

Welcome to

Holy Trinity Parish

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

Twelve Apostles Parish

Church: 17900 Humphrey's Rd.
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First Sunday of Advent December 2, 2018

A Stewardship Prayer for December:

Lord, As we journey through this Advent season, give us the wisdom to be good stewards of this time of grace, a time to be more prayerful, to listen more intently to Your Word; a time to allow our faith to grow & mature. Show us how to give witness to your Good News more fervently among our families, friends & those with whom we worship. Help us be more aware of those who are poor, lonely or suffering; & to serve them as if we were serving You. And fill our hearts with hope, so that we may make straight Your path with confidence & zeal & prepare for the joy of Your coming! We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen



Pray constantly
for strength
to stand
secure
before
the Lord

International Catholic Stewardship Council E-news Dec. 2018

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; & anytime by appt.

Anointing of the Sick: Please contact the pastor, preferably before going to the hospital, to receive this Sacrament.

Parish Staff:

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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: Mon & Fri 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: Baptism classes are held the 1st Thursday of each month, 7pm, alternating between Holy Trinity & XII Apostles. Register for a class at www.holytrinitycatholic.org/baptism or www.twelveapostlescatholic.org/baptism. You must attend a class prior to child's baptism.

First Penance/Eucharist, Confirmation: Children preparing for these sacraments must have completed the prior year of religious education.

**First Sunday of Advent
December 2, 2018
Readings: p. 31 in *Breaking Bread*
#993 in *Gather***

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 1

5:00pm--XII The Don Lewis Family

Sunday, December 2

7:30am-HT Parishioners of Holy Trinity

9:00am--XII Parishioners of Twelve Apostles

10:45am-HT Patrick O'Malley

Mon, Dec. 3, NO MASS

Wed, Dec. 5, NO MASS

Thu, Dec. 6, 6pm--XII Private Intention

Feast of the Immaculate Conception Masses

Friday, Dec. 7 6pm- XII Private Intention

Saturday, Dec 8 9am--HT + Barbara O'Malley

Saturday, December 8

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

Sunday, December 9

7:30am-HT +Austin Cross

9:00am--XII +Jimmy Robertson

10:45am-HT +Diane Cook



Welcome to Fr. Lloyd Opoka who is celebrating Masses with us this weekend!

Happy Birthday to Father Rogers this Sunday, Dec 2. Wishing you God's richest blessings!

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: DEC 8 & 9
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 next week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection.

END-OF-YEAR GIFTS TO YOUR PARISH

If planning an end-of-year gift to the parish, other than regular Sunday collection, note it needs to be in the office no later than Noon, FRIDAY, Dec. 28, to be credited to 2018 giving.

If giving online through an established account, you must order the transaction through your online account before 3pm, Thurs, Dec.27.(Need help creating a new transaction, contact the parish office by Noon, Wed., Dec.26.)



Annual Catholic Appeal 2019:

During the past couple of weeks, we have invited you to prayerfully consider a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) & many of you have pledged your support. We thank you. If you've not made a gift or a pledge, please make a difference today by finding a pledge card in the back of your Church. Every gift makes a difference & we're aiming for 100% participation. No gift is too small. Please join our effort. **XII Apostles is at 87% (\$15,010) of its goal of \$17,500 & Holy Trinity is at 57% (\$8,498) of its goal of \$15,000.**

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

"Men's Bible Study" continues at Holy Trinity. We meet on **Wednesdays** at 7pm in the parish hall. All men are invited; come as you are able. For info, contact Jim Sullivan at 816-213-5468 or sullivan500@gmail.com



Women of Faith Group are now reading "**Walking with God—a Journey Through the Bible**" by **Tim Gray & Jeff Cavins**. Join the Women of Faith Group book club at 8:30am Wednesday mornings at Holy Trinity while we read & discuss together. Come as you are able!

Sunday Morning Adult Faith Formation at Holy Trinity: We hope you'll join us for our next Adult Faith study. Please keep an eye out for information about it...coming soon!

Women's Advent Study Group: Please join us as we read and pray with the Advent Sunday Gospels & discuss different Advent themes together. We meet on Thursdays at 7:15 pm beginning Thursday, November 29. For meeting location or if you have any questions, email Katie Martinez at katie.a.mrtnz@gmail.com

Mini Advent Retreat—December 8:

Join us for a mini Advent retreat at Holy Trinity next Saturday, December 8, immediately following the 9am mass until noon. The theme for the retreat is "Passion for Jesus. Is it important & how do we get it?". Chris Patterson will do a teaching on this topic. We will have adoration, prayer time, & fellowship. Free childcare will be offered in the lower level. There will be a Christmas service project & movie for the kids. Please rsvp to Katie Barmann at 608-347-4757, so that we can ensure we have enough childcare providers. All are welcome!



Communal Penance Service NEXT Sunday: Our parishes' Advent Communal Penance Service will be held **Sunday, Dec 9, 2pm, at Holy Trinity**. Confessors will be on hand to assist Father Rogers. Other area Penance services listed on the back 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, and your donation in an envelope and put it in the weekly collection or mail to be received by the parish office **no later than**

Monday, December 17, 2018. Thanks!

FREE SELF DEFENSE CLASS

Sunday, Dec. 16, 6 - 9 pm

Holy Trinity Parish Hall

Open to everyone!



This basic self defense class is informative and fun. It is taught by martial arts instructor Allen Howerton. Please contact Susanna Bartee (816-808-4777 or Susanna@BlueBridgeRealty.com) for more information.

Ministry Training Opportunities:

Wednesday, January 9 7-9pm—Liturgical Ministry—Weddings Workshop—The Catholic Center (9th St. KCMO) For those planning to wed on preparing the music & liturgy.

Tuesday, January 15, 7-9pm—Lector training—St. Bernadette Parish, KCMO

Contact the Parish office if interested at 816-640-2206.

HOLY TRINITY NEWS


All are invited to our German Christmas Market & Dinner December 1 & 2:

The Parish Hall has been transformed into a beautiful Snow Scene complete with nutcrackers & a gingerbread replica of The Vatican that is approximately 8 ft long. There will be a live Nativity scene performed by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes in addition to Nativity Sets from around the world displayed in the church. A Christmas Market in the parish hall will feature home-made baked goods, Holiday candies & handcrafted items. The German/Polish Dinner, Noon-7pm, each day features Cabbage Rolls, German Sausage Soup, Shepherd's Pie & more. Meals & drinks such as spiced cider, hot cocoa & non-alcoholic hot buttered rum may be purchased to carry out. Adults(12+):\$10, children:\$7, 5 & under free.

Holy Trinity Women's Guild Christmas Party:

Please join us for an evening of fellowship, fun & food Monday, December 10 at Holy Trinity Parish Hall 6pm -Social Hour, 6:30pm—Dinner
Cost: \$15 payable by December 2
RSVP by December 2 to Mary Esther—
stevmar44@aol.com or text/call 816-668-8358

Holy Trinity Photo Directories are in!:

 **CHURCH DIRECTORY** The 2018 church directories are here! If you participated in this project, you can pick up your directory beginning next weekend at the back of the church. Due to a glitch in printing we have extras. So if you did not participate, but would still like a directory you may purchase them for \$10. Contact the Parish Office if interested.

You can pick up your **2019 Calendars** in the vestibule or Narthex of either church!

Lectors you may pick up the copy, labeled with your name, of this year's liturgical handbook from the box at the back of either church.

Daily Reflections for Advent & Christmas are available to pick up at the back of both churches



Angel Tree

This year, our parishes are collecting items for Hillcrest Transitional Housing, Hands of Hope Pregnancy Center & Treasure Chest (helping homeless teens). Please consider taking an ornament from one of the trees (in the parish hall at Holy Trinity & the gathering space at XII Apostles). Purchase the item & return the donations (**unwrapped with ornament attached**) to the tree or bring to PSR by Dec. 16.

Please contact Katie at ymht-xii@kc.rr.com with questions.

PSR NEWS:

Our Parishes' Schools of Religion (PSR) PSR Classes are offered for children Pre-K (year before Kindergarten) - 8th grade. **Sundays, 9-10:30 am at Holy Trinity, and 10:20-11:30am at Northland Career Center for XII Apostles**

THIS week, December 2, Advent Family Day!

Parents and younger siblings are invited to join us for crafts and other activities to help prepare your family for Advent.

Holy Trinity: Grades PreK-8 and parents are invited, 9:00-10:30am in the parish hall.

XII Apostles: Grades PreK-4 and parents are invited, 10:20 - 11:30am in the Cafeteria at the Northland Career Center.

TWELVE APOSTLES NEWS

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Sunday, December 2
Children's Adoration 4:30-5:00 pm
Adoration 5:00-6:00 pm



"There He is: King of Kings and Lord of Lords, hidden in the bread. To this extreme he has humbled himself for love of you. -St. Josemaria Escriva

XII Apostles Women's Group Christmas Party:

Monday, Dec. 3, Seven Bridges Clubhouse
6:30pm—Happy Hour— beer & wine,
7pm—Dinner Buffet served by Farmer's House



Church Cleaning - Saturday December 8, 9am.

Team 3: Janet Regan, Shannon Demory, Joan Remmers, Tammy Glick and Louise Wells.

Volunteers Needed: We are seeking volunteers to join our cleaning teams! If interested contact Trudy Vertin at 816-262-0505 or tvertin22@gmail.com

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest – Sponsored by the XII Apostles Knights of Columbus. By engaging the talents of our young people, we hope they come to a deeper understanding of the true meaning of Christmas, & that their artwork will bring others to remember Christ in Christmas. Contest open to all in age groups: 5-7, 8-10 & 11-14. Winners determined at the local council at XII Apostles with winning entries advancing to the district/regional level & then state level. Additional info & entry forms can be found on the table in the Narthex. Entries due **no later than Dec. 9th & must be submitted with a signed poster entry form.** If you have any questions, email kofc16189@gmail.com.

Parish Council Meeting: NEXT Monday, December 10 at 7pm.

Knights of Columbus Meeting: NEXT Wednesday, Dec. 12 at 6:45pm in the lower level.

XII Apostles Ornaments: will again be for sale in the Narthex after Masses, beginning Sat. Dec. 1st & continuing through Sun. Dec. 23rd. Proceeds will be used to reduce the Building Fund Debt quicker, in order to add much needed parking at a future date. Thank you for your consideration!

Holiday Shopping Note: Shop at smile.amazon.com/ch/26-2416033 & Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchase total to XII Apostles Parish.

KATIE'S CORNER **YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS**



Youth Group: Grades 6-12

Thank you to everyone who baked cookies for the Youth Group's Christmas Cookies by the Pound Sale! We could not have done it without you!

Dec. 9 - Know it. Think it. Live it. 1:30-3pm at XII Apostles- we wrap up our lesson on learning how to pray.

Coming soon: Spring schedules! Come to youth group on the 9th to get your hard copy!

Confirmation program:

Next session: **December 2** - 3-5pm at Holy Trinity

YouCat Challenge: Find the woman wanting to marry a guy sitting on spikes next to a very confused priest. Text the page number to Katie to get a special prize!

Offerings at the Sophia Center, Atchison KS

Surviving the Holidays While Grieving

Thursday, December 6, 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

How can I survive when I'll still be grieving & the whole world will be celebrating Christmas & the New Year? Come & learn about grief. Validate how each of us grieves in our own way, See what healthy grieving might look like, Explore where God is in my sadness. Choose an idea to incorporate into your plans. Register by Dec. 4.

Entering Into the Silence of Advent

Friday, December 7, 7p.m. - Saturday, December 8, 4:30 p.m.

This silent retreat time will explore the meaning of Advent & its power to touch our lives. Opportunities will be provided for personal and shared prayer as well as silent reflection. Participants will have the opportunity to attend Eucharist with the Benedictine sisters on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Fee: \$140 includes private room and meals. (deposit: non-refundable \$50) Register by December 1.

Silent Retreat for the Holidays

Friday, Dec. 28 (arrive between 2 -7pm) - Saturday, Dec. 29, 4pm

Spend Friday night and Saturday in prayer and silence. Reflect on the blessings of the past and set goals for the coming year. Fee: \$75 for private room and breakfast and dinner on Saturday. (deposit: \$20, non-refundable) Register by December 22.

For info/to register, call 913-360-6173 or visit the Sophia Center Website at www.sophiaspiritualitycenter.org.

World Wide Marriage Encounter Weekend

It has been said that the greatest gift you can give your children is two parents very much in love with each other. Polish up this gift and put a bow on it at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. You deserve the best and your children need to see you reaching for it. The next Weekend in Kansas City is **March 1-3, 2019**. For more information or to apply, please visit our website:

www.wmme4youandme.org
or call Tony & Barb Zimmerman, 816-741-4066
or email tonybarbz@prodigy.net

Baptism Preparation Class: Preparing to have your child baptized? Classes are held monthly (1st Thursday at 7pm) alternating between our parishes of Holy Trinity & XII Apostles. **Next Class -Thursday, December 6 at Holy Trinity.** Register at: holytrinitycatholic.org/baptism or twelveapostlescatholic.org/baptism

Offerings at the Marillac Center, Leavenworth KS

Experience Taizé prayer; open to the community

You are invited to participate in Taizé prayer on Thursday, **Dec. 6** at 7 p.m. in Annunciation Chapel on the campus of the Mother House of the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth (SCLs), 4200 S. 4th Street, Leavenworth, KS. For more information about this meditative, candlelit service, visit www.marillaccenter.org or call 913-680-2342.

Linger over Coffee series focused on paths to peace

Join the staff of Marillac Center for "Linger over Coffee" on the Tuesdays during Advent – **Dec. 4, 11 & 18** from 9:30-11am. This will be a time for prayer, input & conversation. Participants are invited to make a free will offering. The theme for Linger over Coffee is "Advent Reflections 2018 – Paths to Peace." Discussion will center on the meaning of peace, inner peace, obstacles to peace & transformation.

Advent Day of Prayer by Father Joe Nassal, CPPS

Fr. Joe Nassal will give the Advent Day of Prayer at Marillac Center on Saturday, **Dec. 8**, 9:30am- 3pm. His theme will be "Mary's Magnificat: Proclaiming the Greatness of God." Father Nassal is provincial director of the KC Province of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood & author of several books including *The Conspiracy of Compassion & Rest Stops for the Soul*. During the day, Father will offer Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Donation for the retreat is **\$35** & includes lunch. Deadline is Nov. 30.

For info/ register, visit www.marillaccenter.org; call **913-758-6552**; or email retreats@scls.org.

"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.

Saturdays, January 5 through February 16, at Church of the Ascension, St. Mark Room, 9510 W 127th St, Overland Park KS. Sessions will be from 2-4pm. Contact Donna at (816-305-3760), for information and registration.

Maur Hill-Mount Academy Shadow Days & Open House:

Shadow Days: We're currently scheduling Shadow Days for 8th graders. Visit the Shadow Program tab on our website mh-ma.com to schedule the best day for your student and request a 9th grader to shadow. Contact Admissions - admissions@mh-ma.com or 913-367-5482.

MARCH FOR LIFE PILGRIMAGE 2019

January 17-19, 2019 in Washington D.C.

Registration for the March for Life Pilgrimage 2019 is now open. Registration forms are available at www.respectlifekcsj.org

Registrations due by Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2018

PILGRIMAGE to ROME & ASSISI, OCTOBER 6-13, 2019

with Bishop James V. Johnston, Jr. & Chris Ice, CEO of Catholic Charities of Kansas City-St. Joseph. \$3,859 from Kansas City. Optional post tour to Florence & Venice <http://www.pilgrimages.com/catholiccharitiesskcsj/>.

RCIA Opportunity:

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

Classes continue **Wednesday, Dec. 5 at 7pm** at XII Apostles for R.C.I.A.- the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. There's still time to sign up! Contact the Parish Office: secyht-xii@kc.rr.com, or Chris Patterson - cpatterson5@kc.rr.com.

Best Choice Labels Help Raise funds for our church:

Please remember to cut & save BEST CHOICE food & product UPC labels & bring them to church anytime. These labels put \$ in the Women's Group account & those funds support projects & programs at XII Apostles.

AREA ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES:

Tues, Dec 4, 7PM	St. James, 309 Stewart Rd., Liberty, MO
Sun, Dec. 9, 2PM	Holy Trinity, Weston
Sun, Dec. 9, 2PM	Sacred Heart, 1405 2nd Ave. Leavenworth, KS
Sun, Dec. 9, 7PM	St. Therese, 7207 Hwy 9 NW, Parkville, MO
Tues, Dec 11, 7PM	St. Charles, 900 NE Shady Lane Dr. KCMO
Thurs, Dec. 13, 7PM	St Patrick, 1357 NE 42nd Terrace KCMO
Sun, Dec. 16, 1PM	St. Francis de Sales, 900 Ida St., Lansing, KS
Sun, Dec. 16, 4PM	Holy Family, 919 NE 96 th St, KCMO
Tues, Dec. 23, 2PM	St. Gabriel, 4743 N Cleveland, KCMO
Thurs, Dec. 20, 7PM	St. Joseph, 306 Broadway St. Leavenworth, KS