

Welcome to

Holy Trinity Parish

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Weston, MO 64098
www.holytrinitycatholic.org

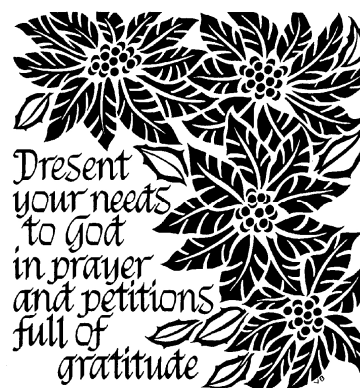
Twelve Apostles Parish

Church: 17900 Humphrey's Rd.
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Third Sunday of Advent December 16, 2018

In today's Gospel we hear the prophet John the Baptist being asked an insightful stewardship question: "What should we do?" Each group wants to know the appropriate response to John's call; each reply points to how they should treat others. John does not simply say, "Be baptized." Rather, he points them to their jobs & personal relationships. John's message is simple: judgment is near, and repentance includes treating others well. We should be willing to share what we have with those in need. To listen to John the Baptist is to be called to account. Do I give only of my excess, or am I the good steward who is willing to make daily sacrifices in order to help others?



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:

Father Steven C. Rogers - x203, pastorHT-XII@kc.rr.com

Mrs. Julie Hoffman, Office Manager - x201, secyHT-XII@kc.rr.com

Mrs. Katie (Troup) Daughtrey -x304, Director of Child and Youth Faith Formation: ymht-xii@kc.rr.com

Ms. Jenn Swanson, Secretary - x202

Mr. Gary Loveless, Holy Trinity Janitor

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.

**Third Sunday of Advent
December 16, 2018
Readings: p. 39 in *Breaking Bread*
#999 in *Gather***

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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

Mon, Dec. 17, 8am—HT +Rev. Mathew Dillon
(Pastor 1852-54)

Wed, Dec. 19, 8am—HT Private Intention

Thu, Dec. 20, 6pm—XII Private Intention

Fri, Dec. 21, 8am—HT Private Intention

Saturday, December 22

5:00pm--XII Parishioners of Twelve Apostles

Sunday, December 23

7:30am-HT Private Intention

9:00am--XII Private Intention

10:45am-HT Parishioners of Holy Trinity



**Holiday Hours -
The Parish Office will be closed:
Monday, Dec. 24 & Tuesday, Dec. 25
Monday, Dec. 31 (closing at noon)
& Tuesday, January 1**

MASS TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS:

Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24

3:30 pm -- XII Apostles (3:15pm—children's choir)

5:30 pm -- Holy Trinity (5pm—children's choir)

7:30 pm -- XII Apostles

9:30 pm -- Holy Trinity (music begins @ 9:10pm)

Midnight -- Holy Trinity (music begins @ 11:30pm)

Christmas Day, Monday, December 25

9:00 am - XII Apostles

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 73%(\$10,973) of its goal of \$15,000.**

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

"Men's Bible Study" continues at Holy Trinity. We meet on **Wednesdays**, beginning again on January 9, 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 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! Stayed tuned for our new book selection after the new year!

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.mrtz@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 is a free will offering which will be donated to the Weston Ministerial Alliance for utility assistance..**

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

Volunteers are needed to fill in Tuesdays, Saturdays & Sundays. If you would like to sign up to work you can sign up on the signup genius page using the emailed link, or contact Lori Mathews at 816-807-3220.



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.

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 Photo Directories are in!

The 2018 church directories are here! If you participated in this project, you can pick up your directory 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.



Pancake & Sausage Breakfast: THIS 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.



Ministry to the Sick & Shut-In: Did you know there is a team of Extraordinary Ministers at Holy Trinity & XII Apostles who are available to visit, pray with, & bring the Eucharist to the sick & shut-ins in our parishes? Please call the parish office if you or someone you know would like a temporary or weekly visit from one of the team.

We also bring the Eucharist to inpatients at North Kansas City Hospital several times per month. If you are an Extraordinary Minister to the Sick/Shut-in or Extraordinary Minister of Communion, & would like to help, please contact Shirley Goode at 816-225-4274 or s.goode@att.net

RCIA Opportunity: Interested in Becoming Catholic? Classes continue **Wednesday, Dec. 19 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.

Angel Tree

This year, our parishes are collecting items for Hillcrest Transitional Housing, Parkville Women's Clinic & Treasure Chest (helping homeless teens). If you have taken an ornament from one of the trees (in the parish hall at Holy Trinity & the gathering space at XII Apostles). Please return the purchased donations (**unwrapped with ornament attached**) to the tree or bring to PSR by Dec.16.



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**

NO PSR Sunday, December 23 or Sunday, December 30. Have a blessed Christmas and a happy New Year!

KATIE'S CORNER YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Youth Group: Grades 6-12

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.



Spring schedules have arrived! If you did not receive one, contact Katie at ymht-xii@kc.rr.com

Confirmation program:

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

TWELVE APOSTLES NEWS

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Sunday, December 16
Adoration 5:00-6:00 pm**

"Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament has His hands full of graces, & He is ready to bestow them on anyone who asks for them." - *St. Peter of Alcantara*



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



Celebrate The Feast of the Holy Family on December 30th with an individual family Consecration to the Holy Family XII Apostles Knights invite all interested to participate in a consecration to the Holy Family – Joseph, Mary & Jesus! ***This consecration would be done by individual families in their homes, rather than at a corporate service.*** To explain this consecration & help you prepare for it, the Knights have provided an explanation letter, suggested family discussion questions & a prayer card – located on the Knights table in the narthex. Take them! They're free! **What better way to keep Christmas (& Christ) in the hearts of our families than by consecrating our families to the care & protection of the Holy Family!?**

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.

BUILDING FUND UPDATE: November 2018



It is through the generous and consistent giving of many of our parishioners that we are making progress on paying down the debt incurred in the building of our beautiful church. This debt needs to be paid down substantially before we are able to obtain another loan for finishing the basement and adding additional parking lots. Thanks to all who donate to this fund for your ongoing support! (Gold Building Fund envelopes are in your envelope pack & the narthex, for all wishing to contribute.)

November 2018

Building Cost: \$3.17 million
November 30 Loan balance: \$1,110,000.00
Building Fund November income: \$15,737.31
Minimum payment due on principal each month: \$9,500.00
November payment on interest: \$5,108.08
Total November Payment: \$15,737.31
*Extra monies are sent to the diocese based on their availability to decrease the debt as quickly as possible.

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: holytrinitycatholic.org/baptism or twelveapostlescatholic.org/baptism

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 XII Apostles: 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 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.

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/>.

What you need to know about charitable IRA giving:

Contributions from traditional IRAs. **You must be 70 1/2 or older** when the distribution is made. Distributions must be made directly from your IRA to charity.

WHO BENEFITS:

Individuals who take required minimum withdrawals & 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 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 & 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 percent 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 percent threshold to give more.

Contact Laura Gray 816-7142363 or gray@diocesekcsj.org.

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. 16, 1PM	St. Francis de Sales, 900 Ida St., Lansing, KS
Sun, Dec. 16, 4PM	Holy Family, 919 NE 96 th St, KCMO
Thurs, Dec. 20, 7PM	St. Joseph, 306 Broadway St. Leavenworth, KS
Sun., Dec. 23, 2PM	St. Gabriel, 4743 N Cleveland, KCMO