

Welcome to

Holy Trinity Parish

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Twelve Apostles Parish

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Second Sunday of Advent December 10, 2017



Today's second reading is about Christ's coming again, "The day of the Lord," Peter calls it, but that day isn't December 25th. It's that other day, that second-coming day about which Peter is concerned. He waits with great hope and anticipation for God to remake the earth into a place of perfect justice and peace. And he sets some demanding goals for the Christian community as it awaits that final day of accounting and reconciliation: strive to be at peace, without spot or blemish. Christian stewards work for peace. As we await the coming of Christmas, what can we do to promote peace in our homes, workplaces, community and world?

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Weekend 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

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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.

**Second Sunday of Advent
December 10, 2017
Readings: p. 36 in *Breaking Bread***

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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

Mon, Dec. 11, 8:00am —HT Private Intention

Wed, Dec. 13, 8:00am—HT Private Intention

Thu, Dec. 14, 6:00pm—XII Private Intention

Fri, Dec. 15, 8:00am—HT Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, December 16

5:00pm--XII +Ellen Melton

Sunday, December 17

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

9:00am--XII +Darrell Legault

10:45am-HT +Kay Norwood

Second collection THIS 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 & hundreds of others provide for aging members and plan for long-term needs. Please give to this week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection.



A daily Advent reflection by Bishop Robert Barron can be found on our websites: www.holytrinitycatholic.org
www.twelveapostlescatholic.org

R.C.I.A News! Classes continue **Wednesday, Dec. 13** at 7pm.

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE Next Sunday



Our parishes' Advent Communal Penance Service will be held next Sunday, Dec 17, 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.

Annual Catholic Appeal During the past couple of weeks, you've been invited 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. We are aiming for 100% participation. No gift is too small.

Currently XII Apostles is at 69% (\$13,432.50) of its goal with 38 of 313 parishioners participating & Holy Trinity is at 57% (\$8,497) of its goal with 29 of 165 parishioners donating.

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'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. If you have any questions or need help getting the book, please contact Katie Martinez at katie.a.mrtznz@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. A required class for anyone wanting to volunteer with our children. It's also highly suggested for parents & grandparents.

Sign up online at www.virtusonline.org. The class should take about 2 hours. Questions? Contact Katie Troup at dreXII@kc.rr.com

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 weekly collection or mail to be received by the parish office **NLT Wednesday, December 20, 2017**. Thanks!

END-OF-YEAR GIFTS TO YOUR PARISH

If you are planning an end-of-year gift to your parish, note that it needs to be in the office no later than Noon, FRIDAY, DEC. 29, to be credited to 2017 giving.

If you are giving online through an established account, you must order the transaction through your online account before 3pm, Thursday, Dec. 28. (If you need assistance setting up a new transaction, contact the parish office by Noon, Wednesday, Dec. 27.)

MASS TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS:

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

Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24

3:30 pm -- XII Apostles (3:15pm—children's choir)
5:30 pm -- Holy Trinity (5pm—children's choir) Fr. Terry Bruce
5:30 pm -- XII Apostles
7:30 pm -- Holy Trinity (music begins @ 7:10pm)
Midnight -- Holy Trinity (music begins @ 11:30pm)

Christmas Day, Monday, December 25

9:00 am - XII Apostles

HOLY TRINITY NEWS

Celebrating 175 years

Holy Trinity Children's Christmas Choir Practices:



Youth Christmas Choir practice (for the 5:30pm Christmas Eve Mass, with music beginning at 5pm) will be held Tuesdays, Dec 12 & 19, 6:30—7:30pm. Questions, contact Barb Bopp at 816-665-5775

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! to all who helped in any way with the Weston Candlelight Homes Tour! We appreciate all you did to make the weekend a success!

Thank you to Fr. Steven Rogers for his creative assistance and direction, Mike & Cyndee Bohaty for chairing the host/hostess duties & all of their volunteers, Ann Harris, Phil Frost & Diane Duncan for decorating the Church, Maresa Fisher & family for the Dickens Village Mural, Randy & Carrie Gray & daughter Shannon for the manger mural, Diane Stir & the Women's Guild for the wonderful meals, Mary Esther for chairing the country store, Sarah Adkins for organizing the ornaments, Lisa Stiffler & Joan Edelman for the Gingerbread Holy Trinity, the West Platte FCA for the live Nativity, the Knights of Columbus & Joel Tiffany & his crew for assistance with the grounds, & the parish staff for the archives display and assistance in setting up.

Thank you to all parishioners who assisted/donated or helped in anyway to make this event so spectacular! Lori Mathews

(And a special thanks to Lori Mathews for chairing this event!)

Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

NEXT Sunday: HT Knights of Columbus Council will serve a pancake and sausage breakfast **after both Masses** next Sunday, Dec.17, in the parish hall. Open to all. A free will offering will be welcome.



Holy Trinity Christmas Ornaments, made from pieces of 100+ year old slate (taken from the old church roof during roof replacement this summer) are available in the Parish Hall after Mass, or from the Parish Office during office hours. \$20 each. Pick up a piece of history!

Women's Sewing-Quilting Group will not meet this month.

KATIE'S CORNER YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Youth Group: Grades 6-12
5pm at XII Apostles, Sunday, Dec. 17.

Confirmation:

Confirmation—December 10
9:00am Holy Trinity, 3:00pm XII Apostles

Next class: December 17
9:00am Holy Trinity, 3:00pm XII Apostles

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

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

Cookie sale fundraiser:

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you! To everyone who made cookies! The cookie sale would not be a success without you!



TWELVE APOSTLES NEWS

Pancake & Sausage Breakfast:

THIS Sunday, December 10th, 10am until all are served. Twelve Apostles Knights of Columbus invite everyone to Breakfast at the Northland Career Center cafeteria. A free will offering is welcome.



XII Apostles Children's Christmas Choir Practices:



In the Church after PSR December 10, & 17. In case of snow/ice, a make-up practice will be held December 20 at 6:45pm. The Children's Mass will be at 3:30pm Christmas Eve, with music beginning beforehand, at 3:15pm.

Parish Council Meeting: Monday, December 11 at 7pm.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Advent 2017

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

~**December 17, Sunday** 5:00 – 6:00 PM



Twelve Apostles Knights of Columbus meeting:

Dec. 13, Wednesday -- Rosary at 6:45 PM, followed by a Business Meeting & Social Period. Lower (basement) level of XII Apostles Church. All members are encouraged to attend!

Decorating for Christmas



It is nearly time to decorate our sacred space at XII Apostles for His coming. We are in need of "MAN"power Thurs, Dec 21st after the 6:00 PM Mass. Trees/heavy items need to be brought up from the lower level to the Narthex.

Friday, Dec. 22nd, decorating will begin at 9:00 AM.

Any and all help will be most appreciated. Come and be a part of these joyous preparations on Thursday and/or Friday. Call Judy Steiger 431-6506 if you can help or have questions.

The Angel Tree: During December we collect items for different charitable organizations in our communities. Please take an ornament from the tree in the Narthex, purchase the item, and bring it UNWRAPPED to Church or PSR by December 17. THANK YOU to all who have taken an ornament; we only have 7 left!



Twelve Apostles Christmas Ornaments for Sale:

Ornament Sales will continue thru Dec 24 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!!



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.



Dec. 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:

Religionless Spirituality: Why We Need the Church

Renowned Scripture scholar and author, Dr. Tim Gray, provides a fascinating explanation of the importance of the visible Church and the centrality of God on Earth. He offers incredible insights that make clear the role of the Church as an essential part of God's plan for salvation, which are sure to help those who have left her, or who mistakenly claim to be "spiritual, but not religious."

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: 12/16, 12/23: 6-7pm; 12/10, 12/17: 9:30-10:30am, 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.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES:

- Sun, Dec. 10, 3PM Sacred Heart, 1405 2nd Ave. Leavenworth, KS
- Sun, Dec. 10, 4PM Holy Family, 919 NE 96th St, KCMO
- Sun, Dec. 10, 7PM St. Therese, 7207 Hwy 9 NW, Parkville, MO
- Tues, Dec 12, 7PM St. Charles, 900 NE Shady Lane Dr. KCMO
- Thurs, Dec. 14, 7PM St Patrick, 1357 NE 42nd Terrace KCMO
- Sun, Dec. 17, 2PM XII Apostles, Platte City**
- Tues, Dec. 19, 7PM St. Gabriel, 4743 N Cleveland, KCMO
- Thurs, Dec. 21, 7PM Immaculate Conception, 711 N 5th St. Leavenworth, KS

RUTH INSTITUTE: HEALING FAMILY BREAKDOWN

Every family in America has been affected by family breakdown. You are not alone. Are you heartbroken, wondering what you can do to help your family, including your kids or grand-kids? Come, regain hope! Put into practice the practical family-building virtues of mercy, empathy, and togetherness.

Come to the Ruth Institute's "Healing Family Breakdown" Spiritual Workshop on Saturday, January 27th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Ascension Parish, 9510 W 127th Street, Overland Park, KS 66213. Go to www.ruthinstitute.org/events/healing-family-breakdown for details and registration information.

2018 MARCH FOR LIFE PILGRIMAGE REGISTRATION ENDS DECEMBER 12.

The registration deadline for the 2018 March for Life Pilgrimage to Washington DC, January 17-20, is fast-approaching. For more information, please visit www.respectlifekcsj.org, email francis@diocesekcsj.org or call 816.714.2367.

RETOUVAILLE

Is your Marriage in crisis? *Retrouvaille* has a proven track record of 80% success rate among couples who attend the weekend program and all 12 post sessions. Your marriage will find help and hope during your weekend, and the follow-up post sessions.

The next weekend will be held at Savior Pastoral Center, 12601 Parallel Parkway, Kansas City, KS 66109 – January 26-28, 2018. The registration fee is \$150, the deadline is January 25th. Contact Jerry & Kim Bronder 800.470.2230 or email retrokc@gmail.com.

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

Freedom from contraception – is a beautiful gift!

The FertilityCare™ System (Creighton) Intro Session is offered monthly at a variety of area locations & long distance. This fulfills your marriage policy requirement, it's helpful for achieving & avoiding pregnancy, it has medical applications & is better than IVF for infertility.

Register online at www.fertilitycarekc.com, or call the FertilityCare™ Center of Kansas City at (816) 858-0198.

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.