

Welcome to

Holy Trinity Parish

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Weston, MO 64098
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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.

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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.

Fifth Sunday of Lent March 22, 2015

The climactic event of Jesus' passion and death is drawing closer; a time when the great confrontation between Jesus and the powers of darkness take place. Jesus invites his disciples into a great mystery with curious pronouncements: Those who love their lives just as they are will lose them. If a grain of wheat dies, it will bear much fruit. When Jesus is lifted up, he will draw all to himself.

The Christian steward knows life can't be lived in complacency. We are called to die to self, bear more fruit, be raised up with Jesus. In today's Gospel reading Jesus brings discomfort to those who are comfortable.

Jesus urges us to step out of our "comfort zone." How will we respond to Jesus?

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Fifth Sunday of Lent — 22 March 2015

Readings: p. 85 in *Breaking Bread*

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 21

5:00pm--XII Parishioners of XII Apostles

Sunday, March 22

7:30am-HT Parishioners of Holy Trinity

9:00am--XII Clyde & Sharon Huse family

10:45am-HT Randall Stanton, rip

Mon, March 23, 8am--HT Jim Hoffman, rip

Wed, March 25, 8am--HT Patricia Redmond, rip

NO MASS THIS THURSDAY (due to Chrism Mass)

Fri, March 27, 8am-HT Fr. James Pecoraro, rip—ann.

Saturday, March 28

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

Sunday, March 29

7:30am-HT Parishioners of Holy Trinity

9:00am--XII Parishioners of XII Apostles

10:45am-HT Fr. Francis Schuele, rip



EASTER FLOWERS

To donate an Easter Flower in memory of a loved one, please put their name and yours in an envelope with a suggested donation of \$15 and place in the collection basket or bring to the office **by Monday, March 30. Thank you.**



Easter Egg Hunt at XII Apostles Catholic Church

Next week—Palm Sunday, March 29

**Hunt starts at 2:00pm
for children ages 0-10 years**
from Twelve Apostles & Holy Trinity
Rain or Shine

Sponsored by XII Apostles' Women's Group
Fun, Fellowship & Refreshments for all ages
Please bring your own Easter basket/bag for gathering eggs.

Stations of the Cross this Friday, March 27, at 7pm, at Holy Trinity, led by Holy Trinity PSR students.

There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after the Holy Thursday Liturgy until midnight on April 2 — sign-up now in the vestibules to ensure we have each hour covered.



DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS CONTINUE

*Holy Trinity following Masses

*XII Apostles 20 minutes prior to Masses

Join with us in prayer/song of *The Chaplet of Divine Mercy* at Mass today and particularly each day at 3:00 p.m.

Through revelations to St. Faustina, Our Savior asks us to turn our thoughts to His Passion each day at the 3 o'clock hour in whatever way our duties in life allow. He begs us to ask for His mercy. *'In this hour, I will refuse nothing to the soul who makes a request of Me in virtue of My passion.'* (Diary, 1320)

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY April 12 - Mark your calendars for an Afternoon Retreat at Holy Trinity, 1:00 PM.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Sunday Morning Bible Study and Coffee: Wanting to do something special for Lent? Why not learn more about God's Word and how He is speaking to you through it? Join us this Sunday at 9:00 AM in the Holy Trinity parish hall as Jeff Cavins teaches us about the book of Matthew, followed by a short discussion. All adults are welcome! No preparation is necessary.

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

Looking for a simple way to grow in your faith? Pick up a CD or book at the Lighthouse stand and enjoy it in the comfort of your own home. This week's feature:

Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist



Dr. Brant Pitre uses the Hebrew Scriptures and Jewish tradition to frame the actions of Jesus at the Last Supper, and to provide a fresh look at the heart of Catholic practice — the Eucharist. By taking us back to the Jewish roots of our faith, Dr. Pitre gives us a powerful lens through which to see anew the bread of the presence, the manna, the Last Supper, and ultimately the meaning of the Eucharist.

Women of Faith book group meets every Wednesday, after the 8:00 Mass (8:30 am) in Holy Trinity's parish hall. Books available at meeting. Come and go as you are able.

For men only - Consoling the Heart of Jesus meets March 22, 10:15 - 11:30am at 12700 N Overbrook Dr., Platte City.

ENDOW (Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women)

-**Discover Your Dignity** meets Tues., March 24, 9:30-11:15am, at Katie Barmann's - 17605 N Braeburn Ct., Platte City,

-**On the Christian Meaning of Suffering** - meets Wednesday, March 25th, 7:00 - 9:00, at Shirley Goode's - 16365 NW 130th Ter., Platte City

For more information about Endow, please contact Donna Webb at dwebbjoy@gmail.com or 816-858-7224.

A new Endow class will begin on Thursday, April 9, 1:00 - 2:30pm at 12700 N Overbrook Dr., Platte City.

Edith Stein: Seeker of Truth is the story of a 20th century saint, a German-Jewish philosopher who converted to Catholicism, became a Carmelite nun, and was eventually martyred in Auschwitz. John Paul II said in his homily at her canonization "...and she finally discovered truth has a name, it is Jesus Christ." 8 sessions. \$25. **No homework.** You do not need to have taken any prior Endow classes before taking this one. Register at Endowgroups.org

New BHI course begins April 15

Leadership and Evangelization: This course is designed to familiarize students with the basics of evangelization. Students will be exposed to basic leadership, group dynamic skills, and how to actively listen to others. We will focus specifically on what is meant by the New Evangelization and how that might be carried out today. Held at **Holy Trinity Parish Hall**, April 15, 22, and 29, 6:30-9:00pm. This 3-week course costs \$25 or \$40 (married couple). Register at mybhi.org or at the first night of class.

CHRISM MASS this Thursday evening at 7pm at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 12th & Broadway, KCMO. At this Mass, all the holy oils used for the next year will be blessed. All are invited to attend. (There will be no 6pm Mass at XII Apostles this Thursday.)

HOLY TRINITY NEWS



HOLY TRINITY WOMEN'S GUILD will host an **Easter Vigil reception** after the Vigil service on Saturday, April 4. Everyone is invited!! If you can help by bringing food, please sign up at: <http://tinyurl.com/HTEasterVigil> or on the sign-up sheet in back of church. Thanks!

CHURCH CLEANING next Saturday, March 28, at 9am. Members of Team Three (Phil Frost, leader) are in charge, but would appreciate anyone/everyone's help in a deep cleaning before Easter. Questions? Contact Phil: 816-853-4970.

THANK YOU to everyone who donated food and volunteered at the Fish Fry. We had a great turnout and couldn't have done it without you! *Elaine Wright and Patty Roebing, chairs*

CAN YOU ORGANIZE OUR ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL? At our recent Parish Council meeting, our annual Ice Cream Social was confirmed for the first Sunday of August--August 2, 2015. This year's proceeds will go towards the necessary replacement of the air conditioning in church. We are in need of someone/s to volunteer as chairperson/s. It is never too early to get started, but planning must be underway by May. Detailed records from past years are on file to assist organizers. Contact the parish office to take a look!

PSR PASSION PLAY next Sunday — at 9:30am in the church — all are welcome to attend.

Thank you from Jill Loveless: *"I have decided to step down from coordinating Vacation Bible School. Thank you to everyone for the support I've received over the past four years. I have truly enjoyed and appreciated this time with all the families, blessings I will always cherish."*
Watch for more info on VBS in upcoming bulletins!

Final Lenten Penance Services in the area:

Sunday, March 22, 7pm St. Therese Church, 7207 NW Hwy 9, Parkville
Tuesday, March 24, 7pm Annunciation, 701 N Jefferson, Kearney
Every Wednesday of Lent, 6-7pm, St. Joseph, 306 N. Broadway, Leavenworth
There are also Confessions every Saturday afternoon: 3:15-3:45 at Holy Trinity and 4:15-4:45 at Twelve Apostles (except Holy Saturday), or you may make an appointment for the sacrament.

HAM & BRISKET DINNER, Saturday, March 28, 4-7pm, at Dearborn United Methodist Church. Free will donation.

KATIE'S CORNER--YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS



HT/XII
Grades 7-12:

March 22: Forever and ever and ever... Come learn some practical tips on how to live the Catholic life in the real world. **6:30-8pm this Sunday at XII Apostles**

March 29: The Investigator - Join us for a movie night!

A veteran police detective becomes a criminal justice teacher and baseball coach at a local high school, leading him to the most important investigation of his life - an investigation into the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Inspired by true events. **Sunday, March 29, 6-8pm at Holy Trinity.** Bring pillows and blankets to make your seat comfortable. We'll provide the popcorn!

Save the dates:

—Grades 6-12 - Annual Float Trip - June 29-July 1
—Grades 8-11 - National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) - Nov 19-21

TWELVE APOSTLES NEWS

LENTEN ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT **THIS Sunday, March 22, 2015**



In my Lenten hours, Lord help me be reminded of how precious I am in your eyes by your dying on the cross so that I might have eternal life. Let my heart be opened as I come before you in quiet prayer and songs of praise led by Chris.

Touch my heart and let me rest in you.

Adoration 5:00 – 6:00 pm

CHURCH CLEANING next Saturday at 9am by members of Team Three: Katie Barmann, Shannon Demory, Meredith Domann, Joan Remmers, Tammy Glick, and Mary Richter.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS for all

Congratulations to our newest members of Knights of Columbus Council 12288: Luke Groom, Bradley Wright and Aidian Vece who attended 1st Degree ceremonies on Sunday 15 March at Church of the Good Shepherd in Smithville. Knights Steve Steiger, Tom Vece and Jim Rooney observed the ceremonial along with other Knights from Edgerton, Plattsburg, and Smithville.

Thanks to all the Knights that worked another successful extended hours **PANCAKE BREAKFAST** at Holy Trinity Parish Hall following all Masses on Sunday March 15th and to all the parishioners giving their goodwill offerings. Proceeds from the free-will offering donated to the Knights of Columbus goes to the charitable giving/programs of the Council.

If interested in helping those in need, serving your parish, growing in faith or having exclusive access to top-rated insurance protection for your family, then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you. Holy Trinity-XII Apostles Council 12288 continues the **MEMBERSHIP DRIVE** after each Mass at XII Apostles Parish 21 & 22 March. **Please consider joining us.** Following the Masses, there will be members of our local Knights of Columbus Council at the church exits. Please take the time to speak with them, learn more about our wonderful organization and become a member. For more information, contact Steve Steiger, Past Grand Knight and Current Membership Director of Holy Trinity-Twelve Apostles Knights of Columbus Council No. 12288, at (816) 431-6506 (Day and Night) or at scsteiger@yahoo.com.

Calling all Knights to participate in the **Spring Grounds Cleanup at Holy Trinity** at 9 a.m. on Saturday, 28 March. The more the merrier and the quicker we will be done.

Consoling Hearts Ministry is a joint parish effort to minister to the residents of Platte County's Hillcrest Transitional Housing. Thank you to all who have participated over the last year. We are now deciding how best to expand our gifts of time and treasure to Hillcrest and are seeking input from all interested parishioners. Please let us know if you have ideas and are interested in helping with both long-term and short-term projects. Needs include decorating and minor maintenance on our sponsored apartment; mentoring; occasional rides to/from work and appointments; establishing relationships with the residents to include phone calls, letters and possible playdates for children; budget counseling, and, always, prayer. Please contact Donna Webb ([402-613-3829](tel:402-613-3829) or dwebbjoy@gmail.com), Katie Barmann ([608-347-4757](tel:608-347-4757) or katiebarmann@gmail.com) or Pam Wittmeyer ([816-804-0855](tel:816-804-0855) or pamwittmeyer@gmail.com) for more information.

HEALING MASS: Saturday, April 11, 2015, 1:00 p.m. St. Peter Church--Legacy Center (handicapped accessible), 815 E. Meyer Blvd, Kansas City, MO 64131. Fr. Terry Bruce, Celebrant. Anointing of the Sick, Personal Prayer Ministry available. Fellowship & Refreshments following Mass. Questions: Stan Sikorski 913-484-9897, Carol Sikorski 816-885-2322.

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

Alex liked to have lunch at the corner drugstore. Frequently, he could be found sitting at the counter, alone, having the blue plate special. He enjoyed solitude, but he liked to eat, only he didn't like to cook alone, and he never enjoyed what he cooked. Even though all the waitresses knew his name, he was known mostly for being aloof. Silence can be intimidating. Still, any one of them would rush to wait on him because he was a generous tipper. He would drop a Mr. Lincoln on the counter, even if it was only a Mr. Washington meal. On rare occasions he could be quite talkative. One day, he came down with the chats, and all the waitresses gathered around him to hear what he had to say.

The lunch hour rush had ended, and it was time for a coffee break and a smoke. Each of them pulled up a stool next to Alex. They lit up unfiltered Camel cigarettes and began to puff out a cloud of haze. Smoking in public was encouraged back then; it added ambiance and intrigue to the doldrums of rural life, a touch of class to hired help.

It was no secret, and the whole town knew, that the owner of the soda fountain had a penchant for heavy drinking and fast cars. No one ever dared mention it in public. They were even paranoid speaking about it in the privacy of their own homes. Old Mr. Werrie owned most of the town. He was highly influential in all the wrong ways. He would dole out grudges on a mass scale. Like charity after a disaster, everyone qualified. His grudges could wreck a person for life, and incapacitate their whole family, down to their children's children.

Alex didn't much care for town secrecy, and he disliked town gossip even more, especially after the public bashing he received for divorcing his first wife. On any given day, secrecy and gossip would set Alex on edge, but he abhorred Old Mr. Werrie. They used to be best friends, but a business deal had gone sour, and Alex was left with the bitter end of the stick. There is no profit in bitter. He said he would never step foot in that blasted corner drugstore again, after Mr. Werrie had acquired it out of foreclosure.

Alex would never admit it, but solitude often would get the best of him. He would get hungry (wink, wink) and it was the only show in town. He justified going there for lunch because Mr. Werrie always went home after the breakfast rush to sleep off the active night before. Only on this particular day, Mr. Werrie did not show up for work. It was going to be a long time before he would be in a position to show up to work again, but no one knew what was really going on, except Alex.

The waitress on lookout duty topped off each of their coffee cups as they puffed on their smokes, inhaling slow and exhaling long, clutched together around Alex. "Where's Curly today?" Mr. Werrie had gone bald in the eighth grade, and only his closest enemies called him Curly. Alex smirked from ear to ear, "Where's that Curly Weasel today?"

Pretending not to be interested, the skinny bleached blonde waitress twirled around, "I think I'll have me a slice of that chocolate cream pie!" It was her way of hunkering down for a juicy tidbit of scandal that Alex was about to expose. "Yep! That boy is in a world of hurt. He's so messed up now, he doesn't know if he is coming or going or if he has been there already." Intrigue percolated among the help, and the waitress on lookout pulled up a chair and kicked off her regulation Saddle Oxford work shoes. She leaned forward to catch every drip. Feigning concern Alex noted, "We should feel sorry for that old snake. I am afraid he's never going to recover from this...not for a long...long...long...time."

With each word he inhaled slow and exhaled long, savoring every minute of it. Only he wasn't smoking like the waitresses, he was gossiping like a school girl from the wrong side of the tracks. He had the goods on that old goat, and he wasn't going to let him slide.

The silence in the soda fountain made it difficult to hear, and the thick dull gray air made it impossible to see. Gobsmeaked, the waitresses put down their smokes, coffee and chocolate cream pie and held rapt attention for Alex to finish his exploit, "I don't know if it is fortune for us or misfortune for him." The cranky waitress with a cynical disposition piped up, "Get to the punch line already, will you."

"Well, early this morning, I heard a knock at my back door. It was about 3:30. At first, I ignored it, but the knocking didn't stop, it persisted. I ignored it some more, but then I heard someone crying. It sounded worse than three feral cats caught in a trap. I ignored it some more. T

he crying pierced through the thunderous banging, so I took a look see. I opened the door, and before me was Old Mr. Weerie. Old...Bald...Mr. Curly...Weasel...Weerie.

But something was different. He didn't look so bald once I put a light to him. It looked like he had grown a full head of hair, until I got a closer read. Evidently, he had a little too much excitement last night, and he passed out in a bad part of town. Well, bad for him. That poor slob passed out on the porch swing of his ex-girlfriend's house, who just happened to be my first wife." He laughed hard and tears came to his eyes.

"To make a long story short, they weren't on speaking terms, but it seems she still had a lot to say. So, she spoke volumes with a black indelible marker all over his bald head. First of all, I had no idea she knew that many words, and secondly, worse for him, that she knew all the synonyms and acronyms too. None of them nice."

One of the waitresses laughed out loud, "Oh My Gawd!" and that was before anyone knew what "OMG" meant. Another cackled, "That's so-O wrong!" The waitress on lookout looked no longer, "Why did he come to you then?"

"Well, he and I ventured into a business a few years back. We were purveyors of solvents, stains and solutes. He needed my help in a desperate way. Let me just say, there's nothing that's going to remove what she tattooed to his skull; it's permanent. There's nothing on God's green earth that can loosen that. That poor boy is going to take this one to his grave. I really do feel bad for him, but what can we do."

Things happen in life and relationship that seem to have the power to define who we are, and worse, define our character and perpetuate our reputation. Unfortunate things happen that seem to mark us for life. Such is the human condition. Scandal and trouble is written all over our faces, literally and figuratively. To us human beings, for some, their slate appears to be clean, and for some, it seems there is nothing more that can be written.

Sure, at times we bang loud and cry about it, but mostly we just ignore it, and hope it goes away. That is, until our predicament thwarts and forces us past the point of no return. Then, in absolute desperation we reach out for help, but we find that there is no one who will help us, or can help us. There is no human source that has a suitable solution to clear away such shame and disgrace. There is no human source that can give us the world of second chances we need, so we can redefine and reestablish our character and amend our reputation.

We need the ultimate source, a source with the power to loosen and clean and remove the bad thing we do, that mark us, even those things we fear are indelible for life. We need God. We need his mercy. We need the Sacrament of Confession. God knows the stains of our lives, and he has the solvents and solutes to remove all of them.

Mr. Werrie began wearing a stocking cap that very day, but for the whole town, it was worse than a scarlet letter. As for those who took to gossiping about it, Mr. Werrie closed the soda fountain and invested his money in a big box store being built in the next town. Certainly, there's no solution in any of that.

In Christ,

Father Steven C. Rogers