

Welcome to

Holy Trinity Parish

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www.holytrinitycatholic.org

Twelve Apostles Parish

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Third Sunday of Advent December 13, 2015



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In today's Gospel we hear the prophet John the Baptist being asked a profound stewardship question: "What should we do?" Each group wants to know the appropriate response to John's call; each reply points to how they should treat others. John does not simply say, "Be baptized." Rather, he points them to their jobs and personal relationships. The message of John the Baptist is simple: judgment is near, and repentance includes treating others well. We should be willing to share what we have with those in need. To listen to John the Baptist is to be called to account. Do I give only of my excess, or am I the good steward who is willing to sacrifice in order to help others?

International Catholic Stewardship Council December 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:

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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.

Third Sunday of Advent - 13 Dec 2015
Readings: p. 39 in *Breaking Bread*

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 12

5:00pm--XII +Special Intention

Sunday, December 13

7:30am-HT Parishioners of Holy Trinity

9:00am--XII Parishioners of XII Apostles

10:45am-HT Private Intention

Mon, Dec 14, 8am—HT Austin Blair

Wed, Dec 16, 8am—HT +Fr. Matt Dillon (pastor 1852-54)

Thu, Dec 17, 6pm—XII +Fr. Paul A. Blaes

Fri, Dec 18, 8am—HT Anne Bollin

Saturday, December 19

5:00pm--XII +Fr. Robert Cameron

Sunday, December 20

7:30am-HT Parishioners of Holy Trinity

9:00am--XII Parishioners of XII Apostles

10:45am-HT +Blase and Alice Vrbas

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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

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

“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 continue to meet 10:15 – 11:45 AM in XII Apostles basement on **December 13 and 20.**

Check your parish websites for numerous ENDOW offerings beginning in January! www.twelveapostlescatholic.org -or- www.holytrinitycatholic.org



POINSETTIA DEDICATIONS:

Poinsettias to decorate our churches for the Christmas season may be dedicated in honor of a loved one for an offering of \$20. To donate a poinsettia, put your name, the name of the person/s you are honoring, and your donation in an envelope and put it in the collection or mail to the parish office **by Monday, December 21.** Thanks.

COLLECTION for RETIRED RELIGIOUS THIS WEEK

Aging religious need your help. In the United States today, there are more than 33,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. These religious worked tirelessly in Catholic schools, hospitals, and agencies, usually for little to no pay. As a result, many religious communities lack adequate savings for retirement and elder care. Your gift to today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more. Please be generous.

There are envelopes for this collection in your envelope support packs, as well as on the bulletin table.

OUR ADVENT PENCE SERVICE THIS SUNDAY
2:00PM at Twelve Apostles

Holy Trinity/Twelve Apostles' Advent Communal Penance Service will be held **at Twelve Apostles this Sunday, December 13, at 2:00PM.** Several confessors in addition to Father Rogers will be available to hear confessions.

A flyer listing other Penance services around the area was mailed to all registered households. They are also listed on the back of the bulletin and on our websites.



Giving is such an important part of the Advent season as we prepare to receive God's greatest gift, Jesus. **We thank those** who are blessing others in our community by participating in the **Giving Trees.** If you have chosen a gift to give, please purchase the item indicated, attach the ornament to the **unwrapped** gift, and **return to the tree by next Sunday, December 20.** Holy Trinity's tree is in the Parish Hall and XII Apostles' tree is in the church vestibule. (There a few ornaments left if you would still like to pick one up.) Thank you.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS for all.....

Holy Trinity Council 12288 **Pancake & Sausage breakfast on 13 Dec after Masses at Holy Trinity.**

Holy Trinity Council 12288 will have **no meeting** in December.

Thanks to all the Knights who helped with the Hillcrest Ministry Work Day Saturday 12 Dec.

MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITY HERE!

If you are a practicing Catholic man who is age 18 or older, but are not a member of the Knights of Columbus, give yourself a wonderful Christmas present that will last a lifetime. Join other men in our parishes, and become a member of the greatest Catholic, Family, Fraternal, Service organization in the world, with either the Council at Twelve Apostles Parish in Platte City or at Holy Trinity Parish in Weston.

DO MORE for your church and parish by attending the **First (Admission) Degree Ceremonial on Monday, December 21, at Twelve Apostles Church** (lower level). All prospective and current members of the Knights should arrive by 6:30PM; the Admission Degree Ceremonial will begin at 7PM, and should last approximately 45 minutes. Contact Steve Steiger, Grand Knight of Twelve Apostles Council No.16189, for an Application for Membership or for information about the Knights of Columbus at (816) 431-6506 (Day and Night) or at scsteiger@yahoo.com.

DID YOU KNOW?--On December 22, 1877, The Venerable Servant of God Father Michael J. McGivney, Founder of the Knights of Columbus in 1882, was ordained a Catholic priest. Please pray that Father McGivney may soon be declared a saint in the Catholic Church.

SAVE THE DATE FOR UPCOMING ACTIVITIES IN JANUARY 2016:

Jan 10--Pancake breakfast--Twelve Apostles Knights @ Northland Career Ctr
 January 11--1st Degree Ceremonial at St. Therese Parish in Parkville, MO, for all eligible practicing Catholic men wishing to become members
 January 13--Rosary, meeting and social of Twelve Apostles Council No.16189
 January, 2016--Date TBA--Free Throw Championship for ALL boys and girls, ages 9-14--Twelve Apostles Council No.16189

HOLY TRINITY NEWS



PANCAKE BREAKFAST THIS SUNDAY
Holy Trinity's Knights of Columbus will serve a pancake and sausage breakfast after both Masses this Sunday, December 13, in the hall. Open to all. A free will offering will be welcome.

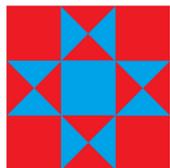
Children's Christmas Choir practice continues:

Final practice this Wednesday, December 16, 7-8pm.

*All adults of Holy Trinity Parish
are cordially invited to an
Epiphany Party*

*Sunday, January 3rd
5:00 to 7:00 pm*

*Holy Trinity Parish Hall
Meat, potatoes, rolls, and drinks
provided. Please bring a side dish
or dessert to share. Kindly RSVP by Monday,
Dec. 28 to 816-640-2206 or secyHT-XII@kc.rr.com*



Twelve Apostles-Holy Trinity Quilt

Group will meet monthly every 2nd Monday, at Holy Trinity, from 11am-3pm.

We will begin our ministry by working on blankets for the homeless. If anyone has old blankets, flannel sheets, old jeans, corduroy, or batting to donate, or a donation towards our work, please contact Lori Mathews at 816-807-3220, lori.mathews4@gmail.com, or bring to our gatherings.

We **WILL** meet **THIS Monday, December 14**; bring a dish to share for lunch. Bring cutting mats, rotary cutters or scissors, and irons; sewing machines are also welcome. If you would like to come and just hang out, you are most welcome!

AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR ON-SITE

Did you know? Both Holy Trinity and XII Apostles have an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). At Holy Trinity, it is located on the wall just inside the parish hall doors, to your right as you enter the door. At Twelve Apostles, it is located in the narthex, on the wall to your left as you enter the church.

KATIE'S CORNER-- YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS



YOUTH GROUP Grades 7-12:

This 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!!



NEXT SUNDAY — CHRISTMAS PARTY!

Sunday, December 20, 1:30-3pm at Twelve Apostles. Join us!

**CONFIRMATION CLASS—NEXT SUNDAY
9AM at Holy Trinity or 3PM at Twelve Apostles**

TWELVE APOSTLES NEWS

PSR NEWS: Parents: Join us for the PAC meeting today.

We will be discussing how to help your children at Mass. Come with your questions and ideas to share with others. This Sunday immediately following the Rosary. Donuts and Coffee provided.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETS THIS MONDAY, December 14, at 7pm.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Advent 2015

Thursday, December 17 – 3PM--8:30PM
(Closing with Benediction)

Sunday, December 20 – 5 PM—6 PM

In this Year of Mercy, we wait with longing for His coming among us. We are an Advent people wanting to encounter Mercy incarnate.

Twelve Apostles Parish is providing special times of Adoration to help us get away, just to be with Jesus and prepare our hearts to welcome our Savior.

Christmas Pageant and Children's Choir

Our Children's Choir for the 3:30pm Christmas Eve Mass and the Christmas pageant to be held at 3:00pm (before Mass) will **practice in the church Dec 13 and Dec 20, immediately following PSR classes.**

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

**Give meaningful gifts;
available at the gift case in your
narthex at Twelve Apostles.**

Take time to spread joy and friendship:

Visit with old and new members of our parish.
Next FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY DEC. 20
after the 9:00am Mass in the lower level.
Refreshments will be available.



CHURCH CLEANING NEXT SATURDAY at 9am by Members of Team Three:

Katie Barmann, Shannon Demory, Meredith Domann, Joan Remmers, and Tammy Glick. Any and all other interested willing hands are welcome, one-time or ongoing. Questions? Contact Jackie Menk at 858-3031.

2015 donations: As the end of the year approaches, we want to remind you of the following: for a donation to be credited to your record for 2015, it needs to be in the office by Noon on 12/31 as the office will be closing at Noon on New Year's Eve. **If you are giving electronically, the donation needs to be made before 3 pm CT on 12/29, with a settle date of 12/31.** If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

OUR PARISH WEBSITES:

Out of town? Misplaced or forgot to pick up your bulletin? Want to read the daily Scripture readings? Did you know you can read the Sunday bulletin, check our Parish Calendar and lots more online? Just go to our websites:
www.twelveapostlescatholic.org -or- www.holytrinitycatholic.org

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

Sunday, Dec. 13, 2PM	Holy Trinity & XII Apostles @ XII Apostles	
Sunday, Dec. 13, 4PM	Sacred Heart, 1405 2 nd Ave, Leavenworth, KS	
Sunday, Dec. 13, 7PM	St. Therese, 7207 Hwy 9 NW, Parkville, MO	
Tues, Dec. 15, 7PM	Holy Family, 919 NE 96 th St, KCMO	
Tues, Dec. 15, 7PM	St. James, 309 S. Stewart Rd., Liberty, MO	
Tues, Dec. 15, 7:30PM	Holy Angels, 15410 Leavenworth Rd., Basehor, KS Tel: 913-724-1665 (During Parish Mission)	
Thu, Dec. 17, 7pm	Immaculate Conception/St. Joseph @ St. Joseph, 306 N. Broadway, Leavenworth, KS.	

Confessions are also heard every Saturday 3:15-3:45PM at Holy Trinity, and 4:15-4:45PM at Twelve Apostles, or any time by appointment.

2015 CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve Masses: Thursday, December 24

- 3:30PM - XII Apostles Church - Children's Choir (A Christmas pageant will be presented at 3:00pm.)
- 5:30PM - Holy Trinity Church - Children's Choir (Music begins 30 minutes before Mass.)
- 5:30PM - XII Apostles Church (Music begins 20 minutes before Mass.)
- 7:30PM - Holy Trinity - with organ (Music begins 30 mins. before Mass.)
- Midnight - Holy Trinity - with guitar choir (Music 30 mins. before Mass.)



Christmas Day Mass: Friday, December 25

- 9:00AM - XII Apostles Church (Music begins 20 minutes before Mass.)

Will you be 70 ½ or older by December 31, 2015?

Find out how to lower your Federal Income Tax

Giving directly from your IRA to a qualified charity like your parish, school, diocesan or parish ministry can be a tax-wise strategy. Please consult your legal or tax adviser or Greg Vranicar at the Diocesan Office of Stewardship and Development at 816-714-2363 or vranicar@diocesekcsj.org. Greg is knowledgeable about the latest guidance regarding IRA Gifts and can provide the necessary forms to accomplish a generous gift.

Living Mercy in the Jubilee Year of Mercy

- from the US Council of Catholic Bishops

The Jubilee Year of Mercy began on December 8, 2015, the fiftieth anniversary of the closing of the Second Vatican Council.

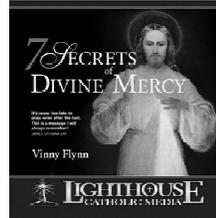
There are many ways we can respond to the call to live mercy. Here are a few ideas:

- Put Two Feet of Love in Action.** Consider how you can strengthen both charitable works and social justice at home and as part of your faith community. Visit www.usccb.org/twofeet for more information.
- Get Involved Locally.** Explore the map at PovertyUSA.org to find local organizations that practice mercy by learning about and addressing poverty. Or, contact your diocesan director for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.
- Engage Your Faith Community.** With your faith community, use Pope Francis' prayer for the Jubilee Year, to pray, reach out, learn, and act during the year. Visit WeAreSaltAndLight.org for stories of how communities of faith around the country are living mercy.

Featured LIGHTHOUSE CD:

7 Secrets of Divine Mercy

Enter into the Year of Mercy with best-selling author, Vinny Flynn, as he shares his 7 Secrets of Divine Mercy, and Christ's message of love for each of us, and for the whole world. Check out the Lighthouse CD stand in the vestibule of the churches for this and much more!



RETREATS

New Year's Retreat. Wednesday evening-Friday noon, December 30, 2015 – January 1, 2016.

Our annual New Year's retreat is a favorite among our frequent guests. Spend time reflecting on the passing of time and the graces of the year ending while looking ahead with hope to the year beginning. You'll find ample time for quiet reflection and prayer, a holy hour on New Year's eve, have the opportunity to celebrate Reconciliation, and enjoy a festive New Year's reception. (Suggested offering for lodging, meals, conferences and reception: \$160 for single accommodations, \$130 per person for double accommodations). For reservations contact the Abbey Guest Center: 660-944-2809; quests@conception.edu.

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At Sophia Center – Atchison, KS

Healing the Child Within

January 8 – 10 7pm, Friday – 1pm, Sunday

If you are seeking to understand the impact of your past life on your present experience, this retreat may lead you to some of the answers. This retreat is led by Sister Marie Ballmann, OSB, a member of the Sophia Center staff, coordinator of the Retreat in Daily Life program and spiritual director. For more information or to register, call 913-360-6173 or visit Sophia Spiritual Center's website at www.sophiaspiritualitycenter

Touched by God's Mercy

Friday, January 22 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Pope Francis has designated the year as a Jubilee Year of Mercy. Come and explore what this Year of Mercy can mean for us individually and as a church. Sister Bridget Dickason, OSB, director of Women's Keeler Center in Kansas City, Kansas and a certified spiritual director will lead this retreat.

For more information or to register, call 913-360-6151 or visit Sophia Center's website at www.sophiaspiritualitycenter

Living with the Grief of Suicide

Thursday, January 28 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Suicide grips hearts and minds with a vise that will not let go, and with feelings of overwhelming sadness, grief and loss. Come join certified grief counselor, Sister Loretta McGuire, OSB, for a day of sharing. For more information or to register, call 913-360-6151 or visit www.sophiaspiritualitycenter

2016 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL: As we journey through the Advent season and enter fully into this Jubilee Year of Mercy, may we join with Bishop Johnston as we strive to live out Jesus' proclamation that "**Blessed Are the Merciful.**" The 2016 Annual Catholic Appeal (in past years, the Bishop's Annual Appeal) unites us in serving not only our Catholic community but also our neighbors in need. Please give generously so others may benefit from the parish and diocesan ministries funded by the annual appeal. Go on-line to www.kcsjgives.org or use the form 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.