

Welcome to

Holy Trinity Parish

407 Cherry St.
Weston, MO 64098
www.holytrinitycatholic.org

Twelve Apostles Parish

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First Sunday of Advent November 27, 2016



On this first Sunday of Advent, Jesus urges his disciples to stay awake and prepare themselves for the Lord's coming. Good stewards prepare themselves and await Christ's judgment in joyous expectation. This kind of attitude requires genuine spiritual maturity, the kind that is cultivated by prayer, participation in the sacraments, loving attention to family and one's communion of faith, and love for one's neighbor. Are we prepared for the Lord's second coming? Are we ready to receive Christ? Are we ready to look joyously for Christ's judgment?

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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.

**First Sunday of Advent
November 27, 2016
Readings: p. 31 in *Breaking Bread***

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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

No weekday Masses this week

Saturday, December 3

5:00pm--XII +Special Intention

Sunday, December 4

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

9:00am--XII +Marge Johnston

10:45am-HT +Mary Ann Nagle

WELCOME to Father Charles Rowe who is with us to celebrate Masses this weekend. Thank you for being here, Fr. C!

PLEASE NOTE: NO WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK

Father Rogers will be out of the office this week. The parish office *will* be open regular hours (shown on front of bulletin).

ADVENT REFLECTIONS: Advent begins this Sunday. A daily reflection booklet for Advent, "A Season of Praise", is available on the table with the bulletins. Daily reflections from Bishop Robert Barron can be found on our websites.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!! to FR. ROGERS this Friday, December 2. May the Lord bless you with abundant joy!



CHRISTMAS COOKIE TIME! Our Youth Group's 14th 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 to bake! 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 by following this link - <https://goo.gl/D8tZDY> or by emailing Katie (ymHT-XII@kc.rr.com). Or just bring! Thank you!! You may drop cookies off at XII Apostles on Thursday, Dec. 1, from 6:30-7pm, or at Holy Trinity Parish Hall on Thursday, Dec. 1, or Friday, Dec. 2, from 9am-3:30pm. You may also drop off downtown at the Masonic Lodge on Friday, December 2, from 3:30-4:30pm. If none of these times work for you, please contact Katie Troup-816-640-2206 x304. As always, thank you!

And come shop the delicious assortment of cookies this weekend at the Masonic Lodge (across from St. George Hotel)—Friday night 5-8, Saturday 11-8, Sunday 11-4 (or until sold out).

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

No Wednesday Women's Group at Holy Trinity this week.

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.

Offerings at **Sophia Spirituality Center**, a ministry of the Benedictine Sisters of Mount St. Scholastica, 751 S. 8th St, Atchison, KS:

A Quiet Morning: Coffee and Silence

9:00 am-4:00 pm—Wednesday, Nov. 30, Tuesday, Dec. 6, or Wednesday, Dec. 14

We offer our space for private retreat times on days when we have no groups scheduled. Come for a morning or a day. Spend time in silence. Walk our beautiful grounds. Visit our St. Scholastica chapel. Coffee is provided. Arrive any time after 9:00 am. Bring a sack lunch and spend the day. Leave by 4:00 pm. Reservations required.

An Advent Retreat Dec. 2-3 Friday, 7pm- Saturday, 3:30 pm

Come and prepare for a new liturgical season. Discover ways to reorder your life and listen to the longings of your heart. This retreat is led by Benedictine Sister Marcia Ziska, associate director of Sophia Center and director of initial formation for the Mount community.

Traveling the Road of Mercy: A Thomas Merton Retreat

Tuesday, December 6, 9:00 am-4:00 pm

Merton says, "Only the one who has had to face despair is really convinced that he seeks God's mercy." This retreat will explore events of our life to discover our experience of God's mercy. The retreat will include talks, contemplative dialogue, contemplative prayer, shared prayer, and a DVD, with time for silence and conversation. Lunch will be provided. Led by S. Sheila Carroll, OSB, D Min., a member of the Benedictine Sisters of Mount St. Scholastica, serves on the Sophia staff and as a spiritual director. She draws on her graduate studies of mysticism and prayer to give retreats and talks on the mystics.

Advent Retreat Day with Handel's Messiah

Saturday, December 10, 10:00 am-3:00 pm

Prepare for Christmas by taking time to reflect on the Scripture and texts from Handel's Messiah and Advent hymns. Pray the texts through lectio and song. The day will include exploring the background of the Messiah, Lunch provided. Led by S. Susan Barber, OSB, M.A. is a member of the Benedictine Sisters of Mount St. Scholastica and holds a certificate in spiritual formation from Catholic Theological Union. She has a master's degree in music, and served as community liturgist for twelve years.

For more information or to register for any of the above, call [913-360-6151](tel:913-360-6151) or visit Sophia Spirituality Center's website at www.sophiaspiritualitycenter.org

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 this Wednesday, November 30.**

HOLY TRINITY NEWS



Thank you to all of our fellow parishioners for your generous donations of non-perishables for our local Food Pantry. We had an amazing amount of food and toiletries donated and it will go far to help our Platte County families in need. We greatly appreciate your support of our project and of our teenage group. A special thank you to Chris Johnson for his inspiration and assistance.

With Gratitude,
The Triniteens

Thanks to the devoted teens of Holy Trinity for planning the special Thanksgiving Mass and Food Drive. Your energy and leadership are inspiring to us all and we are blessed to have you as such an important group in our parish: Austin Cass, Andrew Cicha, Giacomo Crapulli, Grant Eagen, Quinn Eagen, Rachel Heili, Quinn Johnson, Wyatt Kleman, Lea Moose, Aidan Sullivan, Julian Trelow, Samantha Whitt, Annie Wurtenberger.

ANGEL TREE: Our PSR program is gathering Christmas gifts for four organizations. All are welcome to participate. There are items on the Angel Tree in the parish hall -- you are invited to take an ornament, purchase that item, then return it, *unwrapped*, under the tree, with the ornament attached, by December 18.

No Adoration or confessions this Friday since Father will be away.

First of the month rosary for the unborn next Sunday, December 4, at 10:05am.

“Giving for God’s Kingdom” — The Annual Catholic Appeal continues; Holy Trinity parishioners are asked to consider a gift toward the important work of our Diocese.

Thanks to the 18 families who have pledged/contributed \$8,625 towards our goal of \$10,560. The Bishop is hoping for a greater percentage of participation; 12% of our families have contributed to-date. There are more than 30 ministries supported by ACA funds that assist people throughout the diocese. Your gift of any amount is important. Envelopes are available in the vestibule.

FOOD COLLECTION: Next weekend is the monthly food collection for United Services food pantry (located in Tracy). This organization gives food and other items to those in our community who need it. Most needed: oatmeal, cereal, peanut butter, tuna, canned chicken, crackers, soup, “box meals,” pasta, pasta sauce, snacks, juice, and personal hygiene and cleaning items. Any non-perishable item will be appreciated. Place your items in the marked box located at the back of both churches. Thank you.

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



Youth Group

Confirmation class: Next session: December 4, 3-5pm at XII Apostles. Don’t forget to be researching saints!
YouCat Challenge: Find the woman wanting to marry a guy sitting on spikes next to a very confused priest. Text the page number to Katie to get a special prize!

TWELVE APOSTLES NEWS

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

First Sunday of Advent

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

November 27, 2016



Jesus, give me a spirit of JOY as I begin this Advent Season and travel to you.

“We will go up to the house of the Lord.” *Ps. 122:1-9.*

We take this journey for we know that only He can give us our heart’s desire.

Adult Adoration 5:00 – 6:00 pm

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

Thank you to the 36 households from Twelve Apostles who have pledged/contributed \$15,235 thus far towards our parish goal of \$15,963. The Bishop is hoping for a greater percentage of participation; 12% 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.

Christmas Pageant

Come be a part of the Children’s Pageant of the Nativity! Children grades 1-8 are all invited. All participants must be available for the December 24, 3:00pm performance (before 3:30pm Mass).

Rehearsals are immediately after PSR, at the Church on Nov. 27, December 4, 11, and 18. Parts will be assigned on November 27.

Costumes provided. No previous experience necessary but plan to sing some Christmas carols.

Questions: Jeanne Witsken 913-306-4344 or Karla Stahl 816-858-5817 or Nstahl1@kc.rr.com



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.

Support Twelve Apostles when you shop on Black Friday and Cyber Monday. Start at smile.amazon.com/ch/26-2416033 and Amazon donates to Twelve Apostles Parish. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to **Twelve Apostles Parish whenever** you shop on AmazonSmile. (AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service.)

BUILDING FUND UPDATE:

Building Cost: \$3.17 million

Current Diocesan Loan balance: \$1,430,000.00.

Minimum loan pmts to-date this fiscal year (July-Nov): \$45,000

plus Interest payments of \$23,361.56 = \$68,361.56

Building fund contributions to-date this fiscal year: 42,961.57

Shortfall to building fund since 1 July 2016: \$25,399.99

Notes: 1) Funds needed to pay back our loan are being taken from general revenue (which is down 4%) and are impacting our ability to pay other bills and provide other services.
2) Paying only the minimum on the loan each month means it will take more than 13 years to pay off our building loan. 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, who is presently being considered for sainthood in the Catholic Church. Last year, we donated over \$175 MILLION and more than 73.5 MILLION HOURS of volunteer service to CHARITABLE and benevolent causes. The Knights currently have over \$100 BILLION of insurance in force protecting its members and families.

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, 6:30 PM at Kearney, MO. Arrive by 6:00 PM.
- (2) Tuesday, December 13, 7:00 PM at Lee's Summit, MO;
- (3) Monday, December 19, 2016, 7:00 PM at O'Hara Council No.4387, south KC;
- (4) Monday, January 19, 2017, 7:00 PM at St. Therese Parish in Parkville, MO.
- (5) or special arrangements using the Knights of Columbus Admission Ceremonial 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 (Day and Night) or at scholarship@mokofc.org and (2) Department of Scholarships, Knights of Columbus, New Haven, CT, (203) 752-4332 (Office is on Eastern Standard Time).

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).

Twelve Apostles Knights of Columbus Council No.16189 extends a cordial welcome to the following Catholic gentlemen who have recently become members of our council at Twelve Apostles Church in Platte City: Andy Bird; Walter Dowd; Jordan Kratz; Robert Reyes and Leon R. Sequeira. Walt Dowd has been a member of the Knights for 56 YEARS, and is an Honorary Life Member. Thank you, Walt, for your dedicated and loyal service to our Order and to the Church. Thank you to Field Agent Jorge Orozco and to Jorge Orozco-Roller (Jorge Jr.) for serving as Proposers (Sponsors) for them.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

*Sunday, December 11, 2016--Pancake and sausage breakfast sponsored by Twelve Apostles Knights of Columbus Council No.16189 at the Northland Career Center cafeteria in Platte City.

*MEETING NOTICE---Wednesday, December 14, 2016--6:45 PM--Twelve Apostles Council No.16189 Rosary, Meeting and Social Period at Twelve Apostles Church in Platte City.

--LOOKING AHEAD TO 2017--

*Sunday, January 15, 2017--2nd (Formation) and 3rd (Knighthood) Degree Ceremonials will be conducted at Topeka, KS;

*Sunday, January 29, 2017--2nd (Formation) and 3rd (Knighthood) Degree Ceremonials will be conducted at Olathe, KS;

For information, contact either Steve Steiger or Jim Rooney at the numbers above.

The Knights of Columbus Councils at Holy Trinity and at Twelve Apostles extend **HAPPY BIRTHDAY wishes on December 2 to our Pastor and Chaplain Father Steven Rogers!!!**

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. John Francis Regis Parish, 8941 James A. Reed Rd., KCMO** 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.

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 27-29, 2017

For more information or to apply, please visit our website:

www.wvme4youandme.org

or call Tony & Barb Zimmerman, 816-741-4066

or email tonybarbz@prodigy.net

Freedom from contraception - a beautiful gift! The FertilityCare™ System (Creighton Model) Introductory Session is offered monthly at a variety of area locations and long distance. Fulfills marriage policy requirement. Helpful for achieving and avoiding pregnancy plus medical applications. Better than IVF for infertility. Register online at www.fertilitycarekc.com, or call the FertilityCare™ Center of KC at (816) 858-0198.

Canto Chorale will offer four performances this Christmas season. Sunday afternoon, Dec 4, 3pm at Platte City High School Theater. Sunday afternoon, Dec 11, 4pm at First Baptist Church in Platte City. Friday night, Dec 16, 7 pm at Edgerton Christian Church. Last performance--Sat night, Dec 17, 7:30pm at West Platte High School Performing Arts Center, Weston, MO.

JOB OPENING: Xavier Catholic Preschool in Leavenworth has a part time job opportunity within the Extended Child Care program. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older. For more information, please contact Shannon Holcomb at (913) 682-1943.

Are you 70½ or older?

Do you want to save federal and state income taxes? Giving directly from your IRA to a qualified charity like your parish, school, Annual Catholic Appeal, diocesan or parish ministry can be a tax-wise strategy. Please consult your legal or tax adviser or Greg Vranicar at 816-714-2363 or vranicar@diocesekcsj.org at the Office of Stewardship and Development. Gifts of this type satisfy your "required minimum distribution (rmd)" and will help you avoid paying income tax on whatever amount you transfer directly to charity.