

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  
Mrs. Julie Hoffman, Secretary/Bookkeeper - x201  
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Mrs. Susanna Bartee, Holy Trinity Dir. of Rel. Ed.-x200;  
dreHT@kc.rr.com  
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Youth Minister--both parishes: ymht-xii@kc.rr.com  
Mrs. Judy Sloan, Child Care Coordinator (offered during  
7:30am & 10:45am Masses at Holy Trinity)  
Mrs. Darlene Darby, Office Assistant, x202  
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](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.

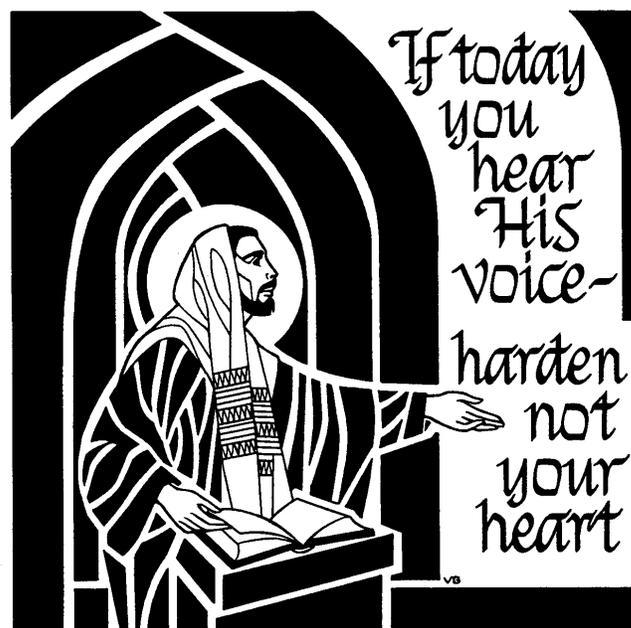
**Baptism:** Expectant parents should contact Fr. Rogers comfortably prior to the baby's birth for baptism preparation.

**First Penance/Eucharist, Confirmation:** Children preparing for these sacraments must have completed the prior year of religious education.

## 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time February 1, 2015

A prominent theme in the Gospel of St. Mark is the divine authority of Jesus of Nazareth. While Moses was a prophet who spoke from a personal experience of God, he promised a great prophet who would be Jesus himself. He is the one empowered by his Father to be the Messiah; whose teaching reached into people's hearts and caused them to turn toward God. Even "unclean spirits" responded to him. Stewards allow the teachings of Jesus Christ to touch them and transform their lives. Do we recognize the authority of Jesus to touch us each day? Do we give Christ the opportunity to transform us?

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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time — 1 Feb 2015

Readings: p. 66 in *Breaking Bread*

### MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

#### 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

Mon, Feb 2, 8am—HT Rev. Louis Porta, rip (pastor 1892)

Wed, Feb 4, 8am-HT Private Intention

**NO MASS THIS THURSDAY DUE TO CONFIRMATION**

Fri, Feb 6, 8am-HT Private Intention

#### Saturday, February 7

5:00pm--XII Michael Horgan, rip

#### Sunday, February 8

7:30am-HT For Parishioners of Holy Trinity

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

10:45am-HT Mary Schreiner, rip

*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](mailto:secyht-xii@kc.rr.com), or sign up in the vestibule of the churches by **this Friday, February 6.**



#### **CONFIRMATION THIS THURSDAY:**

We pray for a powerful coming of the Holy Spirit for our Confirmation candidates this Thursday, February 5: Geneva Chance, Andrew Cicha, Alex Corcoran, Grant Eagen, Megan Fowler, Rachel Heili, Katie Hughey,

Ashby Prestegard, Aidan Stone, Aidan Sullivan, Taryn Turner, Keegan Vece, Sarah Williams and Anne Wurtenberger.

All are welcome to attend this Mass, at 7pm this Thursday, at St. Gabriel the Archangel Church, 4737 N. Cleveland, Kansas City, MO 64117.

**Palm Recycling:** We are again collecting old palms to make ashes for Ash Wednesday. If you wish to recycle yours, please place them on the table at the entrances of the churches by Sunday, February 15, or drop them by the rectory office during office hours.

### ADULT FAITH FORMATION

#### **The Sunday morning Adult Bible Study at Holy Trinity**

continues on Sunday mornings in the parish hall beginning at 9am. Please join us for faith formation and fellowship.

Endow - Defining Dignity meets Tuesday, February 3, at 9:30.  
Endow - Mother of the Redeemer meets Tues., Feb. 3, at 1:00.  
Endow - Letter to Women meets Tuesday, February 3, at 5:30.

33 Days for Men meets Sunday, February 8, at 10:15.

**Friday Night Psalms** meets Friday, February 6, at 6:45pm. Contact Donna Webb at 402-613-3829; [dwebbjoy@gmail.com](mailto:dwebbjoy@gmail.com) or Amy Kostelac [atamykostelac@yahoo.com](mailto:atamykostelac@yahoo.com) for more info.

#### **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.

#### **What's the Deal with Mary?**

*Our basis for believing in Mary's perpetual virginity and Mary's Assumption into Heaven, looking at Scripture, Tradition, history and logic.*

**Tuesday, February 3, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.**

**Brad Meyer's home – Seven Bridges  
17660 NW 128<sup>th</sup> St., Platte City**

For those in their 20s & 30s(ish...40s can come if they are nice)

**Free Child Care at Seven Bridges Clubhouse – 6:15 p.m.**

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS for all..

**DID YOU KNOW?** Scholarships, fellowships and grants for higher education are available from the Missouri State Council and the National Office of the Knights of Columbus. 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. The DEADLINE FOR APPLYING FOR MISSOURI SCHOLARSHIPS IS FEBRUARY 15, 2015; FOR APPLYING FOR NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS: 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](mailto: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 THIS SUNDAY —

Our first-of-the-month rosary will be offered in the church at 10:05AM this 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.



**The Women's Guild will meet this Monday, 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.

**Also:** Mark your calendars for our free simple soup supper after the 6PM Mass on Ash Wednesday, February 18.

**ADORATION THIS FRIDAY** from 8:30-9:30am (after 8am Mass). Confessions also available.



### **CHOCOPALOOZA!**



**Celebrate St. Valentine!** After both Sunday Masses next weekend, Feb. 8, Holy Trinity Women's Guild invites you to the parish hall for a **chocolate sampler**. Chocolate fountain with fruit, hot chocolate, and other delectable chocolate treats!

**SCOUT SUNDAY:** Weston Boy Scouts will be attending 10:45 Mass as a group next Sunday, and serving as altar servers and ushers.

## **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.

## **KATIE'S CORNER--YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS**



**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 Practice: this Tuesday, 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.

**Confirmation** — follow-up class "**Mystagogy**" next Sunday, Feb. 8, 4:30pm, at XII Apostles.

## TWELVE APOSTLES NEWS



### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**~~THIS~~ Sunday, February 1, 2015**

**Here I am Lord. I surrender my needs and those of my loved ones to you. Bring us closer to you.**  
Adult Adoration 5:00 – 6:00 pm

**CALLING ALL SCOUTS!** Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Brownies, Girl Scouts, Scouters old and young! Join us Feb 7 at 5PM Mass at XII Apostles to celebrate SCOUTING SUNDAY. Contact Jim Begani at [jbeg@yahoo.com](mailto:jbeg@yahoo.com) or 816-891-7166 for more detail.

**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.

**Maur Hill - Mount Academy in Atchison** is administering their entrance exam for area 8<sup>th</sup> graders on Saturday, Feb. 21, 8:15am-12pm. The exam is required for all students applying to MH-MA and a part of the application process. Mark your calendar for your child to attend and please confirm attendance by emailing [admissions@mh-ma.com](mailto:admissions@mh-ma.com).

**Maur Hill-Mount Academy 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Night!** All current 8<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to attend with free admission to the Raven basketball games on Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Deke Nolan at [admissions@mh-ma.com](mailto:admissions@mh-ma.com) to be added to the pass list.

Professor **Scott Hahn** is coming to **St. Therese Catholic Church in Parkville, MO. on Saturday February 7, 2015** to speak on: "**The Gospel of John and the New Evangelization**". Mass at 8:30am, followed by the Conference until 2:30pm. **Cost:** \$35.00 at the door. To **Register, email [dowdy@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:dowdy@diocesekcsj.org) or phone at 816-714-2326**. This event is sponsored by the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph's office of Evangelization and Catechesis in cooperation with the Catholic Radio Network.

*Retreat offerings from the Abbey Guest Center at Conception Abbey:*  
**Catholic Devotions for Couples for Lent—Friday eve – Sunday noon, February 13 – 15, 2015**

As Lent approaches, a look at Catholic devotions and their role in the faith life of a family. Fr. Albert Bruecken and Karen Ceckowski guide this week and help you see how devotions can both support and nourish the faith of your family. You'll develop a plan for use at home during the coming season of Lent. (Suggested offering for lodging, meals, conferences and reception: \$260 per couple with double accommodations). For reservations contact the Abbey Guest Center: phone 660-944-2809 or email [guests@conception.edu](mailto:guests@conception.edu).

**Praying the Liturgy of the Hours: A How to and why Weekend.**  
**Friday evening - Sunday noon, February 27 to March 1, 2015**

This informative weekend will help you navigate the breviary with its cycles and weeks. Resources and the bigger picture view of how the *Liturgy of the Hours* is set up. Learn why this prayer of the entire church is so important in your day to day life. Conferences and discussions will alternate with quiet times for prayer and relaxation. (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).



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

I have met a lot of people in my life, and many of them have been people who have achieved great things. They are my heroes. They are true champions of all sizes, shapes and shades. They are the supermen and superwomen of my life. As far as I am concerned, they are the guardians of the universe. That I could ever encounter such unique and great people is really amazing to me. They have opened my mind and they have touched my heart. I never set out to hobnob with great people, it just happened. It still happens.

One thing I am certain of, neither did they. They didn't set out to be great, they set out to do their best. Greatness found them. They were open to all of life's promises and possibilities. They followed the rules. They worked hard. They were honest, fair, kind, and obedient. They were humble, and well mannered. They honored relationship. Family was important to them. Ancestry and heritage merited celebration. They respected their beginnings which helped them to orient and direct the lives to the virtues that lead to the ultimate end, eternal life.

They lived lives of dignity; they revered the dignity of others. Each of them were powerful people, but they yielded their lives to a higher power. Each of them were people of authority, but they willingly submitted their lives to a higher authority. When asked about their greatness, they would feel embarrassed and set aside their significance. They were people who knew their place in the world and stayed in their own lane.

Many times I was told, "I am but a drop in the great ocean of water. I don't have the power to make even a ripple, certainly not a wave!" I saw their greatness looking on the outside. They saw the lack of it looking on the inside. To them, the world was always in need of more work, more justice, more kindness, and more honesty. They felt it was up to them to do their part to make life better all around, starting with the lives of others first.

Reading the Gospel for this weekend, I thought of one such man and his wife. His name was Tom Sullivan. In my experience, he and his wife Kay shared much in common, especially achieving great things, even though they never spoke of those things to me, not once. Most people and I learned about their greatness at their funerals. Both were people who were more interested in living life in the present moment than with being concerned over what people would say about them when they were dead. Life was their motivation. They worked for the good life in the here and now while focusing on the great life in the beyond and after. Everyone knew that about them, that they were kind and charitable and people of strong faith, but many did not know how they worked for justice and peace and fought for the rights of others.

Tom was a true maverick and Kay was an advocate and trailblazer, well before their time. Tom served our great nation in the United States Marine Corps. He was an officer in the Chosin Few, a group of military personnel who served at the heroic battle of the Chosin Reservoir in Korea. He went on to study law in Washington, DC. He was a spirited man who loved the letter of the law. He respected law. He devoted his life to justice.

Even though he never spoke of it, one of his greatest triumphs was the successful argument of *Barerra vs. Wheeler* in front of the United States Supreme Court. The case advocated that educationally deprived nonpublic school children be provided comparable services to educationally deprived public school children. Not an easy argument to win.

Just imagine how daunting it would be to argue a case before the Supreme Court. After such a win, surely he would command great respect. Who wouldn't want that? Being successful in front of the Supreme Court had to give him a great sense of power. More importantly, great authority certainly had to come with such respect and power. Not so with Tom. His true, humble character endured. Success was like water off a duck's back. In the grand scheme of life and relationship, it was no big deal. He was immediately on to the next case which deserved his undivided care and attention.

That is what he dedicated his life to. He would not allow himself to become lost to notoriety or to a false sense of power and authority. What I knew and admired about Tom was case after case, victory after victory, he always looked to what was ahead of him and to who went before him. He focused on the people who needed his attention and hard work and he gave thanks to God for giving him the wisdom, grace and guidance he needed to help them in the first place. Success was another opportunity for him to give praise and glory to God.

I came into Tom's life near the end of his earthly life. Still, it was awesome to hang out with such a great man. Even though he suffered a lengthy illness, he had the resolve and fortitude to endure like a true soldier, a soldier for Christ. He was humble and obedient and focused straight through to the end. He showed strength and courage in the face of dying, but it was clear, he looked forward to the next life in the resurrection and would not allow himself to be distracted by the pain of death. It is because he acquiesced to the power and authority of Jesus Christ. He found true peace in the here and now, and he will possess it forever. He found and followed Jesus.

When we truly accept and understand the power and authority Jesus has over our lives, we can rejoice even during life's hardships. Jesus' authority is supreme and everything that is placed under his power and authority will produce good fruit. Even bad situations will be turned into blessings. Tragedies will be changed into triumphs. Sorrow will morph into joy. The many frustrations and challenges we encounter today will lay the groundwork for new growth we will experience tomorrow.

To experience the benefits and profits of Jesus' authority, we have to follow in his example. We have to obey his teachings and walk in his footsteps. This means choosing to trust him even when our tasks are daunting. Follow the rules. Work hard. There are no successful shortcuts. It is the work of life. Eternal life. We have to look forward to what lies ahead and focus on the work at hand. Most important, daily keep the resurrection before you and rejoice!

Here's the good news. The reason why we can rejoice is that the most loving, most powerful, most wise person in the universe is using his supreme authority and power on our behalf. The question before each of us is: will we submit to it? We are heroes and champions in the making, supermen and superwomen in waiting, guardians of the universe in training. Jesus, the supreme authority, claims each of us as his own and he is ready to help us become great.

In Christ,

*Father Steven C. Rogers*