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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 by
appointment

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Annunciation Parish

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

JANUARY 8TH 2017

The Epiphany of the Lord

Growing as Disciples of Jesus, Making Disciples For Jesus

Update on Fr. Jim

Shaughnessy—He is soon returning to active ministry, and many of you have asked about where you might send a card. You will be able to reach him at Church of the Nativity, 3800 W. 119th St., Leawood, KS 66209. Please pray for Fr. Jim as he makes this transition.

This week in Catholic History: 3 Saints are celebrated this week that are crucial to our faith in Christ as true God and true man. **Sts. Gregory Naziazen, Hilary of Potiers, and Gregory of Nyssa** were all bishops who faced exile and hardships because they defended the divinity of Jesus. Several emperors in

a row in the 4th century tried changing the Catholic faith to say that Jesus was only a man, (making him on par with the emperors themselves.) Many, many bishops bowed to the emperors, but not these men, knowing that if Christ were not God, he did not have the power to save us. All three are celebrated during this Christmas season, when we celebrate the Son of God becoming one like us, that we might become like him.

St. Angela of Foligno is another saint this week. I like her, as she didn't start out on a saintly path. Indeed, for the first 40 years of her life, she was devoted not to Jesus, but to what many of the rest of

her family was: power and wealth and social position. The sacrament of penance showed her how frivolous her way of life was, and she turned to the important things of faith and family. Shortly after her conversion, she lost her husband, and spent the remaining years doing what she was able to treat others as she had started to treat him before his death. As a nurse and beggar for those in need, she went from praying with the Crucified Christ to serving those who were enduring their own forms of suffering. In emptying herself for the love of others, she became filled with the love of God. May His same love fill your hearts this holy season!

Financial Peace University

We have one spot remaining for each parish for Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, starting Feb 2nd, at 7pm in the Cigna Center. You can sign up online through the parish website. Feel free to consider the cost of the program as your tithe to the parish.

Mass Intentions

Date	Day	Notes	Intention
01/09/2017	Monday	The Baptism of the Lord	No a.m. Mass
01/10/2017	Tuesday	Weekday	No a.m. Mass
01/11/2017	Wednesday	Weekday	No Mass at the Care Home
01/12/2017	Thursday	Weekday	No a.m. Mass
01/13/2017	Friday	St. Hilary	No a.m. Mass
01/14/2017	Saturday	Frankfort 4:00 p. m.	+Matt & +Lillie Noud
01/14/2017	Saturday	Blaine 6:00 p.m.	+Joanne Noel
01/15/2017	Sunday	Blue Rapids 8:30 a. m.	For All Parishioners of the 3 Parishes
01/15/2017	Sunday	Frankfort 10:30 a. m.	+Albert Maas

Saturday, Jan. 14th: Annunciation 4:00 pm

Lector	Phil Maas
Servers	Olivia Kennedy & Emily Weyer
Communion	J. Kennedy, R. Broxterman, & C. Weyer
Musicians	Jane S., Lynn B., & Denise S.
Ushers	Duane Dressman & Jim Roeder
Gifts	Ushers to appoint
Rosary	Charlie & Rita Broxterman
Sacristan	Cathy Weyer

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Sunday, Jan. 15th: Annunciation 10:30 am

Lector	Bob Stallbaumer
Servers	Devin Helmerichs, Jack & Chloe Mitchell
Communion	C. Hull, L. Schmitz, & T. Dressman
Musicians	Jeanie, Emily F., & Brady T.
Ushers	Bob Mitchell & Maurice Bergman
Gifts	Ushers to appoint
Rosary	Kelli Kokoruda
Care Home	Linda Roeder
Sacristan	Elma Mitchell

This that and the Other...

Benefit Breakfast at the Cigna Center Today, Jan. 8, 2017. Sausage, bacon, eggs, biscuits & gravy, hash browns and cinnamon rolls. Serving from 8 am – 1 pm. Free will donation-proceeds go to the renovation of the old Frankfort Grade School. All are welcome!

NOTICE

No Benediction or Rosary on Tuesday, January 10th as Fr. Schmitz will be unavailable

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

ALTAR SOCIETY NOTES- The 2017 Altar Society list with new chairman and co-chairman is available in the back of the church. **Many thanks to all members** of the Altar Society for their dedication and hard work in support of the various parish functions throughout the year.

ALTAR SOCIETY NOTES- Your 2017 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.

OFFERING ENVELOPES- Your 2017 offering envelopes are in the back of church. Please take a minute to stop and pick yours up. **Thank you to all parishioners for your continued support of our parish!**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED- We are asking for volunteers to stay after mass today, (Jan. 8th) to help take down the Christmas decorations in church. All Volunteers would be greatly appreciated!

ANNUNCIATION OFFERINGS

December 25, 2016 & January 1, 2017

Envelopes \$4,273.45

Plate \$990.72

Total \$5,264.17

Other Income

Mass Stipends \$ 180.00

Christmas Flowers \$ 60.00

Catholic Charities \$1628.70

Fuel \$ 60.00

Ch. Latin America \$ 10.00

Retire. Fund for Rel. \$ 10.00

St. M/St. E \$1957.03*

(*Fr. Schmitz Aug. & Sept. sal., insur., food, util., & etc).

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL

Thank you to all those who participated . Additional names for the memorial are LJ & Renee Miller and Virgil & Dora Bowhay.

HELP WANTED— Would you and some friends be able to provide a meal for the Jr/Sr High Religious Ed. Classes & Team Leaders? Will need food for approximately 50-60 people. Dates that volunteers are needed are Feb. 8th, Feb. 15th, Feb. 22nd, April 19th, April 26th, & May 3rd. If you would like to volunteer please contact Cathy Joseph at 785-564-0864.

CCD NOTES

No Class Grades 1-6 until Jan. 11th

(Winter Break)

No Class Grades 7-12 until Jan 11th

(Winter Break)

KANSANS FOR LIFE— Since January 22nd, 1973 there have been at least 61 million abortions. The Supreme Court said abortion was legal but only God has divine authority over life and death. Our country is suffering because of the loss of life and the women who have been devastated by an abortion experience. Join us in proclaiming the sanctity of life at the **Rally for Life on Monday, January 23rd** on the steps of the State Capitol in Topeka. Registration starts at 8:30 followed by workshops, prayer service, Rally, lunch, and more workshops. Gather your friends and join us in proclaiming that life is sacred— from the beginning. For more information call Kansans for Life at 1-800-928-5433 or check our **www.kfl.org**

Knights of Columbus Council #1383 are once again sponsoring a Pro-Life baby shower during the month of January. Donations of maternity clothing and baby items may be placed in the baby bassinet in the back of church. Also, baby bottles are available for your loose change. Monetary donations may be dropped off at the Church Office or given to Jim Roeder.

OPEN TO LIFE WORKSHOP

"Open to Life: How Jesus through His Church Transforms Persons with Same-Sex Attraction." Come join us and hear Andrew Comiskey and others share how the Church is Good News for persons with SSA. Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2017, 10am to 1pm, St. Andrew the Apostle Church, 6415 NE Antioch Road, Gladstone, MO 64119. \$20/person includes lunch and Open to Life booklet. Register at www.desertstreams.org/events.

GIVE YOUR SPOUSE A SPECIAL GIFT THIS CHRISTMAS

Sign up now for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend and receive the gift of a great marriage. Making a weekend will help you put a little Christmas in your marriage every day! The next Weekend in Kansas City is January 27-29, 2017 For more information or to apply, please visit our website: www.wwme4youandme.org or call Tony & Barb Zimmerman, 816-741-4066 or email tonybarbz@prodigy.net

WOMEN'S DISCERNMENT RETREAT

Do you desire time away to pray about God's Will for your life? Single women between the ages of 18 and 30 are invited to Prairie Star Ranch to participate in an overnight discernment experience. This Retreat is full of opportunities to grow in community and friendship, develop a deeper understanding of how God is speaking to you, 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 20th-21st, beginning at 5:30pm

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

This New Year, resolve to drop the burden of contraception and embrace the freedom of **Natural Family Planning!** Leave behind the health risks of contraception—you and your spouse deserve this wonderful gift to each other! You are encouraged to attend the course in the Sympto-Thermal Method of NFP offered through the Couple to Couple League International beginning in Topeka on Saturday, Jan. 28th, at 7pm. A reasonable course fee is charged. Call Dana or Eric Runnebaum at [785-380-0062](tel:785-380-0062) for more info, including the class location and the availability of **online** classes. **Pre-registration required at: www.celi.org.** Learn more at nftopeka.blogspot.com.

PROJECT RACHEL

You are lovedAfter abortion. Maybe you don't love yourself but that is not God's way. Divine Mercy loves unconditionally, everyone. Let Project Rachel show you the many ways of healing. **FREE, CONFIDENTIAL.** Private classes or group support. Call or email Patricia at 888-246-1504 or projectrachelkc@archkck.org. Project Rachel is a ministry supported by Call to Share .



Reflecting On Sunday's Readings

During these past several weeks of Advent we have been conscious of Christ's light penetrating our darkened world. We have celebrated God's grace manifested through his Son, Jesus, and gloried in this heavenly visitation. In the book *On Being Human*, Bishop Fulton J. Sheen explains, "But Christmas is not a man making himself a god, but God becoming a man, without ever ceasing to be God. In the first instance, there is exaltation or self-inflation by which man makes himself what he is not. In the second instance, there is humiliation, for God takes on the form and habit of man." What a glorious truth! During Epiphany we celebrate the manifestation of Jesus the Christ to the Magi, which in turn represents the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. About these Gentiles Paul later says "you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world." No wonder the Magi fell down in praise and worship. Paul later explains, "Now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near in the blood of Christ." No wonder they experienced such joy. For many of us who have not experienced ostracism because of our race or social standing it is difficult to fathom the importance of this early and inclusive manifestation. Perhaps only a country like India where the caste system is so pronounced between the "untouchables" and the elite can we find a modern day parallel. Throughout the Old Testament Scriptures, though God chose and blessed the nation Israel, he always maintained the witness that the salvation of ALL MANKIND was at the heart of his concern and plan. Consequently, right from the beginning of Jesus' earthly existence God chose to manifest the Savior to both Jew and Gentile. He was to be, and is, the Light of the World for all people for all time. In the midst of our

rejoicing at the significance of this wonderful truth we must recognize that it also calls forth a gift response from us as it did the Magi. Not merely a gift of gold, frankincense and myrrh, but one of cooperation and participation in God's concern and plan that all mankind might be united in Christ. "This is a task I wish to invite all local churches to undertake," writes Pope John Paul II in *At the Beginning of the New Millennium*. "In each of them, gathered around their Bishop, as they listen to the word and 'break bread' in brotherhood, the 'one holy catholic and apostolic Church of Christ is truly present and operative.' It is above all in the actual situation of each local church that the mystery of the one People of God takes the particular form that fits it to each individual context and culture. "In the final analysis, this rooting of the Church in time and space mirrors the movement of the Incarnation itself. Now is the time for each local Church [and each individual] to assess its fervor and find fresh enthusiasm for its spiritual and pastoral responsibilities, by reflecting on what the Spirit has been saying to the People of God ..." The Epiphany of the Lord, falling as it does at the beginning of a new year, provides an ideal reminder and opportunity to reassess our commitment to our Lord's concerns and plans, and to align our lives and gifts with his. Begin this process by making a gift to Christ of a block of your time, where you can sit and allow the Holy Spirit to lead you through this realignment process. Every child adopted into a family receives not only the privileges and joys of belonging, but also the responsibilities. As Gentiles we should rejoice that we have been adopted into God's family, and we also should rejoice that we can affirm our significance by sharing in its responsibilities and purposes..

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Daily Mass Readings

Monday, Jan. 9	First Reading: <u>Is. 42: 1-4, 6-7</u> or <u>Acts. 10: 34-38</u> Gospel: <u>Mt. 3: 13-17</u>
Tuesday, Jan. 10	First Reading: <u>Heb. 2: 5-12</u> Gospel: <u>Mk. 1: 21-28</u>
Wednesday, Jan. 11	First Reading: <u>Heb. 2: 14-18</u> Gospel: <u>Mk. 1: 29-39</u>
Thursday, Jan. 12	First Reading: <u>Heb. 3: 7-14</u> Gospel: <u>Mk. 1: 40-45</u>
Friday, Jan. 13	First Reading: <u>Heb. 4: 1-5, 11</u> Gospel: <u>Mk. 2: 1-12</u>
Saturday, Jan. 14	First Reading: <u>Heb. 4: 12-16</u> Gospel: <u>Mk. 2: 13-17</u>
Sunday, Jan. 15	1st Reading: <u>Is. 49: 3, 5-6</u> 2nd Reading: <u>1 Cor. 1: 1-3</u> Gospel: <u>Jn. 1: 29-34</u>

Looking for a way of praying consistently, and praying with and for others? www.praymorenovenas.com allows you to join over 200,000 other Catholics with daily prayers/videos emailed to you. It contains some of the most popular novenas in the Church. Novenas are great ways of regularly praying both in thanksgiving for the gifts God has given you and for asking for the good things the Father wants to give His children.



St. Monica\St. Elizabeth, Blue Rapids



Calendar and Mass Intention

Jan. 15th, 8:30 am – For All Parishioners of the 3 Parishes

Dec. 25, 2016 & January 1, 2017 offerings

Envelopes	\$1461.00
Plate	\$ 246.45
Cath. Charities	\$ 15.00

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. 15th, 8:30 a.m. St. Monica\St. Elizabeth

Lector	M. Heinen
Servers	J. Brungardt, E. Brungardt, & M. Shanks
Gifts	Swearingen Family
Communion	H. Brungardt, M. Heinen, & Sa. Toerber
Ushers	M. Rowe & D. Dobrovolny

Church Cleaners: January– Sally Henry

Sacristan Schedule: January— Theresa Minihan

Breakfast Committee: January – Ruth Tate, Peggy Waite, Jeanette Borgerding, & Gail Johannes

Altar Society: Monthly meeting January 18, 2017 at noon. Plans to finalize soup day and set the hall up. Altar Society officers for 2017. President Holly Brungardt and Marilyn Borgerding, Treasurer Theresa Minihan

BLUE VALLEY NURSING HOME– We are scheduled to have church services at Blue Valley Nursing Home on January 8, 2017 at 9:30 am. 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

New contact for Church Hall Rental is John Wienck at 785-799-4069 or jwienck@yahoo.com

Thank you to all who provided the church during Christmas with their poinsettia memorials. We always appreciate them helping to make the church look so beautiful by remembering their loved ones.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Robert Green 1/8
Daniel Gleason 1/11
Cheryl Skalla 1/14

PRO-LIFE BABY SHOWER- The Marysville Knights of Columbus will once again be sponsoring a Pro-Life Baby Shower during the month of January. New maternity or baby items or clothing will be accepted. Also accepting monetary donations. Please leave all donations in the back of church. Questions contact John Wienck.

From the Pastor: Interested in serving the parish in a new way? We are looking for people to be involved in the ministries of the church.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Friday, 12:00 to 5:00 pm. Any and all are welcome to come spend some time with the Lord.



St. Columbkille Parish, Blaine KS

Ministers of the Mass *Saturday Jan. 14, 6:00 p.m.*

Saturday Dec. 31, 2016 offering:

Lector	Todd Sheppard
Servers	Maria and Eva Krohn
Cross Bearer	Rebecca Krohn
Ministers	Jean Knoblauch, Frank Finan, Mark Cusimano Janet Holthaus
Hospitality	Michael & Stacie Ridder

12/31/2016	Envelope	573.00	
	Plate	290.00	
	Soleminity of Mary	114.00	
	Hall Rent	30.00	
			1007.00

12/31/2016	Church Reno		8,365.00
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Knights of Columbus Meeting - January 12th

Pro-Life Baby Shower

Throughout the month of January, the Knights of Columbus will be conducting a Pro-Life Baby Shower. Donations of new or used baby or maternity clothing, baby and pregnancy supplies, diapers, bottles, and formula would be appreciated. Please place any donations in the baby crib in the back of the church. Cash donations can be given to Harry Moser, Steve O'Shea or Jim McCormick.

No January altar society meeting.

Server Schedule

Jan 7th Jarritt Martens and Allie Valburg
 Cross Bearer Molly Minihan
 Jan 14th Maria and Eva Krohn
 Cross Bearer Rebecca Krohn
 Jan 21st Eli Roggenkamp and Malea Karnes
 Cross Bearer Ethan Karnes
 Jan 28th Brooklyn and Dylan Plummer
 Cross Bearer Devin Plummer
 Feb 4th Jarritt Martens and Allie Valburg
 Cross Bearer Molly Minihan
 Feb 11th Maria and Rebecca Krohn
 Cross Bearer Eva Krohn

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT— every Wednesday 11:00 to 3:00 pm. All Parishioners are invited to drop in when they can to share in the peace & blessings of Adoration.

The Blaine/Westmoreland Senior Citizens Hold their meeting every 4th Tuesday of each month in the St. Columbkille Parish Hall at noon. A potluck lunch is followed by a short meeting, cards, & conversation. All senior citizens are welcome.

Monday January 23, we will be serving the Pottawatomie Co. NRCS annual meeting dinner, the proceeds from this meal goes to the church restoration fund. Check the back of the church for cake sign-up sheet. We will also need kitchen and preparation help, and will have a sign up for this as well. Anyone interested in helping please contact Charlene Sheppard (785-457-2164) or Mark Cusimano (785-564-1441).

Thank you to all who helped clean the church and decorate for Christmas. Thank you to Mike Sanford for cleaning and polishing the candle holders Pat and Natha

NOTICE

If interested in serving on the parish council, please visit with Fr. Schmitz. We are looking for new members.