

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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Mrs. Judy Sloan, Child Care Coordinator (offered during  
7:30am & 10:45am Masses at Holy Trinity)  
Mrs. Darlene Darby, Office Assistant, x202  
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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](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.

## Palm Sunday

### March 29, 2015

This weekend we participate in the proclamation of the passion and death of Jesus according to the Gospel of Mark.

We are witnesses to Jesus' undeterred obedience to the Father which comes at great sacrifice.

An important part of Christian stewardship is the willingness to make sacrifices that reveal our own embrace of Jesus' cross. Over the next three days of this most Holy Week, reflect on this question: As good stewards of our life in Christ, what concrete sacrifices are we willing to make to witness God's love to the world?

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Palm Sunday — 29 March 2015  
Readings: p. 95 in *Breaking Bread*

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

### 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

Mon, March 30, 8am-HT Jim Hoffman, rip

Wed, April 1, 8am-HT Private Intention

### HOLY WEEK/EASTER SCHEDULE

**Holy Thursday – Thursday, April 2, 7PM at Holy Trinity**

**Mass of the Lord's Supper** (No 6pm Mass today) -followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament til midnight

**GOOD FRIDAY – Friday, April 3** (no 8am Mass)

**Noon- Stations of the Cross - at Holy Trinity**

(led by the 10:45 guitar choir)

**7pm-Liturgy of the Lord's Passion - at XII Apostles**

**HOLY SATURDAY – Saturday, April 4, 8pm, at Holy Trinity**

**Easter Vigil**—for the People of Twelve Apostles & Holy Trinity (This service will last about 2½ hours; there will be no 5PM Mass at Twelve Apostles this Saturday.)

**EASTER SUNDAY MORNING MASSES – Sunday, April 5**

7:30am - Holy Trinity - for the people of Holy Trinity

9:00am - Twelve Apostles - for the people of XII Apostles

10:30am - Holy Trinity - for the people of Holy Trinity

11:00am - Twelve Apostles - for the people of XII Apostles

### PRACTICE TIMES FOR HOLY WEEK LITURGIES:

Those involved in the liturgies of Holy Week will have practice:

**For Holy Thursday** — servers & participants in footwashing—this Sunday, March 29, 5pm, at Holy Trinity

**For Good Friday** — Monday, March 30, 6:30pm at XII Apostles—servers & lectors

**For the Easter Vigil** Tuesday, March 31, 6:30pm—servers and Candidates; 7:00pm, lectors.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** will take place after Holy Thursday liturgy until midnight. At least two people must be present at all times (more are welcome). Please sign up on the sheet in back of church or come/stay as you are able.

**COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND:** On Good Friday, we will take up the annual Good Friday collection, as directed by the Pope, for the people and Shrines of the Holy Land. Your contribution helps to support the struggling Christian community there and to protect Christianity's holiest places. This money helps preserve the churches built over the places where Jesus was born, crucified, buried, and rose from the dead. Please be generous.



**CELEBRATE EASTER! YOU ARE INVITED TO AN EASTER RECEPTION SATURDAY NIGHT:**

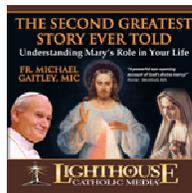
Lent will be over and Easter here—a time for rejoicing! Come welcome the newest members of our faith and celebrate the most important night of the Church year, the Resurrection of Jesus, and arrival of the Easter season! Everyone is invited to this reception, hosted by Holy Trinity Women's Guild, in the parish hall after the Easter Vigil.

## 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:



In this vastly popular talk, Fr. Gaitley describes the "second greatest story ever told" - a story that encompasses Divine Mercy, the life of St. Pope John Paul II, and the crucial role that Marian Consecration can play in your life. Fr. Michael Gaitley is a priest in the Congregation of Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception and the director of the Association of Marian Helpers, a spiritual benefit society with more than one million members. Be sure to also check out Fr. Gaitley's groundbreaking book on Marian consecration, **33 Days to Morning Glory**.

**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 29, 10:15 - 11:30am at 12700 N Overbrook Dr., Platte City.

**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.

**REMINDER:** Good Friday is a day of fasting between meals and abstinence from meat.

**Note: The Parish Office will be closed** on Good Friday, April 3, & Easter Monday, April 6.



### 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.**

## HOLY TRINITY NEWS

**PSR PASSION PLAY** this **Sunday** — at 9:30am in the church — All classes, parents, families and friends are invited to gather in the church for our annual presentation of the Passion Play. (No PSR classes next Sunday as we celebrate Easter.)

**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!

### **Northland Serra Club Fundraiser**

Imagine being able to travel to Rome with your spouse for \$20.00! The Northland Serra Club is offering you that chance! Travel for three to Rome, airfare, lodging within minutes of Vatican City and \$2,000 spending money for the trip. The best part is, the 3rd ticket is for you to invite your favorite Priest!!

Raffle tickets can be purchased until the weekend of April 18-19. Drawing will take place at St. Andrew's Parish on April 21 at 7:00pm. A rosary will be said starting at 6:30 p.m., followed by appetizers and the drawing. Anyone supporting this fundraiser is welcome to attend but does not need to be present to win. Tickets are \$20.00 each or six tickets for \$100.00. Call Wayne Snyder at 816-838-2171 or Priscilla Pawlikowski at 816-560-6596.

**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.

**Spring cleaning on your mind?** Good! The youth group will be having **our annual garage sale** in Weston May 29-30 and we need lots of donations! Start setting aside things you no longer want or need. We will begin accepting donations on Monday, May 4.



## KATIE'S CORNER--YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

**Grades 7-12: March 29: Join us for a movie night!**



**The Investigator** - 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, candy, and milkshakes!

### **Save the dates:**



Grades 6-12 - Annual Float Trip - June 29-July 1  
Grades 6-8 - Camp Savio - June 15-20  
Grades 8-11 - National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) - Nov 19-21  
Next year's Confirmation! Monday, February 29, 2016, 7pm, at XII Apostles.

## TWELVE APOSTLES NEWS

### LENTEN ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT **THIS** Sunday, March 29, 2015



Lord, I want to spend an hour with you as I recall your final days on earth in bringing about our salvation. I ponder your Passion and thank you for taking up your cross for me. I want to walk with you. Jesus, I belong to you.

Adoration 5:00 – 6:00 pm

**WE REJOICE IN THE BAPTISM of Aubrey Elizabeth Duncan**, daughter of Trina Day and John Duncan, on Saturday, March 21, 2015. May this new child of God and her family always know God's many blessings!



**Easter Egg Hunt**  
**at XII Apostles Catholic Church**  
Today—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.

### 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** today and particularly each day at 3:00pm.



### DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

Nine days of special prayer **begin Good Friday.**

Our Lord told Saint Maria Faustina:

*"By this novena, I will grant every possible grace to souls."*  
(Novena prayer pamphlets are at entrances to church.)

### Daily prayer intentions for the Novena:

Good Friday - All mankind

Holy Saturday - Souls of priests and religious

East Sunday - Devout souls

Easter Monday - All unbelievers

Easter Tuesday - Separated souls

Easter Wednesday - Souls of meek and of children

Easter Thursday - Souls who glorify Mercy

Easter Friday - Souls in Purgatory

Easter Saturday - Lukewarm souls

*More detailed prayers for the novena are also available on a separate sheet next to the bulletins.*

### Sunday, April 12 - Divine Mercy Retreat at Holy Trinity

1:00 Welcome and Divine Mercy Film

2:15 Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation

3:00 Chaplet (in song)

3:30 Refreshments

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

Alma has many treasures. Every nook and cranny in her mansion-sized home is filled with treasures. Floor to ceiling. Wall to wall. Not just possessions. True treasures. Doodads dangle in her doorways. Curiosities catch sunlight from her windows. Knickknacks, mishmash and hodgepodge fill the parlor, and spill into the hallways of her home, her treasure chest. It took a while to acquire all these treasures. It takes time for things to catch the eye, but all of them captured her heart. To them, she holds tight and fast.

Alma never worried about money. She would procure what caught her fancy at the moment, whether it was of value or of junk. Every day of her life she would acquire another treasure to be added among her many others. Alma's quite the relic herself. Artifact to bric-a-brac, every treasure speaks of her life.

Alma cannot remember names and faces anymore, her own children even. She often forgets to take her medicine. She doesn't know if it is morning, noon or night, but she lavishes many good memories on her treasures, whether the sun is shining or not. With a connoisseur's touch she buffs, caresses and polishes every piece. She can recall when and where and why she is forever connected to her precious collection, even as her memory of what's logical and practical fades into the sunset.

Alma fondly remembers that she was given that shiny silver mirrored bauble hanging from the crystal chandelier in her foyer, but she doesn't recall that Richard gave it to her. She says, "I don't know Richard," when you ask her. She glosses over details, "I have had this little gem since 1948. It has been with me for a long time. It was really cold that Christmas. Lots of people froze to death. I am sure glad I didn't freeze. It has hung right here on this chandelier ever since. Makes me think of the sun. I walk under it every time I come and go."

Richard was the love of her life. He died twenty years ago. They were married for forty-seven years. Until time took its toll, she used to clasp her hands together, under her chin, close to her heart, and looking up at the bauble recall, "My dear Richard gave this little precious gift to me; he gave me a whole box of these shiny baubles. Oh, that first Christmas was the best, a peach and a pear. This is the only one that has survived all these years. I hang it here where I can see it. It makes me feel warm! I know he is with me."

That's fitting; Alma is the only survivor of all these years, even if she can't remember which day of the week it is. This repeats throughout her whole house. It repeats several times a day, morning, noon and night. Alma doesn't remember that she gave a tour of her treasures to her caregiver just ten minutes before, but she is always eager do it again. She loves her treasures. Her treasures take her to places warm and bright. There is a knowing in her treasures even though she is lost in time and space.

Not so long ago, before full-on dementia took hold, the memory veil would sometimes lift and Alma could recall the details in the details. Still, you could see it in her eyes. Something hollow and distant, creepy and disturbing lurked beyond that sparkle. The terror has subsided now, but there were times when she would get flustered, and strike a panic in everyone close to her. That is until she couldn't remember them anymore. She's much calmer now.

The home healthcare nurse on night duty is her favorite. Her name is Wendy. She reminds Alma of someone familiar, but she can't recall her name. Everyone knows though, she reminds her of herself, when baubles and beads were a girl's favorite things. Wendy likes to wear flashy earrings which always catch Alma's eye. She's not supposed to wear flashy things, because it isn't professional, being a nurse and all. She wears them for Alma. "Oh Sherry, I can't believe how they just sparkle and shine. They bring out your beautiful eyes!" Alma is forever calling Wendy by some other name other than her own, she can't remember. Wendy doesn't mind, just being with Alma brings her joy. The two of them are quite a pair.

After a few days off, Wendy returned to work at Alma's last week. Something had changed, something was different. Wendy carefully put away her overcoat, and signed on to her computer to begin her shift. It was dark in the parlor and hallways, the doors hung still and the curtains were closed. Silence echoed throughout the house. No treasure tours. No shiny baubles to catch the sun. Nothing. Wendy's heart sunk. She fought back tears. She had to be professional, but she was sad, and feared Alma's condition had deteriorated to death. "Alma!" she called, "It's Wendy!" Nothing. Breathing deep, Wendy entered the dimly lit bedroom. Still, nothing. Softly Wendy called, "Alma." Nothing, but silence.

Suddenly the lights popped on. Wendy gasped and jumped in her scrubs. She turned to the doorway to find Alma standing there, hands clasped close to her chest, "Oh Wendy! I am so glad you've come back to me. I have missed you so much. These last few days have not been the same without you!" Wendy caught her breath as Alma hugged her petite frame.

"Wendy, come sit her for a moment. I have a treasure for you. Last Thursday, I noticed that you were wearing a beautiful set of earrings. They were gorgeous, matched your eyes. But it made me sad, because you didn't have a necklace to go with them. I want you to have this. It's a perfect match!"

Wendy cried, "Oh, I can't!" Alma assured her, "Listen darling, I want you to have this. It has been with me since Richard and I started dating. He gave it to me for good luck, a week after our first date. He said it made my eyes sparkle. Oh, how he loved my eyes to sparkle. He was forever giving me beautiful things. He gave me that silver bauble hanging on the chandelier in the foyer. It makes me feel warm. I can feel he is with me. I can't believe it's been over twenty years. It seems like just yesterday."

Wendy couldn't speak, but she looked deep into Alma's eyes. The veil had lifted once more. Alma hugged her again, "I want you to have this necklace because it is lucky and shiny and a perfect match for you. It brought me good luck. I got Richard! With that sparkle in your eyes, I know you're going to get a good one, too. That's exactly what a young girl like you needs."

When we want to give a gift, we usually go to the store to buy something new. But our most precious possessions are those that have been important to us for many years. They help us to recall the important people and events in our lives. Giving them to others is a very huge sacrifice. It comes from the heart.

We hold tight and fast to the things that mean much to us. With each passing day they increase in value. We can't imagine life without them. We can't fathom giving them away. To give them away, means we first have to feel very passionate about the person we give it to. The giving has to be more valuable than the keeping. This happens only because of love.

This week we enter into a most sacred event in our lives. We hold the Passion and Death of Jesus Christ deep in our hearts. Recalling his sacrifice of love, stirs our emotions, and awakens us to the reality about the real person of Jesus Christ. Who he Is. What he Did. What he Does. His Love. His Mercy. His Knowing. His Warmth. His Presence.

We think hard about his life, poured out so freely, and so generously for each of us. Palm Sunday. Holy Thursday. Good Friday.

We will pause, breathe deep, and catch the tears in our eyes, and then ask ourselves, "What's so precious to me that it's hard to let go of? What is that something that Jesus would appreciate receiving from me? Am I willing to sacrifice this because of the love I feel for him?" Let each of us be ready to pour it out to Jesus, freely and generously, morning, noon and night.

In Christ,

*Father Steven C. Rogers*