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**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**Monday, January 1— Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God – Holy Day of Obligation**

8:30 a.m. @ St. Francis  
10 am Mass @ Annunciation

**Tuesday, January 2—NO DAILY MASS**

**Wednesday, January 3—NO DAILY MASS**

**Thursday, January 4— NO DAILY MASS**

**Friday, January 5—NO DAILY MASS**

**Saturday, January 6—**  
NO DAILY OR SATURDAY EVENING MASS

**Sunday, January 7—**  
8:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Francis—Intention-Kathy Hug  
**9 -10:10 a.m - NO RELIGIOUS ED@ANNUNCIATION**  
10:30 am—Mass @ Annunciation--Intention--All Parishioners  
**NO 6 p.m. Mass**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

The Annunciation Knights of Columbus Council #11853 meets at 7 pm on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at The Lodge, Baldwin City. The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest lay Catholic fraternal service organization. Membership is open to all practical Catholic men in communion with the Holy See, age 18 and above. Visit our website at: [www.baldwinkofc.org](http://www.baldwinkofc.org) for more information or contact Grand Knight, Harvey Ward.

**NEXT MEETING IS TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2018**

**WEEKLY OFFERING – December 24, 2017**

*Sunday Mass:*  
*St. Francis – \$675.00*  
*Annunciation – \$1828.00*

*Christmas Eve:*  
*St. Francis - \$242.00*  
*Annunciation - \$1937.00*

*Christmas Day*  
*Annunciation - \$493.00*

**THANKS FOR YOUR YOUR CONTINUED PARISH SUPPORT!**

**Ministries - Annunciation**

Jan 1 @ 10 am Solemnity of Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day)	Eucharistic Minister: Andy Siebert	Lector: Dawn Rottinghaus	Offertory: Cramer Family	Servers: S. Lundry A. Lundry K. Griffith	Ushers: Greg Wessling Family	Music: Michael Mills Joe Bollig
Jan. 7 @ 10:30 a.m.	Eucharistic Minister: Donita Turk	Lector: Nancy Kronoshek	Offertory: Scott Family	Servers: J. Ruppert J. Berg C. Englert	Ushers: Dave and Pam Hill	Music: Michael Mills Greg Wessling

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**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH  
DECEMBER 31, 2017**



*Simeon blessed Mary and Joseph and he prophesied to Mary about the destiny of this child and the suffering she would undergo for his sake. There is a certain paradox for those blessed by the Lord. Mary was given the blessedness of being the mother of the Son of God. That blessedness also would become a sword which pierced her heart as her Son died upon the cross. She received both a crown of joy and a cross of sorrow. But her joy was not diminished by her sorrow because it was fueled by her faith, hope, and trust in God and his promises. Jesus promised his disciples that "no one will take your joy from you" (John 16:22). The Lord gives us a supernatural joy which enables us to bear any sorrow or pain and which neither life nor death can take away. Do you know the peace and joy of a life surrendered to God with faith and trust?*

*Meditation: Do you know the favor of the Lord? After Jesus' birth, Mary fulfills the Jewish rite of purification after childbirth. Since she could not afford the customary offering of a lamb, she gives instead two pigeons as an offering of the poor. This rite, along with circumcision and the redemption of the first-born point to the fact that children are gifts from God. Jesus was born in an ordinary home where there were no luxuries. Like all godly parents, Mary and Joseph raised their son in the fear and wisdom of God. He, in turn, was obedient to them and grew in wisdom and grace. The Lord's favor is with those who listen to his word with trust and obedience. Do you know the joy of submission to God? And do you seek to pass on the faith and to help the young grow in wisdom and maturity?*

**January Intentions of Pope Francis:**

**Eucharistic Adoration is the 1st Sunday of the month at Annunciation. NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION IN JANUARY.**



**Evangelization: Religious Minorities in Asia**  
That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.



**ANNUNCIATION/ST. FRANCIS HAPPENINGS**  
**~CALENDAR OF EVENTS~**

**Father Joe will be visiting his family in India**, January 2-February 8, 2018,. During this time, there will be two Sunday Masses at both parishes. Mass times will be 8:30 a.m. at St. Francis, and 10:30 a.m..at Annunciation. There will be no 6 p.m. mass on Sundays and no daily mass while he is gone. If you are in need of a priest, please contact parish secretary, Donita Turk, 785-979-7677.

**High School Youth group** will resume January 21<sup>st</sup> at 9-10:10 a.m.. in St. Ann's Hall. We will meet at this time each week until Father Joe returns from India.

**Father Bill Fisher to Celebrate 25 years of Priesthood**  
 Sacred Heart Parish invites the friends and former parishioners of Father Bill Fisher to join in a Mass of Thanksgiving to celebrate his 25th Anniversary of Ordination at 11am on Sunday, January 14th at Sacred Heart Church, 5th and Cedar in Ottawa. A lunch in the Parish Center will follow the Mass. If you plan to attend the lunch, please RSVP to jjohnson66@live.com or call 785-242-3384 by January 7th.

**New Year's Day Mass Schedule:**  
**January 1: Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary,**  
**the Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)**  
 8:30 a.m. at St. Francis  
 10 a.m. at Annunciation

**The Knights of Columbus will hand out baby bottles** for their annual Pocket Change for Pro Life campaign on the weekend of January 7<sup>th</sup>. During the month of January, the Knights ask that you collect change in in the bottles, pray for the Pro Life movement daily, and further educate yourself on the Pro Life movement. Please accept your bottle on that weekend and follow the instructions provided. All funds raised during the month will be donated to the Pregnancy Care Center of Lawrence.

**Volunteer Open House--Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas** is seeking volunteers to serve in our new, bigger Lawrence location! Volunteers are needed for a variety of tasks, including: assisting in the pantry, front desk reception and preparing income taxes (see below for more information). Morning and afternoon shifts are available, during business hours, Monday through Friday. Training is provided. If you are interested in volunteering or just want to come check out our new space, join us for an open house on Wednesday, January 17 at 10:30AM at our new location: 1525 West 6th Street – Lawrence, KS 66044). For more information or to RSVP, contact Namaste Manney at 785.856.2694 or [nmanney@catholiccharitiesks.org](mailto:nmanney@catholiccharitiesks.org)

**BALDWIN FOOD PANTRY**

**PLEASE BRING BREAKFAST CEREAL AND ANY OTHER FOOD!** Drop off your donations in the parish hall or at the Food Pantry located at Baldwin First United Methodist Church, 704 Eighth Street, Baldwin City. The hours of operation are: Thursdays, 7-8 p.m., and Saturdays, 9-11 a.m

<b>Annunciation Parish</b> 740 N 6th Street Baldwin City, KS 66006	<b>St. Francis Parish</b> 452 E 300 Rd Overbrook, KS 66524
<b>BU Campus Ministry</b> Campus Center 609 8th Street Baldwin City, KS 66006	<b>Parish Office</b> (785) 594-3700 <b>Office Hours:</b> Tuesday-Friday from 9-12

*For a personal appointment with Father Joe please call him at 785-594-3700.*  
**Email: [www.baldwincitycatholics@gmail.com](mailto:www.baldwincitycatholics@gmail.com)**

**Our website is <http://annunciationchurchks.org/>**  
**The bulletin and mass times are available on website.**

**E-BULLETIN & BULLETIN INFO DEADLINE**  
 Did you know that you can receive our weekly bulletin via email? The e-Bulletin for the upcoming week is sent out every Saturday by noon. If you were out of town for the weekend, want a sneak peek at the bulletin or simply don't want to worry about picking it up after Mass, send an email to: [baldwincitycatholics@gmail.com](mailto:baldwincitycatholics@gmail.com) and ask to be added to the e-Bulletin mailing list. **Bulletin announcements are due each week by TUESDAYS@noon. Please email to [baldwincitycatholics@gmail.com](mailto:baldwincitycatholics@gmail.com).**

**Prayer for Priests**  
*O Jesus, our great High Priest,  
 Hear my humble prayers on behalf of your priests.  
 Give them a deep faith  
 a bright and firm hope  
 and a burning love  
 which will ever increase  
 in the course of their priestly life.  
 In their loneliness, comfort them  
 In their sorrows, strengthen them  
 In their frustrations, point out to them  
 that it is through suffering that the soul is purified,  
 and show them that they are needed by the Church,  
 they are needed by souls,  
 they are needed for the work of redemption.  
 O loving Mother Mary, Mother of Priests,  
 take to your heart your sons who are close to you  
 because of their priestly ordination,  
 and because of the power which they have received  
 to carry on the work of Christ  
 in a world which needs them so much.  
 Be their comfort, be their joy, be their strength,  
 and especially help them  
 to live and to defend the ideals of consecrated celibacy.  
 Amen.  
 (recited at the end of each Sunday Rosary)*

**CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERINGS**

Many thanks to everyone who donated for Christmas flowers to St. Francis and Annunciation parishes. Both parishes were beautiful! When Father Joe returns from India, masses will be said for your intentions.

**St. Francis—In Memory of**  
 Roland and Fern Hug  
 Kathy Hug  
 Jim Hug  
 The Hegeman Family  
 Robert and Shirley Lang (2)  
 Elmer Grubbs  
 John Richard  
 Robert Trear

**Annunciation—In Memory of**  
 George Splichal  
 Blanche Splichal  
 J.W. Robson  
 Vera Robson  
 Larry Turner  
 Loftus Family  
 Marion Bollig  
 Marie Trybom  
 Marvin Trybom  
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 Gus Wolken  
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 Agnes Mader  
 Frank and Josephine Turner  
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 Daryl Rockers  
 Joanne Rockers  
 Charles and Clara Rockers  
 Evelyn Morton  
 Beverly Morton  
 Alois Madl  
 Gilbert Turk  
 Delores Stroda  
 Adeline Makovec  
 Barbara Ann Turk  
 Barbara Ellen Turk  
 Krista Shannon  
**In Honor of—**  
 Marcella Madl

**MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Mon. Jan. 1: NM 6:22-27; PS 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8.; GAL 4:4-7; LK 2:16-21  
 Tue. Jan 2: 1 JN 2:22-28; PS 98:1, 2-3AB, 3CD-4; JN 1:19-28  
 Wed. Jan 3: 1 JN 2:29-3:6; PS 98:1, 3CD-4, 5-6; JN 1:29-34  
 Thu. Jan 4: 1 JN 3:7-10; PS 98:1, 7-8, 9; JN 1:35-42  
 Fri. Jan 5: 1 JN 3:11-21; PS 100:1B-2, 3, 4, 5; JN 1:43-51  
 Sat. Jan 6: 1 JN 5:5-13; PS147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; MK 1:7-11

Catholic websites for daily Mass readings: [dailyreadings@uscbb.org](mailto:dailyreadings@uscbb.org) from the US Conference of Catholic Bishops Read or listen to an audio recording at: [goodnews@franciscanmedia.org](mailto:goodnews@franciscanmedia.org)

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**St. Francis Christmas Eve**



**Annunciation Christmas Eve**

