

Welcome to

Holy Trinity Parish

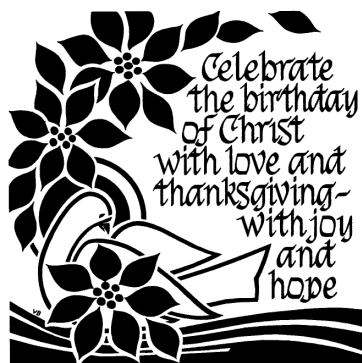
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Twelve Apostles Parish

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Third Sunday of Advent December 17, 2017



In today's second reading Paul concludes his letter to the Christian community at Thessalonica by providing it with actions to take as they wait for the return of the Lord. The first action is to rejoice always and give thanks in all circumstances. This sounds easy but it's not. The two words that make this task difficult are "always" and "all". This means giving thanks and rejoicing even when our circumstances are not always moments of joy & thanksgiving, or when we are confronted with a broken world. Prayerful stewards rejoice and give thanks in all circumstances because they are people of hope. A good reflection this week would be how the season of Advent can give you reason to hope.

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

Mrs. Julie Hoffman, Office Manager - x201, secyHT-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.

**Third Sunday of Advent
December 17, 2017
Readings: p. 40 in *Breaking Bread***

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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

Mon, Dec. 18, 8:00am —HT +Owen Hull

Wed, Dec. 20, 8:00am—HT Private Intention

Thu, Dec. 21, 6:00pm—XII +Kenneth Magers

Fri, Dec. 22, 8:00am —HT Private Intention

Saturday, December 23—(4th Sunday of Advent)

3:30pm—HT + John "Bud" Bollin

5:00pm--XII Parishioners of Twelve Apostles

Sunday, December 24

Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24

3:30 pm -- XII Parishioners of Twelve Apostles

5:30 pm -- HT (Fr. Terry Bruce) +Barbara O'Malley

5:30 pm -- XII Parishioners of Twelve Apostles

7:30 pm -- HT Parishioners of Holy Trinity

Midnight -- HT +Lilah Rose Purnell

Monday, December 25—Christmas Day

9:00am—XII +Duayne Mendenhall

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE THIS Sunday



Our parishes' Advent Communal Penance Service will be held THIS 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.

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, & your donation in an envelope & put it in the weekly collection or mail to be received by the parish office **NLT Wednesday, December 20, 2017**. Thanks!

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 76% (\$14,882.50) of its goal with 40 of 313 families participating & Holy Trinity is at 57% (\$8,522) of its goal with 30 of 165 families donating.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION



"Men's Bible Study" is taking a break for the holidays, our next meeting will be on January 8th.

Women's Book Study: Please join us as we read & discuss, "Style, Sex, and Substance: 10 Catholic Women Consider the Things that Really Matter" by Hallie Lord. We are 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.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 is 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

Retirement Fund for Religious Retirement: Religious Give Thanks.

A religious sister writes, "When we see the generous response of so many thousands of persons in order to help us, religious men and women, we are left speechless." Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests across the country send heartfelt thanks and prayers for your donation to last week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection.

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 are numerous opportunities for confession during Advent at area Communal Penance Services, including ours this Sunday, December 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

Pancake & Sausage Breakfast THIS Sunday:

Holy Trinity Knights of Columbus Council will serve a pancake & sausage breakfast after BOTH Masses this Sunday, December 17, in the parish hall. Open to all. A free will offering will be welcome.



Children's Christmas Choir Practices:

Youth Christmas Choir practice will be held Tuesday, December 19, 6:30—7:30pm. Questions, contact Barb Bopp 816-665-5775



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!



Holiday Hours - The Parish Office will be closed:

Friday afternoon, December 22nd,

Monday, December 25 & Tuesday, December 26

Save The Date— All adults of Twelve Apostles & Holy Trinity Parishes are cordially invited to an Epiphany Party, Sunday, January 7, 5pm



KATIE'S CORNER YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Youth Group: Grades 6-12

December 17, 5-7pm Pizza with Jesus. Join us for an hour of Adoration, followed by an hour of Pizza and Christmas fun!



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

Special events to note in the Spring schedule...

Pizza with Jesus

Leading Stations of the Cross

Going to AMC Theaters

Two different service opportunities

Katie's Wedding!!

Confirmation:

December 17

9:00am Holy Trinity, 3:00pm XII Apostles

Youcat challenge: Find the drawing of God sending the Holy Spirit like a dove upon the Apostles. Tell Katie the page number for a special prize!

Don't forget to be researching saints! Katie needs to know your saint by January 20. And sign up for an interview time! Interviews begin at the end of January!

TWELVE APOSTLES NEWS

PSR: Reminder: no classes December 24 or 31. We will begin again with our Epiphany party on Jan. 7. Merry Christmas!

XII Apostles Children's Christmas Choir Practices:



In the Church after PSR December 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.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED

SACRAMENT: Advent 2017

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



Jesus is coming. Jesus is coming. Jesus the Messiah is coming. Come, let us adore him, we wait with longing!

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, December 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.

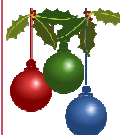
Any and all help will be most appreciated. Come and be a part of these joyous preparations on Thursday and/or Friday. Call Judy Steiger 431-6506 if you can help or have questions.

The Angel Tree: Thank you to everyone who purchased items for the organizations sponsored by our Angel Tree. If you forgot to bring your items in by December 17, it's ok, please contact Katie at ymht-xii@KC.rr.com to schedule a time when you can drop them by.



OUR PRAYERFUL CONDOLENCES to Scott Mendenhall and family on the death of his father, Duayne. May he rest in peace and may God comfort those who mourn his loss.

Twelve Apostles Christmas Ornaments for Sale:



Ornament Sales will continue thru December 24 in the Narthex 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.



R.C.I.A Classes will take a holiday break until the new year.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES in the area:

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

COPING WITH LIFE ALONE” - Peer-To-Peer Grief Support is a *Beginning Experience* @grief support program that meets each week for 7 weeks. The program helps those who have lost a love relationship due to death, divorce or separation, move through the experience of grief and loss into a future with renewed hope.

UPCOMING PROGRAM DATES AND LOCATION:
Kansas City, MO – Sundays, January 14 through February 25, at St John Francis Regis Church, 8941 James A. Reed Road, KCMO. Contact Donna at (816-305-3760), for information and registration. Sessions will be from 1:30-3:30pm.

Lighthouse Talks Contagious Catholicism: Ultimate Goal: Why I Left Pro Soccer to Answer God’s Call
Sister Raffaella Cavallin, a consecrated lay-person with the Apostles of the Interior Life, shares her inspiring spiritual journey. At the height of her professional soccer career, while attending a parish mission, she discovered that the ultimate goal in life is to become a saint. Sister Raffaella’s story illustrates how holiness and happiness go hand in hand, and that through prayer, the Sacraments, and spiritual direction, we can live a Christ centered life and become the person God wants us to be.

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

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

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:12/23:6-7pm; 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.

RUTH INSTITUTE: HEALING FAMILY BREAKDOWN
Every family in America has been affected by family breakdown. You’re not alone. Are you heartbroken, wondering what you can do to help your family? Come, regain hope! Put into practice the practical family virtues of mercy, empathy, & togetherness.

Come to the Ruth Institute's "Healing Family Breakdown" Spiritual Workshop on Saturday, Jan. 27th from 9am-12:30pm 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.

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

The weekend will be held at Savior Pastoral Center, 12601 Parallel Pkwy, KC KS 66109, Jan.26-28. Registration is \$150, by Jan. 25. Contact the Bronders at 800.470.2230 or retrokc@gmail.com.

St. Pius X High School Placement Test

January 6, 2018
To register your student visit:
www.stpiusxhs-kc.com/placementtest
816-453-3450

GIVING FROM ONE’S IRA ACCOUNT is one of the smartest ways to make a real impact for your Parish, the diocese or your favorite ministry

WHAT You Need To Know about charitable IRA giving
What You Can Give. Contributions from traditional IRAs.
Age Requirement. You must be 70 1/2 years old or older when the distribution is made.

Directly to the Charity. Distributions must be made directly from your IRA account to charity.
Professional Advice. Please consult with your tax or legal professional.

WHO Benefits From THIS Type Of Giving
Individuals who take required minimum withdrawals and want to avoid paying tax on the distribution. Give your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) directly to a qualified charity without having to report it as taxable income. Contact your IRA administrator to learn the amount of your RMD.

Taxpayers who don’t itemize their deductions. An IRA charitable transfer most benefits the nearly 2/3rds of Americans who do not itemize deductions on their tax returns & therefore do not receive a tax benefit for giving to charity.

Itemizing taxpayers who’ve reached the charitable giving limit. Donors who itemize their taxes are prohibited from deducting more than 50% of their adjusted gross income as charitable donations. Donations from an IRA are excluded from this percentage limit, allowing individuals who have reached the 50% threshold to give more.

To learn more, contact **Laura Gray at 816-714-2363** or gray@diocesekcsj.org.