

Welcome to

Holy Trinity Parish

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Weston, MO 64098
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Twelve Apostles Parish

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Fourth Sunday of Advent December 20, 2015



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As we draw close to the Feast of the Nativity, we hear the great stewardship proclamation twice in today's second reading from the Letter to the Hebrews: "Behold, I come to do your will, O God!" Who is this Jesus? Who are we that we should follow him? Many want him as a friend, a guide, a king, an advocate.

Jesus reveals the nature of God, the servant sent to give us new life in God's house. Take time to ponder these questions: Do we have the courage to follow Jesus? Do we reflect God's nature in our daily life? Are we able to say with confidence: "Behold, I come to do your will?"

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
10:45 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:

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)
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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@diocesekcsj.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.

Fourth Sunday of Advent - 20 Dec 2015
Readings: p. 41 in *Breaking Bread*

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 19

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

Sunday, December 20

7:30am-HT +John & Josephine Thompson
 9:00am--XII Parishioners of XII Apostles & Holy Trinity
 10:45am-HT +Blase and Alice Vrbas

Mon, Dec 21, 8am—HT +Fr. Paul Blaes
Wed, Dec 23, 8am—HT Private Intention

2015 CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve: Thursday, December 24

3:30PM - XII Apostles - People of XII Apostles. w/ Children's Choir (A Christmas pageant will be presented at 3pm.)
 5:30PM - Holy Trinity - +Barbara O'Malley, ann. Children's Choir (Music begins 30 mins before Mass.)
 5:30PM - XII Apostles (visiting priest)—People of XII Apostles (Music begins 20 mins before Mass.)
 7:30PM - Holy Trinity - People of Holy Trinity. w/organ (Music begins 30 mins. before Mass.)
 Midnight - Holy Trinity - People of Holy Trinity (w/guitar choir. Music begins 30 mins. before Mass.)

Christmas Day Mass: Friday, December 25

9:00AM - XII Apostles—People of XII Apostles (Music begins 20 mins before Mass.)

Saturday, December 26

5:00pm--XII Private Intention

Sunday, December 27

7:30am-HT Parishioners of Holy Trinity
 9:00am--XII Parishioners of XII Apostles
 10:45am-HT In honor of St. Stephen



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS for all....

SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITY--If you are a practicing Catholic man 18 or older, who is NOT a member of the Knights of Columbus, give yourself an extraordinary Christmas present during Advent that will last a lifetime. You will have the privilege of joining other very dedicated men in our two parishes, and becoming a member of the greatest Catholic, Family, Fraternal, Service organization in the world either 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**, which uses a new DVD format, on **Monday, December 21**, at Twelve Apostles Church. ALL prospective members and current members of the Knights should arrive by 6:30PM; the Ceremonial will begin at 7:00PM, and should last approximately 30-45 minutes.

ANYONE planning to join the Knights of Columbus on Monday, December 21 **MUST CONTACT** Steve Steiger, Grand Knight of Twelve Apostles Council No.16189, by 10PM on Sunday, December 20 at (816) 431-6506 or scsteiger@yahoo.com since advance preparation is required. ALL ELIGIBLE Catholic gentlemen are cordially invited and encouraged to join, especially young men college age who are home on Christmas break, and those who are high school seniors (age 18+).

DID YOU KNOW?--On December 22, 1877, Fr. Michael 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, and continue to pray for vocations to the religious.

SAVE THE DATE FOR UPCOMING ACTIVITIES IN 2016:

January 10, 2016--Pancake and sausage breakfast--Twelve Apostles Knights of Columbus Council No.16189
 January 11--1st Degree Ceremonial at St. Therese Parish, Parkville, MO, for all eligible Catholic men wishing to become members of the Knights of Columbus
 January 13--Rosary and social of Twelve Apostles Council No.16189
 January, 2016--Date To Be Announced--Free Throw Championship for ALL boys and girls, ages 9-14--Twelve Apostles Council No.16189
 January 17--2nd and 3rd Degree Ceremonials at Olathe, KS.
 January 31--2nd and 3rd Degree Ceremonials at Conception, MO, and at Leawood, KS. A 1st Degree will also be conducted at Leawood for prospective members who wish to join the Knights.

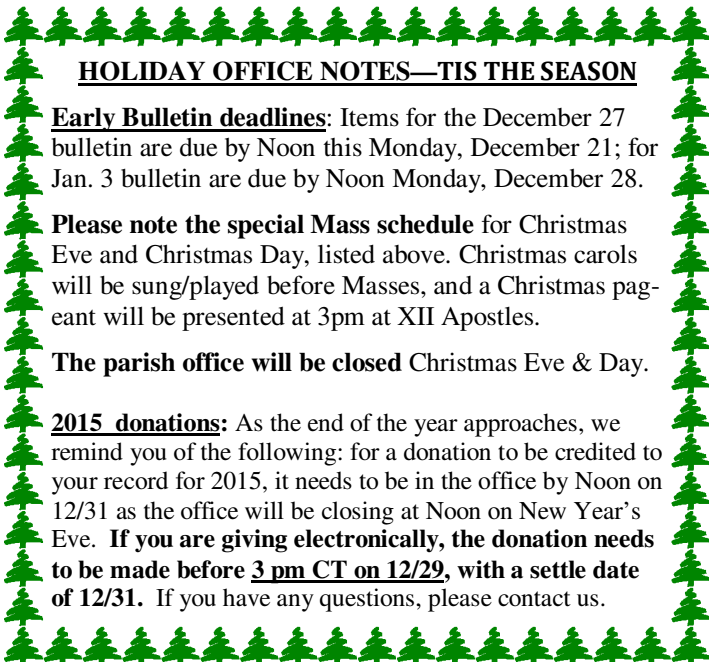
HOLIDAY OFFICE NOTES—TIS THE SEASON

Early Bulletin deadlines: Items for the December 27 bulletin are due by Noon this Monday, December 21; for Jan. 3 bulletin are due by Noon Monday, December 28.

Please note the special Mass schedule for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, listed above. Christmas carols will be sung/played before Masses, and a Christmas pageant will be presented at 3pm at XII Apostles.

The parish office will be closed Christmas Eve & Day.

2015 donations: As the end of the year approaches, we 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 contact us.

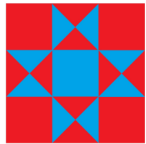


HOLY TRINITY NEWS

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



Mark your 2016 calendars—

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 do-
nate, or a donation towards our work, please contact Lori
Mathews at 816-807-3220, lori.mathews4@gmail.com, or
bring to our gatherings.

AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR ON-SITE

Did you know? Both Holy Trinity and XII Apostles have an Auto-
mated 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.

ARE YOU REGISTERED IN A PARISH?

Did you know....

- ⇒ That every Catholic adult who has completed school and is
employed should be a registered member of a parish?
- ⇒ That Catholics who wish their children to receive the sacra-
ments of Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation, as well
as Catholics who themselves wish to receive Matrimony, are
expected to have been members of that parish for at least a
year or, if recently moved, active members of their previous
parish?

If you are an adult who regularly attends Mass at Holy Trinity
or Twelve Apostles but have not registered, you may do so by
filling out a registration form (found in the back of the churches
or on our websites) and returning it to the parish office. We look
forward to knowing you!

KATIE'S CORNER-- YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

YOUTH GROUP Grades 7-12:
THIS SUNDAY — CHRISTMAS PARTY!

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



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

Merry Christmas!!

TWELVE APOSTLES NEWS

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Advent 2015

THIS Sunday, December 20 – 5 PM-6 PM

The Lord is near. Come divine Messiah in
this Year of your great Mercy, we wait with longing
for your coming among us.



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.
This FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY DEC. 20
after the 9:00am Mass in the lower level.
Refreshments will be available.

Thank you from the Women's Group to the women who
headed up our wonderful Christmas dinner Dec.3rd; 47 were in
attendance. The dinner, great decorations and door prizes were
organized by Katie Barmann, Shannon Demory, Amy Shroyer,
and P.J. Welch. Thank you, ladies!



GIVE YOUR SPOUSE A SPECIAL GIFT THIS CHRISTMAS

Sign up now for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter
Weekend and receive the gift of a great marriage.
Making a Weekend will help you put a little Christmas
in your marriage every day!

The next Weekend in Kansas City is
January 29-31, 2016.

For more information or to apply, please visit our website:
www.wwme4youandme.org
or call Tony & Barb Zimmerman, 816-741-4066
or email tonybarbz@prodigy.net

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

Living Mercy in the Jubilee Year of Mercy

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

Our focus for December is the spiritual work of mercy “To Counsel the Doubtful.” Here are some suggestions for carrying out this work of mercy from the US Conference of Catholic Bishop’s website:

COUNSELING THE DOUBTFUL

Everyone has moments of doubt in their faith journey. Nevertheless, we should always remember that Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life and turn to him along our way.

- Listen to counsel and receive instruction, that you may eventually become wise” (Prov 19:20)
- The Cross of Christ “the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength” (1 Cor 1:25)
- Has someone asked you for advice? Orient your response to Christ, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life
- Follow Christ with the witness of your life so that others may see God’s love revealed in your actions
- Accompany a friend who is struggling with believing to join a parish group for service or faith formation, share a book you found useful in dealing with your friend’s faith concern, and worship at Sunday Mass.

From the Diocesan Respect Life Office: Project Rachel

Many of us know someone who has had an abortion. Maybe it’s troubling them. Maybe it’s troubling you. It’s not easy to talk about. If you know someone in the KC area who is hurting after abortion, please let them know that there is hope and healing. More info at <http://www.ProjectRachelKC.com>. From there, they can get in touch with a counselor who can help them on their healing journey. It’s completely free & confidential. A www.abortionrecovery.org/website lists most of the programs around the country.

Project Rachel (post-abortion hope and healing program) – confidential - www.ProjectRachelKC.com or 816.591.3804.

St. Pius X High School will administer the High School Placement Test on Saturday, January 9, 2016. We will open at 8:00 a.m., serving refreshments, and testing will begin at 8:30 a.m. Testing will end around 12:30 p.m. Your student will need:

- \$15.00 test fee (cash or check made out to St. Pius X)
- Two #2 pencils with erasers
- Calculators are not permitted

There will be an informational meeting at 9:00 a.m. for parents the morning of January 9th as well. This is a great opportunity to ask any remaining questions that you may have about St. Pius X or the enrollment process.

To register your student for the test please go to www.stpiusxhs-kc.com/placementtest or contact Missy Petit at 816-453-3450 x 116 for more information.

“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, 1:30-3:30pm. For additional information, or to register, please call Cathy at (816) 540-4644, or Donna at (816) 305-3760.

Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving

We invite you to consider setting up a recurring giving plan. Automating your financial commitments means your contributions will be received on a steady, uninterrupted basis. To set up a recurring giving schedule, visit us online at your parish’s website:

holytrinitycatholic.org -or-
twelveapostlescatholic.org

Locate the “Donate Now” button and set up your recurring giving schedule. The first time you give, you will select a password that will enable you to log in at any time and make changes to your giving or view your complete online giving history. Or if it’s easier, complete a paper authorization form, found in the vestibule of the church, and return it to the church office.

“Nothing graces the Christian soul so much as mercy; mercy as shown chiefly towards the poor, that you may treat them as sharers in common with you in the produce of nature, which brings forth the fruits of the earth for use to all.”

—Saint Ambrose

Please contribute generously to “**Blessed Are the Merciful**”, the 2016 Annual Catholic Appeal (in past years, the Bishop’s Annual Appeal). Go on-line to www.kcsigives.org for more information 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.