Eucharistic Adoration is the 1st Sunday of the month at Annunciation.

**Annunciation Catholic Church**
**St. Francis Catholic Church**

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

**January 6, 2019**

"They fell down and worshiped Jesus"

Matthew 2:1-12

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him.”

When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judaea; for so is it written by the prophet: ‘And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will govern my people Israel.’”

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star appeared; and he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” When they had heard the king they went their way; and lo, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

**Meditation:** If Jesus truly is who he claims to be, the eternal Son of God and Savior of the world, then why is he not recognized by everyone who hears his word and sees his works? John the Evangelist states that when Jesus came into the world the world knew him not and his own people received him not (John 1:10-11). Jesus was born in obscurity. Only the lowly shepherds recognized him at his birth. Some wise men also found their way to Bethlehem to pay homage to the newborn King of Israel. These men were not Israelites, but foreigners. They likely had read and discussed the Messianic prophecies and were anxious to see whether this Messianic King would appear. God led them by means of an extraordinary star across the desert to the little town of Bethlehem where Jesus was born.

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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

The Annunciation Knights of Columbus Council #11853 meets 8:00 a.m. Mass @ Annunciation - Art and Janice Madl Thursday, January 10 - Thursday after Epiphany 8:00 a.m. Mass @ Annunciation - Joseph and Barbara Madl

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE AT ANNUNCIATION**

**January 6, Mass at 10:30 a.m.**

Lector: Kevin Stapleton
Eucharistic Ministers: N. Kronsobek, T. Brown, C. Cink
Offertory: Devin Scott Family
Servers: S. Lundry, S. Griffith, G. Callahan
Ushers: Fred and Paula Madl
Music: Miriam Walski, Bonnie Thurlow

**January 13, Mass at 5 p.m.**

Lector: Tim Donohue
Offertory: Mark and Sandy Barnes
Servers: C. Behrens, J. Ruppert
Ushers: Mark and Sandy Barnes
Music: Miriam Walski, Greg Wessling

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

Monday, January 7

**NO DAILY MASS**

Tuesday, January 8 - Tuesday after Epiphany

8:00 a.m. Mass @ Annunciation - Lillian Brezigar

Wednesday, January 9 - Wednesday after Epiphany

8:00 a.m. Mass @ Annunciation - Joseph and Barbara Madl

Thursday, January 10 - Thursday after Epiphany

8:00 a.m. Mass @ Annunciation - Art and Janice Madl

Friday, January 11 – Friday after Epiphany

8:00 a.m. Mass @ Annunciation – Dave Kronsobek Family

First Saturday of the Month, Pro-Life Rosary recited at the Knights ground at 8 a.m.

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FATHER JOE WILL BE GONE: January 21 through February 28. He will be going back to visit his family in India. During this time, there will be no daily mass and no 5 p.m. Mass at Annunciation. In case of emergency while he is gone, if you are in need of a priest, please contact the parish secretary, Donita Turk, 785-979-7677.

The Knights will be handing out information after mass on January 6th along with baby bottles to collect change for the annual Pocket Change for Life campaign. The Knights will be handing out information on January 6th along with baby bottles to collect change for the annual Pocket Change for Life campaign.

Pocket Change for Life is a Knights of Columbus campaign to raise awareness, provide information, and collect donations in support of the Culture of Life. All donations collected during the drive will be donated to the Insight Women’s Center of Lawrence and the Knights of Columbus State Ultrasound Initiative. Insight provides counseling and services to pregnant women in the area who have nowhere else to turn. The KCFO Ultrasound Initiative provides funds to install ultrasound machines throughout Kansas at facilities which support the Culture of Life. Thanks for your support! Please return the baby bottles by January 27.

LADIES! Mark your calendar! We will be hosting a Women’s Retreat at Annunciation on Saturday, April 13, from 9-2 p.m. You won’t want to miss it! More information soon!

MARRIAGE MINUTE
In the normal course of a good marriage, our weaknesses, strengths, failures, and successes are borne by our spouse. It is not possible for the one to suffer or feel joy without the other suffering or feeling joy also. For instance, one day you notice that your spouse is burdened by your cross. They are carrying it with you. You are not alone. Then you learn what it really means to be loved by another. Therefore, we need not fear hardship in our marriage. Instead, we can see hardship as a sign of hope.

Prayer for Priests
O Jesus, our great High Priest, Bear our 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.

BISHOP BARRON’S “THE MASS” Part 5, “Preparing for Sacrifice,” will be shown Wednesday, January 9, at 7 p.m. in St. Ann’s Hall. We hope you will join us.

BALDWIN FOOD PANTRY
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. HELP FEED THE HUNGRY! Support the Baldwin Food Pantry!

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REFLECTION
The Holy Family of Nazareth, Jesus, Mary and Joseph are put before us by the Church this weekend as a model for our families. We call them “The Holy Family” but that does not mean that they did not have problems. Just as every family has to face problems and overcome them, or to put it another way, has to carry a cross, so also The Holy Family had to carry crosses. Their many crosses come to mind as we read the Scriptures.

What kept The Holy Family together and sane throughout all of these trials and crosses? The answer is ‘Love for each other and God’. Jesus’ love for Mary and Mary’s love for Jesus, and the love of both of them for God the Father. We can see Jesus’ love for his mother when he was dying on the cross and was worried about leaving her behind so he asked his close friend and disciple John to look after her, saying to Mary, ‘Woman behold your son’, and to John ‘behold your mother’. What holds our families together also in times of difficulty is love and forgiveness. It is love which triumphs in the end, even if for a while love may have to take the form of some honest talking. When discipline needs to be given, if it is not given in love it is reduced to abuse. If ever our families fail in any way, it is because of a lack of love on someone’s part. Whenever our families are successful, it is because they are places of love. Amen!