

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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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.

The Baptism of the Lord

January 11, 2015

Have you ever wondered why Jesus, who was without sin, was baptized?

The baptism of Jesus symbolized and anticipated his death. After Christ's ascension into heaven, baptism was required for all those who became Christians. St. Paul makes the connection between baptism and death for Christians when he maintained that we are buried with Christ in baptism, so that we may rise with him to a new life.

In what way will we be good stewards of our new life in Christ in the coming year?

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The Baptism of the Lord — 11 Jan 2015
Readings: p. 60 in *Breaking Bread*

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 10

5:00pm--XII Jorge Orozco, Sr., rip

Sunday, January 11

7:30am-HT Parishioners of Holy Trinity & XII Apostles

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

10:45am-HT Mary Schreiner, rip

Mon, Jan 12, 8am—HT Private Intention

Wed, Jan 14, 8am—HT Private Intention

Thu, Jan 15, 6pm—XII Special Intention

Fri, Jan 16, 8am-HT Private Intention

Saturday, January 17

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

Sunday, January 18

7:30am-HT For Parishioners of Holy Trinity

9:00am--XII Kenneth Fritz, rip

10:45am-HT Blaise & Alice Vrbas, rip

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

BHI CLASS begins this Wednesday — Vatican II — There were 16 documents produced by the Second Vatican Council. Through a careful and deliberate reading of the Council's four major constitutions, and a survey of the other 12 documents, students will learn the Council's teachings and how to apply them to daily life. Register for this class at <http://mybhi.org/vaticanii/> or call 816-714-2331. This 4-week course costs \$25 (\$40 married couple) and will come to **Twelve Apostles Parish** on Wednesdays, January 14, 21, & 28, and February 4, 6:30pm to 9:00pm, with Dr. Claude Sasso.

33 Days for Men - Consecration to Jesus through Mary.

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 Bar-mann at 589-9148.

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. **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 or Amy Kostelac at amykostelac@yahoo.com

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS for all...

Do More, Be a Knight: Join the Order that donated over \$170 Million & 70 Million volunteer service hours to charity last year. Prospective members attending the **1st Degree (Admission)** ceremonial at St. Therese Parish Council 7199 in Parkville will carpool from the Commuter Parking Lot north of Price Chopper in Platte City at 6:10PM on **Monday 12 January 2015**; returning to Platte City by 8:30PM. A Membership Application (Form 100) must be completed by all prospective members BEFORE attending the FREE Admission Degree Ceremonial on January 12. Complete your **2nd and 3rd Degree (Knighthood)** on **Sunday, January 25**, from Noon to 2 p.m. at St. Mark Parish, 3736 S Lee's Summit Rd, Independence, MO. **4th Degree Exemption** will occur **Saturday, April 18, 2015**, at the KCI Hilton. If planning to attend any degree ceremonial, contact Steve Steiger (816) 431-6506 or email scsteiger@yahoo.com to complete your form and confirm your attendance.

ALL Knights of Columbus members from our parishes who are current members of other Councils are encouraged to TRANSFER into our Holy Trinity-Twelve Apostles Council No. 12288. It is important that members should be active members in the council where they presently attend Mass. All FORMER MEMBERS of the Knights of Columbus who have dropped their membership and who are presently practicing Catholics are encouraged to rejoin/reinstate their membership in our HT-XII Apostles Council No. 12288. We want to welcome you back as members; we need your time and talent.

Next Council Meeting will be on the third **Thursday, 15 January 2015** at 7 pm at XII Apostles (Rumor has it bar-b-que is on the menu); bring your list of volunteer service hours for the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities for 2014. Jim Rooney, Grand Knight, JRooney640@aol.com (c: 816.674.4268).

The next **Pancake Breakfast** will be on **Sunday, 18 January 2015** from 0830 to 1000 at Holy Trinity Parish Hall in Weston.



FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP: Knights of Columbus 44th Annual Free Throw Championship is **Saturday, January 17**, West Platte High School gym, 935 Washington St., Weston:

10:00AM-2:00PM. ALL students ages 9-14 (as of Jan. 1) **are invited to participate**; contestant's father DOES NOT have to be a member of the Knights. Register between 10:00 & 2:00. Proof of age and written parental consent required. Winners will advance to District, Regional and State levels of competition. If you need information or wish to sign up to help, contact Kent Eagen at (816) 718-8475.

RCIA MEETS THIS WEDNESDAY, January 14, at 7pm, at Holy Trinity.

End-of-year contribution acknowledgements will be mailed to all registered parish households by the end of this month.

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

The Catholic Home Missions Appeal will take place next week. One way that this appeal works to strengthen home mission dioceses in the United States is by funding seminarian formation in poor dioceses. Your support is needed for these young men, so that they might go back and serve their parishes. Please help strengthen the Church at home by making a generous gift to next week's appeal.

DE-DECORATING



If you donated a poinsettia for the Christmas season, you are welcome to take one home after Mass this weekend. Thank you for your contribution to beautifying our churches for Christmas.

Christmas decorations will be taken down after 9am Mass at XII Apostles and 10:45am Mass at Holy Trinity. All willing hands are invited and needed to help. Thank you!

ARE YOU REGISTERED IN A PARISH?

We notice from time to time that a name unfamiliar to us has been contributing regularly, has signed up for Parish School of Religion classes, photo-directory, wants a wedding or baptism, etc. All employed adults should be registered members of a parish. If you are an adult who regularly attends Mass at Holy Trinity or Twelve Apostles but have not registered, we invite you to do so in order that we might better serve you. Registration forms are available in the back of the churches or may be printed from our websites. We look forward to knowing you!

HOLY TRINITY NEWS

PARISH COUNCIL MEETS THIS MONDAY, January 12, at 7pm, in the parish hall.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST NEXT SUNDAY: The Knights of Columbus will offer a pancake and sausage breakfast next Sunday, January 18, from 8:30-10am in the parish hall. A free will offering will be taken for the charitable works of the Knights.

WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS: New officers were installed at this past week's Women's Guild meeting: Pam Wittmeyer, President; Diane Stir, VP; Maureen Vernon, Treasurer; and Betty Fogt, Secretary. All women of the parish are members of the Women's Guild and are invited to meetings on the first Monday of each month (during the school year) at 7pm. If you did not receive a copy of last week's meeting minutes by email this past week and would like to get them and other news, please email elfogt@aol.com.

*Dear Holy Trinity and Twelve Apostles Parishes,
Thanks for the lovely Get Well card! I appreciate your support and prayers during my convalescence. Please know of my grateful prayers for all of you.*

*Best wishes!
Fr. Charles*

ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS:

We are so appreciative of all the work our volunteers do for both our parishes. To celebrate your gift of time and talent, your Parish Councils will be hosting a **Mardi Gras Appreciation Event, for Adult Volunteers** from both our parishes, on Friday, February 13, from 7-10pm, at Twelve Apostles.

If you volunteer in our parishes in any way, join us for the festivities: food, fun, and dancing!

Please RSVP (spouses welcome) to the parish office: secyht-xii@kc.rr.com, or sign up in the vestibule of the church.

KATIE'S CORNER--YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

HT/XII



Youth Group

Youth Group

Please pray for our Confirmation class as they are at their retreat at Conception Abbey this weekend.

Next week: Grades 7-12: Join us for Which Way to Go? The night

will begin with a jellybean activity, include a clip from Finding Nemo, and help you figure out how to hear God's voice. You don't wanna miss it! January 18, 6:30-8pm at XII Apostles

Confirmation: Next Session: January 18
9:00-10:30am at Holy Trinity
4:30-6:30pm at XII Apostles

TWELVE APOSTLES NEWS



SIGN-UP NOW for **photography appointments (Jan 22-27)** for our **new photo-directory!** You can sign-up online through our website (www.twelveapostlescatholic.org) or call the parish office—640-2206.

There is no obligation and all who get their picture taken will receive a copy of the photo-directory, as well as a free 8x10 of themselves.

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 this 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.)

PSR News: Parents of 2nd graders - next week is the parent meeting on First Communion during PSR time. Please plan on attending

BUILDING FUND UPDATE:

December 2014 Building Fund Contributions: \$35,775.03

Minimum Monthly Principal payment: \$9,000.00 (all collected for the month is sent in.)

December Interest payment on loan: \$5,159.61

Current Loan Balance: \$1,715,977.58

Thank you for your support of our debt reduction!

Sophia Spirituality Center, Atchison, KS - February Offering, 2015

Thursdays in Lent - Living in God's Love

February 19-March 26 10:00 am - 11:30 am

This 6-week experience of directed prayer and group spiritual direction is an opportunity to meet God in a deeper way, grow in personal identity and savor the Word of God. This retreat will be conducted by Benedictine Sister Marie Ballmann, spiritual director and a leader of both private and group retreats and workshops. For more information or to register, call 913-360-6151 or visit Sophia Spirituality Center's website at www.sophiaspiritualitycenter.org

Wanted: FertilityCare Practitioner training candidates for a program to be held in Kansas City beginning February 14, 2015 with Dr. Catherine Keefe, OBGYN, as Medical Consultant. 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 or 816-858-0198

St. Francis de Sales Parish invites you to join them in celebrating the feast of their patron saint. Their annual **Mini-Retreat** will take place Saturday, January 24, 10-2pm (with lunch provided). Led by Fr. Michael Mulhearn, the topic is: "**Living Jesus in our Complicated World**"--focusing on dealing with contemporary real-life issues that confront Christians in each day. A free-will offering will be taken. All are welcome. For more information call (913) 727-4742, or go to StFrancisLansing.org.

Discipleship: A Lenten Prayer Workshop

Start off the Lenten season of renewal with a morning of prayer, led by Fr. Jim Blumeyer, S.J., founder of the Ignatian Spirituality Center of Kansas City. Through talks and periods of prayerful reflection, Fr. Blumeyer will help you review your own discipleship and how you have been learning.

Saturday, Feb. 14, 8:30-noon, Church of the Nativity, 3800 W. 119th St., Leawood, KS Register at ignatiantcenterkc.org or email info@ignatiantcenterkc.org. Deadline Feb. 9.

The Ignatian Spirituality Center also offers one-on-one guided prayer experiences during Lent. This 6-week program is limited to the number of volunteer guides available. Email info@ignatiantcenterkc.org for more details.



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

When I met Hans Archenhold, it was a week after his eighty fourth birthday. At 84 he was just entering the heyday period of life, the glory days were yet to be. He possessed a brilliant mind and was an expert in lithography. He had been a top executive with Hallmark Cards, noted for bringing the company into the forefront of American lithography. Even after his retirement, he served as a trusted advisor and helped prime and prepare the company for the digital age. A significant force in the creative world, he was a gentle giant.

My boss Norman hired him as a consultant to teach me a thing or two, but Hans took me under his wing and showed me how to discover beauty in all things. He showed me how man-made things are at their best when they clearly reflect God-made things in nature. He had advanced color reproduction like no man in history and he opened my eyes to the world of color and beauty and design and God. He would say to me, "Look for God, he is in the details!"

While we were working on developing a color way for a new seating collection, he could not find a green that would suit him. "Too blue!" he would say one day, "Too yellow!" he would say the next, "Too dark!" "Too pale!" "Too weak!" "Too strong!" "Keep looking!" I thought he was obsessing over something nonessential, after all it was just a chair, but for Hans the right color of green meant everything. We had to persevere and find it. For weeks I looked at green until I saw red.

One morning, he called me at home and said he and I were going to the City Market because he felt sure there we would find a solution. I have to admit, I turned green over the thought of explaining to my boss why I had wasted valuable work time playing and shopping in the City Market.

We arrived at the gates of the City Market just as the sun was coming up and Hans quickly went to work without saying a word. His head bobbed back and forth as we walked up and down aisle after aisle looking at all the produce. He was as animated as a Hallmark wind-up toy. His head bobbed fast and furious as he darted in and out of every produce booth.

Suddenly he stopped and immediately bent over. Unexpectedly, he squealed loud enough for God and everybody to hear, "Ah-HA!" I looked over to him as he was bent over staring into the display before him. I walked up next to him worried that something had happened to him, "Hans, are you alright?" "Be still," he said, "I am looking!"

I asked, "What are you looking for?" All he said was, "It's here!" I leaned into the display to see what he saw but I saw nothing. Without warning, he popped up shouting, "This is our GREEN! This is our GREEN!"

I don't know what immobilized me more, hearing him squeal to the heavens or that he was holding a head of cabbage in his hand. "Look how marvelous this is. This green is pure. God is in the details! This is our GREEN." He lit-up like a Roman candle.

We bought the cabbage and headed straight to the manufacturing plant. On the way, I thought to myself, "How on earth am I going to explain this to my boss? That we were under the influence of a cabbage?" Hans danced with delight as he approached the man in command. "Match this! This is our green." Out popped the cabbage. The design team huddled in the room gasped in confusion. The sycophants in the back of the room gawked over at me, mouthing, "You're fired," like it was my head was on the table and not the head of cabbage.

My boss looked at Hans, and then down at the cabbage. His head bobbed slowly back and forth. He looked at me, and then down at the cabbage. He pressed his lips together, and looked down at the head of cabbage. Then he spoke, "What took you so long? This is exactly the green I had in mind." Hans said, "Yes, God is in the details!"

After he had assigned marching orders to his men, my boss turned to me and said, "In you I am well pleased! I can tell you are learning." That is a good thing to hear. If you open your heart and your mind, you will hear God speaking these very words to you even during those times of great distress and uncertainty. I have never looked at a head of cabbage the same.

Hans taught me many things about color and beauty and design and even more about God. At 84, he certainly was in his prime. Oh, to see what his eyes saw, to live life like he lived. Yes, God is in the details!

Hans was born in Germany's Rhineland in 1905. He was a university graduate with a background in engineering and art history. He became a creative force in Munich and then everything changed with the rise of Hitler's Nazi party. He and other men from his family were sent to the Dachau concentration camp.

His friends from all over the creative world freed him from Dachau and he and his family fled to America. Having been deprived of everything he owned and everything he had become, he desperately needed a home and a job. He made his way to Kansas City because he knew where to look and he knew how to listen. He looked for God in the details. Hans would always say, "Hallmark, looked like heaven!"

Hans lived to be ninety-three and loved every minute of his life. He gladly shared his wisdom and creative spirit straight through to his new beginning. None of what he had gained was lost trying to survive the human condition. He could see beauty in everything. He saw God in everything. He paid attention to all the details. Yes, God is in the details. When he crossed the threshold of new life, I am sure God said to him, "Hans, in you I am well pleased!"

Hans taught me that we should live life wanting to hear God say, "In you I am well pleased." We should live life fully, closely looking for God in all the details. That means we have to stop and be still and look and listen, even to the cabbages in our lives. An "Ah-HA" is there waiting. Don't be afraid to hear, "What took you so long!" What matters most is when you find it, be sure and squeal to the heavens so God and everybody can hear you. God likes that.

In Christ,

Father Steven C. Rogers