

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
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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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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.

First Sunday of Lent February 22, 2015

In today's Gospel, Jesus urges his listeners to do two things: to believe in the Good News and to repent. The steward is called to repent: to acquire an openness to begin anew, to change existing attitudes and habits, and to act with faith in the Gospel. In this season of Lent, now is the time to ask ourselves whether or not we truly believe in the Gospel; and if we do, to what extent are we willing to change our prevailing habits and be more faithful to the Gospel?

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First Sunday of Lent — 22 Feb 2015

Readings: p. 75 in *Breaking Bread*

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 21

5:00pm--XII Special Intention—L. Morrissey

Sunday, February 22

7:30am-HT Agnes Tracy and Lillian Piasecki, rip

9:00am--XII Parishioners of XII Apostles & Holy Trinity

10:45am-HT Jim Hoffman, rip

Mon, Feb 23, 8am—HT Private Intention

Wed, Feb 25, 8am—HT Bernadette Youngblood, rip

Thu, Feb 26, 6pm-XII Private Intention

Fri, Feb 27, 8am-HT Private Intention

Saturday, February 28

5:00pm--XII Special Intention—L. Morrissey

Sunday, March 1

7:30am-HT Parishioners of Holy Trinity

9:00am--XII Parishioners of XII Apostles

10:45am-HT James Purnell, rip

RCIA meets this Wednesday, Feb. 25, 7pm, at Holy Trinity.

TWO LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES FOR GUIDED PRAYER

BASICS OF PRAYER & EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Featuring Father Mirco Sosio of the
Apostles of the Interior Life

Have you ever wondered what to do during Adoration — how to act, what actions mean, how to pray? Father Mirco will teach as he leads us. We'll learn as we pray!

THURSDAY — 6:45 - 7:45 p.m.

Twelve Apostles, March 5

Holy Trinity, March 12

FIVE-FINGER PRAYER & THE ROSARY

Chris Patterson will teach and lead us in a simple method of prayer shared by Pope Francis, combined with the Rosary we know and love. Simple enough for a child, or a Pope!

THURSDAY — 6:45 - 7:45 p.m.

Twelve Apostles, March 12

Holy Trinity, March 19

Stations of the Cross are held each Friday of Lent at 7pm, alternating between parishes -this Friday, February 27, at Holy Trinity, led by the Holy Trinity Women's Guild.



DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS BEGIN THIS WEEKEND

*Holy Trinity following Masses

*XII Apostles 20 minutes prior to Masses

Please join in praying/singing *The Chaplet of Divine Mercy*. Pick up a *Chaplet* prayer sheet and pamphlet as you enter the narthex at Twelve Apostles or from the bulletin table in the center aisle at Holy Trinity. His boundless mercies are explained in the pamphlet.

Take one to keep.



DAILY MEDITATION BOOKS FOR LENT

Two daily meditation books for Lent, *Let Jesus Lead the Way* and *Lent for Families*, are available on the table with the bulletins. Help yourself.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Bible Study at Holy Trinity resumes today, Feb. 22 at 9am. We will study/discuss Chapter 10 in the book of Matthew. We look forward to seeing you!

Hearts Afire: Wisdom & Works of Mercy: Monday, 7-8:30PM, Holy Trinity.

Endow-Mother of the Redeemer meets Tuesday, February 24, 1 PM.

Endow-Letter to Women meets Tuesday, February 24, at 5:30 PM.

Endow-On the Christian Meaning of Suffering — Wed., Feb. 25, 7-9pm.

Women of Faith book group will meet Wednesday, Feb. 25, after the 8:00 Mass (8:30 am) in Holy Trinity's parish hall. We will begin reading and discussing *The Prayer of the Presence of God* by Dom Augustin Guillaerand. Books available at meeting. Questions? Contact maryannsadler@gmail.com.

New BHI Class begins Wednesday: "Social Doctrine" will meet at XII Apostles on **February 25, March 4, 11, 18, and 25, from 6:30-9pm.**

This course explores the theological foundations of the human person and the resulting fundamental rights, social principles, and values which flow from our created nature. You will survey the development of social doctrine in Papal documents from Pope Leo XIII to present day, then explore the application of these rights and principles to various spheres of human life; family, work, economic life, political & international community, safeguarding the environment, and promoting peace. Finally, you will understand the unique mission of the lay faithful in fulfilling the call to live gospel values in the midst of the world. **Register for this class at mybhi.org or call 816-714-2331. 5-week course is \$25 or \$40 (married couple).**

Understand Jesus as Priest, Prophet, and King

Featuring Father Robert Barron's video series in 3 sessions

The better we understand Jesus, the better we understand ourselves. But who was Jesus, this itinerant preacher whom many called the Messiah? In Priest, Prophet, King, you'll discover Jesus as the Anointed One—the ultimate priest, prophet, and king foreshadowed throughout the Hebrew Scriptures. Using biblical insights and engaging stories, Father Barron affirms that we see Jesus most clearly through the lens of the Old Testament.

SUNDAY — 10:15 - 11:45 a.m. Twelve Apostles, March 1, 15, and 22.

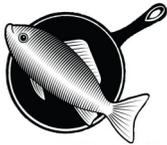
For Men Only - Consoling the Heart of Jesus - begins soon on Sundays after 9:00 Mass at XII Apostles. Don't miss out on this unique, comfortable opportunity to grow closer to Jesus with other men. For questions or more information, contact Jared Welch at 816-935-9024, Chris Barmann at [816-589-9148](tel:816-589-9148), or Scott Webb at [816-506-6121](tel:816-506-6121).

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS for all

Pancake Breakfast this Sunday, 22 February 2015 from 1000 to 1130 at the Northland Career Center, 1801 Branch St, Platte City. Donations collected go to Knights of Columbus Council 12288 charitable giving projects.

Knights of Columbus Order-wide Recruitment Drive in March – Council 12288 will be making a concerted effort to increase membership and have 1st Degree members participate in the 2nd and 3rd Degree ceremonials in March, in anticipation of the creation of a new Knights of Columbus Council for XII Apostles Parish before the fraternal year that begins 1 July 2015. The goal of our Order's founder, the Venerable Fr. Michael J McGivney, was to have a Knights of Columbus Council for every parish. 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 on **Monday 9 March** at St. Therese in Parkville will carpool from the Commuter parking lot north of Price Chopper in Platte City at 6:10PM; 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. Complete your **2nd and 3rd Degree (Knighthood)** on **Sunday, March 22, 2015**, at the *Church of the Good Shepherd*, 18601 N 169 HWY, Smithville, MO 64089. **4th Degree** Exemplification 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.

HOLY TRINITY NEWS



FISH FRY! MARCH 13, 5-7PM at Holy Trinity. Sponsored by the Women's Guild. Fish and potatoes, or mac 'n cheese plate, both with green beans, cole slaw, roll, dessert and drink. \$8-adults; \$4 children—tickets available after Mass at Holy Trinity starting this weekend or at the door.

Rosary next Sunday: Our monthly rosary for the safety of the unborn is next Sunday, March 1, at 10:05 am, in the church.

EASTER VIGIL CHOIR: Anyone interested in participating in the choir for the Easter Vigil is welcome! You will need to attend three practices, at 7pm on Wednesdays, March 18, March 25, and April 1, as there are several Psalms and other music to learn. The Easter Vigil will be Saturday, April 4, at 8pm, at Holy Trinity. Questions? Contact Barb Bopp at 640-2453.

FOOD TO SHARE NEXT WEEKEND—Drop off your non-perishable items in the vestibules of our churches. Thank you.

ON OUR WEBSITES—A DAILY LENTEN REFLECTION by Fr. Robert Barron
There's a new reflection every day. Check it out.
<http://holytrinitycatholic.org/> or <http://www.twelveapostlescatholic.org/>

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN training: We will offer a daytime Protecting God's Children training on Wednesday, March 18, from 8:30-11:30am at Holy Trinity. This presentation is a diocesan requirement for volunteers who work with children in any way and is also open to anyone interested. If you are considering volunteering with our children/youth and would like to sign up, please contact the parish office: 816-640-2206 or secyht-xii@kc.rr.com.

Holy Family Church is holding a mini-retreat Sunday, March 1, from 12:15-2:30 p.m. The topic is **Mercy, Forgiveness, Healing and Hope: The Francis Effect**. Please bring a potluck item & RSVP: mike@hollyfamily.com. Holy Family is located at 919 NE 96th Street, Kansas City, Mo., 64118. For more information, call 816-436-9200.

"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 will provide you with your private room/cabin for three nights, your meals, and daily spiritual direction. For more information visit www.ignatiancenterkc.org or contact sfriedrix@att.net.

KATIE'S CORNER--YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS



HT/XII
Grades 7-12

This Sunday: February 22: We'll learn about the Holy Spirit, and get updated on Stella (the girl we sponsor through Unbound) **6:30-8pm at Holy Trinity.**

Next Week: **I'm Full** - How does a bottle of water connect to your faith life? Come see as we put bottles of water to the test - watch out, you might get wet! 6:30-8pm at Holy Trinity

Save the dates:

- The Confirmation group & Youth group will lead Stations of the Cross on March 13 - 6:00-7:30pm. The night will include a free dinner at the Women's Guild Fish Fry.
- Annual Float Trip - June 29-July 1
- National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) - November 19-21

TWELVE APOSTLES NEWS



PANCAKE BREAKFAST THIS SUNDAY:

The Knights of Columbus will serve a pancake and sausage breakfast this Sunday, February 22, from 10:00-11:30am at the Northland Career Center cafeteria. Open to all. Free will offering.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR) NEWS:

Next week, March 1: Parents as Catechists meeting 10:20-11:30am in the cafeteria at the Northland Career Center.

LENTEN ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

THIS Sunday, February 22, 2015

(and every Sunday of Lent)

Lord, help me to find my quiet center where you desire to meet me each day of Lent.

Adult Adoration 5:00 – 6:00 pm



DCCW (Diocesan Council of Catholic Women) has requested our support for their **Lenten Shoebox Shower** for women and children in women's shelters. DCCW has requested re-closable, clear plastic bags containing necessary items/products needed when women and children are forced to leave home in a hurry, e.g. shampoo, toothbrush and toothpaste, comb, socks, deodorant, etc. Ziploc bags containing a suggested list of items will be located in the narthex. Please stop by and pick up a bag (or more) to fill for this cause and return by March 6. Thank you for your interest and support.

CHURCH CLEANING THIS THURSDAY Feb. 26, at 9am by Members of Team One: Berniece Laughlin, Loretta Ralston, Donna Webb, Julie Perez, Nikie Glasbrenner, and Mary Ann Sadler.

PHOTOS AVAILABLE: If you opted to have your Lifetouch photo sent to the parish office, it is available on the table in the narthex. Please initial by your name so we know who has picked them up.

Important Information for women in Clay & Platte Counties

Keeler Women's Center is partnering with the Center for Women's Care at St. Luke's North to offer a free mammogram screening event on Wednesday, March 11. Our target audience includes women from Clay and Platte counties who meet these criteria: 35 years of age or older; uninsured; not currently experiencing any breast tenderness, pain, lumps, or discharge; not recent history of breast cancer; not currently being followed from a previous abnormal mammogram. If you or anyone you know meets these criteria for a free mammogram, please call the Center for Women's Care, St. Luke's North, at 816.891.2273. Be sure to indicate that you are calling to make an appointment for the Keeler Women's Center's event on March 11. Call soon. **Keeler Women's Center, a ministry of the Benedictine Sisters is located at 2220 Central Ave., KCK. All programs are free. Donations are welcome. Call 913.906.8990 or register on-line at www.keelerwomenscenter.org**



Married Couples.

It has been said that the greatest gift you can give your children is two parents very much in love with each other. Polish up this gift and put a bow on it at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. You deserve the best and your children need to see you reaching for it.

The next Weekend in the Kansas City area is June 26-28, 2015.

For more information about a Weekend, please visit our website:

wwwme4youandme.org

or call Tony & Barb Zimmerman, 816-741-4066
or email tonybarbz@prodigy.net

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

I have another sister besides the one who is challenged in the culinary arts. Her name is Lou. She is the kindest and most compassionate person I know. By trade she is called a Respiratory Therapist, but she is best known for the truly unconditional care and attention she gives to others, no matter who they are, or from where they come. She doesn't know the meaning of indifference, or rejection, even though she has been rejected and ignored.

Lou has been crippled since before she was two years old. One of her legs is three inches shorter than the other one. She has undergone numerous surgeries to alter this difficulty, but she still has to wear a brace on her left leg, and a lift in her shoe; she has for her whole life. Now, she suffers from Post Polio Syndrome, but it has never stopped her. She has experienced indifference and rejection; however, these words and behaviors are not in her vocabulary. Even though no one wanted her on their sports teams, and cheer squads rejected her before she could shout, "Go Team," she has never allowed any of this to be an obstacle to her. She is an inspiration to others, but she doesn't think so. To her, she is only human, and "aren't we all!"

Upon graduating, she found her stride in helping others as a Respiratory Therapist. "Everyone has to breathe," she jokes, "or you'll die! And no one wants to die!" Lou is quick to assist anyone. She is well trained for emergencies, and she is a blessing to the regular patients who are on a familiar medical routine. I think they come just so they can see her. She goes where others will not. She cares for friends and foes alike.

Several years ago, a mysterious and highly feared disease was showing up in hospitals everywhere. It frightened many people in every healthcare field. They are only human. Up against contagions and plagues of every kind, my sister has never lost her courage or focus. For her, people need help whether they are sick or not.

This illness was menacing all around. It threatened mainstream protocols and procedures, and yet my sister was right there on the medical edge ready to support and care for the afflicted and unfortunate. It was second nature for her. It was her gift. She didn't lollygag around and ponder incessantly over the issues; she just did what she knew to do. She helped people breathe. She brought a sense of calm to people who were ailing, afflicted and afraid.

One night, a brittle young man came to the hospital in a bad way, his condition was beyond critical. It hadn't been confirmed, but he was suspected of carrying this dreaded disease and people scattered at the thought of being exposed. He was frail and weak and was unable to speak. He couldn't tell people his name or where he was from or why he had come to the hospital. Worse, he had no identification, and there was no one present who could identify him. The sad fact, he was alone. He had been abandoned in the parking lot a few hours before, until the night attendant noticed him slumped over on a bench outside the main entrance.

The staff quickly separated him to an isolated area, a secluded stall off the emergency room. Access was shut off to everyone except the bold and daring few. Lou wasn't working that night; she was home helping her son carve his pinewood derby car. She was thrilled and excited, but as for him, not so much. He wanted something he could put "juice" to so it would go real fast, not a block of wood.

The night attendant on duty was fresh and inexperienced, having only started a couple weeks before. Overwhelmed and afraid, he hit the panic button once he was directed to help this very sick and possibly contagious stranger who was dying. He freaked out and quit on the spot. He didn't want to risk being exposed to a deadly virus or infection.

The emergency room called Lou. She immediately gave up what she wanted to do with her family; she rushed to help this poor soul. From the get-go, it was clear that he would not survive the night. As his eyes rolled about his head in terror, she diligently and carefully performed her duties. His eyes darted about the room, but not once did he look at her, in fact, he had not looked at anyone that whole night. Was he too far gone? What was so wrong that he couldn't make eye contact? Was he afraid of them? Ashamed? While in the throes of the emergency, she noticed his chart was blank. There was no information on him; there was no one to give it.

She realized he was alone and then it struck her. The stranger in her midst, frantically gasping for air, was hurting from far more than this mysterious disease. He had suffered greatly from the pain of rejection. Yes, he was afraid, what human being wouldn't have been! He couldn't face being rejected again, especially not while he was dying.

Lou took his hands into hers and looked deep into his eyes. Holding one of his hands tight, she rubbed and patted the other. He was not alone. She would not leave him alone. His breathing relaxed and his eyes stopped darting about the ceiling. She held his hands, but touched his heart. His eyes turned from the ceiling, he looked square into hers, and from the tears in his eyes and the peace on his face, she could tell he had been embraced by an angel. Her eyes filled with tears. His were tears of rejoicing; hers were tears for a real human being.

Rejected and abandoned no longer, on the night he would pass from this earth, his life took on meaning and his suffering was no longer an obstacle. He found true acceptance and peace. This took place in the early 80's before scientists and doctors knew what this shocking and terrifying disease was. Later on, this disease became known as AIDS.

The Christian mystic John Chrysostom wrote: "No act of virtue can be great if it is not followed by advantage for others." So, no matter how much time you spend fasting, no matter how much you sleep on a hard floor and eat ashes and sigh continually, if you do no good to others, you do nothing great."

Pope Francis says if we are going to fast from anything this Lent, he suggests that more than chocolate or alcohol, we fast from indifference towards others. He says, "Indifference to our neighbor and to God represents a real temptation for each of us. Each year during Lent we need to hear once more the voice of the prophets who cry out and trouble our conscience."

The Holy Father goes on to say, "Whenever our interior life becomes caught up in its own interests and concerns, there is no longer room for others, no place for the poor. God's voice is no longer heard, the quiet joy of his love is no longer felt, and the desire to do good fades. We end up being incapable of feeling compassion, as though all this were someone else's responsibility and not our own."

My sister Lou has taught me, when we fast from indifference, we can begin to feast on love. Lent is the perfect time to learn how to love again and to find new ways to love. Jesus shows us the way. In his life and in his love, no one is excluded.



In Christ,

Father Steven C. Rogers