

Welcome to

Holy Trinity Parish

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Twelve Apostles Parish

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Second Sunday of Advent December 4, 2016



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In today's Gospel reading John the Baptist warns his listeners: "Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!" The Church's yearly Advent herald is a call to repentance. The season of Advent urges us to be open to a conversion of heart. Christian stewards heed this call daily, and take the need for conversion in their lives seriously. As a family of faith, do we hear this call to conversion amidst the massive holiday spending? The increase in credit card debt? The urge to buy things that are not necessary? The incivility on the roadways during the holidays? Are there patterns in our own lives that need to be converted?

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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
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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 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.

**Second Sunday of Advent
December 4, 2016
Readings: p. 34 in *Breaking Bread***

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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

Monday, Dec 5, 8am-HT Special Intention—Larry Contreras

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

HOLY DAY MASSES

Wednesday, Dec. 7, at 6:00pm at Twelve Apostles

Thursday, December 8, at 6:30AM, at Twelve Apostles

Thursday, December 8, at 7:00pm at Holy Trinity

Friday, Dec 9, 8am—HT Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, December 10

5:00pm--XII +Isabelle Speichinger

Sunday, December 11

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

9:00am--XII +Beatrice Grame

10:45am-HT +Philip, Sr., & Rose Amanna

YOUTH GROUP'S CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE!



Come shop the delicious assortment of cookies this weekend at the Masonic Lodge (across from St. George Hotel) in Weston—Saturday till 8pm, Sunday 11-4 (or while supplies last).

A HUGE THANK YOU to all who donated cookies for our 14th annual Christmas Cookies-by-the-Pound sale! We couldn't do it without you!

PLEASE NOTE —

**We have a special Mass schedule this week,
for the holy day of obligation:**

**Masses for the Feast of the Immaculate
Conception, will be held:**

Wednesday, December 7, at 6:00pm at Twelve Apostles

Thursday, December 8, at 6:30AM, at Twelve Apostles

Thursday, December 8, at 7:00pm at Holy Trinity

COLLECTION for RETIRED RELIGIOUS NEXT WEEK

Support elderly religious. A former student writes, "As a Catholic school student from grades K-12, I was formed to be the person I am by many religious brothers and sisters, and I am forever grateful." Show your appreciation for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously to next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

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

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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.

In Need of Prayer?

Shirley Goode is the new prayer chain contact at XII Apostles. Thank you, Shirley. Our heartfelt thanks to Donna Webb who had been the XII Apostles contact for the past several years.

If you or your family has a serious need for which you would like prayers from the parish community, you may send your prayer request to our prayer chains. *Due to privacy concerns, requests for prayers must be from the person or their family, or with their permission.*

Requests should be about difficult/life-changing events and include the name of the person and reason for prayer. Please contact Shirley Goode of XII Apostles at 858-0374 or email s.goode@att.net or Kelly Lacina of Holy Trinity at 816-253-9921 or lacina6@aol.com.

Requests will be forwarded to both prayer chains if you wish. Please feel free to contact whomever you are able to reach, regardless of parish. If you would like to join the prayer chain to offer prayers, also please contact one of these leaders.

END-OF-YEAR GIFTS TO YOUR PARISH

End of year giving needs to be in the office no later than Noon on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30, to be credited to 2016 giving.

If you are giving online through an established account, please note that you must order the transaction through your online account before 3:00pm on Thursday, December 29. (If you need assistance in setting up a new transaction, please contact the parish office by Noon on Wednesday, December 28.)



ANGEL TREES: Giving is such an important part of the Advent season as we prepare to receive God's greatest gift through the birth of Jesus. Please join our parishes in blessing others in our community by participating in the "Angel Trees". Holy Trinity's tree is in the Parish Hall and XII Apostles' tree is in the church vestibule. Simply choose an ornament, purchase the item indicated, attach the ornament to the *un-wrapped* gift, and return to the tree no later than December 18. Thank you.

QUILT GROUP: We will meet at Holy Trinity anytime from 11am-3pm this Monday and next to make folded fabric stars for our Epiphany party—no sewing required! Join us!

SAVE-THE-DATE: EPIPHANY PARTY for adults the evening of January 8 at Holy Trinity. All adult parishioners of both parishes invited. More details to follow.



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 19.** Thanks.

HOLY TRINITY NEWS

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



Mercy in Action - Advent Coat Collection: The Sunday morning Adult Faith Formation group will be collecting new and used men's, women's and children's coats for those in need. Boxes for donations will be located in the church vestibule and the parish hall. Collections will be received thru December 18th.

THANK YOU to all who organized, decorated, cooked/cleaned-up, sang, and attended Weston's Community Thanksgiving Dinner and Prayer Service hosted at Holy Trinity on November 20 — a wonderful turnout and a good time was had by all!

"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. Nineteen households (12%) have contributed/pledged \$8,825 towards our goal of \$10,560. More than 30 diocesan ministries are supported by ACA funds. Your gift of *any* amount is important. Envelopes are available in the vestibule.

Children's Christmas Choir practice begins Wednesday:

Children of reading age through high school are invited to participate. Please join in this long-standing tradition at **Holy Trinity's 5:30pm Christmas Eve Mass**. Practice with the adult choir leaders on the following Wednesday evenings from **7:00-8:00pm** in the church: December 7, 14, & 21. Children are also welcome to sing—a solo or in a group—or play an instrument before Mass. Let the choir director know if you would like to do so. Questions? Or would like to participate but Wednesdays don't work? Contact Barb Bopp at 816-665-5775.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST NEXT SUNDAY

The Knights of Columbus will serve a pancake and sausage breakfast after both Masses next Sunday, December 11, in the parish hall. Open to all. A free will offering will be welcome.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS REMINDER: We will begin working on the Jan-March 2017 schedule this week. If there are dates you will not be available, please notify the parish office by this Monday, December 5.

Also, we need Liturgical Ministers for the Christmas Masses. An email with a sign-up link was sent, or notify the parish office if you do not have email. Thank you.

KATIE'S CORNER YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS



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!

Youth Group:

Grades 7-12, Join us December 11, 1:30-3pm at XII Apostles for **This is Personal**. We'll play games, talk, and learn a little more about our faith. Hope you can join us!

TWELVE APOSTLES NEWS

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

December 4, 2016



Jesus is coming, Jesus is coming,
Jesus the Messiah is coming.
Nothing will ever be the same.

***Family/Children Adoration 4:30 – 5:00 pm.**
Families with children are invited to come for a special time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Adult Adoration 5:00 – 6:00 pm

"GIVING FOR GOD'S KINGDOM"

The Annual Catholic Appeal continues; Twelve Apostles parishioners are asked to consider a gift toward the important work of our Diocese. We have reached \$15,235 towards our parish goal of \$15,963; 12% of our households have responded. 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 continue immediately after PSR, at the Church on December 4, 11, and 18.



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.

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

CHURCH CLEANING NEXT SATURDAY, December 10, at 9am, by Members of Team 3: Shannon Demory, Tammy Glick, Janet Regan, Joan Remmers, Louise Wells. Other willing hands are needed, either one-time or ongoing.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST NEXT SUNDAY

The Knights of Columbus will serve a pancake and sausage breakfast next Sunday, December 11, at Northland Career Center, from 9:50am till all are served. Open to all. A free will offering will be welcome.

You are invited to a presentation on our youth group's trip to Poland this past summer for World Youth Day. We will be serving "**Pope Cake**", John Paul II's favorite cake. Pictures and stories from the trip will be shared. Join us Sunday, December 11, 4:00pm at Holy Trinity. Please RSVP to Katie ymHT-XII@kc.rr.com or call the parish office 816-640-2206.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS for all.....

Members of Holy Trinity Knights of Columbus Council 12288 will be serving the Women's Guild of Holy Trinity during their Christmas

Dinner Tuesday night, 6 December, starting at 5 PM. Members willing to assist in the cleanup efforts (sometime around 8 PM), contact GK Jim Rooney 816.674.4268. Thank you.

Saturday December 10th is Holy Trinity Council 12288's quarterly work day at Hillcrest Properties, 128 Vine St, Platte City, MO. Our assignment is the painting of the interior of an apartment. If you have questions, contact Phil Frost, 816.853.4970 (phone or text). We typically work from 9:00AM to Noon on our Hillcrest work days.

Pancake and sausage breakfast FUNDRAISERS--Sunday, December 11-- sponsored by Knights of Columbus Councils of both parishes:
—Holy Trinity parish hall, after both Masses.

—**Twelve Apostles at the Northland Career Center cafeteria, 1801 Branch Street (Gerald B. Hart Building) in Platte City, 9:50am till all are served.** Contact XII's Chairman Paul Bobowski at (816) 668-7199 or at skibos@embarqmail.com if you wish to help; have any suggestions or recommendations or need information.

—**Your free-will offering is greatly appreciated. Funds raised are used for the Councils' support of charitable activities. All are invited.**

Holy Trinity Council 12288 will not have a meeting in December. The Advent Season is busy enough; enjoy the season and we will resume our monthly Council meeting on the third Thursday in January (19 Jan 17).

TWELVE APOSTLES KNIGHTS COUNCIL NO.16189 MEETING NOTICE--

Wednesday, December 14, 2016--6:45 PM--Twelve Apostles Council No.16189 Rosary, Meeting and Social at Twelve Apostles Church. Members invited to attend to learn more about our "Adopt-A-Seminararian" and "Building the Domestic Church While Strengthening Our Parish Programs."

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 in 1882 by a Catholic priest, Venerable Servant of God Father Michael J. McGivney. Father McGivney 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 causes. The Knights currently have over \$100 BILLION of insurance protecting its members & families.

There are opportunities to join the Knights of Columbus in December 2016 and in January 2017-- Practicing Catholic gentlemen, age 18 or older (there is no maximum age to join), **wishing to become members** of the Knights of Columbus either at Holy Trinity in Weston or XII Apostles in Platte City **may do so on ONE of the following:**
(1) Sunday, December 4, Admission Degree Ceremonial starts at 6:30 PM at Kearney, MO. Members and Candidates need to arrive by 6:00 PM. The ceremonial lasts approximately 30-45 minutes. Contact Steve Steiger, Grand Knight of Twelve Apostles Council No.16189 of Platte City at (816) 431-6505 for information.
(2) Tuesday, December 13, 7:00 PM at Lee's Summit, MO;
(3) Monday, December 19, 2016, 7:00 PM at O'Hara Council, south Kansas City
(4) Monday, January 19, 2017, 7:00 PM at St. Therese Parish in Parkville, MO.
(5) by special arrangements using 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.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2017--

*Wednesday, January 11, 2017--Twelve Apostles Knights of Columbus Council mtg
*Sunday, January 15, 2017--Pancake and sausage breakfasts--both parishes
*Sunday, January 15, 2017--2nd & 3rd Degree Ceremonials, Topeka, KS;
*Jan 2017(Dates TBD)--K of C Free Throw Championships open to all boys and girls, ages 9-14, in Weston (Council No.12288) and in Platte City (Council No.16189).
*Saturday, Jan 28--Knights of Columbus Family Night--Missouri Mavericks Hockey, Independence
*Sunday, January 29, 2017--2nd and 3rd Degree Ceremonials, Olathe, KS;
For information, contact either Grand Knight, Steve Steiger or Jim Rooney, at the numbers listed above.

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.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Married Couples, take some time. . .time together!!
A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a week-end full of fresh love, rebirth, and new beginnings. All married couples deserve a richer, fuller life together.
The next Weekend in Kansas City is January 27-29, 2017. 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.

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 Fertility-Care™ 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.