

Welcome to

Holy Trinity Parish

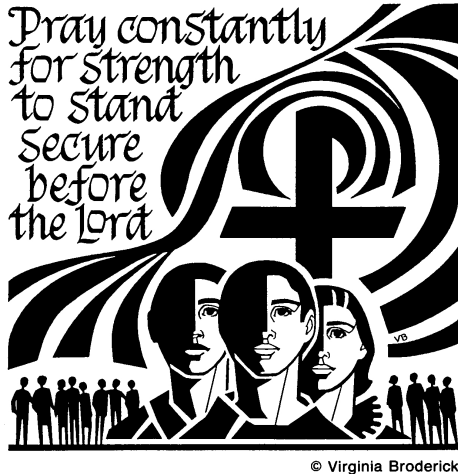
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Twelve Apostles Parish

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First Sunday of Advent November 29, 2015



On this first Sunday of Advent, Jesus warns his disciples about the end-time. He urges them to pray, be vigilant, spiritually awake, avoid self-indulgence, spiritual malaise, and a preoccupation with anxiety. Jesus advises against a lifestyle of earthly pleasures and worry. These will not matter when the Lord asks for an account of our stewardship. Stewards realize their lives are not just about the here and now. They know themselves to be reflections of God's active presence in the world and witnesses of the Lord's promises. As we begin this season of hope, let us reflect on the practical effect of having every waking moment in our lives dedicated to the Lord.

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
10:45AM – 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:

Father Steven C. Rogers - x203, pastorHT-XII@kc.rr.com
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Mrs. Judy Sloan, Child Care Coordinator (offered during 7:30am & 10:45am Masses at Holy Trinity)
Mrs. Darlene Darby, Office Assistant, x202
Mr. Gary Loveless, Holy Trinity Custodian/Maintenance
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.

First Sunday of Advent - 29 Nov 2015
Readings: p. 31 in *Breaking Bread*

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 28

5:00pm--XII Parishioners of XII Apostles

Sunday, November 29

7:30am-HT Parishioners of Holy Trinity

9:00am--XII Private Intention

10:45am-HT Intentions of Julie Hoffman

NO WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK

Saturday, December 5

5:00pm--XII Parishioners of XII Apostles

Sunday, December 6

7:30am-HT Parishioners of Holy Trinity

9:00am--XII Private Intention

10:45am-HT Private Intention



BAKED GOODS. Several people have asked about donating baked goods for the Beauty for Ashes Christmas banquet. Homemade cookies, brownies, cakes, or pies (pumpkin, pecan, or fruit) would be appreciated.

Desserts will need to be delivered by the 3rd of December. If you are interested, please contact Rhonda Schneringer at 605-376-5431 or email rschneringer@mac.com.



ADVENT BEGINS THIS SUNDAY, November 29. A daily reflection book for Advent, *A Thrill of Hope!* is available on the bulletin table. Help yourself.

WELCOME to Fr. John Maier who is celebrating Masses with us this weekend.

PLEASE NOTE: NO WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK
Father Rogers will be out of the office this week.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!! to FR. ROGERS this Wednesday, December 2. May the Lord bless you and keep you.



CHRISTMAS COOKIE TIME! Our Youth Group's 13th annual "Christmas-Cookies-by-the-Pound" Sale will take place next weekend during Weston's Holiday Homes Tour. **THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE SIGNED UP!** We could still use more cookies. If you can help by donating six

dozen or so of your special homemade Christmas cookies, please sign up at - www.holytrinitycatholic.org/youth or www.twelveapostlescatholic.org/youth or contact Katie - ymHT-XII@kc.rr.com. Or just bring! Thank you!! You may drop cookies off at XII Apostles on Thursday, Dec. 3, from 6:30-7pm, or at Holy Trinity Parish Hall on Thursday, Dec. 3, or Friday, Dec. 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. And come shop next weekend at the Masonic Lodge — Friday night 5-8, Saturday 11-8, Sunday 11-4.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Sunday Morning Adult Faith Formation at Holy Trinity will meet Nov 29, Dec 6 & 20, at 9am, to finish our study of Matthew.

Women of Faith book club meets Wednesdays, 8:30am at Holy Trinity.

Next RCIA sessions are Wednesdays, Dec 2 & 9, at the home of Chris and Jan Patterson.

"The Mystery of God: Who God Is and Why He Matters"

The AFF team will offer this new series during Advent at Twelve Apostles (after 9AM Mass). Bishop Robert Barron reaches into our rich Catholic intellectual tradition to uncover a clear yet sophisticated understanding of "God." See more at <http://mysteryofgod.wordonfire.org/>. We'll meet 10:15 –11:45 AM in XII Apostles basement on December 6, 13 and 20. For more info, contact Jeff Witsken, witsken@hotmail.com or (816) 431-6298.

33 Days to Morning Glory will be offered at Twelve Apostles on Sundays from 8am-9am, beginning Nov. 29, and ending with Marian Consecration on January 1, the Feast of Mary, Mother of God. See the flyer on the bulletin table for more info.

20s & 30s Group — Making the Most of Advent

We will meet this Tuesday, Dec. 1, at 6:15pm, at the home of Chris & Katie Barmann 17605 N Braeburn Ct, Platte City. Guest speaker — Fr. Mirco of the Apostles of the Interior Life. (Free child care at Seven Bridges clubhouse; drop off at 6pm.)

DCCW Quarterly Meeting—this Wednesday, Dec. 2, at St. Therese Parish, Parkville. Registration at 9:30am, meeting, Mass, lunch, and entertainment. Please bring warm gloves, hats, scarves for Bishop Sullivan Center. Luncheon is \$11; RSVP to Carolyn: 816-690-4278 or lthouse@centurylink.net by **Nov. 29.**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS for all....

Catholic Men Invited to Become Members of the Knights of Columbus.

There are several opportunities to join the Knights of Columbus in December. Catholic gentlemen, 18 or older, wishing to become members of the Knights either at Holy Trinity or XII Apostles may do so on one of the following: 1) Tues, Dec 1, 7PM, Gladstone, MO; 2) Thu, Dec 10, 6:30PM, Holy Family, KCMO; 3) Sun, Dec 13, 6PM, Tonganoxie, KS; 4) Mon, Dec 14, 7:00PM, O'Hara Council, KCMO (south of the 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 membership and general information about the Knights of Columbus, or if you wish to attend one of the ceremonials listed above.

ALL 1st Degree Members of the Knights are cordially invited to participate in the **2nd and 3rd Degree Ceremonials** on: 1) Sun, Jan 17, 2016, Olathe, KS; (2) Sun, Jan 31, Conception Seminary, Conception, MO; or 3) Sun, Jan 31, Leawood, KS. Contact either Steve Steiger or Jim Rooney if you are interested.

On Sunday, November 22, 2015, Twelve Apostles Council No.16189 cleaned along Humphrey's Road and the entire parish grounds. We want to express our sincere appreciation to the following members of the Knights and their wives who graciously donated their time and talent to help beautify our church: Bob Bailey, chair, Kathy Bailey, Paul Banks, Jim Begani, Paul Bobowski, Wilmer Caraballo, Barth Carter, Jim Glasbrenner, Randy Gray, Michael Robertson. Jerre Ann Robertson, Pat Steece, Don Stenzel, Al Vertin, and Steve Steiger. Our council will continue to do this whenever it is needed.

MEETING NOTICE--Twelve Apostles Council No.16189 will hold its next Rosary, meeting and social on Wednesday, December 9 beginning at 6:45PM in the lower level of Twelve Apostles. All current and former members are invited.

The Knights of Columbus extends **Happy Birthday** wishes on December 2 to our Pastor and Council Chaplain Father Steven Rogers.

HOLY TRINITY NEWS



Children's Christmas Choir begins this week:

Please join in this long-standing tradition at Holy Trinity's 5:30pm Christmas Eve Mass. Children of reading age through high school are invited to practice with the adult choir leaders on the following Wednesday evenings from **7pm** until 8:30 p.m. in the church: **December 2**, December 9, December 16. Children are also welcome to sing a solo, in a group, or play an instrument. Let the choir director know on December 2 if you would like to do so. Questions? Contact Susanna Barteo @ 816-808-4777 or dreht@kc.rr.com or Barb Bopp at 640-2453.

Monthly Rosary/Chaplet of Divine Mercy next Sunday, at 10:05am in the church. We offer our prayers for the protection of the unborn. All are welcome to join us.

2016 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL:

The proof of love is in the works. Where love exists, it works great things. But when it ceases to act, it ceases to exist.

—Saint Gregory the Great

Please support "**Blessed Are the Merciful**", the **2016 Annual Catholic Appeal** (in past years, the Bishop's Annual Appeal).

The annual appeal supports over 30 ministries serving the Catholic community and our neighbors throughout the diocese. Social Services and Outreach, Education and Faith Formation, and Pastoral Life are all important means to our Catholic Christian witness. For more information and to make a donation, go to www.kcsjgives.org or use the form available in the *Catholic Key*. To make a gift of appreciated stock, mutual fund shares or gifts of grain, call Greg Vranicar at 816.714.2363.

OUR MONTHLY FOOD TO SHARE is next weekend. Your donations of non-perishable food, hygiene items, and cleaning supplies are appreciated by those who are served by United Services. Items may be placed in the vestibule of the churches.

KATIE'S CORNER-- YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS



Confirmation:

Next session

December 6, 9:00am, Holy Trinity

December 6, 3:00pm, XII Apostles

Find the drawing of the woman praying with a ridiculously long Rosary. Tell Katie or Jim the page # for a special prize!

YOUTH GROUP Grades 7-12:

Cookie sale work sign-ups for Dec 4-6 now available!

Earn credit towards paying for youth group events (float trip, Confirmation retreat, etc.) See fundraising policy and sign up online at www.holytrinitycatholic.org/youth or www.twelveapostlescatholic.org/youth

Sunday, December 13, 1:30-3pm at XII Apostles.

Facing the Final Judgment. Where do you think you'll end up? Heaven, Hell, or Purgatory? Wanna find the best way to help you get to Heaven? Come find out!!

Coming soon: Spring calendar. Keep your eye on your mailbox!

TWELVE APOSTLES NEWS

PSR NEWS:

Families with children grades PreK-4: please remember this Sunday, November 29, is **Advent Family Day**. Join us for family crafts to help you prepare for Advent! During PSR class time in the cafeteria at the Northland Career Center.

Parents: Save the Date for the next PAC meeting. We will be discussing how to help your children at Mass. Come with your questions and ideas to share with others. December 13 immediately following the Rosary. Donuts and Coffee provided.



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 or RSVP to Katie Barmann—608-347-4757 by this Monday, Nov 29.

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.



ONE STOP SHOP



Looking for Advent items, Christmas, Birthday, any occasion Gifts? All are available at Twelve Apostles in your Narthex Display Case. Make a selection today.

The Holy Year of Mercy begins December 8, 2015... the Feast of the Immaculate Conception

"A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just."
—Pope Francis

LOOKING AHEAD: Masses for the holy day, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, will be held on Monday, Dec. 7, at 6:00pm, and Tuesday, December 8, at 6:30AM, at Twelve Apostles and on Tuesday, December 8, at 7pm at Holy Trinity .

Leasing at the Catholic Center: The Catholic Center (at 20 W. 9th Street, downtown Kansas City) has a leasing opportunity with 5 floors of approximately 14,300 sq. ft. per floor. The floors are finished out with open floor plans and perimeter conference rooms. Each floor can be divided into smaller offices of 2500 sq. ft.; 4000 sq. ft.; 7,000 sq. ft. or the entire floor. Parking at 4 spaces/1000 sq. ft. ratio is available for a monthly fee. Lease rates start at \$12/sq. ft. full service. Tenant Finish improvements amortized over the term of the lease. The building has the proper zoning to permit mixed use or residential development. For information, contact Ron Jury, Jury & Associates, Inc. 913 648-3513.

**Statement of the Missouri Catholic Conference
On Terrorists Attacks in Paris and Syrian Refugee Crisis**

We, the Catholic bishops of Missouri, write to express our solidarity with all those terrorized by ISIS and other violent extremists who falsely invoke the name of God to justify their bloody attacks on innocent people. Our concern especially goes out to the French people as they cope in the aftermath of the November 13 terrorist attacks and to the many Syrians also terrorized by ISIS who are fleeing their country for the safety of new lands.

The bloody attacks on innocent Parisians on the night November 13 have galvanized the world as never before to the threat posed by ISIS and other violent extremists. According to French security and other worldwide intelligence sources, the attacks in Paris were either masterminded or inspired by ISIS forces in Syria. Legitimate concerns have, therefore, been raised that ISIS is seeking to insert terrorists into the ranks of refugees coming to Europe and America from Syria.

It is only natural that Americans wonder whether they can be safe from terrorist attacks and whether allowing Syrian refugees into our country will raise the threat of those attacks. As a nation of immigrants, Americans understand our country has a proud tradition of accepting immigrants and refugees, but we also want to be safe and secure.

In this time of increased anxiety, it is especially important to reflect and take stock of what is actually occurring when admitting Syrian refugees into our country. The Syrian refugees go through multiple layers of interviews and security checks, making them the most thoroughly vetted group of people who come to the United States. Security screenings are rigorous and involve the Department of Homeland Security, the FBI, the Department of Defense and multiple intelligence agencies. It can take up to two years for a refugee to pass through this vetting process.

It is true that none of these security measures can guarantee our absolute safety. Even a police state could not offer this guarantee. The challenge is to weigh security concerns with our American tradition of welcoming immigrants and refugees, as symbolized by the iconic Statue of Liberty. In our view, appropriate security measures have been taken and our country should not refuse to welcome Syrian refugees who have been through the vetting process.

We urge Governor Nixon and all public officials to work with federal officials to both keep our citizens safe and to allow refugees from war-torn Syrian to settle in our state.

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