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## Holy Trinity Parish

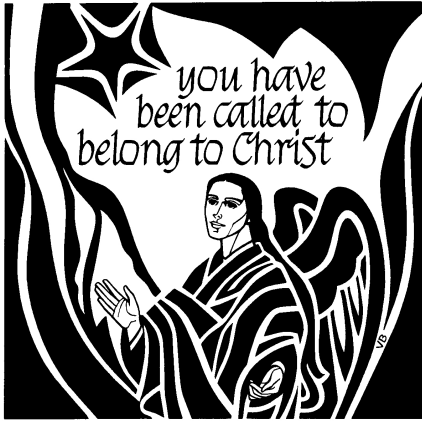
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Weston, MO 64098  
www.holytrinitycatholic.org

## Twelve Apostles Parish

Church: 17900 Humphrey's Rd.  
Platte City, MO 64079  
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www.twelveapostlescatholic.org

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### Fourth Sunday of Advent December 18, 2016



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In today's Gospel we hear of the coming of Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." We celebrate three Advents: the birth of Christ, his Second Coming, and his presence in the world today. Our daily lives are attended by God's presence. Indeed, "God is with us." The Good News of Christ's Incarnation is that we are the sign, "sacrament," of Christ's presence in the world. People are supposed to see us, see how we love one another, see how we treat the stranger among us, give comfort to the poor and afflicted, share the Good News with joy. They see how good stewards are the light of Christ. And there can be no possible response except to say: "God is here!"

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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**Fourth Sunday of Advent  
December 18, 2016  
Readings: p. 42 in *Breaking Bread***

**MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

**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

**Mon, Dec 19, 8am-HT** Intentions of Austin Blair

**Wed, Dec 21, 8am-HT** Intentions of John & Anne Bollin

**Thu, Dec 22, 6pm-XII** +Beatrice Grame

**NO MASS ON FRIDAY THIS WEEK**

**2016 CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

**Christmas Eve: Saturday, December 24**

**3:30PM - XII Apostles - People of XII Apostles.**

Children's Choir (Christmas pageant at 3pm.)

**5:30PM - XII Apostles (Fr. Rowe)—People of XII Apostles**  
(Music 20 mins before Mass.)

**5:30PM - Holy Trinity - +Barbara O'Malley, ann.**

Children's Choir (Music 30 mins before Mass.)

**7:30PM - Holy Trinity - People of Holy Trinity.**

w/organ (Music 20 mins. before Mass.)

**Midnight - Holy Trinity - +Jim & Brian Hoffman**

(w/guitar choir. Music 30 mins. before Mass.)

**Christmas Day Mass: Sunday, December 25**

**9:00AM - XII Apostles—People of XII Apostles**

**COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE AT XII APOSTLES**



Our parishes' Advent Communal Penance Service will be held **this 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.

**HOLIDAY OFFICE NOTES—'TIS THE SEASON**

**Please note the special Mass schedule listed above.**

**The parish office will be closed** Friday, Dec. 23 and Monday, Dec. 26. There will be no Masses those days.

**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, the transaction must be ordered 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.)

**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\*)

The **Sunday Morning Adult Faith Group** at Holy Trinity will take a break for the Christmas and New Year holidays. We will meet again in the New Year. Have a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!!

**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, consisting of discussion and DVD sessions with Fr. Michael Gaitley that will last approximately 90 minutes. We will meet at the home of Mark and Lisa Mancin, 18385 Hwy 371, PC, beginning January 9 at 6:30 PM. Call or text Shirley Goode at 816-225-4274 to sign up! All are welcome!



**OUR PRAYERFUL CONDOLENCES** to Jim Norwood and family on the passing of his wife, Kay, on December 10, 2016. May God grant her eternal peace and comfort all who mourn her.



**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 this Monday, December 19.** Thanks.

**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—drop off, by mail, scan and email, or put in the collection basket. Thank you!



**OUR PARISH WEBSITES:**

Out of town? Misplaced or forgot to pick up a 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 your parish website:  
[www.twelveapostlescatholic.org](http://www.twelveapostlescatholic.org) -or-  
[www.holytrinitycatholic.org](http://www.holytrinitycatholic.org)

## HOLY TRINITY NEWS

### DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS:



We could use help this Sunday, December 18, at 11:45am, to set up the Christmas trees and stable. Please join us!

**Children's Christmas Choir practice continues Wednesday** December 21 — 7:00-8:00pm. Questions? Contact Barb Bopp at 816-665-5775.



**"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. Twenty-three households (15%) have contributed/pledged \$9,668 towards our goal of \$10,560. Thank you! Your gift of *any* amount is important; envelopes are available in the vestibule. As of December 12, 2016, total of all gifts/pledges in the Diocese \$1,417,107.57 (79% of 2017 goal of \$1,800,000).

*All adults of Twelve Apostles & Holy Trinity Parishes are cordially invited to an Epiphany Party Sunday, January 8th 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 Wednesday, January 4, 2017 to 816-640-2206 or secyHT-XII@kc.rr.com*

### **TRAINING FOR MINISTRY TO SICK & HOMEBOUND**

A training session for those interested in bringing Communion to the sick, homebound, and hospitalized will be held from 9am to 12 pm on Saturday, January 14, 2017 in the lower level at Twelve Apostles. This training is for any person who has completed the basic preparation for Extraordinary Ministers of Communion who would like to explore an expanded role. Please call or text Shirley Goode at 816-225-4274 to sign up so that a book can be ordered for you!

### **KATIE'S CORNER YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS**



**Youth Group (grades 6-12):  
Christmas party this Sunday,  
December 18, 1:30-3pm @ Holy Trinity**

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



## TWELVE APOSTLES NEWS

### **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT** **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** **December 18, 2016**



"...and they shall name him Emmanuel." Mt 1:23. God-with-us brings courage and strength; He fills us with joy; He is our protection. COME Lord Jesus. All creation awaits.

**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. To date, we have 42 gifts (14%): \$15,885 pledged/given towards our parish goal of \$15,963. Thank you! Your gift of *any* amount is important; there are pledge envelopes in the narthex.

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**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.**



### **TWELVE APOSTLES MARIAN GROTTA (Donations being accepted)**

Design and construction is underway! The Grotto is an Eagle Scout Project by Ethan and Aidan Stone of Troop 351. This is a two-phase project with the first being completed and the other coming this spring with the planting of trees, bushes, flowers along with lighting to accentuate the beauty of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

If you would like to donate please make out your check to Twelve Apostles with memo to the "Grotto Project" and send to the parish office; 407 Cherry, Weston, MO. 64098.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact John Boddicker @ 816/510-7009.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

### **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.



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS for all.....

**Anniversary of Ordination**--On December 22, 1877, Founder of the Knights of Columbus, The Venerable Servant of God Father Michael J. McGivney, was ordained a Catholic priest. Please pray that he soon will be named a Saint in the Catholic Church.

Twelve Apostles Knights of Columbus Council No.16189 will be participating in the "**Consecration to the Holy Family**" Program in our homes on Friday, December 30 which is The Feast of the Holy Family. This prayer, hopefully, will strengthen our families, and is part of the "Building the Domestic Church While Strengthening Our Parish" Initiative developed by our National Office.

**There are limited opportunities to join** the Knights of Columbus in December 2016 and 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) Monday, December 19, 2016, 7:00 PM at O'Hara Council, south KC  
(2) Monday, January 19, 2017, 7:00 PM, St. Therese Parish in Parkville, MO.  
(3) Join 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.

**COUNCIL SHIRTS--XII Apostles Council** No.16189 is still taking orders for our attractive short and long sleeve shirts in a variety of styles, colors, and sizes containing the K of C embroidered emblem and lettering. These shirts promote unity and fraternalism, and make great gifts for any occasion. 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 (Date TBD in Weston--Council No.12288).

Sunday, **January 22**--Twelve Apostles Knights of Columbus Council No.16189 will conduct its Free Throw Championship from 1:00-3:00 PM at the YMCA in Platte City. A contestant may register and participate in only ONE Local Free Throw Contest!

\*Saturday, January 28, 2017--Knights of Columbus **Family Night at Missouri Mavericks** Hockey in Independence, MO. Tickets at reduced prices available to all Knights, families and guests. Deadline for ordering tickets is JANUARY 8, 2017.

\*Sunday, January 29, 2017--1st (Admission), 2nd (Formation) and 3rd (Knighthood) Degree Ceremonials will be conducted at Olathe, KS.

\*Sunday, January 29, 2017--2nd (Formation) and 3rd (Knighthood) Degree Ceremonials will be held at Conception Seminary in Conception, MO.

\*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 Steve Steiger or Jim Rooney at the numbers listed above.

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF THE "KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS" POSTER CONTEST**

sponsored by Holy Trinity Council 12289:

- 1st place: Jenna Trelow
- 2nd place: Olivia Phillips
- 3rd place: Adam Bartee

Their posters are on display in the parish hall at Holy Trinity.



### **ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES:**

**Sun, Dec. 18, 2PM**

Sun, Dec. 18, 4PM

Mon, Dec. 19, 7PM

**XII Apostles, Platte City**

Holy Angels, Basehor, KS

St. Joseph, 306 N Broadway,  
Leavenworth, KS.

**TRIP TO MEDJUGORGE:** A trip to Medjugorje, with an optional side trip to Fatima, is planned for September 3-12, 2017, organized by Mark & Luellen (Hull) Malley. Reservations being taken now. For information, contact Mark Malley at malleymark@me.com. A film will be shown at the B&B Theaters on Hwy 152 & Brighton, KCMO, on January 3, 4, & 5th --- 4pm & 7pm showings.

**Sophia Spirituality Center**, a ministry of the Benedictine Sisters of Mount St. Scholastica, 751 S. 8<sup>th</sup> St., Atchison, KS--- Early January Offerings 2017

#### *Coffee and Silence*

**Wednesday, January 11, 2017 9:00 am - 4:00 pm**

Come for a morning or a day. Spend time in silence. Walk our beautiful grounds. Visit our Saint Scholastica Chapel. Coffee is provided. Arrive any time after 9:00 a.m. Bring a sack lunch and spend the day. Leave by 4:00 p.m. We are often able to accommodate individuals on other days. Ask if you have a special day or time of interest to you.

#### **New Hope for Depression**

**Saturday, January 14, 2017 9:00- am - 4:30 pm**

Hear about the value of deepening spiritual practices to find new hope and discover one's own path to the God of grace and compassion. This retreat is conducted by Sharon Highberger, a certified chaplain, grief counselor and author.

#### **Benedict's Vision: Work Made Holy**

**Sunday, January 15, 2017 2:30 - 4:30 pm**

This once-a-month series, geared for young professional women, focuses on the wisdom of St. Benedict and his Rule. Participants read and discuss the book "St. Benedict's Guide to Improving Your Work Life: Workplace as Worthplace", by Michael Rock Discussion facilitated by Benedictine Sister Cecilia Olson.

For more information or to register for any of the above, call 913-360-6173 or visit Sophia Spirituality Center's website at [www.sophiaspiritualitycenter.org](http://www.sophiaspiritualitycenter.org)

**World Apostolate of Fatima First Saturday Devotions** will be held on Saturday, January 7th at St. Bernadette Catholic Church, 9020 East 51st Terrace, Kansas City, MO. Opportunity for Confession begins at 7:30 a.m. Rosary and 15 Minutes of Meditations begins at 8:00 a.m. and The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 9:00 a.m. Our Lady of Fatima requests us to make reparation to her Immaculate Heart for offenses given by sins of people in the world. Our Lady promised to assist at the hour of their death with the graces necessary for salvation those who made these devotions on five consecutive First Saturdays. They may also be made in any church. For more information, call 816-255-9556.