

Welcome to

Holy Trinity Parish

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Weston, MO 64098
www.holytrinitycatholic.org

Twelve Apostles Parish

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Second Sunday of Advent December 9, 2018



In today's second reading, Saint Paul prays with joy and confidence for his friends in the Christian community at Philippi. He is encouraged that the community has partnered with him to proclaim the Gospel. He sees Christ's active presence and plan of salvation at work in the community. God's overarching plan is unclear to us. But when we see evidence of God working through others, doesn't it give us reason to hope that Christ is alive among us? Does the witness of others help our own prayer lives? Does it inspire us to be partners with others in promoting the Gospel? Food for thought in this second week of Advent.

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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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.

Second Sunday of Advent
December 9, 2018
Readings: p. 35 in *Breaking Bread*
#996 in *Gather*

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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

Mon, Dec. 10, 8am—HT +Kay Norwood

Wed, Dec. 12, 8am—HT Private Intention

Thu, Dec. 13, 6pm—XII Private Intention

Fri, Dec. 14, 8am—HT Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, December 15

5:00pm--XII +Diane Smitko

Sunday, December 16

7:30am-HT Private Intention

9:00am--XII +Norman Tierney

10:45am-HT Parishioners of Holy Trinity & Parishioners of Twelve Apostles

Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.



2nd Collection THS Weekend: DEC 8 & 9 RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT COLLECTION - Aging religious need your help! Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, & religious order priests ministered for years for little to no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift to today's 2nd collection helps provide medications, nursing care, & more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous & give today!

Please keep in mind the wonderful works that are achieved through your weekly gift: our PSR programs, our Youth Group, & Adult Faith Formation offerings, as well as our ongoing operating expenses. Many, many thanks.

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 90% (\$15,680) of its goal of \$17,500 & Holy Trinity is at 69%(\$10,363) 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.

The Gingerbread Vatican will be on display in the Holy Trinity Parish Hall from December 9 -23. **In the spirit of the season there will be a free will offering which will be donated to charity.**

Monday—Friday: 10am-4pm
 Saturday & Sunday: Noon—5pm

Volunteers are needed to fill in Tuesdays, Saturdays & Sundays. If you'd like to sign up to work you can sign up on the sheet on the door of the Church or contact Lori Mathews at 816-807-3220.



Communal Penance Service THIS 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

Holy Trinity Women's Guild Christmas Party:

If you have RSPV'd, please join us for an evening of fellowship, fun & food, Monday, December 10 at Holy Trinity Parish Hall. 6pm -Social Hour, 6:30pm—Dinner

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 THIS 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.

Thank You:

A big thank you to everyone who gave of their time, talent & treasures to make the Homes Tour at Holy Trinity so very inviting & successful. To the Women's Guild for the preparing and serving of such delicious food that received rave reviews. To the Knights who so willingly helped decorate & assist with the set up & hospitality for the event. Many thanks to all of the women from the sewing group, & parishioners who baked or donated items for the German Christmas Market. A big thank you to those whose talents were on display with the creation of the gingerbread Vatican. We hope to keep the Vatican on display through the Christmas season.

Thank you to all parish members who so generously donated their Nativity sets to be displayed! Our guests during the Christmas tour were amazed at the variety & beauty of all the sets. Seeing the Nativities helped us to remember the true meaning of Christmas & the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ who came to save us all.

Pancake & Sausage Breakfast: NEXT Sunday, December 16, the Knights of Columbus will serve a pancake & sausage breakfast in the parish hall after both Masses. Open to all. A free will offering welcome. 

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, Parkville Women's Clinic & 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, & 10:20-11:30am at Northland Career Center for XII Apostles**

XII Apostles: Join us for a Rosary led by the 7th graders this Sunday, **December 9, 11:00am** in the Cafeteria at the Northland Career Center

TWELVE APOSTLES NEWS

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: THIS Monday, December 10 at 7pm.

Knights of Columbus Meeting: THIS Wednesday, December 12. Rosary at 6:45 PM, followed by the business meeting & social period. Lower (basement) level of XII Apostles. All members encouraged to attend .

Pancake & Sausage Breakfast: ALL are invited to breakfast. The Knights of Columbus will serve a pancake & sausage breakfast NEXT Sunday, December 16, 10am until all are served, in the Northland Career Center cafeteria. Free will offering welcome. 

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

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.

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, Jan. 3 at XII Apostles.** Register at: holyltrinitycatholic.org/baptism or twelveapostlescatholic.org/baptism

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.

December 16 - Christmas Pizza with Jesus, 5-7:00pm at XII Apostles. Join us for Adoration from 5-6pm. Afterwards we'll have pizza and Christmas themed activities.

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

Confirmation program:

Next session: December 16, 3-5pm at XII Apostles.

Offerings at the Sophia Center, Atchison KS

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.

Weekly Grief Group—Tuesdays beginning Jan. 8, 2:30-3:30 pm
Anyone who has experienced a loss recently or in the past is welcome to attend a grief/bereavement support group. A new group meets on January 8 and weekly thereafter. New members are always welcome. Facilitated by S. Susan Holmes, OSB, who has been a hospice bereavement coordinator for over 16 years. Donations accepted.

A Treasure Chest of Spiritual Practices (Sacred Beads) Sunday, January 13, 1:30-3:30 pm

Are you looking for creative ways to jump start or re-energize your spiritual practices? Join us as we open a treasure chest of spiritual practices to see how various faith traditions use sacred beads for prayer and meditation. A world of new possibilities could open up for you as you experience these different practices. Donations accepted.

Coffee and Silence

Thursday, January 17, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

We offer our space for private retreat times on days when we have no groups scheduled. Come for a morning or a day. Spend time in silence. Walk our beautiful grounds. Visit Saint Scholastica Chapel. Coffee is provided. Donations accepted.

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

Best Choice Labels Help Raise funds for our church: Please remember to cut & save BEST CHOICE food & product UPC labels & bring them to church. These labels put \$ in the Women's Group account & those funds support projects & programs at XII Apostles.

Increasing Vocations – You Can Help! Praying for vocations is the most powerful way to support vocations. Would you consider a daily or weekly prayer to promote vocations to the priesthood or religious life? Pray young men & women will discern service in the Church, the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life, & respond courageously to follow God's call. Serra Club of KCMO - N are parishioners of 12 Northland parishes. We meet monthly with a mission to support existing priests & religious, promote new vocations & grow in our faith. Contact Wayne S. 816-741-3175 wayne@waynesnyder.com.

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 & put a bow on it at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. You deserve the best & 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.wwme4youandme.org or call Tony & Barb 816-741-4066

Offerings at the Marillac Center, Leavenworth KS

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 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.

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

December Holy Rosary Rally in Honor of Our Lady of Fatima— Sunday December 16, 3-4:15 pm at St Philippine Duchesne, 5035 Rainbow Blvd, Westwood, KS. We will pray the Holy Rosary followed by Benediction. For driving instructions or dates for the KC monthly Holy Rosary rallies, visit www.rosaryrallieskc.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—8th grade entrance exam

Saturday, Feb 9. The exam is required for all 8th graders applying to MH-MA. You must register your student by Jan 18. Visit the "Apply" pg at www.mh-ma.com to register for the exam. Contact the MH-MA admission office with questions at 913-367-5482 or admissions@mh-ma.com.

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. 12 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 Chris Patterson - cpatterson5@kc.rr.com.

Catholic Charities Needs Your Help!:

Each Christmas, Catholic Charities of KCSJ & people like you provide Christmas gifts for children whose families are participants in one of our programs. This year, we would like to make Christmas joyful for more than 650 children. If you would like to help, please go to our [Christmas Shining Star site](#) & choose a child-or several children-to adopt for the holidays. We ask that you purchase from their gift list & spend about \$50-\$65 per child. ?'s contact Christie Dade, cdade@ccharities.com or 816-659-8216. Thank you!

AREA ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES:

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