

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
10:45 AM – 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:

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7:30am & 10:45am Masses at Holy Trinity)
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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 the Holy Family December 28, 2014

When Jesus is presented in the Temple, our Blessed Mother formally offers him to God's service without reservation.

It is a service that Simeon prophetically foretells: a service to God that will turn the old laws and cultural norms upside down.

Are we destined to hold on to old habits and customs tightly, or like Jesus, are we willing to serve the Lord and proclaim the Gospel in new and creative ways?

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Feast of the Holy Family 12-28-2014

Readings: p. 53 in *Breaking Bread*

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 27

5:00pm--XII Judy Morrissey, rip

Sunday, December 28

7:30am-HT For Parishioners of Holy Trinity

9:00am--XII For Parishioners of XII Apostles

10:45am-HT In honor of St. Stephen

Mon, Dec. 29, 8am—HT Rev. Matt Dillon, rip (pastor 1852-54)

MASSES FOR MARY, MOTHER OF GOD—

a holy day of obligation:

New Year's Eve: Wednesday, Dec. 31

5:00PM - at XII Apostles—for World Peace

New Year's Day: Thursday, January 1

9:00AM - at Holy Trinity – for World Peace

Fri, January 2, 8am-HT—Rev. Robert Martin, rip (pastor 1958)
(followed by Adoration and confession)

Saturday, January 3

5:00pm--XII Fr. Linus Link, rip

Sunday, January 4

7:30am-HT For Parishioners of Holy Trinity

9:00am--XII For Parishioners of XII Apostles

10:45am-HT Edward & Patricia Redmond, rip

'TIS THE SEASON

Please note — no 8am Wed morning Mass or 6pm Thursday Mass this week due to the special holy day Mass schedule (listed above).

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS:

Open Mon., Dec. 29 and Wed., Jan. 31. 9-Noon, 1-4 pm.

Closed New Year's Day, Thursday, Jan. 1, and Friday, January 2.

PARISH BOOKS for 2014 CLOSE DECEMBER 31

Acknowledgments for 2014 donations will be sent by the end of January. To be included in the 2014 tax year, donations must be received in the office in the Dec 27/28 collection or by Wednesday, Dec. 31.

If you are giving electronically, the donation needs to be made before 3pm CST on 12/30, with a settle date of 12/31. If you have any questions, please contact us.

FOOD COLLECTION: Next weekend is the first-of-each-month 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. Most needed: oatmeal, cereal, peanut butter, tuna, canned chicken, crackers, soup, "box meals," pasta, pasta sauce, snacks, juice, and personal hygiene and cleaning items. Any non-perishable item will be appreciated. Place your items in the marked box located at the back of the both churches. Thanks for your continuing generosity.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

ENDOW – Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women

Letter to Women (8 weeks)— Begins January 6, Tuesday nights 5:30 – 7:30pm. Facilitated by Mary Ann Cutolo at 13025 N. Foxglove Ct., Platte City. *Letter to Women* invites your group to explore Pope John Paul II's 1995 letter to all the women of the world. This study reaffirms the dignity of all human persons as it upholds the special place women occupy in the family, the Church, and the world. *Letter to Women* is the introductory book that sets the stage for all the studies in the *Endow* series.

Finding Meaning in Suffering (8 weeks)— Begins January 14th, Wednesday nights 6:45 – 8:30pm. Facilitated by Donna Webb; meeting at 12700 N Overbrook Dr., Platte City. *Finding Meaning in Suffering* answers one of humanity's most vexing questions, how to make sense of suffering. In this 1984 apostolic letter, Pope John Paul II explains that it is only in Christ that we can hope to find meaning and purposes in our sufferings. Far from depressing, this letter is tinged with joy and hope and leaves the reader with a lighter heart and peaceful sense of being cared for even in the most trying circumstances.

Discover Your Dignity: A Woman's Journey through Life – Part 1 (8 weeks) – Begins January 20th, Tuesday mornings 9:30 – 11:15. Facilitated by Donna Webb; meeting at 12700 N. Overbrook Dr., Platte City. This is the first of a two-part series which invites women to ponder how the hectic reality of our life, with its obligations, home and work demands, and relationship issues, intersects with the Divine reality.

Registration for all Endow classes is online at Endow-groups.org. For more information contact Mary Ann Cutolo at 816-806-4109, maryann@themamaginas.com or Donna Webb at 402-613-3829, dwebbjoy@gmail.com

33 Days for Men - Consecration to Jesus through Mary.

If you missed the last session, you have another opportunity. Sessions are on Sunday mornings after 9:00 Mass at XII Apostles in the church basement. First of six classes is January 11. For more information contact Jeremy Shroyer at 305-5982, Scott Webb at 506-6121, or Chris Barmann at 589-9148.

SUBSCRIPTION SUNDAY for the Catholic Key:

Next Sunday is Subscription Sunday for our diocesan newspaper, the *Catholic Key*. If you would like to have the paper mailed to your home, a subscription is \$25. There is an envelope for this in your support pack and there will also be loose envelopes 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 meet its obligation. (Additional subscriptions for which the parishes must pay are sent to some of our volunteers or set out for anyone to take.)

The gift of generosity

This holiday season, we thank everyone who has supported Holy Trinity and Twelve Apostles Parishes this past year with your time, talent and financial contributions and look forward to support from all of our members in the year ahead. If you need a convenient way to make regular offerings, we invite you to look into our electronic giving options. As the pace of life speeds up, especially around the holidays, you may find electronic giving a most welcome way to make contributions. Visit your parish website (www.holytrinitycatholic.org or twelveapostlescatholic.org) and look for the "Donate" button on the home page or contact the parish office for more information.

HOLY TRINITY NEWS

NO CHILD CARE THIS SUNDAY: “Miss Judy” will not be here this Sunday, December 28. There will be no child care available.

NEW SERVICE MUSIC at 10:45 Mass—we have begun using new “service music”. Please join us! You will find this music (the Mass of Spirit and Grace) at #931—938 in your missalette.

ADORATION THIS FRIDAY MORNING—January 2, 8:30-9:30am (after 8am Mass) in the church.

MONTHLY ROSARY FOR THE UNBORN NEXT SUNDAY—January 4, at 10:05am, in the church.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Father,

In your plan for our salvation,
you provide for your people.

Fill your church with the spirit of courage and love.
Raise up worthy ministers for your altars and ardent
but gentle servants of the Gospel.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, forever and ever. Amen.

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, Kansas, 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 Kansas City in Kansas, and Fr. Donald P. Farnan of St. Thomas More Parish in the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph who will eulogize Bishop Raymond Boland. S.O.S. will be held at the **Sheraton Hotel at Crown Center, 2345 McGee Street, Kansas City, Missouri**. The ticket price is \$150.00 per person at tables of ten people. To reserve your place, or an entire table, or donate to the marketplace or VIP silent auction, contact: Martha Hodes at 913-207-9893 or mmmh66@sbcglobal.net.

KATIE’S CORNER--YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

HT/XII



Youth Group

Grades 7-12:

Youth Group: **Join us next week for an Epiphany Party!** It’s still the Christmas season and we are going to celebrate! Good food, fun games, and awesome prizes!! January 4, 6:30-8:00pm at XII Apostles

Confirmation: Next Session

January 4, 9:00-10:30am at Holy Trinity - or—
January 4, 4:30-6:30pm at XII Apostles
Make sure you sign up for an interview time!

TWELVE APOSTLES NEWS

AED training: Twelve Apostles is the recipient of an AED (automated external defibrillator), thanks to a grant and the generosity of the Women’s Group and Knights of Columbus. AED training will take place on Tuesday, January 13, 6:30pm, at the NRAD ambulance office conference room (behind Jeff’s True Value Hardware) in Platte City. All interested adults, age 18 & older, are invited to attend.

PSR starts back up again next week, January 4, with the Epiphany Party! Parents, we need your help bringing goodies!

Last Names A-D: Muffins or breakfast pastries (cut into quarters or halves, please)

Last Names E-J: Protein: deviled eggs or cheese/meat and crackers

Last Names K-R: Fruit (grapes, oranges, banana halves, etc.)

Last Names S-Z: Drinks (OJ, lemonade, fruit punch...)

SIGN-UP STARTING NEXT WEEKEND for photography appointments (Jan 22-27) for our new photo-directory!

You will soon be able to sign-up online through our website (www.twelveapostlescatholic.org), or there will be paper sign-

“Coping with Life Alone” - Peer-To-Peer Grief Support



"Coping with Life Alone ®" is a Beginning Experience ® grief support program that meets each week for 7-8 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. The sessions focus on topics of the grief process, changes in family and other relationships, trust, and coping with memories of your deceased spouse or dealing with your ex-spouse. The next program will meet on Monday evenings: Feb 2 – Mar 23 from 6:30– 9:00pm. For additional information, or to register, please call Cathy at (816) 540-4644. These sessions will be held at Holy Cross Church in Overland Park, KS. **Registration is necessary**, to serve you better.

Marriage Help – You Can Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the February program beginning with a weekend on Feb 27-March 1, 2015 email: retrokc@gmail.com or visit the website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call [800-470-2230](tel:800-470-2230).

200+ Nativity Sets on Display: at Holy Family Parish, 919 NE 96th St., KC MO, in the downstairs library continues. After Masses Dec 27-28, Jan 1. Free event. To arrange a group tour, call John at 816-436-9200 or email john@holymfamily.com.



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

By now, every present has been unwrapped and once again we find ourselves barely back on top, out from under the massive pile of torn and quickly discarded wrapping paper. That's not an easy task. After all those Christmas delights and treats, cookies and chocolate-covered confections, chips, dips, drinks and dinners, we are weighed down. We are heavy with the smells and bells of the season.

Once all the candles are snuffed and the trimmings on the tree no longer sparkle with anticipation and excitement, it is easy for us to return to the doldrums of normal life. We don't have to descend to normal, we can rejoice all the days of our lives. Our Christmas celebration isn't over, it has just begun. We are in the Octave of Christmas and there are eight days to celebrate Christ coming into our lives.

We cannot possibly fully celebrate the significance of the Incarnation of Christ on just one day, on just one morning. We need more and we want more. This ancient practice of celebrating the Octave of Christmas is especially important to our lives today. Celebrating the Octave of Christmas gives us more time, so that the joy of the season can fill our lives in abundance. This joy can become a springboard for us as we take on whatever lies ahead in the new year. This joy can remain in us so that rather than return to the doldrums of winter, we can rejoice throughout the coming year with that same excitement and anticipation we had leading up to Christmas.

This is a time for us to sustain our rejoicing before we ring in the new year. Having joy, sharing joy and living in the joy of Christ is a good way to burn off holiday calories and to chase away the winter blues. Even when the polar winds blow and the bitter snows fall, we can recall the joy of Christmas and rejoice. This joy warms our hearts and fills our cups with cheer.

I can still recall the joy from Christmases long ago. One Christmas my older sister's life changed in a twinkling of an eye. Leading up to Christmas she hoped and prayed that Santa would bring her heart's desire. As she unwrapped her main present that year, her eyes grew bigger and wider with every rip and slash of the wrapping paper. My mother liked to use a lot of tape on the presents she wrapped which made unwrapping them quite difficult. My sister's little hands could barely grip the paper much less tear through it. She could not tear away the paper fast enough to see her dream come true.

Suddenly, she let out a high-pitched scream that silenced the room. Santa was good! He delivered her exactly what she wanted, a friend that she could hold tight, a friend who spoke eighteen phrases, a friend just like her. She had her very own Chatty Cathy doll. No other present mattered after that moment. Chatty Cathy had a home and my sister rejoiced.

Chatty Cathy never left my sister's arms. That poor doll nearly suffocated in her embrace. Still, she readily spoke those eighteen phrases all through the day, with a little help when my sister pulled her chain. Chatty Cathy spoke my sister's favorite phrase over and over. Of course, she had to pull the string eighteen times before she could hear it, but she prevailed. Chatty Cathy said, "I love you" and my sister would say, "I love you more!"

It was a very cold Christmas that year and as evening fell and it came time for sleep, my sister dressed Chatty Cathy in her matching pajamas and curled up next to her in bed. Before she fell to sleep, she pulled the string another eighteen times so she could hear her say, "I love you!" She placed a death grip on Chatty Cathy; she was not going to leave her side.

Once her favorite, she pushed her Paddington Teddy Bear to the foot of the bed near the edge, out of sight and out of mind. If only he had a chain she could pull to make him talk. By morning he would be on the floor.

Later that night, my sister got up out of her bed and carried Chatty Cathy into my parent's room to snuggle up in bed with them to keep warm. Before she got in bed, she pulled the chain and Chatty Cathy said, "Take me with you!" My sister assured her, "Wherever I go, you go!" As she and Chatty Cathy lay next to my father, my sister pulled her chain again, "I like cookies!" Again, "You are my friend." Again, "Take me with you!" Again, "Take me with you!" Again. "Take me with you!" Something was wrong. My sister wanted her to say, "I love you" but for some reason Chatty Cathy got stuck on "Take me with you!" Determined, my sister pulled that chain over and over until she awakened my father.

Imagine waking to a strange voice screaming, "Take me with you!" Disturbed my father said, "Dalana! What are you doing! Go back to your own bed! And take that blasted doll with you." Without saying a word, my sister quickly got up, clutching Chatty Cathy in her arms. As she scooted back to her own bed, she pulled the chain and Chatty Cathy spoke, "Take me with you!" Under her breath my sister said, "Let's go baby, Daddy's grumpy right now!" That's all that Chatty Cathy ever spoke from that moment on. Still, she never left my sister's side. To have a real friend is all my sister ever wanted.

The next day and for a whole week I am sure my father wished Santa had issued a recall on Chatty Cathy's that year. In fact, I vaguely remember, but I think it was from that point on that we got underwear for Christmas. Underwear never says, "Take me with you!" even though it always goes.

Every time I think of the gifts I have received at Christmas, I have joy in my heart. This joy has been with me throughout my life. The greatest source of joy is the gift of Christ himself. He is a gift that keeps on giving. He is a true friend. He is a friend to be shared with all, at all times. Jesus should never be pushed to the edge of our lives or onto the floor or our relationships in exchange for winter doldrums or the blues or lives that are normal.

Whatever we do, wherever we go, we can take Jesus with us. We can pull our own chain and say to him, "I love you!" And better yet, we can say, "Take me with you!" That is a reason to celebrate all the days of our lives.



In Christ,

Father Steven C. Rogers