

Welcome to

Holy Trinity Parish

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Twelve Apostles Parish

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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time November 15, 2015



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How would you spend your day if you knew it was the last day you would spend on earth? Undoubtedly, it would not be a normal day. The point of today's Gospel reading is that the end-time is always imminent. The good steward remains prayerfully alert, ready to give an accounting; and living each day in the awareness of the coming judgment and salvation. How do we exercise stewardship over our daily lives? Are we prepared to give an accounting? How will we allow Christ to work in and through us to prepare for the reconciliation of the heavens and the earth?

International Catholic Stewardship Council November 2015

Mass Times:

Saturday 5:00 PM – Twelve Apostles Church
Sunday 7:30 AM – Holy Trinity Church
9:00 AM – Twelve Apostles Church
10:45 AM – Holy Trinity Church

Weekday Mass times are listed inside the bulletin.

Confessions heard: Saturdays: 3:15-3:45 PM at Holy Trinity; 4:15-4:45 PM at XII Apostles; First Fridays after 8am Mass & anytime by appt.

Anointing of the Sick: Please contact the pastor, preferably before going to the hospital, to receive this Sacrament.

Parish Staff:

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Mrs. Judy Sloan, Child Care Coordinator (offered during 7:30am & 10:45am Masses at Holy Trinity)
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Mrs. Maureen Vernon, Parishes' Safe Environment Coordinator

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combating sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you *observe or suspect* sexual abuse:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
 2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
 3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected *sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult* to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Jenifer Valenti, at 816.812.2500 or JeniferValenti@att.net, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.
- The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Victim Advocate Kathleen Chastain at 816.392.0011 or victimadvocate@diocesekcsi.org for more information.

Office Hours: M, W, Th, F – 9AM-Noon, 1-4PM (closed Tuesdays); PSR Office Hours: M & W–10AM-Noon, 1-4PM

Bulletin deadline: 8am Wednesday. Please notify us of change of address, phone, email, etc.

New Parishioners: Welcome! Holy Trinity and Twelve Apostles have been serving the northern Platte County area since 1842 and 2008, respectively. **We welcome all guests and newcomers to our parish families!** Newcomers are asked to register at the earliest opportunity. Forms are available in the back of church, on our websites, or from the parish office. We look forward to knowing you!

Is A Wedding or Baptism in Your Plans? Congratulations! Remember: 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: Parishioners wanting to be married should contact Fr. Rogers nine months in advance.

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

First Penance/Eucharist, Confirmation: Children preparing for these sacraments must have completed the prior year of religious education.

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Readings: p. 228 in *Breaking Bread*

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 14

5:00pm--XII +Nicole Genova

Sunday, November 15

7:30am-HT Parishioners of Holy Trinity & XII Apostles

9:00am--XII +Ray Bailey

10:45am-HT In honor of St. Jude

Mon, Nov 16, 8am-HT Private Intention

Wed, Nov 18, 8am-HT +John Roebing, Jr.

Thu, Nov 19, 6pm-- XII Private Intention

Fri, Nov 20, 8am-HT Private Intention

Saturday, November 21

5:00pm--XII Parishioners of XII Apostles

Sunday, November 22

7:30am-HT Parishioners of Holy Trinity

9:00am--XII +Ray Bailey

10:45am-HT Private Intention

PARISH QUILT GUILD 'MEET & GREET' THIS MONDAY:



A new group is being formed whose purpose will be to meet both for socializing and making quilts/sewing items for ministry outreach. Members of both parishes are invited. All levels and anyone interested are welcome; even if you don't sew, we will need people for cutting, pressing, etc.

Come to a "Meet and Greet" at 11am this Monday, November 16, at Holy Trinity. We will have a **short planning meeting and lunch** to discuss meeting dates, etc. -- lunch will be provided.

During the upcoming Year of Mercy, which begins December 8, we will be looking at projects to show God's mercy to others.

If you can't join us, but would be interested in being involved, donating material, or have other questions, contact Lori Mathews: 816-807-3220 or lori.mathews4@gmail.com.

Tomorrow's Priests Second Collection November 21-22

Next weekend, November 21-22, there will be a Second Collection for the support of our seminarians' education and training.

Our seminarians today are **Tomorrow's Priests**. Please support their formation with your generosity.

CALLING ALL BAKERS of Twelve Apostles and Holy Trinity! Our Youth Group's 13th annual "Christmas-Cookies-by-the-Pound"

Sale will take place the weekend of Weston's Holiday Homes Tour, December 4-6. If you can help by donating six dozen or so of your special homemade Christmas cookies, please sign up online -www.holytrinitycatholic.org/youth or www.twelveapostlescatholic.org/youth or contact Katie - ymHT-XII@kc.rr.com. Thank you!!

You may drop cookies off at XII Apostles Church on Thursday, December 3, from 6:30-7pm, or at Holy Trinity Parish Hall on Thursday, December 3, or Friday, December 4, from 9am-3:30pm. You may also drop off downtown at the Masonic Lodge on Friday, December 4, from 3:30-4:30pm. If none of these times work for you, please contact Katie Troup - 816-640-2206 x304.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

All Adult Parishioners ~ please join us for coffee, fellowship and Adult Faith Formation on Sunday mornings at Holy Trinity Parish Hall —9 AM each week. Come and go as you are able; newcomers are always welcome.

Looking ahead: Next RCIA sessions are this Wednesday, November 18, and Wednesdays, December 2 & 9.

"COPING WITH LIFE ALONE" - Peer-To-Peer Grief Support

"COPING WITH LIFE ALONE®" is a *Beginning Experience®* grief support program that meets each week for 7 weeks. The program helps those who have lost a love relationship due to death, divorce or separation move through the experience of grief and loss into a future with renewed hope. The sessions focus on topics of the grief process, changes in family and other relationships, trust, and coping with memories.

The next sessions will be held at St. Thomas More Hall, lower level, 11822 Holmes Road, Kansas City, MO 64131 on Sunday afternoons, from January 10 - February 21, 2016, 1:30-3:30 p.m. For additional information, or to register, please call Cathy at (816) 540-4644, or Donna at (816) 305-3760.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS for all....

All eligible practicing Catholic men (18 & over) are invited to become Members of the Knights of Columbus, the largest Catholic, fraternal, service, lay organization in the world. We were founded by a Catholic priest, the venerable Father Michael J. McGivney in 1882. Last year, we donated over \$173.5 MILLION and more than 71.5 MILLION HOURS of volunteer service to charitable and benevolent causes. There are several upcoming opportunities to join the Knights Councils at Holy Trinity or XII Apostles: (1) Wednesday, November 18, 7:00PM at Belton, MO; (2) Tuesday, December 1, 7:00PM at Tri-County Council 3414 at Gladstone, MO; (3) Thursday, December 10, 6:30PM at Holy Family Council 14266 at Kansas City, MO (north of Missouri River); (4) Sunday, December 13, 6:00PM at Tonganoxie, KS; (5) Monday, December 14, 7:00PM at O'Hara Council 4387 at Kansas City, MO (south of Missouri River). Contact either Grand Knight Jim Rooney of Holy Trinity Council No. 12288 at (816) 674-4268 or Grand Knight Steve Steiger of XII Apostles Council No. 16189 at (816) 431-6506 for general info or if you wish to attend one of the above.

ALL 1st Degree Members of the Knights of Columbus are invited to participate in the **2ND (Principle of Unity) and 3RD (Knighthood) Degree (Principle of Fraternity) Ceremonials** on Sunday, Nov. 22, Overland Park, KS. Contact either Steve Steiger or Jim Rooney if you are interested in attending.

Holy Trinity Council 12288 **PANCAKE and SAUSAGE Breakfast** this Sunday 15 November after Masses at Holy Trinity Parish Hall. Free will offering fundraiser helps raise funds for Knights of Columbus charitable giving.

Next meeting of Holy Trinity Council 12288 will be this Thursday, 19 November starting at 7 p.m. in Holy Trinity Parish Hall.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ATTAIN A MAJOR MILESTONE--This week, the Knights of Columbus, headquartered in New Haven, CT, surpassed \$100 BILLION of Life Insurance in force. Our top-rated program was initiated by The Venerable Servant of God Father Michael J. McGivney in 1882 to protect the future of Catholic families. The Knights of Columbus ranks #939 on the 2015 Fortune list of the largest 1,000 companies in the United States and were again named a "World's Most Ethical Company" by the Ethisphere Institute. The K of C offers Permanent Life Insurance; Term Life; Long Term Care and Disability Insurance, and the full spectrum of Retirement Annuities. Thanks to all of our members and their families who conduct business with our Insurance Program which, in turn, supports our donations to Charity. A "special thank you" to our Area Field Agent, Jorge Orozco, who provides outstanding sales and service to our families. Contact Jorge in Platte City at (816) 431-6500 or (816) 456-1010 for information about our fraternal benefit programs.

HOLY TRINITY NEWS

PANCAKE BREAKFAST THIS SUNDAY

The Knights of Columbus will serve a pancake and sausage breakfast in the parish hall after both Masses this Sunday, November 15. Open to all. A free will offering will be welcome.



All women of the parish are invited to the Women's Guild Christmas Party, Tuesday, December 1 at the Parish Hall. Social hour begins at 6:30pm with dinner at 7pm. \$15 per person. Please RSVP to Pam Wittmeyer, 816-804-0855 or pamwittmeyer@gmail.com. Send payment to Pam; 20500 Grass Pad Road, Platte City, MO 64079. Checks payable to Holy Trinity Women's Guild.

Welcome Dinner thank you: Thanks to Lori Mathews and Sarah Adkins for organizing our welcome dinner for newcomers last Sunday and to all who attended. A good time was had by all. We'll do it again in the spring.

WESTON COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING FEAST & PRAYER SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY

The Annual Thanksgiving Dinner & Prayer Service sponsored by the churches of the Weston Ministerial Alliance will be held at Weston Christian Church, 540 Washington St., next Sunday, November 22. Dinner at 6pm, followed by a prayer service at 7pm. Everyone is invited. Meat provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.



ARE YOU REGISTERED IN A PARISH?

All Catholic adults should be registered in a parish. Catholics who wish to receive sacraments for themselves or their children should be registered members of a parish and known to the pastor for the past year or, if new members of this community, should have been registered in a previous parish before sacraments like Baptism or Marriage are scheduled.

If you are an adult who regularly attends Mass at Holy Trinity or Twelve Apostles, but have not yet registered, you may do so by going to our websites and clicking on the registration button on the Home page, or by filling out the form found in the vestibule of the churches and returning it to the parish office (via the collection basket or by mail or dropping off.)

We look forward to knowing you!

KATIE'S CORNER-- YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS



YOUTH GROUP Grades 7-12:

Cookie sale work sign-ups now available! Earn credit towards paying for youth group events (float trip, etc.) See fundraising policy and sign up online at www.holytrinitycatholic.org/youth or www.twelveapostlescatholic.org/youth

CONFIRMATION: Next session: November 22, 3:00-5:00pm at Holy Trinity. (Please remember this date is different than the schedule originally said.) Find the drawing of people laying down palm branches in front of Jesus for a special prize!

TWELVE APOSTLES NEWS

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

THIS Sunday, November 15, 2015

Draw near to Him in adoration, praise and thanksgiving. Be present to the One who is always present to you.

"Be still and know that I am God." (Ps. 46)

Adoration 5:00 – 6:00 pm



**Attention all ladies of 12 Apostles:
Come join us for our Annual Christmas Party!
Thursday, December 3:
6:30 pm social hour; Dinner 7:30pm
Hereford House, Zona Rosa**

Celebrate the season, meet new friends and spend time with old ones. Dinner, drinks, and fun! Always a favorite for those who have been! Cost \$35 per person. Sign up and collections after Mass starting this weekend.

Christmas Pageant and Children's Choir

Once again, our children are invited to participate in a Children's Choir for the 3:30pm Christmas Eve Mass and/or in a Christmas pageant to be held at 3:00pm (before Mass).

Children age K-8 are encouraged to share their time and talent by participating in one or both of these activities.

Practices will be held in the church on Sundays, Nov. 29, Dec 6, Dec 13, and Dec 20, immediately following PSR classes.

Parts in the pageant are: Joseph, Mary, The Three Wise Men, Shepherds, and Angels.

Any questions: for choir, contact Karla Stahl at 816-858-5817 or e-mail nstahl1@kc.rr.com; for pageant, contact Jeanne Witsken at 816-431-6298 or e-mail Witsken@hotmail.com.



Diocesan "City on a Hill" Ministries Event for 20s & 30s:

TUESDAYS AT THE BOULEVARD

Tuesday, November 17, will be our next *Tuesdays at the Boulevard*. We start with Confessions at 6:00 pm, at Sacred Heart Guadalupe Parish, 2544 Madison Ave, Kansas City, 64108, followed by Mass at 6:30 pm, then walk across the parking lot to Boulevard Brewery where there will be pizza and beer on tap – all for only \$10. Come, invite friends.

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE: www.kansascityonahill.org

On Twitter? Follow us at @CityOnAHillKC

Want to be added to our email list? Send an email to:

youngadults@diocesekcsj.org.

The 23rd annual "SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS" Benefit Dinner is dedicated to Our Lady of Kibeho, Rwanda, and the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows of Mary, Friday, January 29, 2016 at a NEW LOCATION. This event benefits seminarians from the Archdiocese of Kansas City, Kansas, the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph and Conception Seminary College. It promises to be an evening filled with fun and laughter, celebrating our Catholic faith, dining on wonderful food, and socializing with our priests and seminarians! We have a wonderful speaker this year, Monsignor Stuart Swetland, President of Donnelly College, Kansas City, KS. S.O.S. will be held at **Union Station**, 30 West Pershing Road, Kansas City, MO 64108. The reservation price is \$175.00 per person at tables of ten people. To reserve your place, or an entire table, or donate to the marketplace or VIP silent auction, contact Martha Hodes at 913.207.9893 or mmmh66@sbcglobal.net.

November: A Month to Focus on Gratitude

The mere daily act of focusing on our blessings makes us more mindful, more present to God's mystery and gifts, and more aware of the needs of others around us.

November brings raking leaves, mid-term exams, plenty of football, and the beginning of our Christmas plans. But for those in the U.S., November's highlight is that great national holiday, Thanksgiving. It's wonderful to have a day to call attention to the need for gratitude, but this holiday also reminds the Christian steward that every day should include thanksgiving because gratitude is essential to discipleship. Feeling a deep appreciation for the giftedness of our lives can't be confined to one holiday when we spend a few minutes around a laden table remembering our many blessings. Neither can gratitude become a rote response.

Gratitude is good for our spiritual lives in so many ways. It reminds us of our neediness before the Lord, without whom we have nothing. The mere daily act of focusing on our blessings makes us more mindful, more present to God's mystery and gifts, and more aware of the needs of others around us.

Gratitude is best achieved by daily, focused attention. So perhaps a good exercise for November would be to write down, each day, some things for which we are truly grateful. Your list will no doubt include people – a teacher who inspired you, a coach who believed in you, an aunt who made you feel special, an employer who mentored you. Your notes might include simple things – the aroma of freshly ground coffee, a lunch invitation that brightened your day, a phone call that brought a smile. Focus on things you sometimes take for granted – the warm home in which you live, the sunshine that peeked through a cloudy day, the bright redness of a leaf on the lawn, the faithful presence of your spouse.

And during this month of thanks, remember to give thanks to the risen Lord:

Let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him (Colossians 3:15-17).

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YEAR OF MERCY BEGINS DECEMBER 8

Pope Francis has called for a Jubilee Year of Mercy beginning December 8 :

"Dear brothers and sisters, I have often thought of how the Church may render more clear her mission to be a witness to mercy; and we have to make this journey. It is a journey which begins with spiritual conversion. Therefore, I have decided to announce an *Extraordinary Jubilee* which has at its centre the mercy of God. It will be a *Holy Year of*

Mercy. We want to live in the light of the word of the Lord: "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful" (cf. Lk 6:36). And this especially applies to confessors! So much mercy!

This Holy Year will commence on the next Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and will conclude on Sunday, 20 November 2016, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe and living face of the Father's mercy. I entrust the organization of this Jubilee to the Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelization, in order that it may come to life as a new step on the Church's journey in her mission to bring the Gospel of mercy to each person.

I am confident that the whole Church, which is in such need of mercy for we are sinners, will be able to find in this Jubilee the joy of rediscovering and rendering fruitful God's mercy, with which we are all called to give comfort to every man and every woman of our time. Do not forget that God *forgives all*, and God *forgives always*. Let us never tire of asking forgiveness. Let us henceforth entrust this Year to the Mother of Mercy, that she turn her gaze upon us and watch over our journey: our penitential journey, our year-long journey with an open heart, to receive the indulgence of God, to receive the mercy of God."

A Year of Mercy Task Force, composed of volunteers from our two parishes, will be at work providing opportunities for all of us, individually, as families, and as a parish, to become more aware of, and to become instruments of, God's mercy.

The logo (above) and the motto together provide a fitting summary of what the Jubilee Year is all about. The motto *Merciful Like the Father* (taken from the Gospel of Luke, 6:36) serves as an invitation to follow the merciful example of the Father who asks us not to judge or condemn but to forgive and to give love and forgiveness without measure (cf. Lk 6:37-38). The logo – the work of Jesuit Father Marko I. Rupnik – presents a small *summa theologiae* of the theme of mercy. In fact, it represents an image quite important to the early Church: that of the Son having taken upon his shoulders the lost soul demonstrating that it is the love of Christ that brings to completion the mystery of his incarnation culminating in redemption. The logo has been designed in such a way so as to express the profound way in which the Good Shepherd touches the flesh of humanity and does so with a love with the power to change one's life. One particular feature worthy of note is that while the Good Shepherd, in his great mercy, takes humanity upon himself, his eyes are merged with those of man. Christ sees with the eyes of Adam, and Adam with the eyes of Christ. Every person discovers in Christ, the new Adam, one's own humanity and the future that lies ahead, contemplating, in his gaze, the love of the Father.