

Welcome to

Holy Trinity Parish

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Twelve Apostles Parish

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First Sunday of Advent December 3, 2017



The season of Advent is upon us, and in today's Gospel, Jesus delivers a simple message through the pen of Saint Mark: "Be watchful! Be alert!" Christian stewards understand what Jesus meant when he said, "It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with his assigned task."

Good stewards realize that to each one a task is assigned by God. They have been set in a particular place and station in life, and have been gifted with unique relationships.

How do we respond to the tasks or cultivate our relationships in a way that keeps us alert for the return of Christ?

International Catholic Stewardship Council E-news Dec 2017

Weekend 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. 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)

Ms. Jenn Swanson, 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.

**First Sunday of Advent
December 3, 2017
Readings: p. 31 in *Breaking Bread***

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 2

5:00pm--XII +Don Tenholder

Sunday, December 3

7:30am-HT +Randall Stanton

9:00am--XII Parishioners of Twelve Apostles & Holy Trinity

10:45am-HT The Treat Family

Mon—NO MASS

Wed, Dec. 6 8:00am—HT Private Intention

Masses for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Thu, Dec. 7 6:00pm—XII +Beatrice Grame

Fri, Dec. 8 6:30am—XII Private Intention

7:00pm—HT Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, December 9

5:00pm--XII +Don Tenholder

Sunday, December 10

7:30am-HT +Kay Norwood

9:00am--XII Parishioners of Twelve Apostles & Holy Trinity

10:45am-HT The Webber Family

Welcome to Fr. Lloyd Opoka who is celebrating Masses with us this weekend.



Happy Birthday to Father Rogers this Saturday, Dec 2. Wishing you God's richest blessings!



Masses for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a holy day of obligation, are listed above.

You can pick up a *Daily Reflections for Advent & Christmas* booklet and 2018 calendars at the back of either church.

Second collection next weekend

RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT COLLECTION

Help care for elders. "Thanks to support from the Retirement Fund for Religious, we are now in a much better position to care for our elders," writes a religious sister. Your donation helps her religious community and hundreds of others provide for aging members and plan for long-term needs. Please give to next week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection.

Annual Catholic Appeal During the past couple of weeks, we have invited you to prayerfully consider a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) and many of you have pledged your support. We thank you. If you have not made a gift or a pledge, please make a difference today by finding a pledge card in the back of your Church. Every gift makes a difference and we are aiming for 100% participation. No gift is too small. Please join our effort. Currently XII Apostles is at 58% of its goal (\$11,355) & Holy Trinity is at 53% of its goal (\$7,972).

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

"Men's Bible Study" continues at Holy Trinity. We meet on Mondays at 7:00pm in the parish hall. All men are invited; come as you are able. For more information, contact Jim Sullivan at 816-213-5468 or sullivan500@gmail.com



Women of Faith group is reading "**Inside Islam: A Guide for Catholics**". *Inside Islam uses a question and answer format so all can learn the basics of Islam.*

Please join us on Wed mornings at Holy Trinity at 8:30am while we read and discuss together. Come as you are able.

Women's Book Study: Please join us as we read and discuss, "Style, Sex, and Substance: 10 Catholic Women Consider the Things that Really Matter" by Hallie Lord. We'll be meeting at the home of Donna Webb, 12700 N Overbrook Dr, Platte City, on Thursdays at 7:15 pm, beginning November 30. We'll be discussing the first two chapters that night. If you have any questions or need help getting the book, please contact Katie Martinez at katie.a.mrtzn@gmail.com.

Attention Parents, Grandparents, & anyone interested in volunteering with the children of our parish!

We will have a Virtus: Protecting God's Children class at XII Apostles on Saturday, January 27, 9:00am. This class is required for anyone wanting to volunteer with our children. It's also highly suggested for parents and grandparents. You may sign up online at www.virtusonline.org. The class should take about 2 hours. Questions? Contact Katie Troup at dreXII@kc.rr.com

R.C.I.A News!

Classes continue **Wednesday, December 6** at 7pm.

MASS TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS:

The 4th Sunday of Advent will be celebrated on Saturday, Dec. 23; there will be no Masses on Sunday MORNING, December 24.

4th Sunday of Advent Masses:

Saturday, December 23

3:30 pm -- Holy Trinity

5:00 pm -- XII Apostles

There will be no confessions on Saturday, Dec. 23. (There will be numerous opportunities for confession during Advent at area Communal Penance Services, including ours on Sunday, Dec. 17, at 2pm, at Twelve Apostles.)

We will have our usual Christmas schedule of Masses:

Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24

3:30 pm -- XII Apostles

5:30 pm -- Holy Trinity (this will be said by Fr. Terry Bruce)

5:30 pm -- XII Apostles

7:30 pm -- Holy Trinity

Midnight -- Holy Trinity

Christmas Day, Monday, December 25

9:00 am - XII Apostles

HOLY TRINITY NEWS

Celebrating 175 years

Rosary for the Unborn this Sunday, 10:05am in the church.

Holy Trinity Children's Christmas Choir Practices:



Children of reading age through high school are invited to participate in the Youth Christmas Choir for the 5:30pm Christmas Eve Mass.

Practices will be held this Thursday, Dec 7th and Tuesdays, Dec 12th & 19th from 6:30—7:30pm

Children are also welcome to sing a solo, in a group or play an instrumental solo before Mass begins. Questions, contact Barb Bopp at 816-665-5775

Congrats to Ali Boos and Zach Smith on their Wedding November 11, 2017! May God bless you always.



Holy Trinity is on Weston's Christmas Homes Tour

Friday 5—8:30pm
Saturday Noon—8pm
Sunday Noon—5pm

For ticket information visit www.westonmo.com

Join us for an Old Fashioned Dinner!—open to everyone

Shepherd's pie (salad, spiced apples & roll)
Pierogi - potato and cheese - (salad, spiced apples & roll)
Cabbage roll (potatoes, spiced apples & roll)
All served with drink & dessert.

Serving Saturday Noon—8pm & Sunday Noon—5pm

\$10 adult - 12 and up; Children \$7 (under 5 free)
Family price \$30

We will also be selling drinks and desserts a la carte.

After dinner, view the amazing Holy Trinity replica gingerbread house, historical artifacts and photos, and browse the holiday market for baked goods and more.

KATIE'S CORNER YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Youth Group: Grades 6-12

Confirmation—Next class: December 10
9:00am Holy Trinity Candidates
3:00pm XII Apostles Candidates



Don't forget to be researching saints! Katie needs to know your saint by January 20.

Next week, December 10, 1:30-3pm at XII Apostles: Light up your life. Jesus teaches us about ourselves.

Spring schedule was sent to emails this past week. If you did not receive it, please contact Katie to get on the list. Hard copies will be passed out at youth group.

Cookie sale fundraiser:

Thank you to everyone who made cookies! The cookie sale would not be a success without you! Make sure you stop by to see us. We're open until 8 on Saturday and open from noon - 5 (or until cookies run out) on Sunday!

TWELVE APOSTLES NEWS

PSR: Join us this Sunday, December 3 during PSR time for the Rosary led by the 7th grade class.



The Angel Tree. During December we collect items for different charitable organizations in our communities. Please consider taking an ornament from the tree in the Narthex, purchasing the item, and bringing it UNWRAPPED to Church or PSR by December 17. Thank you!

XII Apostles Children's Christmas Choir Practices:

In the Church after PSR December 3, 10, & 17.

In case of snow or ice, a make-up practice will be held December 17 at 6:45pm. The Children's Mass will be at 3:30pm Christmas Eve.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Advent 2017



We have entered the Season of Advent.

Twelve Apostles Parish is providing special times of preparation to come into His presence and welcome our Savior. COME, Lord Jesus.

~December 3, Sunday 5:00 – 6:00 PM

~December 7, Thursday (Vigil of Immaculate Conception)
4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
6:00 PM – MASS
6:45 PM – 8PM, Closing with Benediction

~December 10, Sunday 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM
(Family/Children 4:30-5)

~December 17, Sunday 5:00 – 6:00 PM

REJOICE, for He is near!

CHURCH CLEANING—Saturday, December 9th, 9:00am
Team 3: Janet Regan, Shannon Demory, Joan Remmers, Tammy Glick, Louise Wells. Additional volunteers are always a blessing.

Twelve Apostles Christmas Ornaments for Sale:

Ornament Sales will continue thru Dec. 24th in the Lower Level at XII Apostles. Please consider purchasing a church memento and contributing to The Building (Debt Reduction) Fund at the same time. Your support is much appreciated!!

Support us when you shop on Amazon.com. Start at smile.amazon.com/ch/26-2416033 and Amazon donates 0.5% of your purchase to Twelve Apostles Parish.

This Christmas, keep Christ in your gift giving. Such gifts are available at the Gift Case in the Narthex. This is also a great way to support XII Apostles Parish.

Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving

Holy Trinity & Twelve Apostles Parishes remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for individual parishioners & provides much-needed donation consistency for your parish.

As you contemplate future contributions, consider electronic giving. Authorization forms & information are available from the church office, forms are available in the back of church, or you can sign up on your parish website:

www.holytrinitycatholic.org or
www.twelveapostlescatholic.org.

Look for the "Donate Now" button on the home page.

December Holy Rosary Rally in Honor of Our Lady of Fatima

which will be held on Sunday December 10th from 3 pm to 4:15 pm at Saint Philippine Duchesne Catholic Church, 5035 Rainbow Boulevard, Westwood, KS 66205.

We will pray the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious mysteries of the Holy Rosary followed by Benediction and the opportunity for attendees to enroll in the Brown Scapular. For driving instructions or future dates for the Kansas City monthly Holy Rosary rallies, please visit www.rosaryrallieskc.org

Conception Abbey: Dec. 30-Jan. 1 New Year's Retreat

Begin the New Year in prayer & reflection. Staff & Monks will look forward to the feast of the Epiphany—a reflection upon what the Lord has made known to us & how we will reflect that in our daily lives. Take time to bring in the New Year with more than resolutions. How do we make what the Lord has manifested in our lives become the gifts we offer to others?

Fees: \$180 single room; \$300 double room (\$150 each)
Contact us at (660)944-2809, guests@conception.edu,
www.conceptionabbey.org/guests

Lighthouse Talks Contagious Catholicism: The 7 Habits of Modern-Day Apostles

Internationally acclaimed speaker & author Chris Stefanick speaks about the importance of living a life of authenticity with a courageous commitment to love. He walks us through 7 habits that we can use as modern-day apostles to effectively spread the good news to Jesus Christ. Following these lessons will help us to fulfill our calling to be fearlessly, joyfully Catholic, with a faith that is attractive, life-giving, & truly contagious.

Check out this CD & more at the Lighthouse in the vestibule!

Holy Family is hosting an amazing Nativity Exhibit this Advent with over 100 nativity sets on display from over 30 countries. This is a great opportunity to view the nativity through the eyes of many cultures, materials and art forms. The exhibit is free and self-guided.

Dates and times: 12/8: 1-2pm, 7-8pm; 12/9, 12/16, 12/23: 6-7pm; 12/10, 12/17: 9:30-10:30a.m., 12-1 p.m.

Located at Holy Family Catholic Church (919 NE 96th St., KCMO 64155) in the library, at the bottom of the stairs. These nativities are from the collections of John Winkels and Fr. Michael Coleman.

Offerings at Sophia Spirituality Center, Atchison, KS

Coffee and Silence: A Prayerful Day Away

Thursday, Dec. 7, & Tuesday, Dec. 12 9am–4pm

Here's an opportunity to build some reflective time into Thanksgiving week and your Advent season: come to Sophia Center at Mount St. Scholastica in Atchison, Kansas, for a day of silent prayer, reading, and rest. Coffee will be provided; bring a sack lunch and enjoy a prayerful day away!

Silent Directed Retreat

Friday, December 8 - Saturday, December 10

Advent is an ideal time to spend one or two days in quiet time with God and to meet with a spiritual director. Come to Sophia Center at Mount St. Scholastica to renew your spirit during this holy season!

Advent Music Retreat

Sunday, December 10, 1:00 to 4:00 pm

Advent music is a wonderful way to tune our spirits to prepare the way of the Lord. In this afternoon retreat, we will explore the spirituality of traditional and contemporary Advent hymn texts and music. The retreat will include prayer with the Word (lectio divina) and music (audio divina). The afternoon will conclude with an Advent song fest!

For more info or to register, call 913-360-6173 or visit www.sophiaspiritualitycenter.org

Freedom from contraception - a beautiful gift!

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

St. Pius X High School High School Placement Test

January 6, 2018

To register your student visit:

www.stpiusxhs-kc.com/placementtest
816-453-3450

Congratulations to the winners of the 2017 Serra Club of Kansas City – North Vocation Support Raffle!

1st Prize, \$10,000 – Ken Bischoff (St. Therese)
2nd Prize, \$1,000 – Cathy Macy (St. Therese)
3rd Prize, \$500 – Laura Klonica (St. Ann) & Sandy Sutton (St. Andrew).

A hardy THANK YOU to all who supported the raffle. Your generosity will make a difference in the lives of seminarians, priests, sisters & all consecrated religious in our Diocese.