught that, "Since human beings are made 'through love' and 'for love,' and because love is 'the fundamental and innate vocation of every human being.' This vocation is the heart of marriage and the heart of the family. Confirmed for Christians in the redemption won by Christ's self-sacrificing love, the demands and obligations of family life are liberating, not confining." When this love is present it can make the most impoverished home rich, and when it is absent the most opulent home becomes impoverished. Most families love photo albums. When we flip through the picture pages of our children, their mates, and our grandchildren, we enjoy again the various joyful stages of family life. This week's gospel reading is like a page from a family photo album giving us insight into Jesus' family life, where Mary and Joseph, the Holy Family, provided just such a home of love for Jesus. Of course the Holy Family's home of love didn't just happen by accident, and neither will ours. Before they embraced the marriage bonds Joseph and Mary embraced God and were devoted followers and servants of his. That is why they were able to survive, even before marriage, the strain on their relationship which was brought about by Mary's untimely

pregnancy. But because Mary was following God wholeheartedly she readily said yes to the Holy Spirit's call. Because Joseph was a just and holy man he not only set about to deal with Mary and this unexplained development in a loving way, but when he recognized that this prophesy was of God, he too wholeheartedly followed God at all cost. Their lives give us insight as to how we can similarly be a holy family. Loving, holy people make loving, holy families. This begins not with the first "I do" of the marriage ceremony, but with previous "I do's" to love and follow God at all cost. As we look at this picture of Mary and Joseph's relationship with Jesus we see them relating to him in grace and freedom, and with respect and concern. In addition, we see Jesus living in a responsive and submissive relationship fruitfully growing in this environment of love. That is what a holy family is all about. It should be a mini-picture of the Church and of our relationship with Christ and with his people. It should be redemptive in nature, a place where forgiveness and reconciliation are commonplace. It should be revelational in manner, where insight into the nature and character of Christ is not only taught verbally but is demonstrated by the behavior of the members, starting with the parents. As Pope John Paul II explains, "Men, for their part are called to live their fatherhood as an icon of 'the very fatherhood of God.'" * Our family trees may have a few broken or diseased branches, and perhaps our own family did not begin on the solid foundation of total commitment to God. But don't be discouraged, through the transforming power of the Holy Spirit we can begin afresh today to emulate the Holy Family and build our family into a redemptive, revelational environment that is holy to the Lord.

* From Witness to Hope: The Biography of Pope John Paul II, by George Weigel

Daily Mass Readings

Monday, Jan. 1	First Reading: <u>Nm. 6: 22-27</u> Second Reading: <u>Gal. 4: 4-7</u> Gospel: <u>Lk. 2: 16-21</u>
Tuesday, Jan. 2	First Reading: <u>1 Jn. 2: 22-28</u> Gospel: <u>Jn. 1:19-28</u>
Wednesday, Jan. 3	First Reading: <u>1 Jn. 2: 29-3: 6</u> Gospel: <u>Jn. 1: 29-34</u>
Thursday, Jan. 4	First Reading: <u>1 Jn. 3: 7-10</u> Gospel: <u>Jn. 1: 35-42</u>
Friday, Jan. 5	First Reading: <u>1 Jn. 3: 11-21</u> Gospel: <u>Jn. 1: 43-51</u>
Saturday, Jan. 6	First Reading: <u>1 Jn. 5: 5-13</u> Gospel: <u>Lk. 3: 23-38</u>
Sunday, Jan. 7	First Reading: <u>Is. 60: 1-6</u> Second Reading: <u>Eph. 3:2-3a, 5-6</u> Gospel: <u>Mt. 2: 1-12</u>

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



Calendar and Mass Intention

January 7th, 8:30 am – For All Parishioners of the 3 Parishes

Dec. 24th & Dec. 25th, 2017 offerings

Envelopes	\$622.00
Plate	\$469.00
Cath. Charities	\$120.00
K of C Religious Ed.	\$375.00

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. 7th, 8:30 a.m. St. Monica\St. Elizabeth

Lector	
Servers	
Gifts	
Communion	
Ushers	

Church Cleaners: January– Jeanette Borgerding
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

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Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God—(Not a Holy day of Obligation this year since it falls on a Monday.)

Altar Society meeting January 17, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. Note the time change. This will be our winter schedule. We will finalize plans for our soup day February 7, 2018. Worker lists will be ready soon.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Carol Parker 12/31
- Jacob Jackson 12/31
- Clayton Budenbender 1/1
- James Johnson 1/3
- Joseph Brungardt 1/3
- Jessie Zidek 1/4
- Arnie Reith 1/5
- Ashley Howell 1/6

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.



St. Columbkille Parish, Blaine KS

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

Saturday December 23, 2017 offering:

Lector	Lisa Moser
Servers	Eli Roggenkamp, Malea and Ethan Karnes
Ministers	Harry Moser, Elaine Hofman, Debbie Plummer, Mark Cusimano
Hospitality	Michael & Stacie Ridder

12/23/2016	Envelope	1288.00	
	Plate	263.05	
	Mass Intentions	50.00	
	Celtic Christmas	465.00	
	Religious E	375.00	
			2,441.05
12/24/2016	Envelope	325.00	
	Plate	521.89	
	Catholic Charities	479.00	
			1,325.89
12/23/2017	Church Reno		12,020.00
12/24/2017	Church Reno		425.00

Knights of Columbus Meeting January 11 at 8pm.

Altar Society Meeting There will be no Altar Society meeting in January or February.

Pro-Life Baby Shower

There will be a baby crib set up in the back of the church during the month of January for the annual Knights of Columbus Pro-Life Baby Shower. Donations of baby or maternity items will be accepted. Monetary donations can also be given to Harry Moser, Steve O'Shea or Jim McCormick.

Christmas Bureau USD 323

Your generosity was overwhelming, thank you for supporting our neighbor. Please continue to pray for this family.

Server Schedule

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

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

CONGRATULATIONS to Lyle Charles Lundberg, son of Trevor and Maggie Lundberg who was baptized at St. Columbkille Parish this weekend. His sponsors are Corey and Jayme Lundberg.

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