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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 any
time by appointment



Annunciation Parish

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

JANUARY 7TH 2018

The Epiphany of the Lord

Growing as Disciples of Jesus, Making Disciples For Jesus

Monday, January 8th (The Baptism of the Lord) Reflection

Our starting point in faith,
in life is from a place of
unconditional love and
acceptance by our God, who
“shows no partiality.” Not a
bad way to begin. So why do
we forget that? Why do we
always seem to think we are
too broken, too difficult, too
scarred to be loved by God
for who we are? Somehow
we imagine God will love us
only after we’re fixed,
forgetting that the only way
out is through.

As we close out the
Christmas season and head
back into Ordinary Time, we
are called to carry with us
what we began these past
few weeks, but it’s not so
easy or simple. The special
seasons call us to shift our
focus onto God, but
everyday life can get in the
way of that. It overwhelms

us and tells us to do too
many things at once, to fill
up the pauses with things
that seem more productive.
We know better now.

The pauses are where life
with God begins. Like the
rests in a symphony that
keep the music from
becoming a mish-mash of
sound, the pauses shape our
days and our journey, if
we’re willing to be
countercultural.

Dorothy Day once said,
“The greatest challenge of
the day is: how to bring
about a revolution of the
heart, a revolution which has
to start with each one of us?”
Are you willing to start a
revolution, even if you’re the
only one participating?
That’s how transformation
begins, one by one, heart by
heart. There’s nothing
ordinary about that.

As we move away from
the glow of the holiday

season back toward life in
the “real” world, without the
tinsel and ribbons, it can be
easy to backslide to our pre-
Advent attitudes, rushing
without pausing, working
without resting, talking
without listening. As you go
through your days, try to
check in with God at least
twice a day—once upon
waking and once before
sleeping. It doesn’t have to
take long, it doesn’t have to
be elaborate, it doesn’t even
have to have words. Just
breathe in and out and let the
Sprit do the rest.

All-loving God, we thank
you and praise you for the
many gifts and blessings you
have given us, for your
mercy and love, for your
unshakable presence in our
lives. God, you are GREAT,
all the time!

As we begin a new semester of learning

Let us pause to thank and pray for all those

*students and teachers for a successful conclusion to the school
year!*

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Mass Intentions

Date	Day	Notes	Intention
01/08/2018	Monday	The Baptism of the Lord	No a.m. Mass
01/09/2018	Tuesday	Weekday	No a.m. Mass
01/10/2018	Wednesday	Weekday	No Care Home Mass
01/11/2018	Thursday	Weekday	No a.m. Mass
01/12/2018	Friday	Weekday	No a.m. Mass
01/13/2018	Saturday	Frankfort 4:00	+Matt & +Lillie Noud family
01/13/2018	Saturday	Blaine 6:00 pm	+Marie McCormick
01/14/2018	Sunday	Blue Rapids 8:30 a. m.	+Kate Dobrovolny
01/14/2018	Sunday	Frankfort 10:30 a. m.	For All Parishioners of the 3 Parishes

Saturday, Jan. 13th: Annunciation 4:00 pm

Lector	Cathy Weyer
Servers	Jarett, Samuel, & Hattie Gros
Communion	W. Gros, C. Weyer, & R. Broxterman
Musicians	Jane S. & Denise S.
Ushers	Phil Maas & Paul Tommer
Gifts	Ushers to appoint
Rosary	Charlie & Rita Broxterman
Sacristan	Melody Tommer

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Sunday, Jan. 14th: Annunciation 10:30 am

Lector	Beth Reust
Servers	Emilee & Breleigh Ebert, & Julia Studer
Communion	L. Schreiner, S. Wapp, & L. Schmitz
Musicians	Marilyn D., Lynn B., & Brady T.
Ushers	Dean Seematter & Jerry Broxterman
Gifts	Ushers to appoint
Rosary	Kay Mitchell
Care Home	Jan Stallbaumer
Sacristan	Lois Schreiner

This that and the Other...

CCD NOTES– Class Grades 1-6
Wed. Jan. 10th, 3:45 to 4:45.

JR/SR. HIGH CLASS Grades 7-12,
Wed. Jan. 10th, 7:00 pm

**No Benediction or Adoration on
Tuesday, Jan. 9th as Fr. Schmitz
will not be available.**

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

Any member of the Altar Society
who wishes to be placed on the
Honorary Membership list, please
contact Marilyn as well.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED– We are
asking for volunteers to stay after the
10:30 Mass Today, January 7th to help
take down the Christmas decorations in
the church. We need men to help carry
boxes to the church basement.

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.

ANNUNCIATION OFFERINGS

December 24, 2017

Envelopes \$1420.00
Plate \$353.00
Total \$1773.00
Other Income
Use of Hall \$ 60.00
Christmas Flowers \$ 20.00
Retirement Rel. Fund \$ 10.00
Cath. Charities \$ 115.00
Mass Stipends \$ 10.00
K of C Charities \$ 375.00
E. Bramlage Mem. \$ 100.00
St. M/St. E \$ 956.42*
St. Columbkille \$1070.94*
(*Fr. Schmitz Nov. sal, insur., util., food, & misc.)

ANNUNCIATION OFFERINGS

Dec. 24th 7:30 pm & Dec. 25th 10:30am

Envelopes \$ 365.00
Plate \$ 527.60
Total \$892.60
Other Income
Catholic Charities \$537.00
Ret. Religious Fund \$ 40.00
Leaven \$ 21.00

ANNUNCIATION OFFERINGS

Dec. 31st, 2017

Envelopes \$1006.00
Plate \$190.42
Total \$1196.42
Other Income
Catholic Charities \$50.00

ANNUNCIATION OFFERINGS

Monday, January 1st

Plate \$68.00

WOMEN’S DISCERNMENT

RETREAT

Do you desire to hear God’s call for your life and respond so that God may act through you? Then come and join other young women who are open to the joy of totally following God's will for their lives. Ladies between the ages of 18 and 30 are invited to participate, with opportunities to grow in community and friendship, develop a deeper understanding of discernment, and meet some of the consecrated women who are joyfully serving the Church today. Register today at www.archkck.org/ranch or contact the Retreat Team at: psrministry@archkck.org; 785-746-5693
What: Women's Discernment Retreat
Where: Prairie Star Ranch, 1124 California Road, Williamsburg KS 66095
When: January 19-20, beginning at 5:30pm

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.

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.

“HEALING FAMILY BREAKDOWN” SPIRITUAL WORKSHOP

Understand it. Heal it. Prevent it. End it. January 27, 2018 Ascension Catholic Parish 9:10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. • Are you tired of the drama, insecurity and lovelessness? • Do you wonder how to help your family, kids or grandkids? • Do you wonder how we got in this mess and how to recover? • How do we prevent family breakdown? Come to the Ruth Institutes “Preventing and Healing Family Breakdown” and regain hope. (Ages 16 and up) Go to <http://www.ruthinstitute.org/events/healing-familybreakdown> for details and registration information. Questions call Deacon Tony Zimmerman 913 647 0329

SUNDAY BREAKFAST– January 7th, 7:30 to 1:00 pm at Holy Family Church, Summerfield, KS. Free Will donation!

Attention ALL parents, Junior High and High school youth.

Jason Evert (chastityproject.com) will be presenting “Purified”, a message of chastity February 4th, 12-4pm, Holton High School 901 New York Ave, Holton. No fee, donations welcome. LOVE OR LUST? (chastity presentation for teens and adults) PARENTING FOR PURITY (presentation for adults only) Youth only sessions including Q & A Panel and Eucharistic adoration. Light refreshments. Free books and CDs for every family!! Rural parishes earn grant money for attendance. Questions contact Linda Dressman at 785-313-5602.

SAVE THE DATE– WINTER

YOUTH RALLY– Sunday, February 18th, at Axtell, KS. Keynote Speakers are Mikey Needleman & Mike Debus who are recent NCYC and Kelly Youth Rally Performers. More information & signup sheets to follow. Open to current 9th through 12th grade and college age youth. Sponsored by Local Knights of Columbus councils.

Attention everyone ages 12-100 years

old! REBOOT, a life changing event featuring Chris Stefanick. Wednesday March 14th, 2018 7-9:30 pm. Wamego High School, 801 Lincoln Ave, Wamego. Tickets are 22.00. Purchase tickets online at RealLifeCatholic.com/reboot.

“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

Have you ever experienced an epiphany – a moment of profound insight? This week we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord, not a moment of profound insight for him, but a moment of profound insight about him. Specifically, we are celebrating the manifestation of Christ to the Magi. To enter more fully into the significance of this event we must enter into the heart and mind of the Jewish faithful. For thousands of years Israel had been set apart as God's special people, unique from all the other nations of the world. God chose to manifest himself in a unique way to Israel through both words and miraculous deeds of deliverance. It was with Israel that God established a special covenant, and to them that God promised a future, glorious Savior-King and an everlasting, glorious reign. What a wonderful heritage, one which left the Israelites with expectancy as they awaited its fulfillment. And then it happened! The Savior-King is born, not in a regal setting but in humble surroundings. One would think that surely the renowned of Israel would be beckoned to welcome his arrival and pay him homage as Christ and King. But it wasn't so. Instead, the angels announced his arrival to the most lowly of Israel, common shepherds, and to the Magi, non-Jewish kings/wise men from the orient. Was this a mistake on the heralds' part? Obviously not, rather it was an epiphany, a moment of profound insight symbolically provided by a loving Father. When the Father chose to make Jesus, the Messiah-King's arrival known to these two groups, shepherds and kings, he symbolically included all humanity in this saving act, both Jews and Gentiles. That favorite

verse many of us have memorized, "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son," reminds us that he was a gift for the world's salvation. That Jesus is savior of all mankind and savior for all mankind is the profound insight, the epiphany, brought by the Magi's experience. With hindsight we can now go back and reread the promises of God and see salted throughout the Old Testament, references to the "nations," the Gentiles. It was always God's intention to reach the nations through the covenant and promises given to Israel. God's intention always was to bring salvation to all mankind, and this profound insight is included in the Epiphany of the Lord. Will it also be an epiphany for you? Will it be a moment of profound insight wherein you realize that Jesus is not exclusively for you, but for all? His intentions remain the same, to bring salvation to all mankind, only now his plan includes us, the Church, as his primary messenger. Will this be a time of insight when you embrace your responsibility to help take the Good News to the nations? Paul grasped this profound insight in the second reading, and because of it says in the very next verse, "Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace." May God enable us to follow Paul's example by grasping this profound insight and making this profound commitment of surrender. "The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East... In the magi, representatives of the neighboring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation. The magi's coming to Jerusalem in order to pay

Daily Mass Readings

Monday, Jan. 8	First Reading: <u>Is. 55: 1-11</u> Gospel: <u>Mk. 1: 7-11</u>
Tues- day, Jan. 9	First Reading: <u>1 Sm. 1: 9-20</u> Gospel: <u>Mk. 1:21-28</u>
Wednes- day, Jan. 10	First Reading: <u>1 Sm. 3: 1-10, 19-20</u> Gospel: <u>Mk. 1: 29-39</u>
Thurs- day, Jan. 11	First Reading: <u>1 Sm.. 4: 1-11</u> Gospel: <u>Mk. 1: 40-45</u>
Friday, Jan. 12	First Reading: <u>1 Sm. 8: 4-7, 10-22A</u> Gospel: <u>Mk. 2: 1-12</u>
Satur- day, Jan. 13	First Reading: <u>1 Sm. 9: 1-4, 17-19; 10; 1</u> Gospel: <u>Mk. 2: 13-17</u>
Sunday, Jan. 14	First Reading: <u>1 Sm. 3: 3B-10, 19</u> Second Reading: <u>1 Cor. 6:13C-15A, 17-20</u> Gospel: <u>Jn. 1: 35-42</u>

homage to the king of the Jews shows that they seek in Israel, in the messianic light of the star of David, the one who will be king of the nations. Their coming means that pagans can discover Jesus and worship him as Son of God and Savior of the world only by turning toward the Jews and receiving from them the messianic promise as contained in the Old Testament."* *Catechism of the Catholic Church, (528).

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St. Monica\St. Elizabeth, Blue Rapids



Calendar and Mass Intention

January 14th, 8:30 am – +Kate Dobrovolny

Dec. 31, 2018 offerings

Envelopes	\$1080.00
Plate	\$ 70.00

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. 14th, 8:30 a.m. St. Monica\St. Elizabeth

Lector	J. Bachura
Servers	M. Shanks, M. Toerber, & K. Becker
Gifts	Jackson family
Communion	P. Waite, Sa. Toerber, & J. Bachura
Ushers	M. Rowe & D. Gleason

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

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.
Workers list will be ready soon.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Ashley Howell 1/6
Robert Green 1/8
Daniel Gleason 1/11
Cheryl Skalla 1/14

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.

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St. Columbkille Parish, Blaine KS

Ministers of the Mass *Saturday Jan. 13, 6:00 p.m.*

Saturday December 30, 2017 offering:

Lector	Todd Sheppard
Servers	Brandon Geyer, Dylan and Devin Plummer
Ministers	Jean Knoblauch, Frank Finan, Mark Cusimano, Janet Holthaus
Hospitality	Mike & Pat Wulf

12/30/2016	Envelope	600.00	
	Plate	184.00	
			784.00
12/30/2017	Church reno		1,450.00

Christmas Memorial Flowers

Kenneth & Lorena Alexander and Michael Finan --
 Denise & Frank Finan
 John & Mary Malone, Beatrice & Carl Wulf, Mark Wulf,
 Dorothy Schooler – Mike & Pat Wulf
 Kathleen Suther -- Ralph & Karen Suther
 Ivan Plummer – Virgie Plummer
 Members of Ridder & Suther Families, Living &
 Deceased – Ron & Micki Suther
 Leroy & Betty Stewart , Patrick O’Shea & Laurie O’Shea
 Parsons – Steve & Kellie O’Shea
 Clifford & Rita Reginier, Paul & Isadora Wine, Mike &
 Sophia Magnett – Jean Knoblauch
 Louis & Pat Harrington, Rich Harrington, Angela & Sean
 Harrington – Jim & Karen Harrington
 Pat O’Shea, Laurie O’Shea Parsons, Lloyd & Robert
 Geyer, & Loren Deters – Russ & Vicky Geyer
 Michael Finan, Frank & Bridget Finan and Karl & Mary
 Strafuss – Dorothy Finan and Family
 Patrick O’Shea and Laurie J O’Shea Parsons – Mrs. Pat
 O’Shea
 Bob McClain -- Terri McClain
 Eleanor Sanford, Vernon & Elvera Kufahl - Lavon &
 Mike Sanford
 Edward Bergmann, Walt & Frances Wichman – Robert
 Bergmann Family
 Lenos & Regina Lundberg, Ronald & Elaine Thompson –
 Steve & Karen Lundberg
 Leo Caffrey, Larry & Kate Noud – Billie Caffrey
 Elmer & Margaret Blaske, Earl & Loeva Stoffer, Natalie
 Blaske & Paul Blaske – John & Joyce Blaske Families
 Ed Murray – Bob Murray Family & J.D. Murray Family

Knights of Columbus Meeting, January 11 at 8 pm.

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.

Server Schedule

Jan 6th Eli Roggenkamp, Malea and Ethan Karnes
 Jan 13th Brandon Geyer, Dylan and Devin Plummer
 Jan 20th Eva, Rebecca and Ty Krohn
 Jan 27th Brooklyn Plummer, Maria Krohn and Jarritt Martens

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

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