

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.

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time January 25, 2015

The first disciples of Jesus in today's Gospel left their work and their daily routines to follow him. They abandoned their livelihoods, familiar surroundings and the lives to which they had become accustomed to be closer to him.

The good steward finds ways to be removed from what may be a comfortable existence or daily routine in order to serve the Lord more faithfully. All too often, out of fear, insecurity or even selfishness, we refuse to leave the safe cocoon of existence we have created for ourselves in order to hear the Lord's call and be challenged by his Gospel. Perhaps we should reflect on what comforts we need to sacrifice in order to be better stewards of God's compassionate life.

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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time — 25 Jan 2015

Readings: p. 64 in *Breaking Bread*

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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

Mon, Jan 26, 8am—HT Private Intention

Wed, Jan 28, 8am-HT Private Intention

Thu, Jan 29, 6pm—XII Special Intention-L. Morrissey

Fri, Jan 30, 8am-HT Oscar & Bernice Block—65th ann.

Saturday, January 31

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

Sunday, February 1

7:30am-HT Bernadette Youngblood, rip

9:00am--XII Amanda Girard, rip

10:45am-HT For Parishioners of Holy Trinity

Laissez les bons temps rouler! (Let the good times roll!)

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 and staff 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, please 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 churches by **Friday, February 6.**

FOOD COLLECTION: Next weekend is the monthly 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 both churches. Thanks for your generosity.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY – SUNDAY FEBRUARY 8, 2015

Love One Another

All married couples are invited to come celebrate their Sacrament of Matrimony at the sixth annual World Marriage Day Mass, Sunday, February 8, at 2:00pm, hosted by the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas at *CURE OF ARS PARISH, 9401 MISSION ROAD, LEAWOOD, KS.* Mass will be concelebrated by Archbishop Joseph Naumann and Bishop Robert Finn, followed by a reception in the Parish Hall. Prizes will be given for the longest married couple and the most newlywed couple in attendance. For more information, call the Family Life Office, 816-714-2331.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The Sunday morning Adult Bible Study at Holy Trinity continues this Sunday, January 25, in the parish hall beginning at 9am. Please join us for faith formation and fellowship.

The Adult Faith Formation Team will have a planning meeting this Monday, Jan. 26, at 6:45pm at Holy Trinity.

Endow - Letter to Women - meets Tuesday, January 27, at 5:30.
Endow - On the Christian Meaning of Suffering - meets Wednesday, January 28, at 6:45.

33 Days for Men meets Sunday, February 1, at 10:15.

Friday Night Psalms meets Friday, February 6, 6:45pm. Contact Donna Webb at 402-613-3829 or dwebbjoy@gmail.com or Amy Kostelac amykostelac@yahoo.com for more info.

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 Father 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: **Mondays 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...

DID YOU KNOW? Scholarships, fellowships and grants are available from the Missouri State Council and the National Office of the Knights of Columbus. Eleven scholarships are awarded each year by the Missouri Knights of Columbus, including one scholarship to a technical school. The DEADLINE FOR APPLYING FOR MISSOURI SCHOLARSHIPS IS FEBRUARY 15, 2015. To be eligible for these scholarships, the applicant MUST either be: (1) A member of the Knights of Columbus or (2) the son, daughter or wife of a living member of the Knights or (3) the daughter, son or wife of a deceased member of the Knights or (4) a minor whose legal guardian is a member of the Knights of Columbus.

For the 2014-2015 academic year, our National Office awarded scholarships totaling more than \$1.2 Million to 546 students. Recipients were the children of Knights, wives of Knights, members of the Knights and seminarians. Children and widows of deceased members of the Knights also qualified for these great benefits. Most were planning to attend Catholic universities and Catholic colleges. THE DEADLINE FOR APPLYING FOR NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS IS MARCH 1.

The availability of scholarships to our members and families is only one of the many reasons why eligible Catholic men should be members of the Knights of Columbus; we offer many outstanding fraternal benefits.

Contact Past Grand Knight Steve Steiger at (816) 431-6506 (Day and Night) or scsteiger@yahoo.com for information pertaining to the scholarship programs, how to apply and/ or for membership opportunities in the Knights of Columbus.

HOLY TRINITY NEWS

ROSARY FOR THE UNBORN NEXT SUNDAY —

Our first-of-the-month rosary will be offered in the church at 10:05AM next Sunday. Our prayer intention for the monthly rosary is for the protection of the lives of the unborn. All are invited to join us in prayer.



LOOKING AHEAD: The next Women's Guild meeting will be held February 2, at 6:00PM, in the parish hall. Please note the change of time — we will meet at 6PM (instead of 7pm) in both February and March. All women of the parish are considered members and are invited to attend! We will be discussing our upcoming events, including Chocopalooza on February 8 and our Fish Fry during Lent.

Is this for me? If the memory of an abortion still hurts, **Project Rachel** offers a program to help you. Whether your abortion was recent or long ago, whether you are a woman or a man, we are here to help. No judging, just gentle guidance. Programs will be starting in February 2015. For details, call 816-591-3804 or email projectrachel@diocesekcsj.org. **Free and CONFIDENTIAL.** Learn more at www.projectrachelkc.com. Also, if this is a cause close to your heart and you would like to share your gifts, please contact us.

Thinking about Separation or Divorce? — Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust, and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. 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.

KATIE'S CORNER--YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS



Confirmed youth - if you would like to help serve the Confirmation dinner tonight (Jan. 25), please text Katie-314-602-0820.

Youth group: February 8, 6:30-8pm at XII Apostles - Grades 7-12 - Join us for The Bible is Right! This night will be based on the game show The Price is Right! Who will walk away with the big prize package? Come on down! You could be the next winner of The Bible is Right!

Confirmation: Don't forget, today's session is at a special time! 6-8pm at Holy Trinity!

Confirmation Practice: February 3, 6:30pm at St. Gabriel. If you cannot make it, you must speak with Katie ASAP! If your sponsor cannot make it, you must send a substitute.

Confirmation: February 5, 7:00pm at St. Gabriel; you must be there by 6:30pm.

TWELVE APOSTLES NEWS

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTINUES THIS WEEK



for our new photo-directory!
Photography will take place in the basement at XII Apostles.

MORE DATES ADDED!
We have added Friday night, January 30, 4-9pm, and Saturday, Jan. 31, 9:30-4pm.

You can sign-up online for any of the remaining dates (Monday, Tuesday, Friday, Saturday) through our website: www.twelveapostlescatholic.org — look for the sign-up icon seen 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! The new photo-directory will be a valuable resource to our community.

PSR: Parish Rosary this Sunday, 10:20am, Northland Career Ctr. Cafeteria.

CHURCH CLEANING NEXT SATURDAY—January 31, at 9am, by Members of Team 2: Pat Fundom, Janet Egan, Jackie Menk, Stephanie Fisher, Jeanne Shupe, Bridget Poldberg, Helen Poldberg, and Pat Canning. Any other willing hands are welcome!

OUR PRAYERFUL CONDOLENCES to Jim Glasbrenner and family on the death of his mother, Marie "Dorothy" (Lipira) Glasbrenner, and to Yezika Kelley and family on the death of her father, Jerminal Urena. May their souls rest in peace.

DID YOU KNOW? Use this link if/when you shop on Amazon and 0.5% of your purchase amount will be donated to Twelve Apostles: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/26-2416033>.

Save Best Choice Barcode labels: XII Apostles' Women's Group collects Best Choice labels to earn rewards for the parish. Please cut off the barcodes from Best Choice labels and deposit them in the marked box in the back of the Church.

"Be Still and Know that I am God." Getting away for a few days with someone really close always has promise. What if that someone is God? Where might it lead? Find out on a silent retreat. The Ignatian Spirituality Center of KC is offering an Individually Directed Silent Retreat at Christ's Peace House of Prayer in Easton, KS from March 19 – 22, 2015. The cost of \$300 for those three nights will provide you with your private room/cabin, your meals, as well as your very own personal spiritual director for the retreat. For information, visit www.ignatiancenterkc.org or sfriedrix@att.net

Take a Walk with God at Garden Getaway at Holy Family Church (NKC) on Saturday, February 21, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This is a day for women to "stop and smell the roses" while relaxing, sharing laughter and stories, while spending time with God.

Cost is \$45 a person and includes a light breakfast, lunch, tote bag, journal, pendant, blessings keeper, pen and music CD. This retreat is for women of all ages and denominations. Bring a friend.

Please RSVP by Friday, February 6. For more information, contact Mindy at 436-9200, ext. 61, or mindy@holyfamily.com. Registration forms are available at <http://tinyurl.com/krpkfm5>.



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

There is a little solar accent light that, at the end of last summer, somehow made its place in a pedestal flower pot parked next to the garage at the rectory. Honestly, I had not noticed it before and was surprised to discover it the other day. During the never-ending cold spell, that started in early December and lasted until a few days ago, that poor little light gave up and conked out. It drooped and leaned over the edge of the pot, miserable and frozen, still, unconscious, and unresponsive. It was a real goner, ready to be carted off and forever forgotten. I wouldn't have seen it if I had tripped over it.

I can't count the number of times I didn't see that little light. I could have said it was pathetic and pitiful, if I had noticed it. In my defense, it was dark even when it was day! The sun didn't shine for more than a month, and it was really cold too. I have come to regard that poor little light as a sign of the times.

Come to think of it, lots of people were starting to look just like that little light, frozen and limp, put out and fed up, slow to start in the morning, too down and dismal to finish out the night. When it is that cold, for that long, no one and nothing can shimmer and shine. Let's face it, when it is that gloomy and dark, there's barely enough interest to shiver and shudder.

I think that's why my father would always stock up on seed catalogs. Every winter he would nestle in with his nose in a seed catalog, next to a blazing fire in the pot-bellied stove, tucked away in his man cave (back then it was just a shed). He would hole up and hunker down over seeds. Heirloom seeds. Organic seeds. Exotic seeds. Hardy seeds. Prize winning seeds. Champion seeds. Seeds and more seeds. Valuable seeds. Needless seeds.

He dreamed of a beautiful garden sheltering seeds of every hybrid and genera. Greens, parsley, peppers, cabbages, cucumbers, and celery, asparagus, watercress, fiddle ferns, and fennel, lettuce, rutabaga, and turnips, arugula, tomatoes, and beans. Fifteen to fifty varieties of beans. Why beans? I do not know.

I quickly learned though, do not bother him when he is in the pages of a seed catalog. More importantly, never-ever question him about his seeds. He would glare at you over his glasses if you inquired, "What's a rutabaga?" The weather could be subzero, but he would cast a spell so bitter and cold that you wished you were outside. The earth would quiver and quake if you pestered him, "Why are you going to plant kohlrabi?" Mesmerized and motionless, he would brood over seeds for days, even seeds that would bear fruit that no one would eat. I was intrigued. During the dead of winter, my father found life in seeds.

About a week ago, the sun peeked out from behind the dreary, wintry cloud heap, hovering over light and life, and for a brief moment, it warmly kissed creation. That morning, I finally noticed that little solar accent light, holed up in the pedestal pot. It was amazing. Something incredible happened to it. There was flicker and a sputter. The little light perked up and let its humble light shine, during the day. All it needed was a little prompting, a wink, a nudge, and a spark.

Now, after about a week or more of plentiful sunshine, that little light has been fully recharged. It has a glow that rivals the street lamps on Cherry Street. It shines bold and bright at night, and it casts shadows even during the day. It has a perpetual smile. I also noticed, on that day, a light started to shine in people. Vertical for the first time in a long time, even they cast shadows during the day.

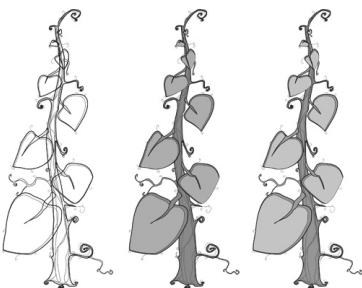
On that day, man caves sprung open, and seed enthusiasts perked up from the pages of promise, all glowing with potential and vitality. Gardeners everywhere were recharged ready to let go, and plant their seeds. Angels rejoiced and birds sang out loud that day. Everyone could be heard sputtering about town, and puttering around the yard. It was amazing. That day when the sun came out, the seed catalogs were put on clearance.

For a month or more, we were almost lost to the ordinary winter blues, but then magically out of nowhere, extraordinary things began to take shape. Light is an amazing thing. Light has the power to transform. Light has the power to restore, recharge and renew. That's how it is with God's love. A spark turns into a blazing fire that warms winter hearts. The spark gets our attention and makes us take notice.

That little solar accent light found its life again, and the first thing it did was make me take notice, "Here I am! I've been here all along! Where have you been?" It is a sign of our times. Jesus gives us his light and life. Our Lord always breaks through the bitter, dreary and foreboding clouds of our lives. With a wink, a nudge, and a perpetual smile, Jesus says, "Here I am! Where are you?" He wants us to take notice. There is a spark ready to fire up a blaze.

With Jesus, those who are deficient, little, ordinary, or conked out will not be forgotten. Even though it is dark and cold and miserable, Jesus wants us to perk up and let our light shine. "Here I am, Lord!" It is time to take notice and be noticed. Let your light shine.

I got a bargain the other day on a seed catalog. This one is called, "The Whole Seed Catalog." It is quite fascinating; I cannot put it down. I have learned more about seeds than I ever thought I could know. There is only one thing that disturbs me though. I cannot stop dreaming about beans. Pole beans. Broad beans. Lima beans. Bush beans. Asian beans. Long beans. Green beans. Wax beans. Soya beans. Magic beans. Oh, what I could do with a fist full of magic beans! My father would be so proud.



In Christ,

Father Steven C. Rogers