

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. 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.

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time January 18, 2015

Christian stewardship begins with the call to discipleship and today's readings offer three stories about discipleship.

In the Gospel, John the Baptist points to Jesus and two of his followers immediately walk after Jesus. Jesus asks them: "What are you looking for?"

It is a very good question to ask of ourselves. What is it that we are looking for in Christ Jesus? What is it that we want by following Him? Is it that we desire most urgently to be servants, stewards, of the Lord? Or do we want something else?

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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time — 18 Jan 2015

Readings: p. 62 in *Breaking Bread*

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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 Blase & Alice Vrbas, rip

Please note special Mass time and location this Monday for the Martin Luther King, Jr., holiday:

Mon, Jan 19, 9am—XII Apostles— For peace & justice for all

Wed, Jan 21, 8am-HT Fr. Francis Schreiber, rip (Pastor 1859-61)

Thu, Jan 22, 6pm—XII For the protection of the unborn

Fri, Jan 23, 8am-HT Jim Hoffman, rip

Saturday, January 24

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

Sunday, January 25

7:30am-HT Msgr. Max Pils, rip (pastor 1978-82)

9:00am--XII Joe & Frances Brungardt, rip

10:45am-HT For Parishioners of Holy Trinity

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

This weekend's second collection benefits the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. This collection funds catechesis, seminarian education, lay ministry training, Hispanic ministry and other pastoral programs for dioceses in the United States and its territories that lack the resources to provide basic pastoral ministry. An envelope for this appeal can be found in your packet or on the table with the bulletins.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY is this Monday,

January 19. Please note a change in Mass time for this day: **Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. at Twelve Apostles**, for the intention of Peace and Justice for all.



The parish office will be closed on Monday for the holiday (and Tuesday, as usual).

MARDI GRAS PARTY FOR PARISH VOLUNTEERS:

We are so appreciative of all the work our adult 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 your parish in any way, join us for food, fun, & dancing! Costumes welcome!

Please RSVP (spouses welcome) to the parish office: secyht-xii@kc.rr.com, or sign up in the vestibule of the church by Friday, February 6.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

CONTINUING STUDIES:

Endow - **Defining Dignity** meets Tuesday, January 20, 9:30am.
Endow - **Mother of the Redeemer** meets Tuesday, January 20, at 1:00pm.

Endow - **Letter to Women** meets Tuesday, January 20, 5:30pm

A NEW ADULT FAITH OPPORTUNITY:

Hearts Afire: Stage 2 - Wisdom and Works of Mercy begins with a study of *The "One Thing" is Three* by Fr. Michael Gaitley, which focuses on the Holy Trinity. It provides a big-picture vision of theology that will help us to know and love God more deeply. This program is open to everyone, but those who enjoyed *33 Days to Morning Glory* and *Consoling the Heart of Jesus* won't want to miss it.

Facilitator: Vonda Ovaitt

When: Monday evenings 7-8:30PM, begins Feb. 2, 10 sessions.

Where: Holy Trinity Parish Hall

Cost: \$30 for a Study Packet for those who already have *The "One Thing" is Three* book; \$40 for both book and Study Packet.

Registration: To register, email Vonda Ovaitt at vkovaitt@kc.rr.com or call the Parish office at 816-640-2206 **before Jan. 27** so that materials can be ordered.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS for all...

Do More, Be a Knight: Current **1st Degree** members will carpool from the Commuter Parking Lot north of Price Chopper in Platte City at 1030 a.m. on **Sunday, January 25, 2015** to complete their **2nd and 3rd Degree (Knighthood)** ceremonies, Noon to 2pm, at St. Mark Parish, 3736 S Lee's Summit Rd, Independence, MO 64055. A Form 100 must be completed by members BEFORE attending the Degree Ceremonial on January 25.

Complete your **2nd and 3rd Degree (Knighthood)** on **Sunday, January 25, 2015**, and you can attend the **4th Degree** Exemplification on **Saturday, April 18, 2015**, at the KCI Hilton (tuxedo required unless member of military).

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.

Special thanks to Kent Eagan and all those who put on the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest at West Platte, Saturday, 17 January.

Pancake Breakfast THIS Sunday, 18 January 2015 from 0830 to 1000 at Holy Trinity Parish Hall in Weston. Proceeds from the free-will offering support the charitable giving of Knights of Columbus Council 12288. The next Pancake Breakfast will be on 15 February 2015 from 0900 to 1030 at the Northland Career Center in Platte City.

Next Council Meeting will be on the third **Thursday, 19 February 2015** at 7 pm at Holy Trinity Parish Hall; bring yourself and another member or prospective member with you. Meeting begins with the praying of the Rosary followed by the Council Business meeting, then fraternal time with fellow Knights over some food.

Members of the Council, please E-Mail Jim Rooney, Grand Knight, JR Rooney640@aol.com (c: 816.674.4268) before the next Council meeting **with your current/preferred email address** and phone number(s) so we can maintain an accurate roster.

HOLY TRINITY NEWS

PANCAKE BREAKFAST THIS SUNDAY:

The Knights of Columbus will offer a pancake and sausage breakfast this 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.



ADORATION THIS WEDNESDAY at Holy Trinity — Jan. 21— 6:30-7:30pm. All are invited to spend some time in the presence of our Lord.

Atchison Connection Offerings/ Winter-Spring, 2015 Mount St. Scholastica Monastery

For All Book Lovers: Here's an opportunity to read a highly recommended book and share your experience of it with others.

Come to Mount St. Scholastica monastery in Atchison at 7:00 pm on the last Tuesday of each month and join in on the discussion.

Facilitated by Sr. Sheila Carroll, OSB.

January 27	<i>Someone</i> by Alice McDermott
February 24	<i>Staggerford</i> by Jon Hassler
March 31	<i>Four Letters of Love</i> by Niall Williams
April 28	<i>The Golden Notebook</i> by Doris Lessing

Lectio Divina with the Sunday Scriptures

Come to Mount St. Scholastica monastery and share in the traditional monastic practice of guided reading, listening, reflecting and responding to the Word of God in the Scriptures. These gatherings, held at 10:30 am on the Thursday mornings listed below, are facilitated by Benedictine Sisters Gabrielle Kocour and Sheila Carroll.

Dates: January 22, February 12 & 26, April 9 & 23, May 14

Bridges to Contemplative Living With Thomas Merton

Share with others the journey toward personal spiritual transformation and a more peace-filled life. **Gatherings are held at Sophia Spirituality Center at 10:30 am on the Thursdays listed below.** Facilitators: Benedictine Sisters Sheila Carroll and Gabrielle Kocour
January 15 & 29; February 12 & 26, April 9 & 23, May 14

All programs are offered free of charge, but free will offerings are gratefully accepted.

KATIE'S CORNER--YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS



This Sunday: **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: A HUGE Thank You to Edie Hays, Jim Sullivan, & Tom Vece for chaperoning the Confirmation retreat last weekend!

Confirmation Session 9: Gifts & Fruits of the Holy Spirit - this Sunday, January 18: 9:00-10:30am - Holy Trinity
4:30-6:30pm - XII Apostles

Next week, Jan. 25, Confirmation class: special time-6-8pm at Holy Trinity. We will be eating dinner together as a group.

TWELVE APOSTLES NEWS

PHOTOGRAPHY BEGINS THIS WEEK for our new photo-directory! It will take place in the basement at Twelve Apostles.



IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP! Since our Saturday date was completely full, we were able to add Friday night and Saturday, January 30-31.

You can sign-up online for any of the dates through our website: www.twelveapostlescatholic.org — look for the sign-up icon as shown above— or call the parish office at 640-2206.

REMEMBER: There is **no obligation** and, by getting your picture taken, you will receive **your own copy** of the photo-directory, as well as a free 8x10 of yourself/family.

Also, the more people who sign up, the more "activity" pages the parish will be able to include at no cost to us.

Thanks for your participation! This will be a valuable resource to our community.

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

Next week: Parish Rosary led by the 6th grade. Please join us in the Northland Career Center cafeteria at 10:20am.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT **THIS Sunday, January 18, 2015**

St. Therese tells us that contemplating Jesus is nothing else than a close sharing between friends. Come, be, rest, ask and listen for His gentle voice in your heart.

Adult Adoration 5:00 – 6:00 pm.

THANK YOU from the XII Apostles Liturgy Committee: to all who helped take down and remove the Christmas decorations last Sunday after the 9:00 AM Mass. In no time, our beautiful space was readied for Ordinary Time in the Church Liturgical Year. Your help is most appreciated. Please remember to pick up a poinsettia to enjoy its beauty in your home.

"A big thank you to those members, friends and family who have supported the efforts of the Women's Group in stuffing inserts for the Citizen newspaper. Alas, we have been replaced by a machine, but we could not have raised nearly \$10,000 over 4 years without the generous support of our volunteers. May God bless you for your commitment!"

Hillcrest of Platte County is seeking a Case Manager: As Hillcrest is expanding, they are looking for a Case Manager who has a heart to serve the homeless in our community.

The position would start out as part time with the potential of moving to full time. Please direct questions and resumes to mperry@hillcrestkc.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.



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

There are many times in our lives when we are asked the question, "What are you looking for?" Wherever we go it seems there is always someone waiting to ask, "What are you looking for?" We hear it in every aisle in every grocery store and department store, "What are you looking for?" We hear it at theme parks, night clubs, workout centers, movie theaters, restaurants, sports stadiums and race tracks, "What are you looking for?" At first we might hear, "How can I help you?" But right before we can answer that question we are hit with, "What are you looking for?"

And what is our response? More often than not, we respond, "Oh, I am just looking." It is no wonder why we are ignored and overlooked from that moment on. Say, "I am just looking" in a big box store and every sales associate in the store goes on break for the duration of your visit and you are stuck waiting in the one and only checkout lane open. The minute the answer is, "I am just looking," it seems interest dries up and opportunity stops knocking. We are left alone and we feel lost and alone.

What would happen if when we are asked, "What are you looking for," we responded, "Wow me!" Heaven would break open, confetti cannons would explode with colorful streams of paper, and glorious possibilities would flow fast and furious. It happens every time. But we never respond, "Wow me!" It's always, "I'm just looking!" That's why we never find it. That's why we don't know if we have found it.

A few years ago I went on a personal retreat at a Monastery in northern Missouri. My good friend Susan Dinges sent me on a retreat because she felt in her heart I was searching for something but was having trouble finding it. She was certain that if I spent a week in a remote location, away from all the distractions and temptations of the real world, I would discover it. Why she had suggested a Monastery I did not know, but I trusted her intuition. Since I needed to get away, I took her up on the offer and off I went to the Monastery, hoping at the very least they had a gift shop with souvenirs.

Secretly, I hoped for something big to happen but, at the same time, I didn't want to be bothered. I quickly settled for nothing to happen since I just needed to get away from it all. I decided that if anyone approached me I would say, "Oh, I am just looking" knowing that I would be left alone from that moment on.

After a couple hours passed, a very old Monk showed up out of nowhere. He came up behind me without making a sound. Monks are trained to walk silently so as not to disturb the Holy Spirit. Startled, I turned around and he greeted me, "How can I help you?" But before I could answer he asked, "What are you looking for?" And true to form I said, "Oh, I am just looking!" I turned away for a second and when I turned back toward him, he had vanished. It worked! Say, "I am just looking" and everyone disappears.

The next morning the same old Monk approached me while I stood in line at the breakfast buffet, only this time he was disheveled and disturbed, "What are you looking for?" Once again, he had startled me. I turned and before I could answer, he said, "Oh, you're just looking!" Then he turned his back to me and walked away. Now I was disturbed. How dare he ask me that question and then answer it for me. I might have been ready for something big to happen, but the opportunity just passed me by. I was sad.

The next day, this same old Monk appeared out of nowhere again, only this time he said, "I insist we have a conversation! Don't say, 'I'm just looking!' You think you have nothing going on, nothing to say and you don't want to be bothered, but I know different. Come to my office." I was intrigued and relieved and excited. Opportunity and possibility had knocked once again. I felt in my heart something big was about to happen.

I showed up at his office about an hour later. The flood gates of my soul opened and believe it or not, I swear confetti cannons exploded. The door opened and I talked non-stop for the next four hours. When I finally took a breath, at the four hour mark, all he could say was, "My, that was random! Profound, but random!" Embarrassed I apologized. "I'm sorry." He said, "No, don't apologize. This is good! You have a lot going on and you need to get focused. Let's talk again tomorrow. Now, I must go and be by myself."

I couldn't sleep that night. I tossed and turned and replayed our conversation over and over like a broken record. The next morning it was I who appeared disheveled and disturbed when he greeted me at his office door. Entering, I nearly tripped over a tall stack of books that were not there the day before, and I sat down. He put a match to cherry-scented tobacco, leaned back in his chair and slowly rocked back and forth. Sunlight streamed through the narrow window and, as he puffed on his pipe, he generated a smoky haze that filled my eyes and nose. Mystery entered the room. When he finally spoke, something big happened.

"I was on my afternoon walk the other day, on my own, avoiding everybody just like you, when God spoke to me. He said, 'There is a young man in the church that is looking for something.' He sent me to help you find it." I didn't say a word; I just listened with rapt attention. "God spoke to you that day too, didn't he?" I nodded yes. "What did he say?" I froze. I didn't want to be wrong; it would be truly embarrassing. "I'll tell you what he said. In fact, I can show you 'it' in every book that is in that tall stack of books that you nearly tripped over. By the way, I know you have read all those books." Again, I nodded yes, but I was puzzled at how he knew that I had read all those books.

"At the end of our conversation yesterday, I told you it was random and profound, didn't I?" Again, all I could do was nod yes. He said, "That's when I knew it! You talked over it and you talked around it, but you have already found what you are looking for and I will affirm it!" This time I said, "Yes, and...?" "Get focused and get organized, son!" "And...?" "Just say, Here I am Lord! I have come to do your will!" It was in that moment, I knew that God was calling me to be a priest. Yes, something big happened! It's no secret now.

Something big happens every day of our lives, only we are so busy avoiding "it" and trying to convince ourselves that we are "just looking" that we ignore the very people God sends to help us actually affirm and find "it".

Daily, Jesus asks, "What are you looking for?" When our response is, "Wow me!" life changes. Promise and opportunity open up like the Heavens. Something else happens. When Jesus asks, "What are you looking for," before we can answer, he invites us to "Come and see!" He is asking because we have not yet received what he has to give. Jesus says, "Come and see my love, my healing power. Come and see my answer to your prayer!" Isn't that what we are looking for? Stop avoiding it. Stop talking over it. Listen and prepare yourself for something big to happen. Jesus will "Wow" you!

In Christ,

Father Steven C. Rogers