

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.

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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.

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time February 8, 2015

In today's Gospel we hear of a great number of suffering people seeking the healing touch of Jesus. He could not respond to them all. But the Gospel also reveals Jesus, after praying in solitude, sensing an urgency to proclaim the Good News of his Father's redemptive love to those who suffer in the nearby villages and towns. Stewards are called to follow in Jesus' footsteps, to respond to those who suffer with compassion. How are we responding to the suffering in our world? How are we using our gifts to continue the works of Christ's redemptive healing?

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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time — 8 Feb 2015

Readings: p. 68 in *Breaking Bread*

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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

Mon, Feb 9, 8am—HT Private Intention

Wed, Feb 11, 8am-HT Rev. Fintan Mundwiler, rip (pastor 1872-76)

Thu, Feb 12, 6pm-XII Special Intention—L. Morrissey

Fri, Feb 13, 8am-HT John Roebing, Sr., rip

Saturday, February 14

5:00pm--XII Jerminal Urena, rip

Sunday, February 15

7:30am-HT For Parishioners of Holy Trinity

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

10:45am-HT James Michael Roebing, rip

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

All adults are welcome to attend the Sunday morning Bible study/fellowship at 9 AM in the Holy Trinity parish hall. Currently we are studying the book of Matthew. Sunday, February 8, we will be reading chapter 9 (Jesus' miracles), listening to Jeff Cavins DVD talk, and then have a short discussion. This study is open to anyone even if you have missed the previous ones. Each session stands on its own since we study a new chapter from Matthew each week. Please give some consideration to joining the group during the upcoming Lenten season. (**We will NOT meet on Sunday, February 15**, due to Lenten Family Day activities in the hall.) For more information please contact Cathi O'Malley 816-916-0446.

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

Hearts Afire: Stage 2 - Wisdom and Works of Mercy
Monday, 7-8:30PM. Holy Trinity Parish Hall.

RCIA SNOW MAKE-UP DATE: Wednesday, Feb. 11, 7pm.

LENT BEGINS FEBRUARY 18

Palm Recycling: We are 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.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES

Masses, with distribution of ashes, will be held at:

6:30am—Twelve Apostles

6:00pm—Holy Trinity (followed by a simple soup supper)

7:00pm—Twelve Apostles

Stations of the Cross will be held each Friday of Lent at 7pm, alternating between parishes, beginning at XII Apostles on Friday, February 20.

The Holy Family Men's Club will hold a Lenten fish and shrimp dinner on Friday, February 27, 4:30-7:30 p.m. in the parish hall. All-you-can eat meal includes baked/fried fish, shrimp, french fries, baked potato, coleslaw and spaghetti. Tickets may be purchased at the door. \$30 for a family, \$13 per adult and \$6 for children ages 6-12. Children under five are free. Holy Family is located at 919 NE 96th St, KCMO. For more information, call 816-436-9200.

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 for information pertaining to the scholarship programs, how to apply and/or for membership opportunities in the Knights of Columbus.

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

MARDI GRAS PARTY FOR PARISH VOLUNTEERS:

Thanks to all who have RSVPed. We look forward to seeing you for food, fun, and dancing **this Friday, February 13, 7-10pm, at Twelve Apostles** for our **Mardi Gras Appreciation Event for Adult Volunteers.**

Costumes are welcome and encouraged (but not required).

We are so appreciative of the work that ALL our adult volunteers do for both our parishes!



CATHOLIC CHARITIES EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE APPEAL

"To change the world, we must be good to those who cannot repay us."

--Pope Francis



Every day, thousands of families in our diocese struggle to afford food, utilities and rent. They come to Catholic Charities of Kansas City-St.

Joseph in their times of greatest need. Together, with the Lord's help, we work to transform their lives.

Your support helps us serve our neighbors in need. Next weekend, February 14/15, please donate to the second collection for the **Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance Fund.** All donations are used to help local families break the cycle of poverty – permanently.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY – SUNDAY FEBRUARY 8, 2015

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, at **CURE OF ARS PARISH, 9401 MISSION RD, 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 attending.

HOLY TRINITY NEWS

CHOCOPALOOZA!

Celebrate St. Valentine! After both Sunday Masses this 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!



Also: Mark your calendars for our free simple soup supper after the 6PM Mass on Ash Wednesday, February 18, and our Fish Fry on Friday, March 13!

SCOUT SUNDAY: Weston Boy Scouts are attending 10:45 Mass as a group today, and serving as altar servers and ushers. **Welcome!**

SOUPS WANTED: Can you bring a crockpot of meatless soup for our free Soup Supper after the Ash Wednesday 6PM Mass? Anyone willing to help by donating soup or your time cleaning up would be very much appreciated. Please contact Jessie Cook at jessiecook1022@gmail.com or text or call 816-838-9230. Thank you!



Weston Community Prayer Breakfast Saturday, February 14, at 8am, at First Baptist Church. All are welcome. There is no charge but a free-will offering will be taken up for the charitable works of the Weston Ministerial Alliance.

KATIE'S CORNER--YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS



Youth Group Grades 7-12: TODAY, February 8, 6:30-8pm - Join us at XII Apostles for **The Bible is Right**. Just like the Price is Right - with fabulous prizes in our Showcase Showdown! You don't want to miss your chance to win a new car, a trip to Hollywood, or a new game room!

Bring a friend, and double your chances to "come on down!"



Float trip - you should have received an email to mark your preference for float trip dates. If you did not receive it, please check your spam folder and then contact Katie. We want to make sure we get a date that will work for the most people!

The **survey will close on Feb.15** so we can reserve our date!

Next week, February 15, 6:30-8 at XII Apostles - **Dove, fire, or wind? Who is the Holy Spirit?** Come find out who the Holy Spirit is while having fun at the same time!

CONFIRMATION: Congratulations to our youth who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this past Thursday: 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!



Don't forget the session today, February 8, 4:30-6:30pm, at XII Apostles. You will receive your certificate, a gift from the parish, and have time to celebrate with the rest of your class! We'll even have milkshakes and Nutella fudge!

TWELVE APOSTLES NEWS

PARISH COUNCIL MEETS this Monday, February 9, at 7pm, in the church lower level.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR) NEWS:

- 1) **Parish Rosary led by the 5th grade today, February 8.** Please join us at 10:20am
- 2) **Next Week: Lent Family Day grades preK-4.** Parents, please come with your child for activities to help your family enter into Lent.
- 3) **PSR Parents: Are you getting our monthly email?** Some have reported our monthly email as going to their spam folder. Please check your spam folder — an email WILL be going out THIS Wednesday; please let Katie know if you don't receive it: drexii@kc.rr.com 816-640-2206 x304.

Sign up for Retrouvaille – Do you feel alone in your marriage? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels, including disillusionment and 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 or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call [800-470-2230](tel:800-470-2230).

Maur Hill - Mount Academy in Atchison is administering their entrance exam for area 8th 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.

Maur Hill-Mount Academy 8th Grade Night! All current 8th graders are invited to attend with free admission to the Raven basketball games on Friday, February 13th. Please contact Deke Nolan


ANNUAL MASS FOR THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

This Mass will be held on Saturday, March 7 at 10:00 a.m. at Curè of Ars Parish, 9401 Mission Road, Leawood, KS 66206. This Mass is held every year jointly between the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas and the Diocese of Kansas City- St. Joseph in Missouri, and is sponsored by the Order of the Knights and Dames of Malta.

MONASTIC EXPERIENCE WEEKEND, MARCH 20-22, 2015

During the Year of Consecrated Life, experience Benedictine monastic life at Conception Abbey from March 20-22. Men between the ages of 18-35, who are considering a vocation to religious life, are invited for a discernment retreat. This weekend will be an excellent opportunity to draw closer to God through prayer, silence, community life, and reading the Scriptures. You will meet and spend time with the monastic community and grow in knowledge and understanding of monastic life and our practices. There is no cost or obligation for the weekend. For more information, please contact Fr. Paul Sheller, Vocation Director at Conception Abbey at 660.944.2857 / e-mail: monks@conception.edu / or visit www.conceptionabbey.org

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE ~ A Weekend Away for a Lifetime of Change.

 Serving the Widowed, Separated and Divorced; who are suffering the loss of a love relationship and may feel left out by their church, uneasy around married friends, unsure of themselves and uncertain about their futures. Helps grieving persons focus on their experience, deal with the natural grief process and offers an opportunity to turn the pain of loss into an experience of positive growth. The next Beginning Experience Weekend is **MARCH 27-29 at Precious Blood Center, Liberty, MO.** For more information visit: www.beginningexperience.org, email: register.bekc@gmail.com or contact Lynne 816 457-0391, or Jerry 785-843-2079.



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

There are occasions in life that force one to give pause. This week I got caught in the snow storm and stumbled upon a gaggle of geese. It was a gaggle of thousands. At first, I thought it was a massive snow cloud of gigantic snowflakes. It was an amazing event. Awesome and beautiful and fantastic. It looked like a massive accumulation of huge snowflakes that swirled and whirled around, straight up and across the sky, enchanting and dreamlike. The colossal cluster of snowflakes flew low to the ground and unannounced soared high in the sky, in unison, and yet, unpredictable and astonishing.

Its unrehearsed evasive maneuvers were impressive to say the least. Fast and slow, it curved and fluttered in the air, like a sky writer in the land of Oz. It was captivating and confusing. Why was it doing that? Could it be saying something? Was it a message or a warning? "Beware, Dorothy!" The imaginary letters quickly dissolved into magical vortexes that fanned in and out, made sharp turns and darted over and about the snow-covered corn field below. Giving pause, I made sense of it all.

It wasn't gargantuan snowflakes. As I got closer, I realized it was a large flock of geese, beautiful, graceful geese. These geese however, were not of the Canadian connection. Canadian geese are nothing special, even though they are a protected species. Canadian geese are gluttonous and slothful and clumsy. They are indifferent and uneventful. They loiter in parks and parking lots, where they don't belong. They are selfish and tend to separate themselves from the flock. They dawdle in public spaces and "fowl" up private pathways. Frankly, they are annoying. Canadian geese are a contradiction; they are common and haughty. They would be forgettable if they weren't so irritating. They never form a vortex when they fly, like intelligent and gifted birds, they only fly in a V. That's because they are too lazy to form a vortex.

However, this gaggle turned out to be Snow geese, special geese, beautiful and gifted. Their numbers were great and their flying formations brought grandeur to the sky on that very cold day. Snow geese are harbingers of the changing seasons. National Geographic says they fly south for the winter in huge, honking flocks that may look like a large "snowstorm" of white birds. Amazing and beautiful. It was as if they had taken a break from their southern journey just to play and rejoice, unexpected entertainment for we humans on a dreary day.

Snow geese migrate south all the way from the Arctic Tundra. It has to be a long voyage from there, daunting and fatiguing. I imagined all the younger geese honking out loud the entire trip, from the back of the gaggle, "Aren't we there yet?" Maybe that's why they made a roadside stop and had some fun in the snow that day.

I noticed something "huge" about this gaggle. Each affiliate of the flock had a special place and an important purpose. Each member made a contribution to the good of the gaggle, no matter their number in the vortex or position in the formation. The flock could not fly with amazing precision, speed, spontaneity and beauty, without each member embracing its place and willingly contributing their gifts, while embracing the gifts of the others. That is an amazing example of sharing. What a wonderful example of faith, alive and active and dynamic.

Imagine all the collisions and crashes that would occur if any member decided not to contribute his gifts, or the harm they would cause if they felt they were inadequate and simply relied on the gifts of all the other geese. It would be treacherous and life-threatening if any of them pushed or pulled the flock to accommodate their wants and fly the flock in a different direction. It would cause a big hot mess, worse than a gaggle of Canadian geese in a church parking lot during Confirmation (honk, honk). That's no joke! There is a small pond next to St. Gabriel's Catholic Church that is home to a large clan of those common and haughty fowl. Let's just say, the upper parking lot was very slick, but not from snow or ice.

But enough about geese. This story is about gifts and using our gifts. Specifically using our gifts, talents, wisdom, knowledge, compassion, fortitude, and fear of the Lord, etc., generously for the benefit of the faith of others. It is about using all of our gifts for the good of the group. It is about using all our gifts for the common good. It is about using all our gifts to bring glory and praise to God. Faith is about our gifts and using our gifts for the benefit of others. Such a faith is alive and dynamic and fruitful. The immediate reward is a joyful awareness of being in partnership with Jesus Christ. The ultimate reward is eternal life together in our home in heaven. All gifts and talents and financial earnings are blessing from God that are meant to be shared. This is how we feel alive in our faith.

That is exactly what we celebrated this past Thursday night during the Sacrament of Confirmation for our young women and men. Nothing stood in the way of our celebration. Experiencing young people, gifted and well-prepared, stepping forward, in unison, as a flock in faith, forces one to give pause. It was amazing and beautiful and fantastic. Their numbers were great and their formation brought grandeur to that very cold evening.

Yes, it has been a long journey from the Sacrament of Baptism through to the Sacrament of Confirmation, daunting and fatiguing. On this night, everything was set aside and we rejoiced in the many gifts of our young men and women. They are the harbingers of the changing of the seasons in the Church. Amazing and beautiful.

I noticed something "huge" about this group of young people. While each of them has a special place and an important purpose, they embrace the gifts of others. Their faith is alive and dynamic. They know how to pray and play together and how to use their gifts for the good of others. They are impressive to say the least. We learn much from our youth when we give pause. The future of the Church is headed in the right direction. Even though the journey has just begun, it feels good to be flying together. And, there's no place like home.



In Christ,

Father Steven C. Rogers