

Welcome to

## Holy Trinity Parish

407 Cherry St.  
Weston, MO 64098  
www.holytrinitycatholic.org

## Twelve Apostles Parish

Church: 17900 Humphrey's Rd.  
Platte City, MO 64079  
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### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph December 31, 2017



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When Jesus is presented in the Temple, our Blessed Mother formally offers him to God's service without reservation. It is a service that Simeon prophetically foretells: a service to God that will turn the old laws and cultural norms upside down. Are we destined to hold on to old habits and customs tightly or like Jesus, are we willing to serve the Lord and proclaim the Gospel in new and creative ways? In this new year, let us ask God to give us the courage to bring forth Christ to those who are strangers to us, who think differently than we do or who may not believe that Christ can make a difference in their lives.

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  
10:45 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. Elaine Wright/Judy Sloan, Child Care Coordinators (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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph  
December 31, 2017  
Readings: p. 53 in *Breaking Bread***

**MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

**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 Mary, Holy Mother of God**

(this Solemnity is not a holy day of obligation this year)

9:00am—HT for World Peace

Wed, Jan. 3, 8:00am—HT +Fr. Charles Fredrick Jones

Thu, Jan. 4, 6:00pm—XII +Fr. Robert Stewart

Fri, Jan. 5, 8:00am—HT +Bernice Block

**Saturday, January 6**

5:00pm--XII +Delores Rogers

**Sunday, January 7**

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

9:00am--XII +Ken Fritz

10:45am-HT +Ellen Melton

**SUBSCRIPTION SUNDAY for the Catholic Key is Jan 7:**

Subscription Sunday is NEXT 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 & 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 & shut-ins, & set out for anyone to take.

**Inclement Weather Plans:** In most instances, Father can say Mass in Weston no matter the weather. If the weather becomes too dangerous for Father to travel to Platte City, our plan is to communicate that via an email to parishioners, to post it on our websites, to put a message on our answering machine, &/or to notify the TV stations. Generally, "no news" means things are going on as scheduled. Since the Sunday obligation is an important one for Catholics, priests hesitate to cancel Mass. Barring dangerous conditions, Father will try to make it for Mass but wants parishioners to always be prudent of their own situations & do what is best for them.

**JOB OPPORTUNITIES:**

**Administrative Assistant – Office of Divine Worship:** seeking a part-time Administrative Assistant who will support the Director of Divine Worship. Responsible for planning & coordinating events involving the Bishop, hosting & facilitating meetings, & performing general administrative functions. This position is based on 20 hrs per week. Required qualifications include (2) plus years related experience, intermediate skill in Microsoft Office, & evening & weekend availability. Some travel within the Diocese is required. Knowledge of liturgical language, books, & occasions is a plus. Ability to converse in Spanish, social media experience, and some college coursework is preferred.  
Apply: <https://careers.hireology.com/the-catholic-diocese-of-kansas-city-st-joseph/166170/description>

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

"Men's Bible Study" continues Jan. 8, at Holy Trinity. We meet on Mondays at 7pm in the parish hall. All men are invited; come as you are able. For more info, contact Jim Sullivan at 816-213-5468 or [sullivan500@gmail.com](mailto:sullivan500@gmail.com)



Women of Faith group is reading "Inside Islam: A Guide for Catholics". *Inside Islam uses a question/answer format so all can learn the basics of Islam.* Please join us Wednesday mornings continuing Jan. 3 at Holy Trinity at 8:30am while we read and discuss together. Come as you are able.

Women's Book Study: Join us Jan 4, 11, & 18 as we continue reading & discussing, "Style, Sex, & Substance: 10 Catholic Women Consider the Things that Really Matter" by Hallie Lord. We meet at the home of Donna Webb, 12700 N Overbrook Dr, Platte City, Thursdays at 7:15 pm. Questions, contact Katie Martinez at [katie.a.mrtznz@gmail.com](mailto:katie.a.mrtznz@gmail.com).

**TUESDAYS AT THE BOULEVARD— JAN. 16:**

20s & 30s —Join us at 6 p.m. at Sacred Heart-Guadalupe Parish, 2544 Madison Ave, KC, 64108, for Rosary & Confessions, with Mass at 6:30 p.m., then a walk across the parking lot to Boulevard Brewery for brews & Waldo Pizza! Your Mass program is your entry ticket, along with \$10 cash/check at the door. For info, visit [www.kansascityonahill.org](http://www.kansascityonahill.org)

**Holiday Hours - The Parish Office will be closed:**

Monday, January 1 & Tuesday, January 2

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



Meat, potatoes, & beverages provided.  
Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

RSVP to [secyht-xii@kc.rr.com](mailto:secyht-xii@kc.rr.com) by Wednesday, Jan. 3.

**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\*

### Knights of Columbus HT Council 12288— Congratulations to our "Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest" Winners:

1st Place—Josephine Hoffman (age 8)  
2nd Place—Kathleen Smith (age 14)  
3rd Place—Isabella Schottel (age 5)

**PSR:** A big thank you to all who donated to our Cold Weather Drive! The mittens, gloves, and sweatpants were delivered to West Platte Elementary before Christmas break.

Just a reminder, we have no PSR this Sunday. Classes resume Sunday, January 7, and we'll celebrate Epiphany with a special Three Kings visit to each classroom!

### Rosary for the Unborn Next Sunday, Jan. 7, 10:05am

**Holy Trinity Christmas Ornaments,** made from pieces of 100+ year old slate (taken from the original 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 Church & parking lot):

- 1) GM car key & house key in ring
- 2) Religious Bracelet
- 3) Small Purse

Contact the office to identify & claim.

**LOST  
AND  
FOUND**

### **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

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, Jan. 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

"**Thank you** so much to everyone who purchased XII Apostles' Ornaments! The response was very touching! It's so gratifying to see people work toward our common goal of paying off the Building Debt! Before next Season, if anyone would like ornaments as gifts for weddings, birthdays, graduations, or if you are moving out of the area & would like to purchase a memento, contact Bob or Kathy at 858-3789 or e-mail: [Bob497237@aol.com](mailto:Bob497237@aol.com) & we will deliver. Again, thank you!!! "

**FOOD COLLECTION:** Next weekend is the monthly food collection for United Services food pantry (located 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!

### **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](http://www.virtusonline.org). The class should take about 2 hours.

Questions? Contact Katie Troup at [dreXII@kc.rr.com](mailto:dreXII@kc.rr.com)

**Annual Catholic Appeal Update:** We thank all who have pledged/given to the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA). If you are still considering your ability to join the Appeal, please realize that we all benefit from the programs and services the Appeal supports: training of future priests, reaching out to the poor, educating children in Catholic schools, and helping to ensure healthy marriages are all direct benefits of your gift. We are aiming for increased participation; no gift is too small. Currently XII Apostles is at 80% (\$15,667.50) of its goal with 48 of 313 families participating & Holy Trinity is at 57% (\$8,522) of its goal with 30 of 165 families donating. Pledge/gift envelopes can be found in the back of each church.

**20s & 30s — THIRD THURSDAYS IN WESTPORT:**

**Thursday, Jan. 18, 6:30pm- 9:30pm.** Join the Frs. Haake, Mattingly, & Johnson every Third Thursday at our Diocesan Shrine to Divine Mercy for confessions & Mass, followed by a short walk to Westport for continued theological discussion at McCoy's Public House. Bring a friend & help spread the word about this new City on a Hill event! Questions? Contact the Young Adult Office 816-714-2373.

**Lighthouse Talks: Who Am I to Judge? Responding to Relativism with Logic and Love**

Discussing moral issues with family & friends can be a challenge in a culture that strongly promotes the idea that there is no objective truth. Speaking from a wealth of personal experience, renowned author & theologian Dr. Edward Sri provides 5 "keys" to enable Christians to oppose with logic and love what Pope Benedict XVI called the "dictatorship of relativism." He also clarifies what it means to judge, & the importance of making good judgments.

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 or visit [www.sophiaspiritualitycenter.org](http://www.sophiaspiritualitycenter.org).

**JOURNEY OF HOPE DIVORCE MINISTRY**

Join us for this free seminar discussing many common issues divorced Catholics face & discover how our Catholic faith stands ready to offer support, healing, & new life. If you are a divorced Catholic or have a loved-one facing this difficulty, you won't want to miss this event! For more info, contact the Family Life Office at 816-714-2371.

The following free seminars will be offered:

**Jan. 12,** 7-9pm, Guardian Angels Parish, 1310 Westport Rd, KC, 64111

**Jan. 21,** 12-2pm, St. Gabriel Parish, 4737 N. Cleveland, KC, 64117

**Jan.22,** 6:30-8:30pm, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, 4503 Frederick Blvd, St. Joseph, 64506

**Feb. 7,** 7-9pm, St. Elizabeth Parish, 2 E. 75th St, KC, 64114

**Mar. 21,** 7-9pm, Our Lady of the Presentation Parish, 130 NW Murray Road, Lee's Summit, 64081

This New Year, resolve to drop the burden of contraception and embrace the freedom of **Natural Family Planning!** To help married & engaged couples find the joy of married life without the burden of contraception, classes in the Sympto-Thermal Method of NFP are offered through the Couple to Couple League for a reasonable course fee at St. Andrew Parish, 6415 NE Antioch Rd, Gladstone, beginning Fri., Jan. 12, 6:30pm.

For more info about these or **online** classes, call Christina/Michael Paoletti at 816-507-1591 ([jchristinapaoletti@gmail.com](mailto:jchristinapaoletti@gmail.com)).

**Pre-registration required at [www.ccli.org](http://www.ccli.org).**

**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 difficult & time-consuming. Other than in unforeseen circumstances, advance notice to your pastor is most helpful & appreciated.

**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 & loss into a future with renewed hope.

**UPCOMING PROGRAM DATES AND LOCATION:**

Sundays, Jan.14- Feb. 25, at St John Francis Regis Church, 8941 James A. Reed Road, KCMO. Contact Donna at (816-305-3760), for info/registration. Sessions are 1:30-3:30pm.

**RETRouvaille:** Is your Marriage in crisis?

*Retrouvaille* (Re-tro-vi) 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](mailto:retrokc@gmail.com).

**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](mailto:gray@diocesekcsj.org).**