

Welcome to

Holy Trinity Parish

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Weston, MO 64098
www.holytrinitycatholic.org

Twelve Apostles Parish

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The Epiphany of the Lord January 7, 2018

Today's Gospel reading reveals the story of the magi who come from the east to pay homage to Jesus, the newborn king. The story of the magi teaches Christian stewards three Christmas truths: God, in the person of Jesus Christ, is present and active in the world, and good stewards strive daily to follow his star. Second, each of us, no matter our circumstances or station in life, has a gift to bring to the Lord. And finally, our life's journey always leads to Christ, even when at times we do not know where the road is taking us.



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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

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, 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.

**The Epiphany of the Lord
January 7, 2018
Readings: p. 57 in *Breaking Bread***

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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

Mon, Jan. 8, 8:00am-HT +Owen Hull

Wed, Jan. 10, 8am-HT +Rev. Francis Hochgesand (Pastor 1911-21)

Thu, Jan. 11, 6:00pm-XII +Beatrice Grame

Fri, Jan. 12, 8:00am--HT Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, January 13

5:00pm--XII Parishioners of Holy Trinity & Twelve Apostles

Sunday, January 14

7:30am-HT +Rob Kahl

9:00am--XII +George Flores

10:45am-HT +Debbie Morgan

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

Subscription Sunday is THIS 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.

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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.

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



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 at Holy Trinity at 8:30am while we read and discuss together. Come as you are able.

Women's Book Study: Join us Jan. 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.

Discipleship with Fr. John Riccardo: Want to begin the New Year growing closer to Jesus? Join us in a Discipleship Retreat led by Fr. John Riccardo. The 5 session video retreat will be held **Mondays, beginning Jan. 15 at 6:45 p.m.** in the Parish Hall. This opportunity is open to new & seasoned participants of Adult Faith Formation Programs. Join us to watch, discuss & grow in fellowship with each other, & become a closer disciple of Jesus Christ. Contact Vonda Ovatt at vkovatt@kc.rr.com or 816-674-5709 with questions or to let us know that you plan to attend.

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.

Please join us for the January Holy Rosary Rally in Honor of Our Lady of Fatima—which will be held on Sunday January 14th from 3 pm to 4:15 pm at St. Mary-St. Anthony Church, 615 N 7th St, Kansas City, KS 66101. We will pray the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious mysteries of the Holy Rosary followed by Benediction. For driving instructions or future dates for the Kansas City monthly Holy Rosary rallies, please visit www.rosaryrallieskc.org

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.

HOLY TRINITY NEWS

Celebrating 175 years

If you have donated a poinsettia in remembrance of someone this holiday season, you are welcome to pick it/them up from the altar following Mass this weekend.



Women's Guild Meeting: Monday, Jan. 8th, at 7pm. We will be doing an inventory of kitchen supplies 6:30-7pm, feel free to come early!

Parish Council Meeting: Monday, January 8th, 7pm.

Women's Quilting-Sewing Group: Meets Monday, January 8, from 11 am-3pm. Bring a project to work on and a snack to share!

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!

Weston Community Prayer Breakfast, Saturday, January 13, at 8:00am, hosted at Weston Christian Church. Free will offering for the Weston Ministerial Alliance Assistance Fund. All are welcome!



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



Adult Epiphany Party: Sunday, Jan. 7, 5-7pm at Holy Trinity Parish Hall.

KATIE'S CORNER YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Youth Group: Grades 6-12
Spring schedule will begin January 7, 5-7pm at XII Apostles.



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

The poinsettias are awaiting a new home. All those who donated to their beauty and anyone else are so welcome to take one home. They will be found in the altar area and/or narthex.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Sunday, January 7, 2018



We have seen His star and come to do Him homage. Come, let us bow down in worship.

Family/Children Adoration 4:30 – 5:00 pm
Adult Adoration 5:00 – 6:00 pm

Mercy in Motion Meeting: Monday, Jan. 8, 7-8:30 PM, in the cry room at XII Apostles! We are ready to implement! Come and be a part of the excitement, even if you haven't attended before! Questions? Call or text Shirley Goode at 816-225-4274.

Women's Group Meeting: Tuesday, Jan. 9, 6:30pm

Twelve Apostles Knights of Columbus Meeting:

Wednesday, January 10. Rosary at 6:45 PM, followed by the Business Meeting & Social Period. Lower (basement) level of XII Apostles Church. Start the year by attending to see what's new! All members encouraged to attend! Questions, contact Grand Knight Mark Reichert, (816) 506-7692.

Pancake & Sausage Breakfast:

NEXT Sunday, Jan. 14, ALL are invited to Breakfast by the Knights of Columbus. From 10am until all are served, in the Northland Career Center cafeteria. A free will offering welcome.



Thank you to all the children who participated in the Twelve Apostles Children's Choir this year:

Julia Babcock, Reece & Hudson Demory, Andrew Ladner, Katie & Hannah Mills, Lizzie Parkin, Cierra & Ember Poldberg, Allison Smith & alumni Clare & Caitlin Welch. Vocal soloist Katie Mills, trumpet soloist Steven Bobowski, student assistant April Bobowski & pianists Mary Gates & Don Comeaux.

Everyone worked so hard at practice & preparing at home. Thank you parents for helping prepare & get them to practices. It was a pleasure working with everyone.

Karla Stahl

"**Thank you** to everyone who purchased XII Apostles' Ornaments! Before next Season, if anyone would like ornaments as gifts for weddings, birthdays, graduations, or if you would like to purchase a memento, contact Bob or Kathy at 858-3789 or email: Bob497237@aol.com & we will deliver."

CONGRATULATIONS to Daniel & Danielle (Clem) Schmidt who were married at Twelve Apostles on December 30th. May God's richest blessings be yours!

WE REJOICE IN THE BAPTISM of Blayke Cadrey Wittmeyer, daughter of Collin & Abby Wittmeyer, on December 31, 2017. May this new child of God and her parents always know God's many blessings in their lives.



Lighthouse Talks:

The Shot Heard 'Round the World

In this gripping presentation, Fr. Andrew Fisher narrates the assassination attempt of Saint John Paul the Great. *The Shot Heard 'Round the World* is the story of the suffering of Pope John Paul II, as well as Our Lady's intercession during this attempt on the Holy Father's life. Fr. Andrew Fisher is a native of Northern Virginia and a pastor in the Diocese of Arlington.

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

Cursillo Weekends:

Cursillo (Cur-see-yo) is an Encounter with the Love of Jesus Christ. Enabling you to: deepen your relationship with Christ; grow in your understanding & appreciation of the Catholic faith; share your faith with family, friends, & others; & sustain a much deeper faith life.

Upcoming Cursillo Weekends

Men: February 22-25, 2018

Women: March 8-11, 2018

Location: The Sisters of St. Francis Retreat Center, Independence, MO

Women: Mary Giordano 1-816-215-2677 or MGIORDANO@kc.rr.com

Men: Henry Parente 1-816-507-1699 or HJPARENTE@Yahoo.com

Website: www.cursillo.net

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).

Pre-registration required at 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.

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.