

Welcome to

Holy Trinity Parish

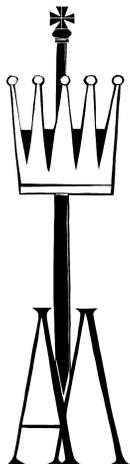
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Twelve Apostles Parish

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Feast of Christ the King November 20, 2016



Today we listen to the humble confession of Saint Dismas, the good thief; a confession that brought him mercy, forgiveness and great favor by the Lord. What can his humility teach those who seek to be good stewards? That we must give up our self-importance, our self-centeredness, and learn to give ourselves over to God? That God has entrusted us with everything we have as gift to be used in God's service? That we treat others not with arrogance, sarcasm or put-down, but with reverence and respect as gifts from God? Is it by recognizing that God is the center of the universe, not us, and that only Christ the King can bring us genuine peace and salvation?

International Catholic Stewardship Council E-news November 2016

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
Mrs. Julie Hoffman, Office Manager - x201, secyHT-XII@kc.rr.com
Ms. Katie Troup -x304, Youth Minister--both parishes: ymht-xii@kc.rr.com; XII Apostles Dir. of Religious Education-dreXII@kc.rr.com
Mrs. Elysha Ferguson, Holy Trinity Dir. of Religious Education-x200; dreHT@kc.rr.com
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 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 the parish office 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.

**Feast of Christ the King
November 20, 2016
Readings: p. 236 in *Breaking Bread***

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 19

5:00pm--XII +Special Intention

Sunday, November 20

7:30am-HT +Ginny Shaw

9:00am--XII Parishioners of Twelve Apostles

10:45am-HT Parishioners of Holy Trinity

Mon, Nov 21, 8am-HT Intentions of Jillian Ann Grisham

Wed, Nov 23, 8am-HT Intentions of Ryan Paul Grisham

**Thanksgiving Day Mass—Thursday, November 24
9AM at Holy Trinity — In Thanksgiving for our many blessings**

No Mass on Friday, November 25

Saturday, November 26

5:00pm--XII Private Intention

Sunday, November 27

7:30am-HT Parishioners of Holy Trinity

9:00am--XII Parishioners of Twelve Apostles

10:45am-HT +Jim Hoffman

Tomorrow's Priests Second Collection this weekend

Our diocese is blessed with 33 men studying for the priesthood at six different seminaries. At the moment, our diocese has more parishes than we do parish priests, so the need for more vocations to the priesthood is significant. We are truly fortunate to have such a large number of quality seminarians in formation.

It is a blessing that also comes with a cost. The average rate per seminarian per year is nearly \$35,000 for tuition, room and board. Funding seminary education can only be accomplished with your generosity. Please help us to support our seminarians, "Tomorrow's Priests" in the second collection today.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS will be celebrated at 9am this Thursday, Nov. 24, at Holy Trinity. There will be no daily Mass on Friday, November 25.



**EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE/
HOLIDAY HOURS:**

The Parish Office will be closed this Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday. **Bulletin items are due by Noon this Monday, November 21.**

**CALLING ALL BAKERS of Twelve Apostles and Holy Trinity!
Our Youth Group's 14th annual "Christmas-Cookies-by-the-Pound" Sale** will take place the weekend of Weston's Holiday Homes Tour, December 2-4. If you can help by donating six dozen or so of your special homemade Christmas cookies, please sign up by following this link - <https://goo.gl/D8tZDY> or by emailing Katie (ymHT-XII@kc.rr.com). As always, thank you!!



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Women of Faith group meets every Wednesday following 8:00am Mass*, 8:30-9:45am, in Holy Trinity's parish hall. We will finish our current book, *Availability: the Challenge and the Gift of Being Present* by Robert Wicks, in a couple weeks, then begin a new book in January. Each chapter stands alone; no homework. Come as you are able. Questions, contact Maureen Vernon at 816-616-5975 or marve49@aol.com (*If no Mass, no group study*)

ENDOW Class: "Letter to Women", this Tuesday evening in the XII Apostles' Cry Room from 7-9pm. Questions? Contact Katie: 608.347.4757 or Amy: 816.294.6648.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Thank you, Lord

For all the beautiful and wonderful things we experience in our life; for the beauty of the earth and its amazing colors; for crisp autumn mornings and sparkling winter nights; for mountains and forests, rivers and seashores.

Thank you, Lord

For all the beautiful and wonderful things we experience in our life; for the water that cleanses, the clothes that bring warmth, the food that nourishes and the home that gives comfort.

Thank you, Lord

For all the beautiful and wonderful things we experience in our life; for those who love us and care for us; for those who value us for who we are; for those we call family, friends, neighbors.

Thank you, Lord

For all the beautiful and wonderful things we experience in our life; for the gift of Christ, your son; for his life, his gospel, his cross, and his Church; for his Eucharistic meal and the promise to be with us always.

Thank you, Lord

For all the beautiful and wonderful things we experience in our life; for the time you've allotted us, the life you've offered us, the opportunities you've afforded us, and the miracles you've worked for us.

Thank you, Lord

For all the beautiful and wonderful things we experience in our life; and for your infinite love that meets our daily needs. May our love, too, be known for its abundance, its readiness to bless and heal, to offer peace and promote justice, and to serve in Jesus' name.

Amen.

ADVENT REFLECTIONS: Today is the Feast of Christ the King, the final weekend of this liturgical year. Next Sunday is the first weekend of Advent. To help you celebrate Advent and prepare for Christmas, there are reflection booklets. "A Season of Praise", available today on the table with the bulletins.

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY AT HOLY TRINITY



All women of both parishes, age 21 and over, are invited to the Holy Trinity Women's Guild Christmas Party, Tuesday, December 6, at Holy Trinity Parish Hall. Social hour begins at 6:30pm with dinner at 7pm. Again this year we will have the honor of being served by Knights of Columbus members. \$15 per person.

Please RSVP to Pam Wittmeyer, text/phone [816-804-0855](tel:816-804-0855) or email pamwittmeyer@gmail.com. Send payment to Maureen Vernon, 4 Pearl Drive, Apt D, Weston, MO 64098. Checks payable to Holy Trinity Women's Guild. Deadline for reservations is November 30.

HOLY TRINITY NEWS

Mass of Thanksgiving and Food Drive this Sunday

Luke 21: 1-4



Please join the Triniteens for a special Mass of Thanksgiving this Sunday, Nov. 20, at 10:45 am. The Triniteens will lead this special Mass and parish-wide Food Drive. Your generous offering of bags of rice, flour, canned goods, or other non-perishables will be shared with Platte County families in need. A large basket will be placed in the back of church for those who attend 7:30 Mass. Thank you for supporting our parish teenagers and local families in need!

THANKSGIVING DINNER & PRAYER SERVICE THIS SUNDAY



Holy Trinity is hosting the Weston Community Thanksgiving Dinner and Prayer Service this Sunday, November 20, at 6pm, followed by a prayer service at 7pm. All are invited! Meat, potatoes, rolls, and beverages will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share and join us in thanksgiving as we welcome our Weston neighbors!

“Giving for God’s Kingdom” — The Annual Catholic Appeal is underway and Holy Trinity parishioners are asked to consider a gift toward the important work of our Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph. Thanks to the 15 families who have pledged/contributed \$6,625 towards our goal of \$10,560. We are trying to achieve a greater percentage of participation; 10% of our families have contributed to-date. There are more than 30 ministries supported by ACA funds that assist people throughout the diocese. Envelopes are available in the vestibule. Your gift of any amount is important.

Please read the bulletin each week to learn more about how these ministries are important in the lives of Holy Trinity Parishioners:

"In January 2015, I went to Washington, D.C. to participate in the March for Life with a group of college students. With the help of the Respect Life offices of several Missouri dioceses, including ours, we were able to make the trip at very little cost to us. The experience was a life-changing perception check of Roe v. Wade's effects on women and families across the country. We were able to explore D.C., attend seminars, and participate in special Masses and prayer groups as well as march with the thousands of people who showed up. Witnessing and participating in the protest helped solidify my faith."

-Hannah Bartee, Holy Trinity

KATIE'S CORNER YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS



Youth Group—grades 6-12

Cookie Sale –Dec. 2-4: Sign up to work the cookie sale is now online. Please visit www.holytrinitycatholic.org/youth or www.twelveapostlescatholic.org/youth to sign up.



Confirmation class:

Next session: December 4, 3-5pm at XII Apostles

TWELVE APOSTLES NEWS

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT FEAST OF JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

THIS Sunday, November 20, 2016



LORD, rule your world with your mercy and peace and fill our hearts with the power of your love.

At the close of this Jubilee Year, on the Feast of Christ the King, may we continue to perform the works of mercy so we can carry on a lifetime of *Jubilee Years of Mercy.*

(On this feast of Christ the King, our parish exposes Jesus for Adoration for the first time in a new monstrance because of the blessings of generous donations.)

Adult Adoration 5:00 – 6:00

“GIVING FOR GOD’S KINGDOM” ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL:

Thank you to the 31 households from Twelve Apostles who have pledged/contributed \$14,410 thus far towards our parish goal of \$15,963. We are trying to achieve a greater percentage of participation; 11% of our households have responded so far. If you are still considering your ability to join the Appeal, please realize that we all benefit by the diocesan programs and services that the Appeal supports. Your gift of any amount is important. There are pledge envelopes in the narthex.



*Our Deepest
Sympathy*

Our prayerful condolences to Marlin and Frances Legault on the death of their son, Darrell, this past week. May he rest in eternal peace and may God's comfort surround all those who mourn him.

PSR News: Next Sunday, parents (and younger siblings) of those in grades PreK-4 are invited to join us for Advent-themed crafts and activities.

Practices for the annual Christmas Pageant and Children's

Choir will begin Sunday, November 27, in the church, immediately following PSR classes. Children in 1st-8th grades interested in participating in the annual Christmas Pageant and Children's Choir on December 24, 2016, before and during the Children's Christmas Eve Mass (3:30pm) are invited. Practices will last approximately 1 hour. A few parents are needed to help with the practices, before and after the pageant and during Mass on Christmas Eve. This is fun way to instruct our Children about the story of the birth of Christ and a way for them to participate in the music ministry of the Christmas Eve Mass.

Keep Christ in your life. This Christmas give a meaningful gift. A variety of items are available in the narthex gift case: Advent calendars, candles and much more. Proceeds are invested for new items to better serve our Parishioners. Thank you for your support.

BUILDING FUND UPDATE: Through the faithful giving of many of our parishioners, we are making headways on paying down the debt incurred in building our church. This needs to be paid down substantially before we are able to obtain another loan for finishing the basement and adding additional parking. Thank you to all who donate to this fund for your ongoing support! (There are gold Building Fund envelopes in your envelope pack and/or in the church narthex.) Building Cost: \$3.17 million
Current Diocesan Loan balance: \$1,430,000.00
Oct minimum loan pmt: \$9,000 + Interest pmt: \$4,535 = \$13,535.
Oct bldg fund contributions: \$8,600. We need your help! Thank you!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS
for all.....

ALL Eligible Practicing Catholic Men Are Invited to Become Members of the Knights of Columbus, the largest, Catholic, Family, Fraternal, Service, Lay organization in the world. We were founded by a Catholic priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, in 1882. Father McGivney is presently being considered for sainthood in the Catholic Church.

There are opportunities to join the Knights of Columbus in December 2016 and in January 2017--- Practicing Catholic gentlemen, age 18 or older (no maximum age to join), wishing to become members of the Knights of Columbus either at Holy Trinity in Weston or at XII Apostles in Platte City may do so on ONE of the following dates:

- (1) Sunday, December 4, 6:00 PM at Kearney, MO
- (2) Tuesday, December 13, 7:00PM at Lee's Summit, MO;
- (3) Monday, December 19, 2016, 7PM, O'Hara Council in south Kansas City
- (4) Monday, January 19, 2017, 7:00PM, St. Therese Parish in Parkville, MO.
- (5) Join by special arrangements using Knights of Columbus Admission
- (6) Degree DVD.

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 information about the Knights of Columbus or if you wish to attend ONE of the ceremonials listed above.

DID YOU KNOW? During the 2015-2016 academic year, the National Office of the Knights of Columbus awarded scholarships totaling more than \$1.9 MILLION. Most recipients are the children of Knights or Knights working toward degrees. The Missouri State Council of the Knights of Columbus also awards 11 scholarships each year to Knights and their families.

Scholarships, fellowships and grants are again available from the following Councils of the Knights of Columbus: (1) The Missouri State Council and (2) The National Office in New Haven, Connecticut.

Applications will be due to the Missouri State Council no later than February 15, 2017, and to the National Office no later than March 1, 2017.

For information, contact: (1) Michael Deamos, Scholarship Chairman, MO State Council, (816) 405-7418 or at scholarship@mokofc.org and (2) Department of Scholarships, Knights of Columbus, New Haven, CT, (203) 752-4332 Applications may be obtained online at (1) mokofc.org and at (2) kofc.org/scholarships

Members of the Knights of Columbus should be ready to supply their Council Number and Membership Number (recorded on their membership card).

Offerings at Abbey Guest Center:

Advent day of reflection, Wednesday December 7

Spend the day at the Abbey to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. See how the Advent season prepares us to celebrate in a very rich way Christ's coming into the world and into our hearts. The day begins with coffee and rolls at 9:00 followed by a conference, Mass and lunch follow. There will be more quiet time and a concluding conference at 2:30 pm. (Lunch and retreat fee: \$20 per person).

New Year Retreat, Friday-Sunday December 30-January 1, 2017

Join the Abbey Guest Center Staff and Archbishop Jerome Hanus in a reflective time of prayer and spiritual talks to help bring in the New Year. There will be time for quiet reflection and prayer, a holy hour on New Year's eve, with the opportunity to celebrate Reconciliation, and enjoy a festive New Year's reception. (Retreat cost for lodging, meals, conferences and reception: \$170 for single accommodations, \$140 per person for double accommodations).

For reservations for any of the above, contact the Abbey Guest Center: phone 660-944-2809 or email guests@conception.edu.

Join us for St. Francis Xavier School's 1st Reindeer Run 5k and Kids' Santa Scamper to benefit the scholarship fund. The fun begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 10 at Bartlett Park in St. Joseph with the 0.7 mile Santa Scamper for kids in K-5th grade. The 5k starts at 10:30am. Early Elf registration to guarantee a t-shirt ends Nov. 20: \$20 for 5k, \$10 for kids' run. From Nov. 21 thru day of event: \$25 for 5k, \$15 kids' run. Email maureen013@hotmail.com or call (816) 232-4911.

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Married Couples...Take Some Time Together!!
A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a weekend full of fresh love, rebirth and new beginnings. All married couples deserve a richer, fuller life together.

The next Weekends in Kansas City are
November 18-20, 2016 and January 27-29, 2017.
For more information or to apply, please visit our website:
www.wvme4youandme.org
or call Tony & Barb Zimmerman, 816-741-4066.

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 8 - February 19, 2017, 1:30-3:30 p.m.** For additional information, or to register, please call Donna at (816) 305-3760.

Couple to Couple League Announces Postpartum Natural Family Planning Class

A class in using the Sympto-Thermal Method of Natural Family Planning during the postpartum period takes place at St. Andrew Parish, 6415 NE Antioch Rd, Kansas City, on Sat., Dec. 3, at 9am. For more info about this or other Couple to Couple League classes in the metro area, call or e-mail Christina or Michael Paoletti at (816) 507-1591 or jchristinapaoletti@gmail.com or call CCL of Kansas City at (913) 894-3558. Online pre-registration for the class is required at: www.ccli.org.

DCCW DECEMBER MEETING

All ladies are invited to attend the DCCW (Diocesan Council of Catholic Women) quarterly meeting on December 7, 2016 at St. Bernadette Parish, 9020 E. 51st Terrace, Kansas City, MO. Registration begins at 9am, with coffee and rolls, followed by short business meeting, Mass, entertainment, craft sales, and luncheon. Please bring warm hats, gloves, mittens, scarves to be given to the Bishop Sullivan Center for distribution. Luncheon is \$11; RSVP no later than Tuesday, Nov. 29, to Carolyn Huff at 816-690-4278 or lthouse4@centurylink.net. We look forward to seeing you!