

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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Fourth Sunday of Advent/Nativity of the Lord December 23-25, 2018

A Prayer for Christmas:

Eternal God, This joyful day is radiant with the brilliance of your one true light. May that light illuminate our hearts and shine in our words and deeds. May the hope, the peace, the joy, and the love represented by the birth in Bethlehem fill our lives and become part of all that we say and do. May we share the divine life of your son Jesus Christ, even as he humbled himself to share our humanity. Bless us and the feast that You have provided for us, let us be thankful for the true gift of Christmas, your Son. Amen.

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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; & 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

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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.

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 23, 2018
Readings: p. 41 in *Breaking Bread*
#1002 in *Gather*

Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
December 24, 2018—Readings:
in *Breaking Bread*- Vigil Mass (5:30, 9:30pm) p.43;
Midnight p. 46
in *Gather* - Vigil Mass (3:30, 7:30) #1003;
9am #1006

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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

Monday, December 24—Christmas Eve, Monday, Dec.24

Music 30mins prior to Children's Choir & Holy Trinity Masses

3:30pm --XII(Children's Choir) Parishioners of XII Apostles

5:30 pm -- HT (Children's Choir) +Barbara O'Malley

7:30 pm -- XII Parishioners of Twelve Apostles

9:30 pm -- HT Parishioners of Holy Trinity

Midnight -- HT +Oscar Block, Jim & Brian Hoffman

Tuesday, December 25—Christmas Day

9:00am—XII In honor of St. Stephen

Wed. Dec. 26 **NO MASS**

Thu, Dec. 27, 6pm—XII +Jimmy Robertson

Fri, Dec. 28, 8am -HT +Rev.Robert Martin (Pastor 1958)

Saturday, December 29

5:00pm--XII Parishioners of Twelve Apostles

Sunday, December 30

7:30am-HT +Sr.Mary Patricia Kielty, SCL

9:00am--XII +Carol Stenzel

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



Are You Registered in the Parish? If you're an adult who regularly attends our Masses, please register. Catholics who wish their children to receive the sacraments of Baptism, 1st Communion, & Confirmation, as well as Catholics who wish to Marry, are expected to have been members of that parish for at least a year or, if recently moved, active members of their previous parish. **Not sure if you're registered?** If you didn't receive a **Christmas card from us**, you aren't registered. 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.

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.)

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!



Adult Epiphany Party
All adults of XII Apostles
& Holy Trinity Parishes are
cordially invited to an Epiphany
Party, Sunday, Jan. 6, 5-7pm, at
Holy Trinity Parish Hall.

Meat, potatoes, & beverages will be provided.
Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.
RSVP to secyht-xii@kc.rr.com by
Thursday, January 3.

SUBSCRIPTION SUNDAY for the Catholic Key is Jan 6:

Subscription Sunday is for our diocesan newspaper, the *Catholic Key*. **If you'd 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 meets its obligation. Thank you! (Additional subscriptions for which our parishes pay are sent to some of our volunteers and shut-ins, and set out for anyone to take.)

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

January 29 5-9pm Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Training - Cathedral of St. Joseph

February 4 5-9pm Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion training - Church of the Good Shepherd, Smithville

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

Baptism Preparation Class: Preparing to have your child baptized? Classes are held monthly (1st Thursday at 7pm) alternating between Holy Trinity & XII Apostles. **Next Class - Thursday, Jan. 3 at XII Apostles.** Register at: holyltrinitycatholic.org/baptism or twelveapostlescatholic.org/baptism

Annual Catholic Appeal 2019:

Did you know some businesses & companies have a policy of matching their employee's charitable contributions to qualified organizations? It's called a **MATCHING GIFT PROGRAM.** The (ACA) supports 30+ ministries, services & schools that may qualify for such matching gifts. You may be able to double your gift by simply asking your employer or HR department. For more info, call the Stewardship & Development Office at 816-714-2396, ext. 520. **Every gift makes a difference & we're aiming for 100% participation. No gift is too small.** **XII Apostles is at 92% (\$16,180) of its goal of \$17,500 & Holy Trinity is at 77% (\$11,573) of its goal of \$15,000.**



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.



Holy Trinity Christmas Ornaments: made from pieces of 100+ year old slate (taken from the old church roof during roof replacement last year) are available from the Parish Office during office hours. \$20 each. Pick up a piece of history!

RCIA Opportunity: Interested in Becoming Catholic?

Classes continue *in the new year* for R.C.I.A.- the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Contact Chris Patterson at cpatterson5@kc.rr.com, if interested.

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? Call the parish office if you or someone you know would like a temporary or weekly visit from the team. If you are an Extraordinary Minister to the Sick/Shut-in or Extraordinary Minister of Communion, & would like to help, contact Shirley at 816-225-4274 or s.goode@att.net

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! Thank you to everyone who donated items to the Angel Tree!

PSR classes will **resume on Sunday January 6**, 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, & to have fun together. Families are asked to help provide snacks.

Last Names A-C - Fruit (grapes, orange slices, banana halves, etc.)

Last Names D- J - Juice (Apple, Orange, etc.)

Last Names K - R - Muffins or breakfast pastries (cut into 1/4ths or 1/2s please)

Last Names S-Z - deviled eggs or cheese/meat & crackers

KATIE'S CORNER YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS



Youth Group: Grades 6-12

Get notifications for weather cancellations!
Text @yghtxii to 657-212-4398

You can download a spring schedule from our websites - holytrinitycatholic.org/youth or twelveapostlescatholic.org/youth.

January 6 1:30-3pm, Join us for an Epiphany party at Holy Trinity. We shall celebrate with fun games and prizes!

January 13 - parents, join us for a Camp Savio, our diocesan Jr high summer camp, informational meeting at 1:30pm at XII Apostles, We'll cover details about camp, & when we'll attend.

Confirmation program:

Next session, **January 6 3-5pm** at Holy Trinity.
Details about the retreat have been sent out via email and mail. Contact Katie at ymht-xii@kc.rr.com if you didn't get them!

TWELVE APOSTLES NEWS

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! ***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!?**

Women's Group Meeting: Tuesday, January 8 at 6:30pm in the lower level. We will have a Taco Supper, all women of the Parish are invited.



Condolences: XII Apostles Parish extends its deepest sympathy to the family of Carol Stenzel, mother of Don Stenzel. May the love of God give them strength and peace in the days ahead.

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, 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.

In Need of Prayer? Holy Trinity/XII Apostles Prayer Chain: If you or your family has a serious need for which you'd like prayers from the parish community, you may send your prayer request to our prayer chains. ***Due to privacy concerns, requests for prayers must be from the person or their family, or with their permission.*** Requests should be about difficult/life-changing events & include the name of the person & reason for prayer. Contact Shirley Goode of XII Apostles at 816-858-0374 or s.goode@att.net or Kelly Lacina of Holy Trinity at 816-253-9921 or lacina6@aol.com. Requests will be forwarded to both prayer chains if you wish. Please feel free to contact whomever you are able to reach, regardless of parish. If you would like to join the prayer chain to offer prayers, also please contact one of these leaders.

Offerings at the Sophia Center □ Atchison KS

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. 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 on days when we have no groups scheduled. Come for a morning or a day. Spend time in silence. Walk our beautiful grounds. Visit our Chapel. Coffee 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.

Poinsettia Dedications

Poinsettias decorating our churches have been donated in loving honor and memory of:

Deceased members of the Benner family, from Earl & Dorothy Benner LeRoy & Gerry Boddicker, Marvin & Roberta Petersen,

from John & Rhonda Boddicker

Isabelle Brett Speichinger, James T. Brett, Sr., from Mary Calvert

Robert Speichinger, from Mary Calvert

Francis & Emma Dee Carroll, from Joe Carroll Family

Matthew Carroll, from Joe Carroll Family

Bernard & Maxine Moran, from Joe Carroll Family

Ed Chomicki and family, from Mary Lou Chomicki

Slown and Bendino families, from Mary Lou Chomicki

Tammy Davis, from Ron and Diane Davis

Charles, Beatrice & Debra Grame, from Donna Grame

Robert Hadley, from Louise Hadley

Ed Treat, from Louise Hadley

Mike Treat, from Louise Hadley

John Dolinski, from Louise Hadley

Mark Harris, Rob Kahl, & Joe Shimek, from Ann Harris

Oscar & Bernice Block, Jim & Brian Hoffman, from Julie Hoffman

Edward Kisker, from June Kisker

The Legault and Fischer families, from Marlin and Frances Legault

Cheri Ann Menk, from Jackie Menk

Jack and Janice Piper, from Jackie Menk

Kay Norwood, from Jim Norwood

Blasé & Alice Vrbas, Chanta Vrbas Brown, Kathy Blain,

from Bob & Lynet Purnell

Tom, Betty, James & Maggie Purnell, Katie Pierce,

from Bob & Lynet Purnell

Jimmy & Jolene Robertson & family, from Michael & Jerre Robertson

Bonnie & Virgil Johnson & family, from Michael & Jerre Robertson

Bea Grame, from Gordon & Carolee Sanders

Charles Grame, from Gordon & Carolee Sanders

Mary & Ruthann Schreiner, Virginia Wilson, from Dave & Anita Schreiner

Charles Benny Skelton, from Jim & Jo Skelton

Diane Smitko, from Cynthia Smitko

Friga & Daniels family, from John & Diane Stir

Stir and Williams family, from John & Diane Stir

Ray Wallis, from Polly Wallis

Robert Hadley, from Amy Webber & Ty Cline

Robert Welch, from Jared & Pamela Welch

Sylvester & Elizabeth Welch, from Jared & Pamela Welch

Don Lewis, from Jared & Pamela Welch



“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've 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, Jan 5—Feb 16, at Church of the Ascension, St. Mark Room, 9510 W 127th St, Overland Park KS. Sessions 2-4pm. Call Donna at (816-305-3760), for info & registration.

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.

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 info or to apply, please visit www.wmme4youandme.org or call 816-741-4066

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 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. Questions contact Christie Dade, cdade@ccharities.com or 816-659-8216.

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.

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, and 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.