

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
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, 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.

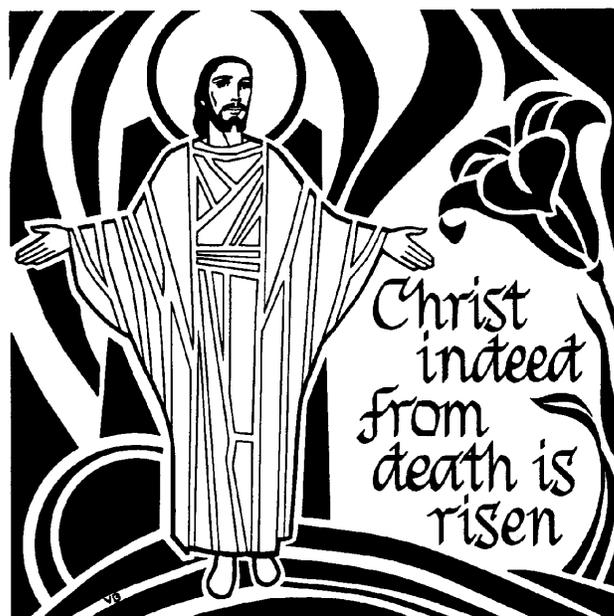
First Penance/Eucharist, Confirmation: Children preparing for these sacraments must have completed the prior year of religious education.

Easter Sunday

April 5, 2015

The tomb is empty! Jesus Christ has risen today! Our Savior is active, alive, and transforming us and our communities of faith, even the world, at this very moment. Easter is a time of joy, a time of celebration. To have faith in the risen Lord is also to believe that we are disciples who bear witness to Christ in a broken and troubled world. To be good stewards of this faith obliges us to be living witnesses to Christ's peace at home and in public. Jesus cannot be found buried. He is risen. Alleluia!

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Easter — 5 April 2015
Readings: in *Breaking Bread*
Easter Vigil—p. 122; Easter Sunday—p. 149

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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
10:45am - Holy Trinity - for the people of Holy Trinity
11:00am - Twelve Apostles - for the people of XII Apostles

NO MASS THIS MONDAY

Wed, April 8, 8am—HT Sylvester & Elizabeth Welch, ann.
Thu, April 9, 6pm-XII Ken & Donelle Fritz family
Fri, April 10, 8am-HT Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, April 11

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

Sunday, April 12

7:30am-HT Parishioners of Holy Trinity
9:00am--XII Parishioners of XII Apostles
10:45am-HT Stanley Lesniak, rip

Thanks to everyone who participated in any way in making the liturgies of Holy Week and Easter a beautiful and prayerful time for all of us!



CELEBRATE EASTER! YOU ARE INVITED TO AN EASTER RECEPTION after the Vigil:

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.



EASTER FLOWER DEDICATIONS:

The flowers gracing the altars at our churches have been donated in loving memory of the following:
DeMeo & Grieco families, from Terry & Alexis Morrison
Deceased Farnan family members, from Emerita Farnan Charles, Beatrice & Deb Grame, from Donna Grame
Bea & Charles Grame, from Carolee & Gordon Sanders

Mark Harris, from Ann Harris
Katihuzca Ureña Herrera, from W. Scott & Yezika Kelley
Harlin & Karen Hillegas, from Jo & Jim Skelton
Jim & Brian Hoffman, from Julie Hoffman
Marion & Charles Hopkins, from Shirley Redmond
Bonnie & Virgil Johnson, from Jerre & Mike Robertson
Lugenbeel & Morrison families, from Terry & Alexis Morrison
George Madden, from Edie & Kim Hays
Cheri Ann Menk, from Jackie Menk
Germinal Ureña Prieto, from W. Scott & Yezika Kelley
Deceased Redmond family members, from Patty Roebing
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Jimmy & Jolene Robertson, from Jerre & Michael Robertson
Joseph Shimek, from Ann Harris

Please Note: There will be no daily 8am Mass this Monday. Also, the Parish Office will be closed this Easter Monday (and Tuesday, as usual.).

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Adult Bible study group at Holy Trinity will be viewing a special film on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12, at 9 AM in the parish hall. All are welcome!

Ocean of Mercy ~ At the dawn of the 20th century, three voices rose up from Poland to proclaim an urgent message, a message powerful enough to alter the course of an age plunging into spiritual darkness. Filmed on location in more than 20 cities across Poland and the United States, this true story examines and chronicles the phenomenal lives and spiritual legacy of Saint Faustina Kowalksa, Saint Maximilian Kolbe, and Blessed John Paul II, modern day "Apostles of Mercy".

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 April 12, 19, & 26, 10:15 - 11:30am, in XII Apostles' church basement.

Friday Night Psalms will meet at 7:00pm on April 10 at the home of Chris and Alicia Johnson - 18575 County Road P, Weston.

ENDOW (Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women)

Discover Your Dignity - meets Tuesday, April 7, 9:30-11:15am, at Katie Barmann's - 17605 N Braeburn Ct., Platte City.

On the Christian Meaning of Suffering - meets Wednesday, April 8, 7:00-9:00pm, at Donna Webb's - 12700 N Overbrook Dr., Platte City.

Edith Stein: Seeker of Truth - begins Thursday, April 9, 1:00-2:30pm, at Shannon Demory's - 13270 Ridgeview Dr., Platte City. *It's not too late to sign up for this one!!*

For more information about Endow, please contact Donna Webb at dwebbjoy@gmail.com or [816-858-7224](tel:816-858-7224) or 402-613-3829.

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.

A WARM WELCOME to the newest members of our Catholic faith:
 Barth Carter, Phil Hickson, Greg Kearns, Kristin Seitz, Jason and Cari Smith, and Stewart Wittel.
 May you find a spiritual home in your Catholic faith and parish communities. God bless you!

HOLY TRINITY NEWS

WOMEN'S GUILD MEETS this Monday, April 6, at 7pm, in the parish hall. All women of the parish are members and are invited to attend.

OUR PRAYERFUL CONDOLENCES to the family of Karen Jacobs on the death of her father, Stanley Lesniak. May he rest in God's peace, and may his family and friends be comforted by God's love.

WESTON COMMUNITY PRAYER BREAKFAST—Saturday, April 11, 8am, at Weston Christian Church. All are welcome. No charge; a free will offering will be taken up for the charitable works of the Weston Ministerial Alliance.

MONTHLY ROSARY for the unborn next Sunday, April 12, at 10:05am, in the church. Please join us.

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!

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



Next Week, April 12: 6:30-8pm at Holy Trinity: Bible Baseball! Played similar to regular baseball, we will test your knowledge of faith-based things. LOTS of prizes up for grabs!

Keep an eye on your mail; the summer schedule has been mailed!

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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT THIS Sunday April 5, 2015

Come. Honor this day. Celebrate His resurrection. ALLELUIA! Be like Mary of Magdala and run to Him. Rejoice and be glad!

Adoration 5:00 – 6:00 pm



WE REJOICE IN THE BAPTISMS of Noah Jay Smith and Madilynn Faye Smith, children of Jason and Cari Smith, on March 28, 2015, and Liam Patrick Dunn, son of Jarrett and Jennifer Dunn, on March 29, 2015. May these new children of God and their families always know God's many blessings!



Thank you to everyone who helped make the **Easter egg hunt** last Sunday a fun time for all!

The diocesan Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday May 31, 2015. Bishop Finn will preside at the Mass honoring the Golden Wedding couples. A card and gift will also be presented to each couple. Immediately following the liturgy, there will be a dessert reception at the Catholic Center in the Cardinal Baum Room. The event is for the couples and their immediate family. We are pleased to share their joy and to give public recognition for their long lasting faithfulness in their marriage vows and demonstration of the stability and nobility of marriage. If you are celebrating your 50th wedding anniversary anytime in 2015, please notify the parish office by May 11. A card and gift will be sent if the couple is unable to attend the Mass.



Pick up a CD or book at the Lighthouse stand and enjoy it in the comfort of your own home. This week's feature:

The Saving Power of Divine Mercy. Pope John Paul II said that Divine Mercy is THE message for the third millennium and God's gift to our time. There is nothing that mankind needs more than Christ's Divine Mercy. To help us avail

ourselves of that loving mercy, Fr. Brooks focuses on what we know of God's Mercy, our response to His Love, how we can become merciful to others, and how to become apostles of mercy.



Divine Mercy Retreat next Sunday afternoon:

On the Feast of Divine Mercy, next Sunday, April 12, all are invited to take part in special devotions to obtain complete forgiveness of sins.

Join us at Holy Trinity!
All are welcome!

Schedule:

1:00 Welcome and Divine Mercy Film
2:15 Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation
3:00 Chaplet (in song)
3:30 Refreshments

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA continues: Nine days of special prayer **begin Good Friday.** Prayers for the novena are available on a sheet by the bulletins.

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

My whole family always got new clothes for Easter. That's where all the Easter festivities began. Year after year, it was amazing. Even in my youth, to fit out five children, three boys and two girls, along with mother and father, could be a costly undertaking. I am sure it put a strain on the family finances, especially with three months left to pay on all the Christmas gifts and surprises. Still, my mother always managed.

Easter was a special day. Easter was a new beginning. Easter was the time you inhaled all the good and exhaled all the bad. At Easter, everything had to be brand-spanking new. Each of us would be fully clad in the latest fashions announcing the coming of Spring, fresh, clean and breezy. As soon as the days started getting longer, my mother would comb through all the department stores, and flip through the pages of mail order catalogs, in search of Easter vogue. She would window shop if the stores were closed, in search of coordinating ensembles.

After school, and on Saturday mornings, she would drag us through the stores. Each of us took our turn, and tried on shoes and suits, while the other four waited nearby. Mother hardly spoke a word, but went right into action. She would motion for us to turn around so she could take a look; she would press her thumb to the toe of a shoe to check the fit. None of us was allowed to try on both shoes though. She would say, "Your right foot is always bigger! If it fits the right foot, it will fit the left foot."

I don't think that is true. I think it was because time was a factor. She had to move fast with five bored-stiff children, waiting and whining for their turn to try on shoes. There is no fun in buying shoes when you're a child. Besides, once the oldest child had tried on his shoes, the fun was over for him, and he didn't feel much like waiting on the others. That spelled trouble. If he caused a ruckus, the younger children got whatever shoes Mother could grab, if they fit or not.

Adding to the frustration, I always had trouble making up my mind. "If it fits the right foot," didn't work for me. No matter how large the right shoe was, my left foot always felt bigger. Just once, I wanted the shoe on my left foot. Quite often, she chose what pair I would wear, but I used to double check the size when she wasn't looking.

She never missed a beat. Just in time for Easter Sunday, everyone in the family would have the perfect outfit for the day, according to Mother. What she had planned for us to wear had to be executed to exact standards. Easter outfits didn't come with instructions. With one look from Mother, you understood. Wrinkles and scuffs were totally taboo. There were dire consequences if you spilled anything on your Easter Sunday Best. For me that was impossible. A little soil on your seersucker could make you beg and pray for the Resurrection. I prayed a lot. I perfected the art of begging.

I remember, on Easter morning, each of us would awake to a pastel colored cellophane wrapped Easter basket, adorned with a big bright bow. The baskets were filled with eggs, Eggs, EGGS! Jelly bean eggs, chocolate covered malted milk eggs, marshmallow eggs, strawberry cream eggs, colored hardboiled eggs, plastic eggs filled with tiny eggs, small eggs, large eggs, solid eggs, hollow eggs, sugared eggs, eggs that melt in your mouth, eggs that melt in your hand, eggs that melt on your slacks, eggs that melt on your shoes, eggs that melt on your suit, in the pockets, inside and out, eggs that melt on your clip-on tie, eggs that melt in your hair. Eggs, eggs, EGGS!

And to top it off, the basket included a milk chocolate Easter Bunny; a big hollow milk chocolate Easter Bunny, so big it melted in your hand, on your mouth, on your clip-on tie, on your shoes, and melted on everyone around you.

For some reason, that year, my mother decided to be extra clever and creative with my Easter Basket. Instead of a basket, there was a bucket. In addition to a bunny and all the eggs, there was a set of garden tools, a hoe, a rake and a shovel, in the bucket. That Easter bucket spoke of fun. That Easter bucket spoke of chocolate. That Easter bucket spoke of dirt. It spoke of all the wonderful fun one can have with chocolate and dirt. It spoke of places where dirt and chocolate go that only God can see, and mothers. A bucket with a set of tools for dirt, mixed with chocolate, signaled disaster for me.

What was a boy to do?! How can he be expected to stay focused and clean, when he has before him the temptation of brand-spanking new Easter implements, and a yard of melting dirt?! I completely blanked out. I could think of nothing else that Easter. Forget the new shoes. Forget the new suit. Forget the new clip-on tie. Forget the church. There was dirt with my name on it, and plenty of chocolate eggs to eat if I got hungry in all that dirt. Which I did. Chocolate and dirt, in and of themselves, can be problematic for your Easter Sunday Best, but combined they are deadly. I am here to testify to that.

Caught up in Easter joy, Mother didn't notice that I had slipped outside with my Easter bucket of goodies before we were to go to church. I was lost to the world of possibilities, with my best friends, dirt and chocolate. What a world! That is, until I heard my mother bellow, "STEVEN CURTIS ROGERS!" Let me just say, Easter is a time of Surprises!

I survived that day, but sadly my Easter ensemble did not. Thankfully, Easter is a time of life, not a time of death. My mother made me wear what she called "a soiled mess" to church that Easter Sunday, "before God and everybody to see." Funny, there were three other boys dressed just like me. They must have gotten the same Easter bucket. All in all, it was a great Easter. Once you soil your seer-sucker, no one much cares. You have freedom to enjoy the day. That wasn't my Mother's plan. It wasn't my plan, not at first. She gave me a surprise, and I gave her a surprise. That sounds like a good plan to me.

God's plans often take us by surprise. In so many situations of our lives, we don't understand that hard times are going to produce wonderful victories. We fail to realize that our losses are beginnings of important new growth. Jesus will redeem bad times into great blessings.

We suffer through the hardships, just trying to cope with all the dirt of the human condition, waiting for an opportunity to finally walk away from our crosses. Jesus wants to give us an Easter morning because of those crosses.

To be the Easter people that we are supposed to be, we have to learn how to see the hope of the resurrection in the pain of the cross. We have to trust that Jesus is always there, working a plan to redeem bad into good. We have to allow ourselves to be surprised by God.

Happy Easter!

In Christ,

Father Steven C. Rogers



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS for all.....

Thanks to John and Diane Stir, Dan Tylski, Terry Morrison, Phil Frost, and Jim Rooney for their efforts in **Spring Clean Up** around Holy Trinity Parish grounds Saturday morning 28 March. Special thanks to Patrick Farnan allowing us to dump a couple of truckloads of leaves and debris on to his burn pile after multiple truckloads taken to the Weston city yard waste dumpster overflowed.

Thanks to all who stopped by to visit with us during the recent **Membership Recruitment Drive** held at Holy Trinity and Twelve Apostles. If you were unable to attend, or would like additional information about becoming a member of the Knights of Columbus or its insurance program, please contact Steve Steiger 816.431.6506 scsteiger@yahoo.com Past Grand Knight and Membership Director, or come to our Knights Open House at XII Apostles (lower level) 7 PM on Wednesday 8 April 2015. All current members of Council 12288 and their wives, along with any prospective members and their families are invited to participate in the Open House meeting. Our District Deputy, Field Agent, and New Council Development personnel will be on hand to present information on the benefits of membership and the formation of the new Council for XII Apostles Parish that is forming in the months ahead.

Two opportunities for practicing Catholic men age 18 years or older to join the Knights of Columbus in the month of April: (1) 1st Degree ceremonial will be conducted on Tuesday, 7 April at 7 PM at Tri-County Council No. 3414 in Gladstone (the day before our Council's Open House at XII Apostles on 8 April.) We will depart from the Commuter Parking Lot north of Price Chopper in Platte City at 6 PM. Contact Steve Steiger 816.431.6506 for Applications for Membership, brochures, transportation arrangements and other information. (2) Another, "Special" 1st Degree ceremonial will be conducted the following week. It's "Special" in that a 1st Degree Team will come to XII Apostles to induct prospective members in to the 1st Degree of the Knights of Columbus at 7 PM on Wednesday, 15 April (Tax Day).

The monthly meeting of Council 12288 will be on Thursday 16 April at 7 PM at Holy Trinity Parish Hall in Weston. Current members that wish to transfer their membership to the new Council being developed for XII Apostles Parish need to complete a Form 100 in order to become a Charter Member of the new Council. All prospective Charter Members must have completed their 1st Degree prior to the request for Charter submission to the Supreme Council of Knights of Columbus.

New Knights of Columbus Council at XII Apostles Parish Organizational Meeting will be held Wednesday, 22 April 2015 at 7 PM. Current members of Council 12288 that wish to transfer and any new 1st Degree members from XII Apostles Parish are invited to attend this important meeting. Selection of officers and preparing the application for Charter will be done at this meeting. To be elected to one of the officer positions, a member must be a 3rd Degree member of the Council. Contact Jim Rooney, Grand Knight Council 12288 (JRooney640@aol.com or 816.674.4268) if you are planning on transferring to the new Council at XII Apostles.

AROUND THE AREA:

Come and See Weekend, April 10 – 12 at the Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in Clyde, MO. Women between the ages of 18 and 45 who are considering the possibility they might have a vocation to religious life, are invited to a Come and See Weekend, April 10 – 12, at the Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in Clyde, MO. This is a great opportunity to experience life in a contemplative monastic community. You will join the community for the Divine Office, Mass, meals and recreation. Input will be given on 'The Call', Discernment and praying with Scripture. There is no cost for the weekend. For more information or to register contact Sr. Ruth Starman, OSB, at vocation@benedictinesisters.org or call 660.254.3243. Information is also on our website: www.benedictinesisters.org

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 Pawlikowshi at 816-560-6596.

Mother-Daughter Tea

Come celebrate that you are beautifully and uniquely made with Fertility Care Center of KC. Enjoy tea and cookies while listening to a presentation given by 3 Fertility Care Practitioners. Appropriate for girls ages 9-13. Saturday, April 25, 12:30-3:30pm. A presentation will be given on the Menstrual Cycle, Puberty, and growing up according to God's plan. This is a time for Moms and their daughters to talk freely about female growth and development and to share their values in a relaxed and fun setting. We realize that parents are the best and primary educators. Cost \$15/ family. You may register in advance at www.fertilitycarekc.com or call 816-858-0198. St. Robert Bellarmine-Catholic Church, 4313 SW State Route 7, Blue Springs, MO 64014.



Gourd Prayer Bowl Workshop at Sophia Center, Atchison Saturday, May 23 9:30 am - 4:00 pm

Gourd art is an earth-friendly art, working with the forms the natural world gives us. Commune with your Creator as you create your own prayer bowl out of one of nature's gifts, a simple gourd. You will learn to use the various tools and techniques used in gourd art. This workshop will be conducted by Sister Melissa Letts, OSB, spiritual director, facilitator for Retreat in Daily Life and a gourd artist. For more information or to register, call 913-360-6151 or visit Sophia Spirituality Center's website at www.sophiaspiritualitycenter.org

If you are suffering regret after abortion, take comfort in Jesus' words to St. Faustina:

My mercy is greater than your sins and those of the entire world. Who can measure the extent of my goodness? For you I descended from heaven to earth; for you I allowed myself to be nailed to the cross; for you I let my Sacred Heart be pierced with a lance, thus opening wide the source of mercy for you. Come, then, with trust to draw graces from this fountain. (Diary 1485)

Attend the next **Rachel's Vineyard** weekend retreat April 17-19, 2015, and experience God's mercy. This retreat is open to women and men, and couples too, young and old alike. For details call **816.591.3804** or email projectrachel@diocesekcsj.org. **All calls are CONFIDENTIAL.** Learn more at www.projectrachelkc.com and www.rachelsvineyard.org.