

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:

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  
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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](mailto: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](mailto: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 Epiphany of the Lord January 4, 2015

Today's Gospel reading reveals the story of the magi who come from the east to pay homage to Jesus, the newborn king. The story of the magi teaches Christian stewards three Christmas truths: God, in the person of Jesus Christ is present and active in the world, and good stewards strive daily to follow his star. Second, each of us, no matter our circumstances or station in life, has a gift to bring to the Lord. And finally, our life's journey always leads to Christ, even when at times we do not know where the road is taking us.

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The Epiphany of the Lord — 4 Jan 2015  
Readings: p. 57 in *Breaking Bread*

**MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

**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

Mon, Jan 5, 8am—HT Intentions of Bernice Block

Wed, Jan 7, 8am—HT Private Intention

Thu, Jan 8, 6pm—XII Special Int. — L. Morrissey

Fri, Jan 9, 8am-HT Private Intention

**Saturday, January 10**

5:00pm--XII For Parishioners of XII Apostles

**Sunday, January 11**

7:30am-HT For Parishioners of Holy Trinity

9:00am--XII Ervan and LaWanda Webb, rip

10:45am-HT Mary Schreiner, rip

**SUBSCRIPTION SUNDAY for the *Catholic Key*:**

This 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 also 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.)



**Next weekend, our Confirmation students will be on their retreat at Conception Abbey. Please keep them in your prayers.**

**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.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

**ENDOW – Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women**  
**Discover Your Dignity: A Woman’s Journey through Life – Part 1** (8 weeks) – Begins January 20<sup>th</sup>, 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 Endow classes is online at [Endowgroups.org](http://Endowgroups.org).**  
For more information contact Mary Ann Cutolo at 816-806-4109, [maryann@themamaginas.com](mailto:maryann@themamaginas.com) or Donna Webb at 402-613-3829, [dwebbjoy@gmail.com](mailto:dwebbjoy@gmail.com)

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**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.

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**Friday Night Psalms** - Would you like to learn more about the Psalms in a casual, relaxed setting? We will be watching the videos from Ascension Press on Friday nights once or twice a month in our homes. Many details such as schedule still to be determined! First meeting will be Friday, January 16, at 6:45pm.

If you are interested in trying this out with us, please text/call Donna Webb at [402-613-3829](tel:402-613-3829), [dwebbjoy@gmail.com](mailto:dwebbjoy@gmail.com) or Amy Kostelac at [amykostelac@yahoo.com](mailto:amykostelac@yahoo.com)

**Conception Abbey January retreats**

**“Discerning God’s will in your life.”**

**Friday evening – Sunday noon, January 16 – 18, 2015**

Join **Fr. Paul Sheller**, abbey vocation director, and **Karen Ceckowski** (Abbey Guest Center) for a weekend retreat which will focus on learning God’s will in your life. Open to people of all ages and backgrounds – whether college students thinking about their life’s calling, or anyone in transition, between jobs, or even approaching retirement. Enjoy the monastic setting which lends itself to quiet reflection and prayer. Engaging conferences, times of quiet reflection, and personal prayer, and the opportunity to pray the Liturgy of the Hours with the monastic community and celebrate the Eucharist in the Basilica with the monks and seminarians. (Suggested offering for lodging, meals, conferences and reception: \$160 for single accommodations, \$130 per person for double accommodations). For reservations contact the Abbey Guest Center: phone 660-944-2809 or email [guests@conception.edu](mailto:guests@conception.edu).

**Craft retreat – pottery. Friday evening - Sunday noon, Jan. 23 – 25, 2015**

This hands-on retreat will allow you to experience working with clay by both wheel throwing and hand building techniques. No experience needed, just the desire to learn. Veterans welcomed as well. Hobbyist potter **Karen Ceckowski** will pass on some of the techniques she has learned from various sources. She will also provide a spiritual spin on the many biblical references to the master potter who forms and shapes us daily. Bring Bibles, old work clothes and an open spirit. (Suggested offering for lodging, meals, conferences, social and clay materials: \$170 single room, \$150 each for double accommodations). For reservations contact the Abbey Guest Center: phone 660-944-2809 or email [guests@conception.edu](mailto:guests@conception.edu).

## HOLY TRINITY NEWS



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

**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.

**WOMEN’S GUILD MEETS THIS MONDAY**, January 5, at 7pm, in the parish hall. All women of the parish are members and are invited to join us in beginning a new year!



**WESTON COMMUNITY PRAYER BREAKFAST NEXT SATURDAY**, January 10, at 8am, at Christian Assembly Church. Everyone is invited!! No charge for breakfast, but a free will offering will be taken for the charitable fund of the Weston Ministerial Alliance.

**Married Singles Lifestyle**—The Married Singles Lifestyle describes couples that may have lost a sense of closeness they once had as marriage partners and are living more like roommates. Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) teaches couples how to survive times like these in their marriages. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulty at all levels of marital distress from disillusionment to deep misery. 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](mailto:retrokc@gmail.com) or visit the web site at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com) or call 800-470-2230

The January **Holy Rosary Rally** in Honor of Our Lady of Fatima will be held on Sunday, January 11, from 3 pm to 4:15 pm at St. Mary/St. Anthony Parish, 615 N 7th Street, Kansas City, KS 66101. We will pray the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious mysteries of the Holy Rosary followed by Benediction and the opportunity for attendees to enroll in the Brown Scapular. For driving instructions or future dates for the Kansas City monthly Holy Rosary rallies, visit [www.rosaryrallieskc.org](http://www.rosaryrallieskc.org)

## KATIE’S CORNER--YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

HT/XII



Youth Group

### Grades 7-12:

Youth Group: **Join us this week for an Epiphany Party!** It’s still the Christmas season and we are going to celebrate! Good food, fun games, and awesome prizes!! Sunday, 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

**PSR starts back up again this 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:** deviled eggs, cheese/meat & crackers

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

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

**Our first Christmas Pageant was a great success!** Thank you to all who made it a very special event in our Christmas Season: Victoria Adams, Julia Babcock, Lauren Beatty, Olivia Boddicker, Reece Demory, Addison Gerke, Caden and Chase Hulett, Katie and Hannah Mills, Lizzy and Cobie Parkin, Sierra and Ember Poldberg, Sophia Ramos, Jack Shroyer, Lauren and Andrew Shupe, Natalie, Nathan and Noah Smiley, and Emilia and Daniel Wisniewski. A special thanks to the seamstress for making the costumes: Margarita Caraballo, Shannon Demory and Amy Shroyer, Jason Gerke for making our crib, Jeanne Witsken director, Lori Reichert pianist, Rachel Reichert and Jenna Jurgensmeyer choir. To all the parents for your help at the practices and during Mass, it was all very much appreciated.

Karla Stahl



**SIGN-UP STARTING THIS WEEKEND** for **photography appointments (Jan 22-27)** for our **new photo-directory!** You can sign-up online through our website ([www.twelveapostlescatholic.org](http://www.twelveapostlescatholic.org)), or there will be **paper sign-ups**

after Masses this weekends and next, Jan 3/4 & 10/11.

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**THIS Sunday, January 4, 2015**



In praise I come to thank you Lord for all the big and little things you have done for me this past year. Thank you for being with me and always calling my name. Please draw me even closer in this new year of 2015. Adult Adoration 5:00 – 6:00 pm

**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. Training will take 45-60 minutes. The Women’s Group meeting will follow immediately, at the same location. (It is not necessary to attend the AED training to come to the Women’s Group meeting.)

**Engaged? Married? Need NFP? Infertility?** The FertilityCare™ System (Creighton Model) Introductory Session is offered monthly at a variety of area locations and long distance. Fulfills marriage policy requirement. Helpful for achieving and avoiding pregnancy plus medical applications. Better than IVF for infertility! Register online at [www.fertilitycarekc.com](http://www.fertilitycarekc.com), or call the FertilityCare™ Center of KC at (816) 858-0198.

**Wanted: FertilityCare Practitioner training candidates** for a program to be held in Kansas City in Spring, 2015. Teachers are needed in the Greater Kansas City and St. Joseph area. Is God calling you to this professional teaching apostolate? Can you recommend someone? Contact Phyllis White, CFCE at FertilityCare Center of Kansas City. [pwhite@fertilitycarekc.com](mailto:pwhite@fertilitycarekc.com) or 816-858-0198.



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

New Year's Eve was a big event for my family. Toasting the old year while ringing in the new one was always great fun. It was the best of times. Growing up Southern Baptist I was well aware of the restrictions and regulations in force at all times, but on New Year's Eve, a couple of these conventions were temporarily lifted, at least for the adults.

On New Year's Eve my mother and father actually danced. They didn't just dance, they "got down!" They boogied the whole night long. Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve really spoke to them; they carried on something fierce. Who would have known it, but my mother could "cut a rug." Sure, it was in the privacy of their own home, but still it must have been scandalous. It was a big family affair; surely someone would leak it to the elders and deacons of the church. That didn't stop them. They danced with reckless, wild abandon. Reckless and wild in the 70's and 80's is much different than wild and reckless today, by all standards, but by the standards of the day, they pulled out all the stops.

Here's a big one. They even served alcohol. Shame! Scandal! Excommunication! That is, if you can call Pink Squirrels and Strawberry Daiquiris alcohol. My mother was such a teetotaler, she had to use a recipe each time she mixed a drink, and I am quite sure she shut her eyes and looked away. Not much alcohol ever made its way out of the bottle and into a glass. She would make like she was joining in with all the adults but she would nurse her one drink the whole night long.

My father on the other hand, on New Year's Eve only, became quite the mixologist. He bartended with a flare and a flourish. Even though she didn't speak a word, it was clear my mother preferred he dance rather than drink. Her quick glances and raised eyebrow kept him in line. It was entertaining to the other adults who drank and danced. Aunt Helen made her own Pink Squirrels and as the evening progressed she would lean on my mother, put her arm around, and tell her, "Give it a rest, Dolores, it's...New...Year's...Eve!" Even though she smiled on the outside, on the inside my poor mother was shocked and embarrassed.

While the rules were lifted for one night only, my mother still would not allow beer or hard liquor in the house at any time. That didn't put a damper on the party. The adults would dance and frolic and all the children would play games, watch Dick Clark and the giant sparkling ball, and eat snacks and hors d'oeuvres specifically concocted for the celebration.

Everyone was in celebration mode, full on. There was a lot of raucous and joyous conversation along with a lot loud activity in every room, in the house and on the lawn. There was something for everyone. I remember my father and uncle Bob making frequent trips to the garage. Early on, I thought they were setting up the fireworks or cleaning their guns for the big midnight countdown and ball drop. Later on, I figured it out. Come to think of it, they spent a lot of time in the garage throughout the whole year. I am sure it wasn't Bible study. Uncle Bob said he didn't believe. My mother said that is why he drank.

New Year's Eve was always a good time for all. It was an evening when the gauntlet was lowered and there was peace. It was an evening for celebration not condemnation. It was an evening for dancing not disapproval. It was an evening everyone was family and no one a foe. It was an evening of peace.

At midnight, everyone would hug and kiss and wish each other "Happy New Year!" For that moment everyone hoped it would be. I always thought it was strange that with that much peace and joy in the family for one night, that it would end in people shooting their guns into the air and then scattering immediately back to their own homes and garages. Leaving always put a dismal end to the celebration. That made me sad. You can't dance alone. A New Year certainly is better when the dancing continues throughout the year. Don't let the dancing come to an end, especially right at the beginning.

Too often, we make our celebrations too much about us, what we are doing, or what we are going to do, and what we are going to become. We make resolutions to guide and commit us to change, to grow in happiness. Making resolutions is just the beginning, not the end. When our resolutions are just about ourselves, the dancing stops. You can't dance alone. It takes at least two to tango; it takes a family to celebrate. It takes relationships, not resolutions, to help us change and grow and become and belong.

This New Year is a time for us to dance with the one who brought us. This New Year we can become amazed at our many blessings. Such amazement is the awe we feel when we recognize we are in the presence of Jesus and are truly conscious of what is happening. We are blessed whenever we see, do, hear or feel something that is Jesus or comes from Jesus or reveals him to us. Blessings come to us all the time. Every breath and each heartbeat is a blessing of life. We are blessed even during those times when we feel we are cursed because Jesus is there guiding us through it. That's a reason to dance. That's a reason to stay in the dance.

To grow stronger in faith, we need to become more aware of our blessings. This requires keeping our eyes on Jesus. Look past the flaws and problems of others and you see the victorious Jesus. Look past your emotional reactions and there is the peaceful Jesus. Look past the person who is sinning against you and there is Jesus comforting you. In every situation keep your eyes on Jesus to see his hand reaching toward you blessing you. With Jesus, the New Year will be a happy one. Happy New Year!

Blessings,



*Father Steven C. Rogers*