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Annunciation Parish

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

DECEMBER 3RD 2017

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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First Sunday of Advent

Growing as Disciples of Jesus, Making Disciples For Jesus

Watching and Waiting

The Greek word *kairos*, translated into English as "time", refers to uncommon time, within which uncommon events occur. *Kairos* is God's time. Because there was no way of knowing, in the un-chronicled time of God, when the Lord will return, Christians are admonished to "watch!" In the Gospel reading for the First Sunday of Advent, the command "watch" is repeated three times. Believers, who are watching for God, are like the servants in the parable who remain behind when the owner

of the house leaves to travel abroad. The servants are not to wait idly for the owner's return, nor are Christians to wait idly until the Lord returns. They are to perform their regular duties and be watchful. Interestingly, the four periods of time that are listed in the parable as possibilities for the Lord's return—*evening, midnight, cockcrow, and dawn*—are the four night watches of the Roman military. Like soldiers, Christians are exhorted to stand the "watch" and not be caught asleep. The day of the Lord is not simply something that will

happen at the end of time. Rather, we need to be watchful to see how every day of our faith lives is the day of the Lord. We all wait. Whether it be in traffic, in the checkout line at the supermarket, or on the telephone, waiting is simply part of life. Advent is a season for believers to patiently watch and wait for the God of surprises. God is always simultaneously present and elusive, but watching and waiting for God is always worth it.

HAPPY ADVENT!

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Holy Day of Obligation, Mass Schedule:

*Thursday, Dec. 7th, 6:00 pm at Blue Rapids,
Friday, Dec. 8th, 12:00 pm at Blaine, & 6:00 pm at Frankfort*

Advent Penance Services

*Sunday, December 10th, 3:00 pm Frankfort, and 5:00 pm at St.
Gregory's Marysville, Sunday, December 17th, 3:00 pm at Sts.
Peter and Paul, Seneca*

*(The 4th Sunday of Advent Mass schedule will be the usual
weekend Mass schedule)*

Christmas Mass Schedule

*Sunday, Dec. 24th, 4:00 pm at Blaine and 7:30 pm at Frankfort
Monday, Dec. 25th, 8:30 am at Blue Rapids and 10:30 am at
Frankfort*

Mass Intentions

Date	Day	Notes	Intention
12/04/2017	Monday	Advent Weekday	No a.m. Mass
12/05/2017	Tuesday	Advent Weekday	No 8:00 am Mass 7:00 pm—For All Sick of the Parish
12/06/2017	Wednesday	10:00 am (Frankfort Care Home)	+Barbara Welch
12/07/2017	Thursday	St. Ambrose, Bishop	6:00 pm Blue Rapids—+Richard Zidek
12/08/2017	Friday	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	12:00 pm—Blaine —+Loren Deters 6:00 pm —Frankfort—+Peggy Seematter
12/08/2017	Saturday	Frankfort 4:00	+James & +Katy Noud
12/09/2017	Saturday	Blaine 6:00 pm	+Frances Sutton
12/10/2017	Sunday	Blue Rapids 8:30 a. m.	+Kate Dobrovolny
12/10/2017	Sunday	Frankfort 10:30 a. m.	For All Parishioners of the 3 Parishes

Saturday, Dec. 9th: Annunciation 4:00 pm

Sunday, Dec. 10th: Annunciation 10:30 am

Lector	Pat Brady
Servers	Eli Morton & Jarett Gros
Communion	R. Broxterman, P. Brady, & M. Hazen
Musicians	Jane S. & Lynn S.
Ushers	Ed Brady & Bill Broxterman
Gifts	Ushers to appoint
Rosary	Charlie & Rita Broxterman
Sacristan	Pat Brady

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Lector	Bob Stallbaumer
Servers	Katelyn & Caden Combs, & Sydney Wapp
Communion	L. Dressman, S. Wapp, & L. Schreiner
Musicians	Moogie R., Emily F., & Brady T.
Ushers	Dean Seematter & Jerry Broxterman
Gifts	Ushers to appoint
Rosary	Kay Mitchell
Care Home	Wilma Harrington
Sacristan	Lois Schreiner

This that and the Other...

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Dec. 8th (Reflection)

This feast focuses on how Mary is different from us, immaculately conceived, something that's hard for us to wrap our human minds around. We tend to put all of our focus on how Jesus was conceived, and the fact that today's gospel focuses on the Annunciation doesn't help matters. But this day is about what sets our Blessed Mother apart. She was highly "favored" by God, set apart, the new Eve, and through her fiat, her "yes" to God's will, she begins the course correction for our first parents' mistakes. "O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee."

MINISTER OF THE MASS Friday, Dec. 8th, 6:00 pm Holy Day of Obligation

Lector: Diane Tilley
Servers: Garrett, Gavin Dressman & Joee Bussman
Communion: M. Griffin, C. Hull, & R. Broxterman
Sacristan: Melody Tommer
Musicians: Jeanie G. & Lynn S.
Ushers: Keith Tilley & Paul Tommer
Gifts: Ushers to appoint
Rosary: Wilma Harrington

No Benediction or Adoration on Tuesday, Dec. 5th, instead attend Mass at 7:00 pm.

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

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EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE- Please have all bulletin items in to the Parish Office by Wednesday, Dec. 6th at 10:00 am.

CCD NOTES- Class on Wednesday, Dec. 6th, 2:15 to 3:15 pm

JR/SR. HIGH CCD CLASS on Wednesday, Dec. 6th., 7:00 pm

CHOIR PRACTICE- Wednesday, Dec. 6th., 6:00 pm

ANNUNCIATION OFFERINGS

November 26, 2017

Envelopes \$884.00

Plate \$170.25

Total \$1054.25

Other Income

Mass Stipends	\$ 10.00
Hall Use	\$ 60.00
Camp. Human Dev.	\$ 10.00
Leaven	\$ 42.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 105.00
St. M/St. E	\$ 924.63*
St. Columbkille	\$ 939.27*

(*Fr. Schmitz October sal., insur., food, util., & misc.

Benefit for the family of Amy Stauffer Stus Today, Dec. 3rd, at the Cigna Center. Serving a variety of soups and desserts from 11-1:30. Free will offering.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF NORTHEAST KANSAS

Aaron's Hope Story: Brightened Optimism-Hi, name is Aaron and this is my hope story...One afternoon I decided to meet with a case manager through the Kansas Loan Pool Program (KLPP). I'd had a stroke and was literally in the hospital four months and then in a rehabilitation facility three more. During this time, a trusted family member who had power of attorney squandered all of my finances. When I had recovered sufficiently to again take control of my life, I discovered my savings wiped out, along with unpaid mortgage payments and no utilities. I had little alternative and took out payday and title loans to survive and then just took it one day at a time, trusting that God would take care of me. While I was in this situation I did not want to express any more negativity. My Catholic Charities' case manager even said that I was one of the most joyful people she had ever met. I praise God for leading me to Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas and to the Kansas Loan Pool Program. This month they replaced my 2 payday loans and 1 title loan with a manageable 6% loan. The future feels bright. Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas's mission is to provide help, hospitality and hope to our neighbors in need. Thank you for being part of this mission by considering a generous gift to the Christmas collection to help the less fortunate.

MARRIAGE MINUTE When will it end? Hurricanes, wild fires, mass shootings, terrorist attacks, and the prospect of nuclear war with North Korea can prompt us to ask the Lord, "When will it end, or when will you return?" Advent is very short this year, and it is intended to remind us that the Lord can come when we least expect it. Even if Christ does not return soon, our life could end sooner than we expect. This Advent, live your marriage with no regrets by telling your spouse: • What are you most grateful for about your spouse? • What are you most attracted to? • What can you forgive in your spouse? • What can you ask for forgiveness? Consider the gift of a more joyful and intentional marriage for Christmas by attending the Every Day in Love Date Night on Jan 13. Register at www.archkck.org/everyday.

The Retirement Fund for Religious Collection "Thanks to support from the Retirement Fund for Religious, we are now in a much better position to care for our elders," writes a religious sister. Your donation helps her religious community and hundreds of others provide for aging members and plan for long-term needs. Please give to next week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection.

"God's Little Green Acre" Seminarian Support You are invited to join Catholics across the Archdiocese in giving thanks for our seminarians and show your support as they study for the priesthood. Farmers can donate the proceeds from one acre of their crops, and those who don't farm but want to "grow" vocations can make a donation in any amount. Donations will be divided among our seminarians this Christmas to help them pay for textbooks and living expenses. They greatly appreciate these gifts since they have no income. For questions call Melanie at 913-647-0303 or email vocation@archkck.org. Mail donations to: Vocation office, 12615 Parallel Pkwy, Kansas City, KS 66109.

LEAVEN SUBSCRIPTION Your Leaven Subscription is now due in the amount of \$21.00. Please pay for your own subscription as this helps defray the cost to the parish.

The 2017 Axtell Ecumenical Christmas Choir will be performing the cantata **The Promise of a King** by Lloyd Larson and Joseph Martin on Sunday, December 10, 2017 at 7:30 pm at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Axtell. This year's cantata is directed by Stan Murphy, accompanied by Owen Zinke on the piano, and enjoys singers from the Axtell, Baileyville, Frankfort, St. Benedict, Seneca, Salem, and Summerfield areas. Refreshments will be served in the St. Michael's Church hall after the cantata.

RETREAT OPPORTUNITY – 'ST. THERESE'S LITTLE WAY' Christ's Peace House of Prayer will offer a retreat opportunity 'St. Therese's Little Way' on December 16-17, 2017. Retreat begins with check-in at 8:30am Saturday, Dec. 16, and concludes with Eucharistic Adoration and Evening Prayer at 3:00pm Sunday, Dec. 17. There will be time for reflection, private prayer, walking and watching the movie – Therese, a biography of the Little Flower. Mass will be at the local parish on Saturday at 5:00pm. If interested, please contact info@christspeace.com or call 913-773-8255.

Save the Date! Healing Family Breakdown 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.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE A healthy relationship does not include belittling comments, threats, intimidation, social isolation, economic control, pushing or hitting. If you're not sure if you are in an abusive situation, go to archkck.org/domestic-violence. If you or a family member or friend needs help now, contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline, 800-799-7233 (24 hours); 800-787-3224 (TTY); www.ndvh.org. If you're in immediate danger, call 911.

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

Befana, the Housewife, scrubbing her pane, saw three old sages ride down the lane, saw three grey travelers pass her door—Gaspar, Balthazar, Melchior. “Where journey you sirs?” she asked of them. Balthazar answered, “To Bethlehem, for we have news of a marvelous thing. Born in a manger is Christ the King.” “Give Him my welcome!” Then Gaspar smiled, “Come with us, mistress, to greet the Child.” “Oh, happily, happily would I fare, were my dusting through and I’d polished the stair.” Old Melchior leaned on his saddle horn, “Then send but a gift to the small Newborn.” “Oh, gladly, gladly I’d send Him one, were the hearthstone swept and my weaving done. As soon as ever I’ve baked my bread, I’ll fetch Him a pillow for His head, and a coverlet too,” Befana said. “When the rooms are aired and the linen dry, I’ll look at the Babe.” But the Three rode by. She worked for a day and a night and a day, then, gifts in her hands, took up her way. But she never found where the Christ Child lay. And still she wanders at Christmastide, houseless, whose house was all her pride. Whose heart was tardy, whose gifts were late; wanders, and knocks at every gate. Crying, “Good people, the bells begin! Put off your toiling and let Love in.* This week marks the beginning of Advent Season, followed by the Christmas Season. We, like Befana are faced with equally daunting responsibilities and routines. Whether housewife or executive, laborer or retiree the demands made upon us by the many good things in life never diminish from distracting us from pursuing the best in life. Will we allow the demands to also cause us

to put off recognizing his coming and postpone bringing him the gift of ourselves? Before we know it the gifts will be opened and relatives will be returning home, and the only lasting impression on our heart will be one of exhaustion and disappointment. Once again we may be faced with the emptiness of heart that comes from realizing that another Advent/Christmas season has passed and we missed the opportunity to worship, and celebrate the Christ child. Saint Bernard explains that there are three comings of Christ. The first is what we celebrate as Christmas, where he came in our flesh and in our weakness. In his final coming he will come in glory and majesty. “The intermediate coming is a hidden one; in it only the elect see the Lord within their own selves, and they are saved. In his first coming our Lord came in our flesh and in our weakness; in this middle coming he comes in spirit and in power; in the final coming he will be seen in glory and majesty.”** Saint Bernard reminds us of Jesus’ words, “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him.” What will we do with his coming to us? These coming Advent and Christmas Seasons can be different, filled with awe and reflection, and with joy, peace, and adoration bubbling up within us. Instead of being like Befana, when the Befanas of our world knock on our door looking for where the Christ Child lays, we can invite them in to discover Jesus in our heart and in our home. This week let’s determine that the birth of Christ the King will be celebrated this season and all year long in our heart and lives.

Daily Mass Readings

Monday, Dec. 4	First Reading: <u>Is 2:1-5</u> Gospel: <u>Mt. 8:5-11</u>
Tues- day, Dec. 5	First Reading: <u>Is. 11: 1-10</u> Gospel: <u>Lk. 10:21-24</u>
Wednes- day, Dec. 6	First Reading: <u>Is. 25: 6-10a</u> Gospel: <u>Mt 15: 29-37</u>
Thurs- day, Dec. 7	First Reading: <u>Is. 26: 1-6</u> Gospel: <u>Mt. 7: 21, 24-27</u>
Friday, Dec. 8	First Reading: <u>Gn. 3: 9-15</u> 2nd Reading: <u>Eph.: 1: 3-6</u> Gospel: <u>Lk. 1: 26-38</u>
Satur- day, Dec. 9	First Reading: <u>Is. 30: 19-21</u> Gospel: <u>Mt. 9: 35—10: 1, 5a, 6-8</u>
Sunday, Dec. 10	First Reading: <u>Is. 40: 1-5, 9-11</u> Second Reading: <u>2 Ptr. 3:8-14</u> Gospel: <u>Mk. 1:1-8</u>

* “The Ballad of Befana: An Epiphany Legend” from Starlight: Beholding the Christmas Miracle All Year Long by John Shea. ** The Liturgy of the Hours, Vol. I, page 169.

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



Calendar and Mass Intention

December 10th, 8:30 am – +Kate Dobrovolny
December 7th, 6:00 pm—+Richard Zidek

Nov. 26, 2017 offerings (No report this week)

Envelopes	\$
Plate	\$

NOTICE-
Eucharistic ministers, lector and servers please meet with Fr Schmitz in the vestment room 10 minutes before Mass.

Ministers of the Mass

Sunday Dec. 10th, 8:30 a.m. St. Monica\St. Elizabeth

Lector	J. Bachura
Servers	O. Skalla, M. Toerber, & K. Becker
Gifts	Skalla family
Communion	H. Brungardt, Sa. Toerber, & L. Miller
Ushers	Sc. Toerber & D. Gleason

Church Cleaners: December— Sally Henry
Sacristan Schedule: December— Jan Bergkamp
Breakfast Committee: December—Ruth Tate, Peggy Waite, Jeanette Borgerding, & Gail Johannes
Collection Counters: December—Scott Toerber & Adam Schreiner

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EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE-
Please have all bulletin items in to the Parish Office by Wednesday, Dec. 6th at 10:00 am.

NOTICE-
In the back, find a sign up sheet to help clean the church. I know some of our Confirmation candidates are helping with some of it. It would be good to have a few more volunteers. Thank You.

Charge Slips: Reminder, if you have charged something to the church, the slips you got when charging need to be given to Zita Duensing so the bills can be paid timely. Please also note on the slip the reason for the charge.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)
Ministers of the Mass for Thursday, December 7th, 6:00 pm at St. Monica/St. Elizabeth—(Volunteers welcome)

Hometown Christmas in Blue Rapids is Saturday, December 9 and the Altar Society is planning to have a "Church Ladies Country Christmas Store!"

We would welcome any donations of homemade baked goods, craft items, Christmas decorations, and gently used clothing and articles that customers might buy for Christmas presents. Questions contact Jan Bergkamp

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Eliza Benteman 12/6
Dan Howell 12/6
Jean Ann Wilson 12/7
Katelyn Schroedl 12/9



St. Columbkille Parish, Blaine KS

Ministers of the Mass *Saturday Dec. 9, 6:00 p.m.*

Saturday November 25, 2017 offering:

Lector	Todd Sheppard
Servers	Eva, Rebecca and Ty Krohn
Ministers	Jean Knoblauch, Frank Finan, Mark Cusimano, Janet Holthaus
Hospitality	Patsy Campbell/Debbie O'Shea/Dot O'Shea

11/25/2017	Envelope	638.00	
	Plate	148.35	
	Mass Intentions	20.00	
	Leaven	20.00	
	Thanksgiving	20.00	
			846.35
11/25/2017	Church Reno		125.00
	In Memory of Marita		
11/25/2017	McCormick Roeder		50.00

Knights of Columbus Meeting Dec 14th at 8pm

Altar Society The Altar Society will meet at 6:00 p.m. on December 18th for general cleaning of the church with meeting to follow at 7:00 p.m.

Server Schedule

Dec 2nd Brooklyn Plummer, Maria Krohn and Jarritt Martens
 Dec 9th Eva, Rebecca and Ty Krohn
 Dec 16th Eli Roggenkamp, Malea and Ethan Karnes
 Dec 23rd Brandon Geyer, Dylan and Devin Plummer
 Dec 24th Krohn Family

Church Cleaning

Dec. 3-9: Kellie O'Shea, Patsy Campbell, Denise Finan
 De. 17-23: General Cleaning/to be announced

New Church Sign Our thanks to the Jim Harrington family for donating the new church sign.

Bulletin Information for December 16th I will not be available to accept information for the bulletin this week so if there is an announcement you need to have in the bulletin send it to Marilyn in Frankfort.

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

Christmas Bureau USD323

This is an opportunity to help a neighbor at Christmas, St Columbkille's parish has adopted a family through the Christmas Bureau USD 323. We are asking for donations of clothing, toys, food and toiletries for the family. The family includes a 1 year old boy, a 5 year old girl and an 8 year old girl. We have a sign-up sheet and collection box in the back of the church. Donations will be accepted until Sunday, December 17th. Thank you for your generosity.

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Celtic Christmas

It's almost time to enjoy some scrumptious Christmas treats! Hard to believe but true! Fudge, Penuche, Divinity, and Peanut Brittle--just a few. Scour your cookbooks, search online.

Then join us at Blaine Hall for Celtic Christmas fun and treats on **DECEMBER 9!**

Come and Christmas shop, vendors too!

Just 7 days. We'll be anxiously waiting for you!

Saint Columbkilles Parish, Blaine will host its annual Celtic Christmas on December 9, 2017 from **8:30 a.m.--1:30 p.m.** in the parish hall. Cookies and Candies by the pound. Breakfast, lunch and vendors too. If you wish to participate as a vendor or have a friend who is interested in being a vendor, contact **Lois Roggenkamp 785-927-0282 ASAP, no later than December 2, 2017.** Reservations for available booths are underway!

Westmoreland United Methodist Women

invite you to their Annual Christmas Dinner and evening of fellowship with entertainment by the Timeless a Capella Group on December 11th at 6:30 pm at the United Methodist Church Educational building. A voluntary offering will be collected to benefit the Lutheran Family Services, Refugee Resettlement Program. RSVP with Dena Schmitz at 785-313-0342 or email denaschmitz@bluevalley.net