

Holy Trinity Parish

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Welcome to

Telephone: 816-640-2206

Twelve Apostles Parish

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Fourth Sunday of Advent/ Nativity of the Lord December 23-25, 2017



In today's Christmas Mass at dawn we hear from the Gospel reading that God has entered quietly into the world. Not into the great city of Jerusalem, but into a small village about five miles south. Not into a noble family, but to an outcast couple keeping the newborn in a manger. Not announced by royal edicts, but to common shepherds, the first human heralds of Christ's birth. As Christian stewards we simply allow Christ to live in us no matter what our circumstances happen to be. We allow Christ to share his love with us and reflect that love out to others. We now are the heralds of Christ's Incarnation. What an unimaginable gift from a generous Lord. Good stewards rejoice in this gift and give glory to God.

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
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)
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@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.

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 23, 2017
Readings: p. 42 in *Breaking Bread*

Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
December 24, 2017
Readings: Vigil Mass (3:30, 5:30, 7:30pm) p.44;
Midnight p. 47 ; 9am p. 51 in *Breaking Bread*

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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

Wed, Dec. 27, 8:00am—HT Private Intention
Thu, Dec. 28, 6:00pm—XII +Kenneth Magers
Fri, Dec. 29, 8:00am –HT Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, December 30
5:00pm--XII +Kay Norwood

Sunday, December 31
7:30am-HT Parishioners of Holy Trinity & Twelve Apostles
9:00am—XII +Darrell Legault
10:45am-HT +Debbie Morgan

Monday, January 1—Solemnity of the Lord
9:00am—HT +Fr. Charles Fredrick Jones

Our parish Christmas card message bears repeating:

God's love for us is as great today as it was the night he blessed us with his son, Jesus.

Blessings to you this Christmas!

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 & 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 & appreciated.

Our Adult Faith Formation Team offers on-going classes to all adults. Join us to learn more about your faith! 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 3 & Men’s Bible Study January 8.)

POINSETTIA DEDICATIONS:

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

Deceased members of the Benner Family, from Earl & Dorothy Benner
Mike Treat, from Louise Hadley
LeRoy & Gerry Boddicker, Marvin & Roberta Petersen,
from John & Rhonda Boddicker
Edward Treat, from Louise Hadley
James T. Brett Sr., Robert & Isabelle Brett Speichinger, from Mary Calvert
Tammy Davis from Ron and Diane Davis
Ret. Col. George Flores, from Debbie Reynolds
Ryleigh Jo, from Paul & Tammy Glick
Charles, Beatrice, and Debra Grame, from Donna Grame
Bea Grame from Carolee Sanders
Charles Grame from Carolee Sanders
Robert E. Hadley, from Louise Hadley
Mark Harris, from Ann Harris
Rob Kahl, from Ann Harris
Jim & Brian Hoffman, from Julie Hoffman & family
Darrell Legault, from Marlin & Frances Legault
Don Buckholz, from Deborah Buckholz and Family
Rudy & Lena Nellesen, from Mary Calvert
Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Brett, Ralph N. Kennedy, from Mary Calvert
Barbara O’Malley (x4), from the O’Malley family
John “Bud” Bollin, from the O’Malley & Bollin Families
Janice & Jack Piper, from Jackie Menk
Cheri Ann Menk, from Jackie Menk
Jimmy & Jolene Roberston Family, from Mike & Jerre Robertson
Virgil & Bonnie Johnson Family, from Mike & Jerre Robertson
Joseph Shimek, from Ann Harris
Charles B. Skelton, from Jim & Jo Skelton
George & Elaine Stir, from John & Diane Stir
Gary Friga, from John & Diane Stir
Ivan C. Swift & Craig M. Swift, from Gail M. Swift
Ken, Leah & Sandra Horn from Gail M. Swift
Robert Welch, from Jared & PJ Welch
Betty & Sylvester Welch, from Jared & PJ Welch
James Reichert & Frank Richards, from Mark & Lori Reichert



Thank you for adding to the beauty of the season.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Non-Catholic adults who want to become members of the Church go through “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 info.

Wedding or Baptism in Your Plans?

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 prep takes 6-9 months.

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

HOLY TRINITY NEWS

Celebrating 175 years

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!



FOUND (in Holy Trinity parking lot):

- 1) GM car key and house key in ring
- 2) Bracelet

Contact the office to identify and claim.

SUBSCRIPTION SUNDAY for the Catholic Key is Jan 7:

Subscription Sunday is 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 & will also be 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.)

Holiday Hours - The Parish Office will be closed:

Monday, December 25 & Tuesday, December 26
Monday, January 1 & Tuesday, January 2

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 & email, or put in the collection basket. Thank you!



KATIE'S CORNER YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Youth Group: Grades 6-12

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Spring schedule will begin January 7, 5-7pm at XII Apostles. Until then - MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Confirmation:

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.

January 7

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

Confirmation interviews begin at the end of January - Make sure you sign up for a time slot!!

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

TWELVE APOSTLES NEWS

PSR: The Parish School of Religion classes will resume on Sunday, January 7, with our annual celebration of the Feast of the Epiphany. Parents are invited to attend PSR with their child for this time to gather, thank our teachers for all their hard work, and to have fun together. Families are asked to help provide snacks.

Last Names A - C - Muffins or breakfast pastries

Last Names D - H - deviled eggs or cheese/meat and crackers

Last Names J - P - Fruit (grapes, orange slices, banana halves, etc.)

Last Names R - Z - Juice

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.

Adult Epiphany Party

All adults of Twelve Apostles & Holy Trinity Parishes are cordially invited to an Epiphany Party, Sunday, Jan. 7, 5pm-7pm, at Holy Trinity Parish Hall.



Meat, potatoes, and beverages will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

RSVP to secyht-xii@kc.rr.com by Wednesday, January 5.

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

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 78% (\$15,282.50) of its goal with 43 of 313 families participating & Holy Trinity is at 57% (\$8,522) of its goal with 30 of 165 families donating.

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: Why Be Catholic?

For those who aren't Catholic, it may not be apparent why one should embrace the Catholic Faith. In this inspiring presentation, bestselling author Patrick Madrid gives compelling biblical and historical reasons for why he embraces the faith as a lifelong Catholic. He shares valuable insights into the beauty of the Catholic Church and its claim to contain the fullness of the deposit of faith given by Christ.

Find this CD & more at the Lighthouse kiosk in the vestibule!

Offerings at the Sophia Center:

A Getaway for Self-Renewal: Thursday, January 4, 9am–4:30pm

Start off the new year by getting away for a day of self-renewal with the Benedictine Sisters at Sophia Center. We will provide a guided group meditation & your choice of one 30-min. session of therapeutic massage, reflexology, contemplative healing touch, or spiritual direction. Bring a Bible, & if you wish, a journal. Prepare for a year of good health and well-being with this getaway for self-renewal!

For more info call [913-360-6173](tel:913-360-6173) or visit www.sophiaspiritualitycenter.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

NFP Classes: This year, resolve to drop the burden of contraception & embrace the freedom of Natural Family Planning! Leave behind the health risks of contraception, you & your spouse deserve this wonderful gift to each other! In an effort to give practical help to married and engaged couples to find the joy of married life without the burden of contraception, a 3 part series of classes in the Sympto-Thermal Method of NFP will start soon.

The course is at St. Andrew Parish, 6415 NE Antioch Rd, Gladstone, beginning on Friday, Jan. 12th, at 6:30pm. A course fee is charged.

To learn more or about **online** classes offered through the Couple to Couple League, visit us at www.live-the-love.org or call the Paolettis at 816-507-1591 (jchristinapaoletti@gmail.com).

Pre-registration required at: www.ccli.org.

JOB OPPORTUNITY: The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception is searching for a parish secretary, 30 hours per week. The position is posted on the Diocesan website; more info can be found at the following link.

Applicants should apply by also using the job link. <https://careers.hireology.com/the-catholic-diocese-of-kansas-city-st-joseph/165303/description>

END-OF-YEAR GIFTS TO YOUR PARISH

If you are giving online through an established account, you must order the transaction through your online account before 3pm, Thursday, Dec. 28.

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 Jan.26-28, at Savior Pastoral Center, 12601 Parallel Pkwy, KC KS 66109 . 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.