

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.

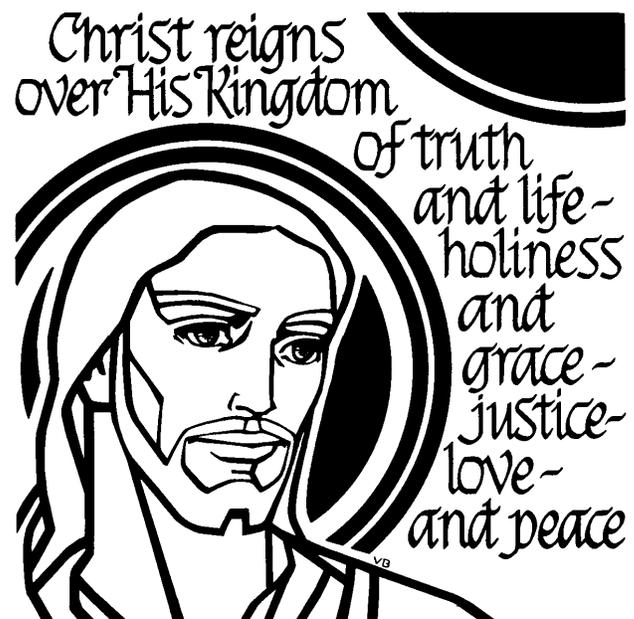
Feast of Christ the King November 23, 2014

In today's Gospel, Saint Matthew offers a compelling vision of the end-time, when the people of all the nations are brought before the Lord to give an account of their lives and actions. Interestingly, the sheep, the righteous ones, are rewarded for having acted with love and compassion without having recognized the face of Christ in others.

Good stewards recognize those in need of their care as gifts from God. They know that they are the instruments of Christ's active, loving presence in the world.

How will we treat others this week: our family members, neighbors, customers, strangers? What accounting will we make to the Lord for their care?

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Feast of Christ the King —11-23-14
Readings: p. 232 in *Breaking Bread*

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, Nov 22

5:00pm—XII Private Intention

Sunday, Nov 23

7:30am-HT People of Holy Trinity

9:00am-XII People of Twelve Apostles

10:45am-HT Jim Hoffman, rip/Int. of Julie Hoffman

Mon, Nov 24, 8am-HT Private Intention

Wed, Nov 26, 8am-HT Private Intention

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS: Thurs, Nov 27, 9am
Holy Trinity - In Thanksgiving for our blessings



NO DAILY MASS THIS FRIDAY

Saturday, Nov 29

5:00pm—XII People of Twelve Apostles

Sunday, Nov 30

7:30am-HT People of Holy Trinity

9:00am-XII Kenny & Donelle Fritz

10:45am-HT Private Intention

Tomorrow's Priests - Second Collection Today

The Vocations Office has wonderful news—we now have 33 young men studying for the priesthood. This is a great blessing for our diocese and a great challenge for us financially. The average cost per seminarian per year is over \$30,000 for tuition and professional training, and we need your help, your prayers and your generosity to maintain the momentum. We are blessed to have 9 men being ordained to the priesthood this spring and more young men are on the way! So our future, in God's grace and in the Holy Spirit's care, is very bright. Please help us to support our seminarians by giving generously to the second collection this weekend.

Thanksgiving and Advent:

Bulletin items for the November 30 bulletin are due this **MONDAY**, November 24.

Thanksgiving Day Mass will be held at **Holy Trinity at 9am** on Thanksgiving Day, November 27. (No 6pm Mass.)

The parish office will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 27 & 28.

There will be **no daily Mass on Friday**, November 28.

Advent begins next Sunday: devotional booklets are available on the table with the bulletins. Please help yourself.



CALLING ALL BAKERS of Twelve Apostles & Holy Trinity! Our Youth Group's annual "Christmas-Cookies-by-the-Pound" Sale will take place the weekend of Weston's Holiday Homes Tour, December 5-7. Proceeds benefit our youth in

attending special events. If you can help by donating six dozen or so of your special homemade Christmas cookies, please sign up online — go to www.signupgenius.com, find sign-up email "ymht-xii@kc.rr.com", then look for "Cookie Sale - sign up to bake" or call Katie at the Parish Office - 816-640-2206 x304. Thank you!!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Endow - St. Catherine of Siena group meets Tuesday, November 25, at 9:30am at the home of Donna Webb.

M.A.S.S. —Men Applying Sunday Scripture—meets on Saturday mornings at 7:30am to review the Sunday readings. For more information, contact Jason Gerke at 816-858-9335 or Josh Shupe at 816-518-6669.

SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS

The 22nd annual "Support Our Seminarians" Benefit Dinner is dedicated to Our Lady of Knock and is scheduled for Friday, January 30, 2015. This event benefits seminarians from the Archdiocese of Kansas City, KS, the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, and Conception Seminary College. It promises to be an evening filled with fun and laughter, celebrating our Catholic faith, dining on wonderful food, and socializing with our priests and seminarians! We have two wonderful speakers, Archbishop James P. Keleher, Archbishop Emeritus of the Archdiocese of KCK, and Fr. Donald Farnan of St. Thomas More Parish, KCMO. SOS will be held at the Marriott Muehlebach Hotel, 12th & Wyandotte, KCMO. Ticket price is \$150/person at tables of ten. To reserve your place, or an entire table, or to donate to the marketplace or silent auction contact: Martha Hodes 913-207-9893 or mmmh66@sbcglobal.net

ARE YOU REGISTERED IN A PARISH?

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS for all

SPECIAL NOTICE for those attending Saturday evening Mass at XII Apostles and the first Mass on Sunday at Holy Trinity this weekend : Men interested in becoming Knights have a rare opportunity to attend 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Degree Ceremonials **ALL in the same day** this SUNDAY, 23 November at the K of C Hall (5101 Blue Ridge Cutoff (just south of the Sports Complex on Blue Ridge) Raytown MO. Current 1st Degree members are encouraged to attend the 2nd and 3rd Degree ceremonials. All candidates and members will leave from Platte City Commuter Parking lot in front of Price Chopper at 9:00AM this Sunday, November 23. We must arrive at the council's hall in Raytown by 10:00AM. If planning to attend, contact Steve Steiger (816) 431-6506 (day or night) or scsteiger@yahoo.com to confirm your attendance. There will also be a 1st Degree Ceremonial on Tuesday 2 December 2014 evening at Gladstone MO.

Thanks to all who came out in the cold for the Pancake Breakfast at Holy Trinity last Sunday and to all the Knights that volunteered their time: Bill Collier, Terry Morrison, Mike Bohaty, Jeremy Schultz, Phil Frost, Lee Kleman, and Jim Rooney.

The next Pancake Breakfast will be on 21 December 2014 from 1000 to 1130 at the Northland Career Center in Platte City.

There will be NO meeting of the Council in December. Enjoy a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! The next Knights of Columbus meeting will be on the third Thursday 15 January 2015 at 7 pm at XII Apostles.

HOLY TRINITY NEWS

CAN YOU HELP US RECYCLE? We are looking for someone to check our recycling tubs in the parish hall and take items to recycling. Contact the office if you can help.

Weston Community Thanksgiving Meal and Service



This Sunday, November 23, at 6:00pm, the public is invited to the Weston Community Thanksgiving Dinner at Weston United Methodist Church, followed by a Thanksgiving Worship Service. Turkey is provided. Those who are attending are invited to bring a side dish to share. The event is free and open to all. Seven churches participate in the Weston Ministerial Alliance, including Holy Trinity.



WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY: Women of Holy Trinity and Twelve Apostles — Join us for a Christmas party, Monday, December 15, at Kozak's Laketown Grill, 1018 S US Hwy 169, Smithville, MO 64089. (Check out their Facebook page.) Social hour 5:30-6:30pm, Dinner 6:30-9:00pm. Please RSVP to Nikie

at nikglas@msn.com, or text or call [816-507-5159](tel:816-507-5159) as soon as possible. Invitations with menu and pricing will be sent out via email. If your email has changed or you are unsure we have the correct email on file, please let Nikie know the correct information. We are so excited to have the entire restaurant reserved just for us! The Chef has worked up an amazing menu sure to please everyone's palate!

CHRISTMAS GIFT-GIVING FOR THOSE IN NEED:

An Angel Gift Tree will be in the gathering spaces next week.



Please consider taking an ornament from the tree to support the organizations in our area. Please return unwrapped gifts to the cradle under the tree at XII Apostles or to the marked containers in the vestibule or parish hall at Holy Trinity by December 14. Sponsored by our Parish Schools of Religion.

KATIE'S CORNER--YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

GRADES 7-12:

Look in your mail soon for Spring schedules!

Come work at the cookie sale Dec 5-7!

Earn funds to be used towards the float trip, NCYC, KCYC, Camp Savio, etc.

Go to www.signupgenius.com and search for ymht-xii@kc.rr.com to sign up to work.

Confirmation:

Next Session:

November 30 - 4:30-6:30pm at XII Apostles

December 6 - 9:00-10:30am at Holy Trinity

Look for the picture of the woman praying with a ridiculously long Rosary. Text Katie the page number for a special prize!



HT/XII
Youth Group

TWELVE APOSTLES NEWS

PSR: Next Week: **Advent Family Day for grades PreK-4** during PSR class time. If you are able to help, please contact Katie at drexii@kc.rr.com. I still need at least 3 more adult helpers.

PHOTO-DIRECTORY PLANNED: we have set up photography dates for XII Apostles' next photo-directory! Thu-Sat, Jan. 22/23/24, and Mon-Tue, Jan. 26/27, 2015. Sign-ups will be in early-to-mid-December. We could use some help with hosting/sign-in on picture days, and with layout for our activity pages — contact the parish office to volunteer.

UPDATE ON FATHER CHARLES ROWE from the diocese:

Fr. Charles, as you may know, suffered severe injuries to his lower left leg in a bicycle accident on November 9, and had a second surgery on Wednesday, November 19. He will have several weeks of convalescence before he can return to his regular duties. Please keep Fr. Charles and his lengthy recovery in your prayers. Cards may be mailed to: Father Charles Rowe, Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, PO Box 419037, Kansas City, MO 64141-6037.

Does your email address need to be updated in our records?

The above message about Father Charles was sent out by email to each registered household in our parishes. A number of them were returned. If you did not receive one, we do not have a correct email address for you. Please forward any updates in email, phone, address, etc., to secyht-xii@kc.rr.com. Thank you!

COMMUNION FOR SHUT-INS

Is there someone in your household who is not able to come to church? If you would like a visit, one-time or on a regular basis, from a Communion minister, please email, text, or phone Shirley Goode at s.goode@att.net or 816-225-4274.

A CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR MARRIED COUPLES:

Couples..... want to give each other something really special this Christmas? How about a gift filled with Romance and Excitement? That's just the beginning of what you will receive on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekend in the Kansas City area is February 6-8, 2015. For more details about a Weekend, please visit our website: wwme4youandme.org or call Tony & Barb Zimmerman, 816-741-4066 or email tonybarbz@prodigy.net

THANKFUL: It is through the donations of every individual and family in our congregations that we are able to carry on our work now and throughout the year and we are grateful.

If you need a convenient way to make recurring contributions or plan to make an additional gift before the end of the year, we encourage you to check out our electronic giving options. You may find it a most welcome way to make contributions.

To set up a recurring or one-time gift, visit your parish website www.holytrinitycatholic.org -or- www.twelveapostlescatholic.org and locate the "Donate Now" button on the home page.

Or if it's easier, contact the parish office for a paper authorization form. Thank you for your generosity and support!

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

This time of year, with the holidays fast approaching, every human being warmly reminisces about all the feasts and festivities shared with family and friends. A hint of chill in the air tickles fond memories of fresh-baked bread, warm and buttery. An extra blanket on the bed at night signals dreams of culinary delights, tasty and abundant. Thanksgiving is so good, leftovers occupy our hearts and minds, before, during and after. Thanksgiving is a time when we remember our favorite dishes, cooked with love and spirit and ancestral goodness, handed down throughout the ages.

We take our lead from Pilgrims and Native Americans and all the festive folks in the history of our great nation. There is an unspoken dispensation for the sin of gluttony on Thanksgiving Day. Pumpkin pie. Green bean casserole. Mashed potatoes and gravy. Cranberry sauce or jelly. Turkey and dressing or stuffing. Yams or sweet potatoes with marshmallow and pecan topping. Nothing says comfort like a Thanksgiving spread. All the roads of family rituals, cultural traditions and religious customs converge around a roasted bird with all the fixin's. Our lives open up at Thanksgiving. We readily share our bounty; we open our hearts to every foe and friend alike.

I confess, every night for the past week, I have had pleasant dreams filled with smiles, smells and spirits of Thanksgiving, past, present and future. Every morning I wake up hungry, willing to eat even the "special" dishes from relatives who can't cook, although sweet dreams quickly turn sour over thoughts of my older sister's cooking. That child does not have a domestic bone in her body; she can't cook and she can't clean. That's a lethal combination.

There have been many a Thanksgiving day when my sister returns to her home with the same dish she brought, same as in untouched. I remember one year she got home with her dish and another one that wasn't hers, but everyone was sure it was, it was that bad. Seriously! Once she discovered she forgot to purchase mayonnaise, so she substituted marshmallow fluff. Trust me, no one wants to eat broccoli casserole with marshmallow fluff. That ghost of Thanksgiving past still haunts me. That year she must have whipped the potatoes with a power tool. Instead of being light and fluffy, they were rubbery and stretchy, like silly putty; they weren't mashed, they were abused. She couldn't understand why everyone didn't want seconds; we didn't want firsts. Cartoons make us laugh when a turkey turns to dust when it is carved; it says something about the chef. My poor mother coughed up dust up until Christmas that year.

As touching and dramatic as it was, that is not the Thanksgiving I remember most. Back when I was employed with an international furniture company, when life was all reconciled and readjusted after Rosh Hashanah, the owner of the company rewarded all his employees with the biggest turkey his money could buy. Where he found these gargantuan birds, no one knows. Out of the back of an unmarked delivery truck, he personally issued a hefty frozen turkey to each of us on the Friday before the week of Thanksgiving. This allowed proper time for us to reflect on his generosity and correctly thaw the massive creature.

My life back then was compact. I lived in an efficiency apartment. Baby Huey was bigger than my whole kitchen. Since it wasn't a Butterball or a Honeysuckle, I couldn't take it home to mother. I didn't start eating off-brands until I moved out on my own. Baby Huey was simply too large for me, too large for Cox's army even. There was no room in my refrigerator-freezer and my apartment-sized oven couldn't accommodate its length, height or much less its girth. I didn't dare refuse my boss' generosity. I would have brought shame to the company.

During the couple of weeks leading up to the week of Thanksgiving, we were blessed with record-breaking freezing temperatures. We were in the freakish frigid zone, but it was a God-send. I squeezed that big frozen bird in the back seat of my compact car. Breathing a sigh of relief, I trusted Baby Huey would be safe and sound.

Unpredictably, that night a heat wave blew in with a vengeance. The temperature rapidly rose to record-breaking scorching temperatures. Snow boots, sweat shirts and down coats gave way to flip-flops, T-shirts and short shorts. With the rising temperature and green house effect, Baby Huey's life as a Thanksgiving gift was about to end, as he began to liquefy in the back seat of my car.

I panicked, giving new meaning to the word fret. I took that poor baby's temperature every hour on the hour all through the weekend. I never prayed more for divine assistance. Early Monday morning, I woke with the answer. I decided to do what every generous person does. I would take that colossal fowl to a food pantry, and quickly. I got up in the wee hours before work and drove all over half of Kansas City in search of a mission, a turkey shelter.

I drove up and down the streets of every neighborhood on the north and east side. I was hot with worry. Baby Huey was hot from the rising sun. Every hour like clockwork, that blasted bird thawed another inch. Defeated, I went to work and faced the receptionist, admitting the reason for my long absence. "The heat wave is killing my turkey! I have to find him a home." Fruitless and hopeless, "I've been praying all weekend for a nun!"

Susan, a fallen-away Catholic, retorted, "Well, that certainly won't help! Look at what it's done for me." I wept, "I was hoping to find a nun walking the streets of downtown!" She turned and scoffed, "Don't tell me you're in need of divine intervention."

She laughed out loud at my predicament when I said, "I can't let him go to waste! That's wrong! It would be a terrible fate." Her laughter turned to an outright cackle, when out of the corner of her eye she caught me clasping my hands to God in prayer, "Oh God, I need a nun! Don't do it for me, do it for Baby Huey!" I closed my eyes in despair. She laughed louder, "Gobble, gobble!"

Suddenly, time stood still. The door to the main office slowly opened and in walked a stranger dressed in blue from head to toe. We had never seen her before. A bright light surrounded her and she glowed regal and pure. She was beautiful. It was a nun in full habit. Desperation turned to delight, "Oh, Sister! I have been praying you would come!" Who would have known, on Thanksgiving, salvation comes through a nun.

I can't remember who was shocked more, Susan, the Sister, or Baby Huey. Their mouths dropped to the floor. It was Divine intervention at His best. I had found an oven for Baby Huey; my faith was restored, my joy returned. A miracle happened that Thanksgiving. Susan is still in shock to this day, but shortly thereafter, she returned to the Church. "Gobble, gobble!" who's laughing now. I am praying each of you will have a miracle this Thanksgiving.

Happy Thanksgiving!



In Christ,

Father Steven C. Rogers