

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. 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!

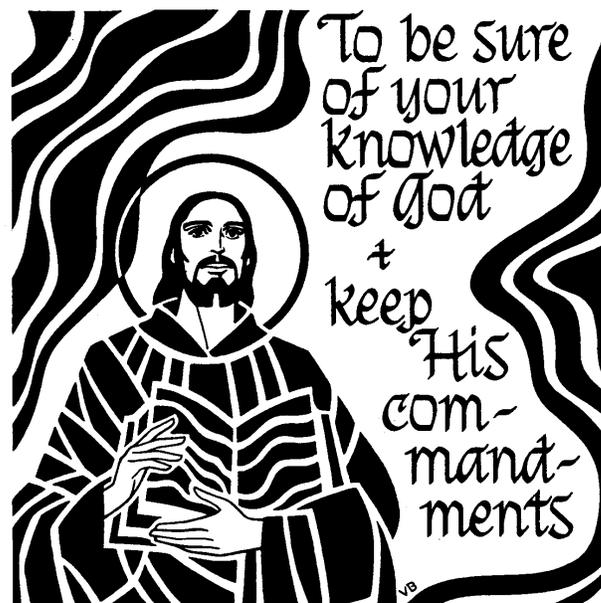
Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2015

An underlying lesson from all three readings this weekend is that the Risen Christ has wiped away our sins, not only for individuals, but throughout the world and its history. The terrible power of sin has now been reversed and our coming to perfection through the love of God is part of the Easter experience.

As stewards of God's love we are called to participate in Christ's redemptive activity. The stewardship questions for us are many: How do we resist injustice at home or in the workplace? How do we confront violence in our language and attitudes? How do we bring Christ to others?

International Catholic Stewardship Council April 2015



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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.

Third Sunday of Easter — 19 April 2015

Readings: p. 155 in *Breaking Bread*

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 18

5:00pm--XII Rev. Francis Schuele, rip

Sunday, April 19

7:30am-HT Randall Stanton, rip

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

10:45am-HT Repose of the soul of Julian Werth

Mon, April 20, 8am-HT Private Intention

Wed, April 22, 8am-HT Private Intention

Thu, April 23, 6pm-XII Jim Hoffman, rip

Fri, April 24, 8am-HT Rev. Francis Schuele, rip

Saturday, April 25

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

Sunday, April 26

7:30am-HT Parishioners of Holy Trinity

9:00am--XII Parishioners of XII Apostles

10:45am-HT Frank & Helen Morrison, rip



Mercy, Forgiveness, Healing & Hope: The Francis Effect

Easter Retreat— Next Sunday, April 26, 2-4pm, at Holy Trinity Parish Hall

(Potluck at 1:00pm for anyone interested—main dish provided by Holy Trinity Women's Guild; please bring a salad/side dish or dessert.)

Time for reflection and conversation about the images, words and witness of Pope Francis as he calls US to be people of mercy, forgiveness, healing and hope!

Please register so we know how many to prepare for — email secyht-xii@kc.rr.com or call 816-640-2206.

Retreat facilitators from Holy Family Parish:
Mindy Lehman, Director of Religious Education
John Winkels, Director of Liturgy & Music

Unbound (formerly known as Christian Foundation for Children and Aging) will be at Masses next weekend, **April 25th & 26th** hosting a **weekend sponsorship event**. Father Bob Hasenkamp, an Unbound presenter, will be celebrating Mass and inviting parishioners to visit the sponsorship table and see folders of children, youth and elderly friends awaiting sponsorship. Many of our parishioners, as well as our Youth Group, have been sponsoring children and elders through this program for a number of years. Check it out.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Women of Faith book group meets every Wednesday, at 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 19, & 26, 10:15 - 11:30am, in XII Apostles' church basement.

ENDOW Meetings:

On the Christian Meaning of Suffering - Wednesday, April 22nd, 7 - 9pm, at Donna Webb's - 12700 N Overbrook Dr.

Edith Stein - Seeker of Truth - Thursday, April 23rd, 1:00 - 2:30, at Shannon Demory's - 13270 Ridgeview Dr.

Defining Dignity - final session is Tuesday, April 28th, 9:30 - 11:15am, at Katie Barmann's - 17605 N Braeburn Ct.

All addresses are in Platte City.

For more information about Endow, contact Donna Webb at dwebbjoy@gmail.com or 816-858-7224 or 402-613-3829.

Adults in your 20s and 30s

BIBLE 101: DISCOVERING GOD'S WORD

Continues Mondays, April 20 & 27

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. @ Chris & Katie Barmann's, 17605 N Braeburn Ct., Platte City. Join us as we continue our journey through the Bible to unpack the central story of salvation that is woven throughout Scripture. In this 3-week session we are exploring the stories of King Solomon as well as the division and exile of the Kingdom of Israel.

This is a great opportunity to connect with others in their 20s and 30s while deepening your understanding of the Bible. We hope you will join us!

Free childcare is provided. For more information or directions, contact katiebarmann@gmail.com or Chris Smiley at christopher.g.smiley@gmail.com or (816) 799-5178.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS for all.....

Congratulations to the ten Catholic gentlemen of XII Apostles Parish (Robert Bailey, Paul Banks, James Begani, Wilmer Caraballo, Barth Carter, Matthew Craine, Michael Curry, Paul Glick, David Roddy, James Wright) who participated in the historic 1st Degree (Admission) ceremonial performed in the lower level of XII Apostles church and became members of the Knights of Columbus on Wednesday night, 15 April 2015. This was the first time a 1st Degree team (from St Therese, Holy Family and XII Apostles Parishes) conducted the Admission ceremonial at our local parish. These ten individuals, Joshua Hulett (new member 7 Apr 2015) and current members of Council 12288 that have completed and signed a Form 100 for transfer will become Charter Members of the new Knights of Columbus Council forming at XII Apostles. If you are a current member of Council 12288 who regularly attend Mass at XII Apostles Parish and want to be listed on the new Council Charter, contact Steve Steiger 816.431.6506 scsteiger@yahoo.com Council 12288 Membership Director to complete the Form 100 transfer document.

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. Selection of officers and preparing the application for Charter will be done. 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.

PANCAKE and SAUSAGE BREAKFAST this Sunday, 19 April at Northland Career Center in Platte City following the 9 a.m. Mass. The free will offering contributions goes toward the charitable works of the Knights of Columbus Council 12288. This will be the last Pancake and Sausage Breakfast held at the Northland Career Center by Council 12288 before the summer break.

HOLY TRINITY NEWS

CAN YOU ORGANIZE OUR ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL? Our annual Ice Cream Social will be Sunday, August 2. 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 you. Contact the parish office to take a look!

Missing: a tablecloth from the parish hall — do you have it?

A Funeral Luncheon Survey was recently included in the bulletin — more copies are available on the table in back of church. Even if you've helped in the past, please renew if you are interested in continuing. Men welcome, too! Please return at your earliest convenience. Thank you!



WE REJOICE IN THE BAPTISM of Greyson Edward Morrill last Sunday, April 12, 2015, at Holy Trinity Church. Greyson is the son of Robin and Nick Morrill of Twelve Apostles Parish. May he and his family always know God's many blessings!

Confirmation of Adults will be celebrated at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Wednesday, June 3, 2015 at 7:00 pm. If you are a Catholic adult (over age 18) who has never been confirmed and are interested, please contact Father Rogers.

HILLCREST HAWAII 5K—Saturday, May 9, Zona Rosa

Support the mission of Hillcrest Ministries by participating in this Hawaiian themed family walk/run — costumes, DJ, face painting, food. Register at www.enter2run.com/search/event.aspx?id=31877
7am—Packet pick-up and festivities begin
8am—Race Start

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



Youth Group:
THIS Sunday, April 19, the 2nd graders need your help! Join us 11:30-4pm at XII Apostles to help make Rosaries for their First Communion. Lunch included. If you can't be there the entire time, that's ok!

Next week: Sunday, April 26, we will be moving to the NEW time: 1:30-3:00pm at Holy Trinity. We got a new letter and picture from Stella (the girl we sponsor through Unbound). Join us as we read her letter and respond. We will also play Colombian games and eat Colombian food! You don't want to miss this deliciousness! (We'll meet in a downstairs classroom due to the retreat in the hall.)

TWELVE APOSTLES NEWS

The 5:00 Mass is now using the Heritage Mass service music found in the missalette at #886-892.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST THIS SUNDAY

The Knights of Columbus will serve a pancake and sausage breakfast this Sunday, April 19, beginning at 10am at the Northland Career Center cafeteria. Free will offering for the charitable works of the Knights.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

THIS Sunday April 19, 2015

We come to be with our risen Lord: To stay with Him in silence and reverence, to listen, to praise and thank Him for His total giving, to rest in His love.

Adoration 5:00 – 6:00 pm

PSR:

First Communion will take place next Saturday, April 25, at the 5:00pm Mass. Please keep our youth in your prayers. All are invited to congratulate the 2nd graders at the Northland Career Center on April 26 after the 9am Mass. We will have cake and punch.

It's hard to believe, but there are only 3 classes left between now and the end of the school year! We will again be having Jesus Bingo at the end of year celebration on May 3. There will be prizes for all the students. The black-out prize for the parents will be **FREE family registration** for next year!

We are asking families to provide the refreshments:
Last Names A-F ~ Muffins or breakfast pastries (cut into quarters or halves, please)
Last Names G-J ~ protein: deviled eggs; cheese & crackers, etc.
Last Names I-P ~ Fruit (grapes, orange slices, banana halves...)
Last Names R - Z ~ Drinks (Lemonade or Juice)

Divine Mercy

We would like to thank everyone who attended the Divine Mercy retreat last Sunday! Each one of you blessed us with your presence in learning about our Lord's Mercy! A special thank you goes out to those who prepared the Altar for Adoration, the Holy Trinity Choir who sang the Chaplet and to Father Rogers for giving us the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In addition, thank you to all who participated in praying/singing the Chaplet during Lent especially all the Choir Members from Holy Trinity and Twelve Apostles. May God Richly Bless You!

Darcy Mendenhall
Judy Steiger
Cathi O'Malley

Time to register for Summer Leadership Camp for girls

Young women entering sixth, seventh and eighth grades are invited to a Summer Leadership Camp on the beautiful campus of the University of Saint Mary, Leavenworth, Kan., June 12 through 14. Hosted by the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth and the Benedictine Sisters of Atchison. Featuring opportunities to share fun, faith and community. Registration fee of \$125 covers lodging, meals, special activities and a t-shirt for each participant; partial scholarships available; registration deadline: early May. Contact Sister Vicki Lichtenauer at vickil@scls.org or 816-718-2660 for more information. Or visit www.scls.org for brochure with registration form.

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

My first job out of college was in the marketing department at the home office of a national real estate company. I worked in a fast-paced environment. It was non-stop. Everyone flew from one promotion to another, from one change to next. It was manic and hectic and perky and weird and mad at times. All the time.

Employees there were appraised. Senior management, at their discretion, could call you on the carpet whenever it suited them. Sometimes, it was to build team spirit and motivate creativity, but mostly it was for their amusement. A real shark held the power seat over the whole marketing group, and issued directives, commands and insults from the corner office. It was built of glass, floor to ceiling. There were no curtains, shades or blinds. Nothing. It was a big fish bowl with a regular feeding schedule. At the start of the day just a nibble, by noon heads would roll, and at the end of the day, a blood bath.

From the corner office, you never knew if you were going to be promoted or devalued. This is where I learned to move or be moved. We were judged on productivity: speed, sharpness and shrewdness. It was an unhealthy place that attracted healthy young people wanting to make a difference and profit from it. It was common for people to develop nervous tics and quirks. Young people aged quickly, many turning gray before they turned twenty-five. Even the women went bald. Too often, the shark of the month would chew you up and spit you out, all over everyone else, not because it was warranted, but because they could.

Funny, no one held the power seat for very long. Playing in the chew or be chewed world spawns great threats to longevity. Getting fired or dying were the only options. Still, there was no shortage of new recruits who would step up and put it all on the line. Running the gauntlet only had one end, but certain personalities believed they were impervious and untouchable. It was just a matter of time. They would be the first to buckle. It is not clear how people managed to spend their whole careers in that environment, but many did.

People there consumed mass quantities of coffee. The company spent more money on caffeine than they did on benefits and perks. Lunch breaks had to be taken on the run. There was no need for coffee breaks, because it was acceptable to drink on the job, the leaded kind. Coffee clutches were a waste of time. Besides, if you were caught being idle for just a brief moment, you could be reduced for a quick sale, and put on the market, but not before you were properly shamed in front of God and everybody.

Being walked out the front door, past the glass office, with a brown paper bag of personal belongings tucked under an arm, was never a pretty sight. Worse, being walked out of the glass office, was a fate worse than death. Super-charged, trumped-up corporate types and their underlings hurled hisses and heckles like fast balls. Sloth caused failure. Failure scandalized the company. People who are filled to the brim can be ugly and mean and downright nasty.

One of my co-workers tried everything to please the piranhas. She dressed to the nines. She attended charm school. She started her work day early in the morning. She showered in her car on the way to work. She worked nights and weekends. She spent a fortune on books to guide her success and make her perfect. She spent a fortune becoming powerful. She wore power shoes, power lipstick, power nails, power suits, power eyewear, and she ate power food. She hobnobbed with power players, in and outside of work. She used power words and salutations. She tried everything that had the word power in it.

Power was supposed to make her perfect. She was drawn to power; she was drawn to perfection. She was a likable person, but power got in the way. She spent a lot of time in the shark's office, eyeing power. Her timing was perfect. As soon as she had enough power she seized the power seat. That day she changed. After a few short weeks, productivity figures went through the roof, winning accolades from her peers and the piranhas. Something was missing.

The power seat is a hot seat. It can burn. She worked fast and hard to succeed, but she worked faster and harder just to hold on to her seat. Paranoia overwhelmed her. She exchanged her power shoes for flats so she could move fast, and be seen but not heard. This way, she could eavesdrop and head off a coup in the works. Daily she broke one of her power nails as she pounded out perfection on her power desk. She started eating high energy junk food from vending machines, Twinkies and Ho-Hos, that always smeared her power lipstick. It motivated her to drink more coffee, the power drink. She burned out.

Then she started reading every self-help book on the market. She changed fashions faster than the seasons. Every week she sported a different hairstyle, forever focused on being made over. She attended self-actualization seminars and self-improvement conferences. She was on the run. It was sad the day she was walked out of the glass office. There were no sneers or jeers. Just silence.

Quite often, horrible things happen to wonderful people. People are easily changed by their fear of having horrible things happen to them. Power and perfection can easily corrupt a person and make them afraid. People who have ambition and drive are susceptible to failure, of being chewed up and spit out. That is, if they are lost to power and perfection. Ambition and drive are good attributes to possess, but they are dangerous if we are possessed by them. We must be able to renew and revive ourselves free of ambition and drive. True renewal is impeded when perfection and power become the driving forces to life and relationship. True renewal, true success comes when we please God, not others and not ourselves.

We celebrate because we are an Easter people, we are a renewed people. There is a stark difference between living a redeemed life and living a life bogged down by vainglory, counter-productive ways and chasing perfection and power. God does not expect perfection from us on this side of glory, but he wants us to desire to become more like Christ every day.

God gives us the power to change. Christ gives us the knowledge to change the right things. As long as we continually examine our lives, and educate ourselves about how we can improve, and follow through by doing what is necessary to produce holy, happy and healthy changes, God is very pleased with us.

Each of us has something we can turn over to Jesus and his redemptive power. Each of us must stay in touch with our need for a higher power, that is Jesus Christ, and his redemptive power. He is the way to life and peace and success. We have before us, the resurrected life of Jesus to help us overcome those tendencies that cause us to run after the things that work to destroy us. We are an Easter people, and we can enter into victorious living and working and being through, with and in Jesus Christ.



In Christ,

Father Steven C. Rogers