

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
Office/mail address: 407 Cherry, Weston, MO 64098
www.twelveapostlescatholic.org

Telephone: 816-640-2206

Mass Times:

Saturday 5:00 PM – Twelve Apostles Church
Sunday 7:30 AM – Holy Trinity Church
9:00 AM – Twelve Apostles Church
10:45AM – Holy Trinity Church

Weekday Mass times are listed inside the bulletin.

Confessions heard on Saturdays: 3:15-3:45 PM at Holy Trinity
4:15-4:45 PM at XII Apostles
on 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
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Mrs. Judy Sloan, Child Care Coordinator (offered during
7:30am & 10:45am Masses at Holy Trinity)
Mrs. Darlene Darby, Office Assistant, x202
Mr. Gary Loveless, Holy Trinity Custodian/Maintenance
Mr. Bob Ralston, XII Apostles 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), 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 Mary Bultmann at 816-714-2387 or bultmann@diocesekcsj.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, on our websites, 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 Fr. Rogers comfortably prior to the baby's birth for baptism preparation.

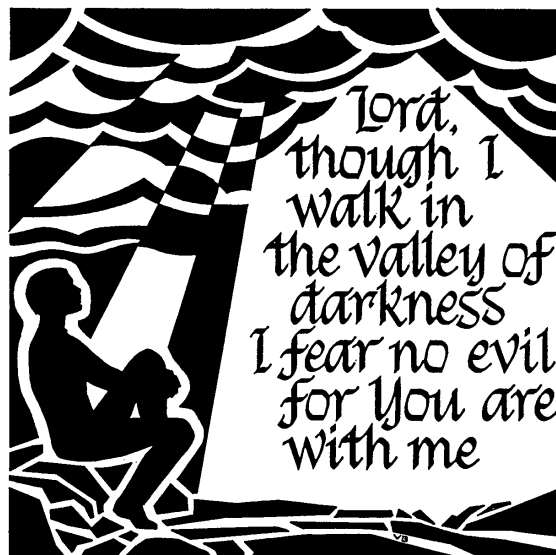
First Penance/Eucharist, Confirmation: Children preparing for these sacraments must have completed the prior year of religious education.

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day)

November 02, 2014

In today's Gospel we envision a crowd following Jesus, seeking him. He invites them to embrace faith in himself and his Father in heaven and share in their eternal life. He comes right out and says that no one who comes will be rejected, reminding us that even those who feel estranged from God or the Church are welcomed. Good stewards know that everyone can be raised up if they accept the Father's will, and in turn, use the gifts God has given them to further Christ's work. This promise gives us hope. The stewardship question is: Are we true seekers of the Lord? Do we genuinely desire a relationship with Christ? Are we willing to follow him?

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All Souls Day—11-02-14
Readings: p. 226 in *Breaking Bread*

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, Nov 1

5:00pm—XII Judy Morrissey, r.i.p.

Sunday, Nov 2

7:30am-HT People of Holy Trinity

9:00am-XII People of Twelve Apostles

10:45am-HT Bernadette Youngblood, r.i.p.

Mon, Nov 3, 8am-HT Dorothy Hoffman, r.i.p.

Wed, Nov 5, 8am-HT Private Intention

Thurs, Nov 6, 6pm-XII Private Intention

Fri, Nov 7, 8am-HT Private Intention

Saturday, Nov 8

5:00pm—XII Fr. Linus Link, r.i.p.

Sunday, Nov 9

7:30am-HT People of Holy Trinity

9:00am-XII People of Twelve Apostles

10:45am-HT Ruth Ovaitt, r.i.p.

2015 Catholic calendars are now available in the vestibule of each church.



FOOD COLLECTION: This weekend is the monthly food collection for United Services food pantry (located in Tracy). This organization gives food and other items to those in our community who need it. Any non-perishable item will be appreciated. Place your items in the marked box located at the back of both churches. Thank you!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS for all

Special thanks goes to Steve Steiger, for manning the Knights of Columbus information table at the first annual XII Apostles Ministry Fair after Mass last weekend. Steve is our membership chairman who tirelessly works at recruiting new members of the Council. We invite you to become active/more active in our wonderful organization. If you are contemplating about joining, the month of November is a good time to join. We are making a big push to get prospective members to the 10 November 1st Degree (Admission) ceremonial at Saint Therese in Parkville MO.

"Do More, Be a Knight!" All Catholic gentlemen 18 years and older are prospective members of the Knights of Columbus. Upcoming 1st, 2nd and 3rd Degree Ceremonials:

Monday, 10 Nov, 1st Degree (Admission) at ST Therese in Parkville MO

Sunday, 23 Nov, 2nd and 3rd Degrees at Raytown, MO

Tuesday, 09 Dec, 1st Degree at Lee's Summit, MO

Contact Steve Steiger, Immediate Past Grand Knight and Membership Chairman at 816.431.6506 or at scsteiger@yahoo.com for more information.

The next Council meeting will be on 20 November 2014 at Holy Trinity in Weston starting at 7 pm with praying the Rosary, then a short business meeting followed by fraternal fellowship period (Italian on the menu). Contact Jim Rooney, Grand Knight, HT-XII K of C Council 12288; c: 816.674.4268 or via email at JR Rooney640@aol.com for more information.



YOUTH SPAGHETTI DINNER
 Friday, Nov 7th
 Fund Raiser for World Youth Day Attendees
 See the bulletin insert for details

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Sunday Morning Bible Study: We continue our study of "Matthew" from 9-10:15am at Holy Trinity.

For Men Only: 33 Days to Morning Glory - Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary begins today, November 2 and will be offered on Sunday mornings after Mass at XII Apostles. All men are invited to join us from 10:15 - 11:30am for six Sundays. Contact Scott Webb 816-506-6121, Chris Barmann 816-589-9148, or Chris Smiley 816-799-5178 to sign up or for more information.

Bible 101: Discovering God's Word (Part 3)

Tuesdays, November 4, 11, 18; 6:30-8pm @ XII Apostles
 Join us as we continue our journey through the Bible to unpack the central story of salvation that is woven throughout Scripture. In this 3-wk session, we study the stories of Moses, Joshua, David and Solomon. All are invited to join us. Free childcare provided. For more info, contact Chris Smiley at 816-799-5178 or Christopher.g.smiley@gmail.com.

Women's Faith Sharing: Wed, Nov 7, 8:30am, at Holy Trinity

Endow - (Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women)

Letter to Women—last class meets on Thu, Nov 6, 6:45-8:30pm. Anyone who has wondered what Endow is about—please join us on this last session which summarizes what we've learned.
St. Catherine of Siena-meets Tue Nov 11, 9:30-11:30am
Mother of the Redeemer-meets Tue Nov 11, 1-2:30pm
 For more information or questions, contact Donna at dwebbjoy@gmail.com or 402-613-3829.

RCIA next meeting will be Wed, Nov 12.

Save the Dates

Parish Mission @ Twelve Apostles Church
 Together, Moving Forward as a Spiritual Community
 Presented by The Apostles of the Interior Life
 December 9, 10 & 11

Nov 1-Dec 5 Preparing the Soil for the Mission
12 Prayer Warriors from Holy Trinity/XII Apostles
will be praying daily for the success of our mission.



TRAINING for NEW LECTORS & COMMUNION MINISTERS:

The Diocese will host a liturgical training workshop for new Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on Saturday, November 15, at the Catholic Center, 20 W. 9th St. Kansas City, MO 64105.

The schedule is as follows:

8:15 am - Check in for Lectors

8:30 am - Lector training begins

9:45 am - Break and EMHC check in

10:00 am - Theological presentation for both EMHC and Lectors

11:00 am - Theological presentation will end (Lector training is complete and Lectors are free to leave)

10:00 am - 1pm - EMHC training

You may complete either or both trainings this day, if desired.

If you are interested, please contact the parish office by Nov. 10.



ARE YOU REGISTERED IN A PARISH?

Newcomers are asked to register at the earliest opportunity. Forms are available in the back of church, on our websites, or from the parish office. We look forward to knowing you!

HOLY TRINITY NEWS

ROSARY FOR THE UNBORN

10:05AM this Sunday, first-of-the-month rosary will be offered in the church. Our prayer intention for the monthly rosary is for the protection of the lives of the unborn. All are invited to join us in prayer. Please note the time change due to the Mass time change.

HOLY TRINITY WOMEN'S GUILD MEETS Monday, Nov 3, at 7pm, in the parish hall. All women of the parish are considered members and are invited to attend!



Adoration after 8am Mass at Holy Trinity next Friday, November 7, 8:30-9:30am. Confessions are also heard after Mass on First Fridays.

THANK YOU's!

Funeral Luncheon: A sincere thank you to all who assisted with food, setup and serving at the funeral luncheon for *Louise O'Neill, r.i.p.*

Baby Bottle Collection: Thanks to all who have filled and returned your baby bottles for the Parkville Women's Clinic. We have collected \$70 so far! You still have a couple of weeks to contribute. Visit the Respect for Life table in the Parish Hall.

Chili Cook-Off: The Women's Guild wishes to thank all who donated food and helped! A special thanks to our Chili Chefs: Marilyn Collier, Janette Day, Phil Frost, Edie Hays, Kay Hudson, Judy Sloan, & Susan Wurtenberger.

And Our Winners:

Tom Vece (Chili Chef Champ)

Chris Johnson (2nd); Susanna Bartee (3rd)

A big thank you to our parishioners who came and enjoyed food and fellowship. Free will donations collected \$202 for the youth going to World Youth Day in 2016.

Consoling Hearts Ministry (CHM)

A joint effort between both Holy Trinity & XII Apostles

Are you willing to pray? Are you handy with tools or decorations? Do you have some free time to give rides to work? Or do you have great connections with local businesses who might hire residents or donate supplies? Do you like to work behind the scenes filing paperwork or making copies? Or perhaps you are good at rallying help when there is a specific need? No matter what your strengths are, CHM would love to have you serve with us.

Our primary mission is to help meet the needs at Hillcrest Transitional Housing in Platte City. **Already dozens of parishioners have volunteered time, talent and treasure to this ministry.** Hillcrest "offers homeless families, singles, and youth a disciplined educational program within a caring, supportive environment. It's primary objective is to move clients from homelessness to self-sufficiency within 90 days by addressing the total life situation of the homeless families they serve." Hillcrest does this so well they have a 95% success rate over the past 30 years.

Our HT/XII CHM is involved directly with residents by sponsoring one of the apartments. We support the infrastructure by helping to furnish and maintain the apartment and the resident by forming personal relationships to offer encouragement and assistance. CHM also offers help to the larger Hillcrest ministry by serving as office help, thrift store volunteers, budget counselors, and public relations with our communities.

Please contact Donna Webb (402-613-3829 or dwebbjoy@gmail.com), Katie Barmann (608-347-4757 or katiebarmann@gmail.com) or Pam Wittmeyer (816-804-0855 or pamwittmeyer@gmail.com) for more information. Thank you!

In addition, two paid, part-time positions are available for immediate hiring:
Office Admin Assistant and General Contractor for apartment renovation.
Forward resume to Donice Yeater at dyeater@hillcrestkc.org

TWELVE APOSTLES NEWS



Fellowship downstairs after Mass today with coffee and doughnuts!

PSR News:

Parents as Catechist (PAC) meeting TODAY! during PSR class time in the cafeteria, 10:20-11:30am, at the Northland Career Center. We hope you will be able to join us!

Next week—please join us for a PARISH Rosary led by the 8th grade class. 10:20am in the cafeteria at NCCC.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

THIS Sunday, November 2, 2014

Lord, we come in adoration and praise today and remember in prayer those who have gone before us that they may be purified and enter the full light of your heavenly kingdom.

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

Adult Adoration 5:00 – 6:00 pm



PARISH FUND RAISING REMINDER

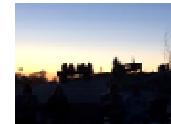
We hope you can join us for our CITIZEN newspaper "ad inserting" this Wednesday, November 5, starting at 8:30 AM and ending before noon. 1110 Branch St., Platte City. Questions, call Loretta Ralston @ 431-6304 .



ALTAR SERVER training this week !

Thursday, Nov 6. 6:45pm at XII Apostles

Fall Harvest Fest pictures: Be sure to check out all the photos on the Donor Board in the Narthex. **Photo Booth pictures** are in envelopes in the Narthex.



MINISTRY FAIR: Thank you to everyone who inquired about sharing your spiritual gifts. If you took a packet home, you may still turn in your sheets. The drop box will be in the Narthex for a few more weeks.

KATIE'S CORNER--YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

CONFIRMATION CLASS: Have you looked in your YouCat yet? See if you can find pregnant Mary, Joseph and the donkey. Text Katie the page number to get a special prize!

Session 4: Make sure you bring your Bible and YouCat to class!
Nov 2, 9:00-10:30am at Holy Trinity
Nov 2, 4:30-6:30pm at XII Apostles



YOUTH GROUP—Grades 9-12: Think you can spot the difference between coke, diet coke and dr. pepper? How good are you at building towers out of straws and tape? What in the world do these things have to do with Church? Come find out!
Nov 2, 6:30-8pm, XII Apostles

Next week: Nov 9—figure out how to make prayer work!
6:30-8pm, Holy Trinity

YOUTH GROUP—Grades 7-12: SAVE THE DATE:
Cookie Sale, December 5—7. Sign ups coming soon!



FROM THE DESK OF FATHER STEVEN C. ROGERS....

Uncle Speedy was a bona fide curmudgeon. He was surly and churlish as a rule, his rule, and he only followed his rule. The world moved too slow for him, too measured, too conscious for his fast tastes. Uncle Speedy wouldn't apply the brakes to anything, especially his mouth. My mother always said he would "fly off at the handle if you looked at him cross-eyed."

Uncle Speedy was a man of two opinions, one rude and the other inappropriate. When he was around other people, he would take the saying "rude, crude and socially unacceptable" to new heights. He would grab and growl at family gatherings. It didn't matter to him who it was, he would reach over you from behind, flick a knuckle to the side of your head, fetch salt from the table and verbally insult you, all at the same time. Nothing was ever salty enough for Uncle Speedy. "This needs more salt!" he would say. He put salt in his coffee. He put salt on Jell-O. He salted salt!

No man, woman, child, dog, cat, or canary was free from his foul hits and vulgar rage. My mother used to say, "He better not do that to me! He'll pull back a bloody stub!" I believed her, but that didn't stop him. She didn't care for Uncle Speedy; he had a bad reputation.

Uncle Speedy didn't know how to stay in his own lane, whether at work, on the highway, or in the check-out lane at the grocery store to buy more salt. He wasn't one to wait, reminisce, or recollect. "Hold your fire" meant nothing to him. An out-and-out wrecking ball when it came to other people's feelings, he willfully ignored polite conversation. He would crack open a wound and pour salt on it. That was only time when he would laugh, the only time he enjoyed being around others.

In his early years, he fancied himself as a "bon vivant", a man about town. He liked everything fast: cars, nightclubs, cheap liquor, polyester leisure suits and anyone who was free and could keep pace with him. He shunned responsibility. He brushed off attachments. He lived his life to the fullest, unreceptive, resistant and reckless.

As Uncle Speedy raced about life, he deemed himself impervious to the downsides and dangers of such a way of life. Every time he was fired or "laid-off" (wink-wink) from a job, he dismissed it as ridiculous or stupid or unreasonable in the first place. He said, "They didn't pay enough money to do that lousy work anyway!" He lost every job he ever had; he lost every friend he ever had, except for my father.

Later in life, Uncle Speedy found himself up against his reputation for being a rascal and reprobate. A lethal combination when it comes to longevity, but somehow he managed to live to a ripe old age. I believe it's because my father gave him the will to live; he liked to wrangle with my father. He was determined to outlive my father just so he could have the last word. When my father got the best of him he would pick-up his empty six-pack and go home, blazing mad. They could dispute and squabble over more nonsense than two little school girls. It drove my mother crazy, "Next time, tell Speedy to stay home!" There was always a next time.

The Christmas after my father died, Uncle Speedy showed up at my brother's house for dinner. I was late because I had to drive in from St. Louis, four hours away. By the time I arrived, the whole family had congregated around the dining room table, all cramped and huddled together like pickles in a jar, polished and puckered to boot. There was plenty of room for them to spread out, but for some reason they held tight to the team. Then it struck me! "Tell him to stay home!" Uncle Speedy was in the other room.

Taking a deep breath, I took the risk of going into the other room to greet Uncle Speedy. "Merry Christmas!" I was shocked! He was well groomed, well-mannered, and he spoke well. "Merry Christmas!" We actually engaged in an agreeable conversation. When I asked him to join the family for dinner, he said, "I better stay put here, out of everybody's way!" I could tell it was the last place he wanted to be, but it was the only place he wanted to be.

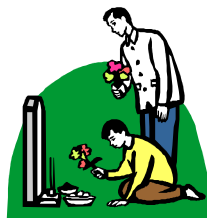
Uncle Speedy looked me square into the eye and cried, "I miss your father! He used to make me so darn mad!" He spoke through his tears, "But I loved him!" He cried hard, real tears. There was no empty six-pack in sight. That cranky old curmudgeon crumbled before me. He melted faster than Frosty on a warm winter's day. In an instant, he had changed. In an instant he had redeemed himself. "I loved him!"

My father had been the only person in Uncle Speedy's life who had stood by him as a true friend, through the all muck and mud of life. He stood by him in the face of vitriol and bitterness, through shame and scandal; he was there when everyone else had discarded Speedy. My father invited him in when everyone else told him to stay home. My father's friendship was a needed rest stop for Uncle Speedy as he drove fast and furious down the road to perdition. He showed him God's love.

Sometimes we wonder if we can ruin our salvation. Often, we wonder if others have ruined their salvation, especially those people we claim to know by their reputation. Jesus says, "I will not reject anyone who comes to me!" Saint, sinner, criminal, curmudgeon, all of us, when we meet Jesus face-to-face, everything becomes clear. Jesus knows us by our love.

The fire of love purifies us here on earth. The fire of love here on earth is more sanctifying than the fire of purgatory even. By loving, by purifying how well we love now, we unite ourselves to God's love. Jesus shows us how to love hard. He says, "Follow me!"

During our Baptism, the heavenly Father said to Jesus, "Here Son, take good care of this one. Make sure he is going to make it home to heaven." Jesus gives us a true friend to help us during the good times, the bad times and the ugly times. Jesus gives us a true friend and says to us, "Take good care of this one! Make sure he makes it to heaven!"



In Christ,

Father Steven C. Rogers