

Welcome to

Holy Trinity Parish

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Weston, MO 64098
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Twelve Apostles Parish

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CHRISTMAS December 25, 2016

Amidst the beautiful readings at the Christmas Masses is a reading from a small New Testament letter from Saint Paul to his protégé, Titus, read at Midnight Mass. Saint Paul reminds Titus that God has given us a gift in the person of Jesus Christ. This gift represents God's active presence in our lives and in our world. This gift redeems us from evil and death. This gift purifies us as God's people. This is a gift that also comes with an expectation: that we receive it with thanksgiving, allow it to transform us into Christ's image; and from it, learn how to live a life "eager to do what is good." Take time the next few days to reflect on the marvelous gift we celebrate at Christmas, and how we might become better stewards of this gift.

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
10:45 AM – 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@diocesekcsj.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.

NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)

December 25, 2016

Readings: Vigil Mass (3:30, 5:30, 7:30), p. 44;
Midnight, p. 47; 9am, p. 511 - in *Breaking Bread*

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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

NO MASS ON MONDAY THIS WEEK

Wed, Dec 28, 8am-HT +John Kenneth Cook
Thu, Dec 29, 6pm-XII Private Intention
Fri, Dec 29, 8am-HT Spec. Int. of Jacob & Mia Grisham

Saturday, Dec 31

5:00pm--XII +Special Intention

Sunday, January 1

7:30am-HT +Cole Bradley

9:00am--XII Parishioners of XII Apostles

10:45am-HT Parishioners of Holy Trinity

POINSETTIA DEDICATIONS:

Poinsettias gracing the altars at our churches have been donated in loving honor and memory of:

Vi & Jim Bachel, Irene & Clayton Carlson, from Karen and Leo Carlson
Deceased members of the Benner Family, from Earl & Dorothy Benner
Gen Blindert, from Kathy & Pat Steece

LeRoy & Gerry Boddicker, Marvin & Roberta Petersen,
from John & Rhonda Boddicker

Ralph and Mary Brady, from Jim and Jo Skelton

James T. Brett, Sr., & Isabelle Brett Speichinger, from Mary Calvert

John K & Diane M. Cook, from Amber Cook

Tammy Davis from Ron and Diane Davis

George Flores, from Debbie Reynolds

Charles, Beatrice, and Debra Grame, from Donna Grame

Bea & Charles Grame from Carolee Sanders

Mark Harris, from Ann Harris

Jim & Brian Hoffman, & Bernice Block, from Julie Hoffman & family

Darrell Legault, from Marlin & Frances Legault

Cheri Ann Menk, from Jackie Menk

Rudy & Lena Nellesen; Lennie & Sylvia Calvert, from Mary Calvert

Barbara O'Malley (x4), from the O'Malley family

Janice & Jack Piper, from Jackie Menk

Tom, Betty, Maggie & James Purnell, from Bob & Lynet Purnell

Jimmy & Jolene Roberston, from Mike & Jerre Robertson

Virgil & Bonnie Johnson; Maurice, Marlene, & Sue,

from Mike & Jerre Robertson

Joseph Shimek, from Ann Harris

Charles B. Skelton, from Jim & Jo Skelton

George & Elaine Stir, from John & Diane Stir

Ivan C. Swift & Craig M. Swift, from Gail M. Swift

Mary Thebo, from a friend

Blase & Alice Vrbas, Chanta Vrbas Brown, and Kathy Blain,

from Bob & Lynet Purnell

Robert Welch; Betty & Sylvester Welch, from Jared & PJ Welch

Thank you for adding to the beauty of the season.



The sentiment in our parish Christmas card bears repeating:

The Peace of Christmas fill your heart
The Joy of celebration warm your home
The Love of God bless your life.
Merry Christmas!

HOLIDAY OFFICE NOTES—'TIS THE SEASON

The parish office will be closed Monday, December 26, (and Tuesday, as usual) and Monday, January 2, so our staff can spend time with their families.

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 by this coming Friday, December 30, or **postmarked** by December 31, 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.)

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 receive 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!



SUBSCRIPTION SUNDAY for the *Catholic Key* is Jan 1:

Next Sunday is Subscription Sunday for our diocesan newspaper, the *Catholic Key*. **If you would like to have the paper mailed to your home, a subscription is \$25.** There are envelopes for this in your support pack and also on the table with the bulletins.

Every parish is obligated to pay for subscriptions numbering at least 35% of its parish households. Your paid subscription helps your parish meet its obligation. Thank you! (The additional subscriptions for which our parishes pay are sent to some of our volunteers and shut-ins, and set out for anyone to take.)

HOLY TRINITY NEWS



MONTHLY ROSARY FOR THE UNBORN NEXT SUNDAY —in the church at 10:05 am. Please join us.

“Giving for God’s Kingdom” — Annual Catholic Appeal report for Holy Trinity: Thirty-three households (21%) have contributed/pledged \$12,643 (goal \$10,560.) **Thank you** for your support of the work of the diocese!

As of December 22, 2016, total of all gifts/pledges in the diocese: \$1,512,616.90 (84% 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!

SAVE-THE-DATE: VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION PARTY— FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2017

KATIE’S CORNER YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS



Youth Group: Don’t worry! The Christmas party is going to be moved to an Epiphany party! January 8, 1:30-3pm at XII Apostles! Join in the fun!

Have a Merry Christmas!

Confirmation:

Next Confirmation session: January 8, 3-5pm at XII Apostles. Youcat challenge: you get a free pass! No need to look up anything in your Youcat. All you have to do is text Katie. It can be anything you want to say. Just shoot Katie a text and you’ll win a prize!

TWELVE APOSTLES NEWS

“GIVING FOR GOD’S KINGDOM”

Annual Catholic Appeal report for Twelve Apostles: 44 gifts (15%): \$16,470 has been pledged/given towards our parish goal of \$15,963. **Thank you** for your support of the work of our diocese!

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TWELVE APOSTLES MARIAN GROTTO

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



WE REJOICE IN THE BAPTISM of

Ryker Marion Parrish, son of Ryan and Jodi Parrish, on December 17, 2016. May this new child of God and his family always know God’s many blessings.

PSR:

Parents you are invited to join us for an Epiphany party at PSR on January 8, 10:20-11:30am.

Last Names A-H please bring juice

Last Names I-P please bring fruit

Last Names R-Z please bring muffins or pastries



FEED THE HUNGRY

FOOD COLLECTION: Next weekend is the monthly food collection for United Services food pantry (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. Thanks 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.....

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 outstanding program and 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. **Members will receive a mailing at their homes.** Chris Patterson is serving as Chairman.

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.

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 at XII Apostles in Platte City may do so on ONE of the following dates:

- (1) Monday, January 9, 2017, 7:00 PM at St. Therese Parish in Parkville, MO;
- (2) Wednesday, January 11, 6:30 PM at Blue Springs, MO;
- (3) Sunday, January 15 at Topeka, KS; the Formation (2nd) Degree and Knighthood (3rd) Degree Ceremonials will also be conducted on this date at Topeka.
- (4) 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.

COUNCIL SHIRTS--XII Apostles Council No.16189 is still taking orders from those wishing to purchase our attractive short and long sleeve shirts in a variety of styles, colors and sizes containing the K of C embroidered emblem and lettering. 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 to place an order.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2017--

*Wed, Jan 11, 2017--**COUNCIL MEETING**--Twelve Apostles Council 16189--6:45 PM

***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 to Be Determined 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 gym in Platte City, Missouri. Open to ALL Boys and Girls, ages 9-14.

A contestant may only register and participate in ONE(1) Local Free Throw Contest!!!

*Saturday, January 28, 2017--**Knights of Columbus Family Night at the Missouri Mavericks Hockey in Independence, MO.** Tickets at reduced prices available to all Knights, families, guests and friends. Tailgate at 5:00 PM; game at 7:05 PM. Deadline for ordering tickets is JANUARY 8, 2017.

*Monday, February 13, 2017--Applications DUE (Deadline Date) for Knights of Columbus Scholarships available from the Missouri State Council.

*Wednesday, March 1, 2017--Msgr Joseph Mancuso Catholic Education Grant Applications DUE to the Missouri State Council.

*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.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Non-Catholic adults who want to become members of the Catholic Church go through a program called "R.C.I.A." (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) which generally runs from autumn through Easter each year. In the meantime, interested **non-Catholics are welcome to attend Mass and parish events** and take part in all activities except Holy Communion.

Adults who were at one time Catholic and have already made their First Communion, but have been away from the Church, need only to go to Confession in order to return to the Sacraments. They are also encouraged to take part in R.C.I.A. sessions to restudy being Catholic.

Contact the parish office or Father Rogers for more information.

TRIP TO MEDJUGORGE: A trip to Medjugorge, 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.

HOSPITALIZED PARISHIONERS: Parishioners who would like to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick before they enter the hospital should notify their pastor ahead of time. Most hospitals no longer have a priest chaplain and finding a priest to anoint someone in the hospital can be a difficult and time-consuming process for hospital staff. Other than in unforeseen circumstances, advance notice to your pastor is most helpful and appreciated.

Our Adult Faith Formation Team offers on-going classes to all adults. Join us to learn more about your faith! There are several offerings beginning in January. See the schedules of upcoming classes on our websites or in the Sunday bulletins. (Note: the Wednesday morning Women of Faith group will NOT meet this Wednesday but will start up again on January 4.)

Wedding or Baptism in Your Plans?

Please remember that 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: Couples from Holy Trinity or Twelve Apostles wanting to be married should contact the parish office for a copy of our wedding booklet. Marriage preparation takes 6-9 months.

Baptism: Expectant parents should contact the pastor or parish office comfortably prior to baby's birth for baptism preparation.

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 -or-
www.holytrinitycatholic.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.