

Welcome to

Holy Trinity Parish

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Twelve Apostles Parish

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Third Sunday of Advent December 11, 2016



From the loneliness of his prison cell John the Baptist asks of Jesus: "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" The weeks before Christmas offer much to be joyous about, celebrating with family and friends, the glitter of seasonal decorations, the excitement of gift giving and receiving. But in our midst there are the lonely and neglected, the poor, the hospitalized, the wayward, the shut-ins. There are those seemingly without hope. To whom should they look? Discipleship in the Lord includes being good stewards of others. Are there those in our family, our neighborhood, our community to whom we can reach out to show them a sign of Christ's presence in their midst?

International Catholic Stewardship Council E-news December 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.

**Third Sunday of Advent
December 11, 2016
Readings: p. 38 in *Breaking Bread***

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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

Mon, Dec 12, 8am--HT +Cole Bradley

Wed, Dec 14, 8am--HT +Joseph Shimek

Thu, Dec 15, 6pm--XII Intentions of Ryan Paul Grisham

Fri, Dec 16, 8am--HT +John Kenneth Cook

Saturday, December 17

5:00pm--XII +Bob Dunn

Sunday, December 18

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

9:00am--XII +Ray Wallis

10:45am--HT +Darrell Legault

COLLECTION for RETIRED RELIGIOUS THIS 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 this 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.

See the bulletin insert for more information about this Collection.

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE AT XII APOSTLES



Our parishes' Advent Communal Penance Service will be held next Sunday, December 18, at 2pm, at Twelve Apostles. Several confessors will be on hand to assist Father Rogers. Other Penance services in the area are listed on the back page of the bulletin.

QUILT GROUP: We will meet at Holy Trinity anytime from 11am-3pm this Monday, December 12, 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.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Women of Faith group meets on Wednesdays following 8:00am Mass*, 8:30-9:45am, in Holy Trinity's parish hall. We are beginning "Women of the Gospels" by Stephen Binz, a bible study of the women, friends and disciples of Jesus, on December 21. We have some books available, \$12, and can order more. All are welcome; come as your schedule allows. Questions, contact Maureen Vernon at 816-616-5975 or marve49@aol.com (*If no Mass, no group study*)

MONDAY NIGHT FAITH FORMATION: Looking for a different New Year's resolution? Please join us for 33 Days to Merciful Love, a daily retreat based on Divine Mercy devotions! There will be short daily readings (for 33 days) and weekly group meetings. The meetings will consist of discussion and DVD sessions with Father Michael Gaitley and will last approximately 90 minutes. We will meet at the home of Mark and Lisa Mancin, 18385 highway 371, PC, beginning on January 9 at 6:30 PM. Call or text Shirley Goode at 816-225-4274 to sign up! All are welcome!

END-OF-YEAR GIFTS TO YOUR PARISH

If you are planning an end-of-year gift to your parish, please note that it 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:

If you have chosen an ornament from one of our "Angel Trees", please attach the ornament to the **unwrapped** gift, and **return to the tree no later than next Sunday, December 18.** Thank you!

There are still a few ornaments left. Holy Trinity's tree is in the Parish Hall and XII Apostles' tree is in the church vestibule.



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.

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.

HOLY TRINITY NEWS

PANCAKE BREAKFAST THIS SUNDAY: Holy Trinity Knights of Columbus Council will serve a pancake and sausage breakfast **after both Masses** this Sunday, December 11, in the parish hall. Open to all. A free will offering will be welcome.

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**.

Children's Christmas Choir practice continues

Wednesday: Children of reading age through high school are invited to participate in this long-standing tradition at **Holy Trinity's 5:30pm Christmas Eve Mass**. Practice on the following Wednesday evenings from **7:00-8:00pm** in the church: December 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? Contact Barb Bopp at 816-665-5775.



DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS: We could use help next Sunday, December 18, at 11:45am, to set up the Christmas trees and stable. Join us!

"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. Your gift of *any* amount is important; we encourage everyone to do so by **December 18**. Envelopes are available in the vestibule.

ARE YOU REGISTERED IN THE PARISH?

If you are an adult who regularly attends Mass at Holy Trinity or Twelve Apostles, we encourage you to register in the parish.

Not sure if you are registered? If you did not get a Christmas card from us, you are not registered. Registration forms are available in the back of the church. Please return to the parish office by mail, email, or via the collection basket. Thank you!

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 this Sunday, December 11, 4:00pm at Holy Trinity.

KATIE'S CORNER YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

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!

Christmas party Sunday, Dec 18, 1:30-3pm @ Holy Trinity

Confirmation class, Sunday, Dec 18 3-5pm @ Holy Trinity



TWELVE APOSTLES NEWS



PANCAKE BREAKFAST THIS SUNDAY FUNDRAISER--Sunday, December 11-- Pancake and sausage breakfast sponsored by Twelve Apostles Knights of Columbus Council No.16189 at the Northland Career Center cafeteria, 1801 Branch Street (Gerald B. Hart Building) in Platte City. No charge; free-will donations gladly accepted. Serving from 9:50-11:15 AM or until all are served.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT December 11, 2016



Rejoice, for He is near. "And His name shall be Wonderful Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." *Isaiah*.

Adult Adoration 5:00 – 6:00 pm

PARISH COUNCIL MEETS THIS MONDAY, December 12, at 7pm.

"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. To date, we have 42 gifts (14%): \$15,885 pledged/given towards our parish goal of \$15,963. *Your gift of any amount is important; we encourage everyone to do so by **December 18***. There are pledge envelopes in the narthex.

As of December 5, 2016, total of all Diocesan gifts/pledges received: \$1,358,329.02 (75% of 2017 goal of \$1,800,000)

Christmas Pageant

Rehearsals continue immediately after PSR, at the Church, on December 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. Proceeds are invested for new items to better serve our parishioners. Thank you.



SEE OUR YEAR OF MERCY VIDEO

If you missed our Year of Mercy closing event in November and would like to see the **video recap** of our parishes' Year of Mercy events, it's been added to our websites!

Check out the home page on:

www.holytrinitycatholic.org
www.twelveapostlescatholic.org

Thanks to Katie Troup for putting this together! And our thanks again to all who organized, helped, and participated in the Year of Mercy events during the year, especially the Year of Mercy team: Barb Bopp, Vicki Easterlund, Mary Gates, Judy Grame, Ann Harris, Edie Hays, Julie Hoffman, Cathi O'Malley, and Vonda Ovaitt. A big thank you for all your time and effort.

Watch for more to come in the new year!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS for all.....

Opportunities to join the Knights of Columbus in December 2016 and in January 2017--- Practicing Catholic gentlemen, age 18 or older (no maximum age), 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) Tuesday, December 13, 7:00 PM at Lee's Summit, MO;
- (2) Monday, Dec. 19, 7:00 PM at O'Hara Council No.4387, south KCMO
- (3) Monday, January 19, 2017, 7:00 PM at St. Therese Parish, Parkville, MO.
- (4) or by special arrangements using the Knights of Columbus Admission Degree 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.

MEETING NOTICE---TWELVE APOSTLES KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL NO.16189---Wednesday, December 14, 2016--6:45 PM--Rosary, Meeting and Social at Twelve Apostles. Members invited to attend to learn more about our "Adopt-A-Seminarian" and "Building the Domestic Church While Strengthening Our Parish Programs." Come and enjoy the fellowship.

COUNCIL SHIRTS--XII Apostles Council No.16189 is still taking orders from those wishing to purchase our short and/or long sleeve shirts containing the K of C embroidered emblem and lettering. These shirts promote unity and fraternalism, and make great gifts. Contact Financial Secretary Michael Robertson at (573) 268-6209 or at roberjm2@gmail.com to place an order or for information. We must have a minimum of 12 shirts to place an order.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2017--

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

*Free Throw Championships open to all boys and girls, ages 9-14, will be conducted by the Knights of Columbus in January of 2017 (Dates TBD) in Weston (Council No.12288) and in Platte City (Council No.16189).

*Saturday, January 28, 2017--Knights of Columbus Family Night at the Missouri Mavericks Professional Hockey in Independence, MO. Tickets at reduced prices available to all Knights, families and guests.

*Sunday, January 29, 2017--2nd and 3rd Degree Ceremonials, at Olathe, KS

* Saturday, April 1, 2017--The 4th (Patriotic) Degree Ceremonial will be conducted at the Kansas City Airport Hilton Hotel in Kansas City, MO. This will be the ONLY time that the 4th Degree will be exemplified in western Missouri in 2017.

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

Canto Chorale Performances: 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.

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.

RETREATS AT CONCEPTION ABBEY

New Year Retreat, Friday-Sunday Dec 30-Jan 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: \$180 for single accommodations, \$150 per person for double accommodations.*)

Couples Retreat, Friday-Sunday, January 20-22

Using the Apostolic Exhortation, *Amoris Laetitia*, of Pope Francis, Fr. Xavier Nacke, O.S.B. will guide participants in reflecting on Chapter 3 of this beautiful document. Copies of this section of the exhortation will be provided for participants. Starts Friday evening and runs through the mid-day meal on Sunday. Retreat costs: *for lodging, meals, conferences and reception \$300 per couple with double accommodations.*

The Call Narratives in Scripture with Abbot Gregory Friday-Sunday, February 10-12, 2017

To what does God call each of us? What is your vocation, your unique calling from God? This retreat will look at the ways in which God calls, and continues to call us as individuals and as Christians. Abbot Gregory will consider the call narratives in Scripture (Old & New Testaments) and show how they are applicable today. *Retreat fees lodging, meals, conferences and reception. \$180 for single room; \$300 per room (\$150 each) for double room.*

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

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES:

Sun, Dec 11, 1PM	St. Francis de Sales 900 Ida St., Lansing, KS
Sun, Dec. 11, 7PM	St. Therese, 7207 Hwy 9 NW, Parkville, MO
Wed, Dec. 14, 7PM	St Charles, 900 NE Shady Lane Drive, KCMO
Thurs, Dec. 15, 7PM	Holy Family 919 NE 96 th St, KCMO
Sun, Dec. 18, 2PM	XII Apostles, Platte City
Sun, Dec. 18, 4PM	Holy Angels, Basehor, KS
Mon, Dec. 19, 7PM	St. Joseph, 306 N Broad- way St., Leavenworth, KS.