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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, December 25—CHRISTMAS DAY
10 am Mass@Annunciation

Tuesday, December 26—Feast of Saint Stephen, first martyr
NO DAILY MASS

Wednesday, December 27—Feast of Saint John, Apostle and evangelist
NO DAILY MASS

Thursday, December 28—Feast of the Holy Innocents
8 a.m. Daily Mass @Annunciation – Dave Kronoshek Family

Friday, December 29—Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas
8 a.m. Mass @Annunciation – William Dalton Family

Saturday, Dec. 30—The Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas
9am--Daily Mass @Annunciation-David Abel Family
4:30 pm—Confessions @St. Francis
5 pm Mass @St. Francis—Intention-Jim Hug

Sunday, Dec 31—The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
9 -10:10 a.m - NO RELIGIOUS ED@ANNUNCIATION
10:30 am—Mass @Annunciation--Intention--All Parishioners
NO 6 p.m. Mass

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God – January 1 (Holy Day of Obligation)
8:30 Mass@ St. Francis
10 a.m. Mass@Annunciation

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 for more information or contact Grand Knight, Harvey Ward.

WEEKLY OFFERING – December 17, 2017

St. Francis – \$364.00
Annunciation – \$1968.55

THANKS FOR YOUR YOUR CONTINUED PARISH SUPPORT!

NEXT MEETING IS TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2018

Ministries - Annunciation

Dec. 31 @ 10:30am	Eucharistic Minister: Ginny Meinen	Lector: Gregg Wessling	Offertory: Engemann Family	Servers: S. Lundry A. Lundry A. Cramer	Ushers: Harvey Ward Family	Music: Michael Mills Phyllis Schwarz
Jan. 1@10 a.m. Solemnity of Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day)	Eucharistic Minister: To be announced	Lector: To be announced	Offertory: To be announced	Servers: To be announced	Ushers: To be announced	Music: Michael Mills

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

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 24, 2017**

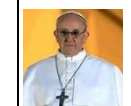


Mary's prompt response of "yes" to the divine message is a model of faith for all believers. Mary believed God's promises even when they seemed impossible. She was full of grace because she trusted that what God said was true and would be fulfilled. She was willing and eager to do God's will, even if it seemed difficult or costly. Mary is the "mother of God" because God becomes incarnate when he takes on flesh in her womb. When we pray the Nicene Creed we state our confession of faith in this great mystery: "For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made man".

MEDITATION: *Does the proclamation of the Gospel message fill you with joy and hope? When the Lord comes to redeem his people he fills us with his Holy Spirit, the source of our joy and hope in the promises of God. When God made a covenant with David as King over Israel he made a promise to David and to his descendants that David's dynasty would endure forever through the coming of the Messiah King (2 Samuel 7:16). This King would establish an everlasting kingdom of peace and security for his people. We often think of peace as the absence of trouble. The peace which the Messiah brings cancels the debt of sin and restores our broken relationship with God our heavenly Father.*

December Intentions of Pope Francis: The Elderly

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



That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

ANNUNCIATION/ST. FRANCIS HAPPENINGS
~CALENDAR OF EVENTS~

Father Joe will be visiting his family in India, January 2-February 8, 2018,. During this time, we will have only 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 Father Larry Bowers at Osage City, 785-250-9180, or for other information, Donita Turk, 785-979-7677.

High School Youth group will resume January 21st 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.

Christmas Mass Schedule:

Christmas Eve Mass, 6 p.m. at St. Francis
 Christmas Eve Mass, 8 p.m. at Annunciation
 Christmas Day Mass, 10 a.m. at Annunciation
 No daily mass on Tuesday, December 26
 or Wednesday, December 27

New Year's Eve/Day Mass schedule:

December 31: 10:30 Sunday Mass at Annunciation
 Nao Sunday 6 pm mass
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



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

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

For a personal appointment with Father Joe please call him at 785-594-3700.
Email: 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 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.**

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)*

MARRIAGE MINUTE

Christmas time is filled with symbols: trees, holly, and of course, the Nativity. But did you know that if you're married, YOU are a sign too?

In the Christmas Eve liturgy, the prophet Isaiah tells us, "As a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you."
 At Christmas, we celebrate the fact that God does not love us from a distance. He became a baby boy so that he would share all of our joys and sorrows—all our sufferings except sin.

As spouses, we proclaim this reality every time we share:

- Joy of our spouse's accomplishments
- Grief of a loss with our spouse
- The weight of an important decision.

By entering deeply into our spouse's reality, we shine brightly like the Star of Bethlehem, guiding people to the love of God. Discover more for your marriage at www.JoyfulMarriageProject.com

ANGEL TREE

Thanks to everyone who helped give the residents at Vintage Park a little extra love and joy this Christmas season. You are all Angels! Thanks to Megan Chase and family for organizing and to Crystal Engemann and her boys for delivering the gifts!



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. Dec 25: IS 52:7-10; PS 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; JN 1:1-18
 Tue. Dec 26: ACTS 6:8-10; 7:54-59; PS 31:3CD-4, 6 AND 8AB, 16BC AND 17; MT 10:17-22
 Wed. Dec 27: 1 JN 1:1-4; PS 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; JN 20:1A AND 2-8
 Thu. Dec 28: 1 JN 1:5—2:2; PS 124:2-3, 4-5, 7CD-8; MT 2:13-18
 Fri. Dec 29: 1 JN 2:3-11; PS 96:1-2A, 2B-3, 5B-6; LK 2:22-35
 Sat. Dec 30: 1 JN 2:12-17; PS 96:7-8A, 8B-9, 10; LK 2:36-40
 Catholic websites for daily Mass readings: dailyreadings@uscgb.org from the US Conference of Catholic Bishops Read or listen to an audio recording at: goodnews@franciscanmedia.org

~FAITH~ FAMILY~ COMMUNITY~



Knights of Columbus Christmas Party



Ho Ho Ho! Merry Christmas to our Blessed Children!