

## FROM THE DESK OF FATHER STEVEN C. ROGERS .....

One of the greatest sentiments ever spoken or ever heard is "Merry Christmas!" My heart is filled with joy and true thanksgiving this year because I have the pleasure of wishing all of you a Merry Christmas! The joy and excitement that you have given me throughout my first year with you is a gift that I will remember forever. That God would choose me to be a priest is remarkable to me, but that he would call me to serve two wonderful parish families is far better than anything I could have imagined or expected. Your support and generosity activates in me excitement and gratitude every day. My first year with you has been like a year of Christmases.

There are many things that happen around us each and every day that can work against our joy and peace, that challenge the Christmas Spirit. Troubles from afar in foreign lands, concerns raised in our Church, conflicts in our families, compromises in our health and security, setbacks at every turn, all this can weigh us down and bring sadness and grief. Such is life in the human condition. However, Jesus comes to each of us to lift us up and raise our spirits and bring us peace and joy. Putting Christmas Spirit in everything we do, every day of our lives, changes us and it will change the world around us as well. We need Christmas!

It is easy to lose sight of the many good things that are happening, it is easy to lose count of our many gifts and blessings. Worse, it is easier to give a negative response to all that goes on and to everyone who stands in the way. That is, if we don't have faith, hope and love. That is where all of you come in. Your faith is a witness to God's presence. Your hope is a testimony of God's greatness. All things are possible with God. Your love is a tremendous gift and your eagerness to share it sheds the Christmas light to the darkest areas of the human condition.

Sharing the many blessings of family and friends here, old and new alike, for me, has helped to make this the best Christmas ever. Thank you for being the wonderful parish families you are. Thank you for being you and allowing me to be me. Indeed, God has come to us. Christ is with us. Together, let us embrace Christmas joy and continue to be that joy for each other throughout the coming year. God has many blessings in store for us in 2015. May we have the same excitement and anticipation for the coming of God's plan in the new year, as we have had in preparing our hearts and minds this Christmas.

Merry Christmas!

In Christ,

*Father Steven C. Rogers*

**CATHOLIC RADIO** – KEXS 1090AM features local, national, and worldwide programs, including Mass, Rosary, music, and call-in talk radio.

**Is this for me?** If the memory of the abortion still hurts, **Project Rachel** offers a program to help you. Whether your abortion was recent or long ago, whether you are a woman or a man, we are here to help. No judging, just gentle guidance. Programs will be starting in February 2015. For details, call **816-591-3804** or email [projectrachel@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:projectrachel@diocesekcsj.org). **Free & CONFIDENTIAL.** Learn more at [www.projectrachelkc.com](http://www.projectrachelkc.com). Also, if this is a cause close to your heart and you would like to share your gifts, please contact us.

### **INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?**

Non-Catholic adults who want to become members of the Catholic Church go through a program called "R.C.I.A." (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) which generally runs from autumn through Easter each year. In the meantime, interested non-Catholics are welcome to attend Mass and parish events and take part in all activities except Holy Communion.

Adults who were at one time Catholic and have already made their First Communion, but have been away from the Church, need only to go to Confession in order to return to the Sacraments. They are also encouraged to take part in R.C.I.A. sessions to restudy being Catholic.



## Holy Trinity Parish

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## Twelve Apostles Parish

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www.twelveapostlescatholic.org

Telephone: 816-640-2206

### Christmas—December 25, 2014

Scripture texts for the Christmas Masses are in the missalette at:

4pm, 5pm —p. 44 6pm, 7pm, Midnight —p. 47 9:00am (XII) —p. 49 10:30am (HT) —p. 51

Welcome! This Christmas Bulletin is not our regular weekend bulletin, which is available at weekend Masses and on our websites, but a special bulletin for both our members and visitors that contains some general parish information and other information which we don't always have space to include.

#### Parish Staff:

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during 7:30am & 10:45am Mass at Holy Trinity)  
Mrs. Darlene Darby, Office Assistant, x202  
Mr. Gary Loveless, Holy Trinity Custodian/Maint.  
Mr. Bob Ralston, XII Apostles Custodian/Maintenance  
Mrs. Maureen Vernon, Safe Environment Coordinator

#### Report Abuse:

Ombudsman: Jenifer Valenti – 816.812.2500  
Diocesan Victim Advocate: Mary Bultmann –  
bultmann@diocesekcsj.org

#### Office Hours: M, W, Th, F – 9-Noon, 1-4PM

PSR Office Hours: M & W–10AM-Noon, 1-4PM

The parish office is closed on Tuesdays.

Bulletin items are due by 8am on Wednesdays.

Please notify the office when you have had a  
change of address, phone, email, etc.

We appreciate your help!

#### MASSES THIS WEEK:

**Fri., Dec 26 - No Mass this Friday**

#### Saturday, Dec. 27

**5:00pm--XII** Judy Morrissey, rip

#### Sunday, Dec. 28

**7:30am-HT** For Parishioners of Holy Trinity

**9:00am--XII** For Parishioners of XII Apostles

**10:45am-HT** In honor of St. Stephen

**Masses for the Feast of Mary, Mother of God – a  
holy day of obligation:**

**Wed Dec. 31, 5PM**-at XII Apostles-for world peace

**Thu. Jan. 1, 9AM**-at Holy Trinity-for world peace

**Confessions** are heard on Saturdays:

3:15-3:45 PM at Holy Trinity

4:15-4:45 PM at XII Apostles

on First Fridays after 8am Mass at Holy Trinity &  
anytime by appt.

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🌲 **HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS:** The parish office will  
be closed Wed. through Friday, Dec. 24—26.  
🌲 Open Monday, Dec. 29 and Wed., Jan. 31.  
🌲 **Closed New Year's Day, Thursday, Jan. 1,  
and Friday, January 2.**  
🌲 **PARISH BOOKS CLOSE DECEMBER 31**  
🌲 Acknowledgments for 2014 donations will be sent  
by the end of January. To be included in the 2014  
tax year, donations must be received in the office  
in the Dec 27/28 collection or no later than  
🌲 Wednesday, December 31.  
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#### POINSETTIA DEDICATIONS:

**Poinsettias gracing the altars at our churches have been  
donated in loving honor and memory of:**

*Our parents, from John & Rhonda Boddicker  
James T. Brett, Sr., Rudy & Lena Nelleson,  
from Mary Calvert*



*Lennie & Sylvia Calvert, from Mary Calvert  
Francis & Emma Dee Carroll, from Joe Carroll family  
Matthew Carroll, from Joe Carroll family  
Tammy Davis, from Ron & Diane Davis*

*John & Eugenia Fischer, from Marlin & Frances Legault  
Friga/Stir Families, from John & Diane Stir  
Kenneth Fritz, from Scott & Donna Webb*

*Charles, Beatrice, and Deb Grame, from Donna Grame  
Bea Grame, from Carolee & Gordon Sanders  
Charles Grame, from Carolee & Gordon Sanders  
Debbie Grame, from Carolee & Gordon Sanders*

*Jim & Brian Hoffman, from Julie Hoffman & family  
Deceased members of Jacobs family, from Karen & Jake Jacobs  
Deceased members of Lesniak family, from Karen & Jake Jacobs  
Bonnie & Virgil Johnson, Jimmy & Jolene Roberston, and*

*Marlene Wilson and Sue Fenley, from Mike & Jerre Robertson  
Cheri Ann Menk, from Jackie Menk*

*Barbara O'Malley (x2), from the O'Malley family  
James Purnell, Betty & Tom Purnell, from Bob & Lynet Purnell  
Blase & Alice Vrbas, from Bob & Lynet Purnell*

*Virgil & Bernice Richter, from John & Mary Richter  
Charles B. Skelton, from Jim & Jo Skelton*

*Sylvester & Elizabeth Welch, from Jared & Pamela Welch  
Robert Welch, from Jared & Pamela Welch*

#### Is A Wedding or Baptism in Your Plans?

Please remember that sacramental preparation is required prior to these events. You must be a registered parishioner for the past year or have a letter from your previous pastor before dates are scheduled.

**Weddings:** Couples from Holy Trinity or Twelve Apostles wanting to be married should contact the parish office for a copy of our wedding booklet. Marriage preparation takes 6-9 months.

**Baptism:** Expectant parents should contact the pastor comfortably prior to the baby's birth for baptism preparation.

#### ARE YOU REGISTERED IN A PARISH?

Families and individuals new to our parishes are invited to register. Or if you've been around for a while but have not registered, we encourage you to do so!

Registration forms may be found in the back of the churches, on our websites, or call the parish office and we will mail one to you. We look forward to knowing you!

#### HOSPITALIZED PARISHIONERS:

Parishioners who would like to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick before they enter the hospital should notify their pastor ahead of time. Most hospitals no longer have a priest chaplain and finding a priest to anoint someone in the hospital can be a difficult and time-consuming process for hospital staff. Other than in unforeseen circumstances, advance notice to your pastor is most helpful and appreciated.

#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

All eligible Catholic men age 18 & older who are interested in learning more about the Knights may contact Jim Rooney, Grand Knight: JRooney640@aol.com.

#### Holy Trinity Women's Guild

meets the first Monday of each month during the school year. For more info, contact Pam Wittmeyer at 816-804-0855.

#### Twelve Apostles Women's Group

meets the second Tuesday of each month during the school year. For more info, contact Mary Calvert at 816-858-5175.

#### Our Adult Faith Formation Team

offers on-going classes to all adults. Join us to learn more about your faith! There are several offerings beginning in January. See the schedules of upcoming classes on our websites or in the Sunday bulletin.

#### Stress in Your Marriage? – Retrouvaille

(pronounced ret-ro-vi) is a program for married couples who feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the February program beginning with a weekend on Feb 27-March 1, 2015, call 800-470-2230, email: [retrokc@gmail.com](mailto:retrokc@gmail.com) or visit the web site at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com).