

Welcome to

## Holy Trinity Parish

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Weston, MO 64098  
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## Twelve Apostles Parish

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### 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time November 8, 2015



Jesus points out to his disciples the poor widow who has just dropped two simple copper coins into the temple treasury. He then delivers a teaching on stewardship. Despite her poverty, the poor widow in today's Gospel does not refuse God her generosity. Out of her desperately impoverished life she contributes to an earthly institution to give God glory and praise. It is not the monetary value of the gift that was important, but the love, trust and gratitude expressed through the gift. The Gospel asks us similarly compelling stewardship questions: What do we value? In what or whom do we place our trust? How do our own contributions to our community of faith reflect our generosity toward God?

International Catholic Stewardship Council November 2015

#### **Mass Times:**

Saturday 5:00 PM – Twelve Apostles Church  
Sunday 7:30 AM – Holy Trinity Church  
9:00 AM – Twelve Apostles Church  
10:45AM – Holy Trinity Church

**Weekday Mass times** are listed inside the bulletin.

**Confessions** heard: Saturdays: 3:15-3:45 PM at Holy Trinity; 4:15-4:45 PM at XII Apostles; 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:**

Father Steven C. Rogers - x203, pastorHT-XII@kc.rr.com  
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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), and
  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 Kathleen Chastain at 816.392.0011 or [victimadvocate@diocesekcsi.org](mailto:victimadvocate@diocesekcsi.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.

**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 8 Nov 2015**  
**Readings: p. 226 in *Breaking Bread***

**MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, November 7**

**5:00pm--XII** Parishioners of XII Apostles

**Sunday, November 8**

**7:30am-HT** Parishioners of Holy Trinity

**9:00am--XII** Private Intention

**10:45am-HT** Private Intention

**Mon, Nov 9, 8am-HT** Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Wed, Nov 11, 8am-HT** For deceased veterans

**Thu, Nov 12, 6pm-- XII** Private Intention

**Fri, Nov 13, 8am-HT** +Rev. James Kiernan (pastor 1941-42)

**Saturday, November 14**

**5:00pm--XII** +Nicole Genova

**Sunday, November 15**

**7:30am-HT** Parishioners of Holy Trinity & XII Apostles

**9:00am--XII** +Ray Bailey

**10:45am-HT** In honor of St. Jude

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) continues this Wednesday, November 11, at 7pm, at Holy Trinity.**

**PARISH QUILT GUILD 'MEET & GREET' COMING SOON:**



A new group is being formed whose purpose will be to meet both for socializing and making quilts/sewing items for ministry outreach (to the homeless, ill, etc.) The group plans to meet monthly at Holy Trinity. Members of both parishes are invited. Come to a **"Meet and Greet"**

at 11am on **Monday, November 16**, at Holy Trinity. We will have a **short planning meeting and lunch** to discuss meeting dates, etc. -- lunch will be provided.

During the upcoming Year of Mercy, which begins December 8, we will be looking at projects to show God's mercy to others.

All levels and anyone interested are invited. Even if you don't sew, we will need people for cutting, pressing, etc.

If you are coming to the "Meet and Greet" or if you have any questions, call Lori Mathews: 816-807-3220 or lori.mathews4@gmail.com

If you can't join us during the day, but would be interested in being involved, donating material, or have other questions, also contact Lori.

**Tomorrow's Priests Second Collection November 21-22**

The Vocations Office has wonderful news-we now have 35 young men studying for the priesthood at five different seminaries around the country and in Rome. This is a wonderful blessing for our diocese and also a great challenge for us financially. The average cost per seminarian per year is over \$30,000.00 for tuition and professional training, and we need your help, your prayers and your generosity to maintain this momentum. So our future, in God's grace and in the Holy Spirit's care, is very bright. Please help us to support "Tomorrow's Priests", our seminarians, on November 21-22.

**"Blessed are the Merciful".** The **2016 Annual Catholic Appeal** (in past years, the *Bishop's Annual Appeal*) is critical to the health of our work as the Body of Christ in this Diocese. You are the Catholic neighbor who looks at someone in need and sees the face of Christ despite any differences.

**"Blessed are the Merciful for they will be shown mercy"** (Matthew 5:7) is Jesus' promise to those who respond to His love through charity to those who can't stand alone. Please be generous to those you serve through the programs and ministries funded by the **2016 Annual Catholic Appeal**. Watch your mailbox this coming week for the special edition of the Catholic Key with details of what your donations accomplish and a full report on Bishop Johnson's installation as the Shepherd of our Diocesan Catholic Community.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

**All Adult Parishioners ~ please join us for coffee, fellowship and Adult Faith Formation on Sunday mornings at Holy Trinity Parish Hall —9 AM each week. Come and go as you are able; newcomers are always welcome.**

**"COPING WITH LIFE ALONE" - Peer-To-Peer Grief Support**

*"COPING WITH LIFE ALONE ®"* is a *Beginning Experience ®* grief support program that meets each week for 7 weeks. The program helps those who have lost a love relationship due to death, divorce or separation move through the experience of grief and loss into a future with renewed hope. The sessions focus on topics of the grief process, changes in family and other relationships, trust, and coping with memories.

The next sessions will be held at St. Thomas More Hall, lower level. 11822 Holmes Road, Kansas City, MO 64131 on Sunday afternoons, from January 10 - February 21, 2016, 1:30-3:30 p.m. For additional information, or to register, please call Cathy at (816) 540-4644, or Donna at (816) 305-3760.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS for all.....**

**All eligible practicing Catholic men (18 & over) are invited to become Members of the Knights of Columbus**, the largest Catholic, fraternal, service, lay organization in the world. We were founded by a Catholic priest, the venerable Father Michael J. McGivney in 1882. Last year, we donated over \$173.5 MILLION and more than 71.5 MILLION HOURS of volunteer service to charitable and benevolent causes. There are several upcoming opportunities to join the Knights Councils at Holy Trinity or XII Apostles: Monday, Nov 9, 7:00PM, St. Therese, Parkville, MO; Tuesday, November 10, 7:00PM, Lee's Summit, MO; Wednesday, November 18, 7:00PM, Belton, MO. There will also be several opportunities in December. Contact either Grand Knight Jim Rooney of Holy Trinity Council No.12288 at (816) 674-4268 or Grand Knight Steve Steiger of XII Apostles Council No.16189 at (816 ) 431-6506 for general info or if you wish to attend one of the above.

ALL 1st Degree Members of the Knights of Columbus are invited to participate in the **2ND (Principle of Unity) and 3RD (Knighthood) Degree (Principle of Fraternity) Ceremonials** on: (1) Sunday, Nov. 1, Blue Springs, MO (2) Sunday, Nov. 8, Topeka, KS; (3) Sunday, Nov. 22, Overland Park, KS. Contact either Steve Steiger or Jim Rooney if you are interested in attending.

**MEETING NOTICE--Twelve Apostles Council No.16189** will hold its next Rosary, meeting and social period on Wednesday, November 11 (Veterans' Day) beginning at 6:45PM in the lower level of Twelve Apostles Church.

**Congratulations to our newest member of Holy Trinity Council, Dan Ovaith** who, along with a member of Council 14745 Blue Springs-St. Robert Bellarmine Parish, participated in the 1st (Admission) Degree ceremonial performed at Holy Trinity Parish Hall on Saturday, 24 October 2015.

**Next meeting of Holy Trinity Council 12288** will be on Thursday, 19 November starting at 7 p.m. in Holy Trinity Parish Hall.

**Fraternal Benefits--DID YOU KNOW** that when a member of the Knights of Columbus, or his wife, dies, they are remembered in a DAILY MASS offered for ALL deceased members and deceased wives of members at St. Mary's Church, the birthplace of our Order, in New Haven, Connecticut? There is never any charge or fee for these Masses.

**DID YOU KNOW** that the Knights of Columbus has donated, through the American Wheelchair Mission, over 53,000 wheelchairs to handicapped individuals throughout the world, including several thousand to U.S. Military Veterans? The Knights of Columbus wishes to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to ALL Veterans, living and deceased, for their dedicated service to our great country. Remember ALL Veterans on November 11.

## HOLY TRINITY NEWS



**Welcome Dinner for Newcomers—this Sunday**, November 8, 5:00pm, at Holy Trinity Parish Hall. Thanks to all who have RSVPed! Newcomers: if you didn't get a chance to RSVP, but can come, we welcome you—just bring yourselves—children welcome.

A remembrance book for the Month of All Souls is displayed on St. Joseph's altar. You may inscribe the names of your beloved dead for remembrance in prayer throughout this month.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETS THIS MONDAY**, November 9, at 7pm.

### **PANCAKE BREAKFAST NEXT SUNDAY**

The Knights of Columbus will serve a pancake and sausage breakfast in the parish hall after both Masses next Sunday, November 15. Open to all. A free will offering will be welcome.



All women of the parish are invited to the **Women's Guild Christmas Party**, Tuesday, December 1 at the Parish Hall. Social hour begins at 6:30pm with dinner at 7pm. \$15 per person. Please RSVP to Pam Wittmeyer, 816-804-0855 or [pamwittmeyer@gmail.com](mailto:pamwittmeyer@gmail.com). Send payment to

Pam; 20500 Grass Pad Road, Platte City, MO 64079. Checks payable to Holy Trinity Women's Guild.

### **ARE YOU REGISTERED IN A PARISH?**

All Catholic adults should be registered in a parish. Catholics who wish to receive sacraments for themselves or their children should be registered members of a parish and known to the pastor for the past year or, if new members of this community, should have been registered in a previous parish before sacraments like Baptism or Marriage are scheduled.

If you are an adult who regularly attends Mass at Holy Trinity or Twelve Apostles, but have not yet registered, you may do so by going to our websites and clicking on the registration button on the Home page, or by filling out the form found in the vestibule of the churches and returning it to the parish office (via the collection basket or by mail or dropping off.)

We look forward to knowing you!

## KATIE'S CORNER-- YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS



### **YOUTH GROUP Grades 7-12:**

**This Sunday— November 8, 1:30-3pm at Holy Trinity.**

***Mysterious Love.*** Keeping the mystery alive by not telling you anything. You'll just have to attend to see what great things are going to happen!

**Cookie sale sign-ups now available!** Sign up online at [www.holytrinitycatholic.org/youth](http://www.holytrinitycatholic.org/youth) or [www.twelveapostlescatholic.org/youth](http://www.twelveapostlescatholic.org/youth)

### **Confirmation**

Holy Trinity make-up class of *I Believe* this Sunday, Nov. 8.

Next session:

November 22, 3:00-5:00pm at Holy Trinity. (Please remember this date is different than the schedule originally said) Find the drawing of people laying down palm branches in front of Jesus for a special prize!

## TWELVE APOSTLES NEWS

**PSR News:** This Sunday, November 8, **everyone** is invited to join us for the Parish Rosary at 10:20am in the Northland Career Center cafeteria. This Rosary will be led by the 8th graders.

—Parents, you are invited to stay after the Rosary for the Parents as Catechists (PAC) meeting. Enjoy coffee and donuts and talk with other parents about the joys and challenges of being a parent. Give and get ideas for how to better help your child grow in their faith.

A remembrance book for the Month of All Souls is displayed on a table just to the side of our Divine Mercy altar. Feel free to write the names of your beloved dead in it for remembrance in prayer.

**WOMEN'S GROUP MEETS THIS TUESDAY**, November 10, at 6:30pm, in the lower level of the church. All women of the parish are invited.

### **BUILDING FUND UPDATE:**

Current Loan Balance:	\$1,571,000.00
October Interest payment on loan:	4,671.04
Minimum Monthly Principal payment:	9,000.00
Oct 2015 Building Fund Contributions:	9,121.28
(We send in all Bldg Fund \$ received each month)	
Paid-to-date on loan:	\$ 641,791.65
Thank you for your continuing support of our debt reduction!	

Maur Hill – Mount Academy is hosting an Open House for prospective families on Wed, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> starting at 5:30pm. Families will get a first hand look at the academics, faith, activities, and more with presentations from our teachers and students. Following the tour and presentations, we will answer your questions, share how to apply, and discuss scholarships. Please contact the Director of Admissions, Deke Nolan, with any questions. (367-5482, [dnolan@mh-ma.com](mailto:dnolan@mh-ma.com))

**In Thanksgiving for Life**, attend the FertilityCare System (Creighton Model) Introductory Session, offered monthly at a variety of area locations and long distance. Fulfills marriage policy requirement. Helpful for achieving and avoiding pregnancy plus medical applications. Better than IVF for infertility. Register online at [www.fertilitycarekc.com](http://www.fertilitycarekc.com), or call the Fertility-Care Center of KC at (816) 858-0198.

**HEALING SERVICES:** Part of the mission of the diocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection is to reach out to those hurt by sexual abuse and to help guide them along their journey towards healing. One of the ways they plan to do this is by inviting anyone who has been affected by sexual abuse in the church to join them for Healing Services. The next Healing Service is Wed., Nov. 11, at 7pm at Nativity of Mary, 10017 E. 36th St., Independence, MO. Other dates and locations are listed on a flyer on the church bulletin board. Contact info, if you have more questions, is found on the front cover of the bulletin.

**Lectors: Handbooks** for the new liturgical year beginning November 28/29 are available in the vestibule of each church. Please pick yours up. Thanks for your service!

**DCCW Quarterly Meeting** — December 2, at St. Therese Parish in Parkville. Registration at 9:30am, business meeting, Mass, lunch, and entertainment. Please bring warm gloves/mittens, hats, scarves for the Bishop Sullivan Center for distribution to inner-city families. Luncheon is \$11; reservations to Carolyn at 816-690-4278 or [lthouse@centurylink.net](mailto:lthouse@centurylink.net) by November 29.

## FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN.....

Margaret Mary Kelley Callahan lived to be ninety one years old. She was a strong woman, tenacious, yet gentle and understanding. She came to America as a small girl after her mother had died during the influenza pandemic in Ireland in the early 1900's. Her father brought her with him to the Big Apple in search of steady employment and a secure future. Right out of high school she married the man of her dreams, an Army man through and through, and after moving around the country from assignment to assignment, they finally landed in south Kansas City. There they grew roots, and raised their family. Margaret Mary was the strong and proud Irish mother of three boys. She did whatever needed to be done to provide for them.

The ladies of the church, Catholic of course, taught her how to garden and how to can her vegetables. They taught her to sew, to make her own dresses and household items. Money was scarce in those days. The ladies of the church taught her how to budget, and to put money away for a rainy day. Margaret Mary had a canning jar where she kept her husband's pocket change and a few extra dollars she saved by canning, tucked away in the cellar with all the canned goods from the harvest. No one but Margaret Mary knew she had a stash. It helped her in a pinch many times throughout her life. It was her only choice, and she loved every minute of it.

God had gifted her with a husband and three boys, "My Boys," she called them. She believed with all her heart that God had entrusted her with the responsibility to provide for them. Forever she would be mother to them. Her three sons grew to be star athletes for the high school football squad, breaking records and setting the bar so high their records stand to this day. Local heroes all three, the talk of the town, the pride and joy of Margaret Mary; in her eyes, "My Boys" could do no wrong.

After graduating high school, there wasn't much for them to do. Money being scarce, college was out of the question; employment was equally scarce. The only option for the three was to do wrong. Petty theft quickly morphed into full-on felony activity, including dangerous drugs. It was well-known that they had been drinking since they turned of age, for them that was age ten, but their drinking escalated into binges lasting for weeks at a time. They maintained their status; they were the talk of the town, the number one topic of the ladies of the church, but no one talked about their football scores and athletic achievements any more.

The ladies of the church talked amongst themselves, "Poor Margaret Mary. Doyle is rolling over in his grave. What those boys have done to their poor mother." The ladies of the church talked to Margaret Mary, "You need to throw them out of your house. Kick them to the curb. Box up their stuff and toss it out into the street." Margaret Mary prayed the Rosary five or six times a day. Between every bead, she talked to Doyle, her late husband, "Doyle, Oh, Doyle! They're good boys, don't you be upset with them, be upset with me. I wish I could do more. Times are hard. All they need in a little encouragement."

The ladies of the church talked to the local police officers, "You ought to lock them up and throw away the key. Can't you do something? If they ever come around my house I'll shoot them myself!" The ladies of the church even talked to suspected criminals in the neighborhood, "God knows we don't approve of what you're up to, but what those boys are doing is a crying shame. Oh, the disgrace and heartache they have caused their poor mother."

The ladies of the church talked a lot. They talked at church, in the grocery store, on the bus to work; they talked to their husbands and their grown children's husbands; they talked to the priests of the church, and the sisters of the convent where Margaret Mary volunteered; they talked before church in the parking lot; they talked before Mass, during Mass, after Mass; they even talked in their sleep. Margaret Mary always responded, "They're My Boys! I love them. I'm their Mother. I can't turn my back on them. They'll come around one day. There's not much for them right now, but they are good boys! God will help them." The Margaret Mary mantra was off-putting to some to say the least. Whenever the ladies of the church heard mention of "My Boys" they would cringe, roll their eyes and talk endlessly amongst themselves about those boys. The ladies of the church were still talking about the "Boys" even though the "Boys" had become men in their late sixties, who had repeatedly dodged bullets, incarceration, and federal authorities. Grown men

who had even managed to escape each other's coming and going and dodging at Margaret Mary's house. Birds-of-a-feather don't always flock together. Each of them had become a liability to the others. Still, Margaret Mary was forever their mother. She loved them, stood by them, prayed for them. She would beat her beads night and day out of fear something would happen to one of them. Her Rosary and her jar of rainy day money were always there when needed.

The inevitable did happen. Her youngest son was the first to die. He had been beaten severely in a drunken drug deal gone wrong with the oldest boy/man/son. Margaret Mary heard a scuffle in the basement one night and feared the worse after three days when her youngest still hadn't surfaced. She was afraid to call the police for fear they would arrest her son, so she talked to the ladies of the church. The ladies of the church talked to the police. They found the youngest son in the basement near death. Dodging and drugging had taken its toll and he passed away two days later.

Helping Margaret Mary bury her youngest son is the third hardest thing I have ever had to do as a priest. The second is helping Margaret Mary bury her oldest son three months later. He had fled the scene after the drunken brawl in the basement, but he had returned the night he died. "My Boys! I love them. What am I going to do without them? A mother shouldn't have to bury her sons." The middle son did not attend either of the funerals. He couldn't help his mother because the authorities were waiting to arrest him. Someone always tipped off the police. Margaret Mary knew the ladies of the church would talk, but she didn't blame them. The ladies meant well, besides she couldn't do it, she was their mother, she loved them.

Margaret Mary died three years later. The saddest thing I have ever had to do was to bury Margaret Mary. She had outlived most of the ladies of the church. Her husband was gone as were two of her sons, the third one was estranged. There was no one, except me and two remaining ladies of the church. Now that's a rainy day for certain. Worse, there wasn't much left in the rainy day jar to help us, but God provided just as Margaret Mary always said. "Trust God, he will provide." The three of us gave Margaret Mary a spectacular homecoming, complete with an Irish wake and celebration farewell dinner. We prayed the Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous mysteries of the Rosary. Actually, it was mostly me praying; the remaining ladies of the church fell asleep after five Hail Mary's. They must have been all talked out.

Forty five minutes into the Mass of the Resurrection, surprisingly, her last son entered the church and stumbled up the center aisle. Slurring his words he said, "Father, thank you for taking care of my family, especially my mother. One thing I'll say for sure, me and my brothers knew that she loved us. No matter what we did, she loved us! It's over now." He cried as he stumbled down the center aisle and out of the church where federal authorities arrested him.

Margaret Mary Kelley Callahan trusted God. She loved her sons freely and generously because she trusted God. It is her trust in God that helped her through all the difficulties that occurred when the people of her life, including her family, proved themselves untrustworthy. Her freedom to love unconditionally was not based upon how safe she felt with them, it was based on how safe she was with God. Margaret Mary gave what she could not afford to lose. Often we think we cannot afford to love those who have caused us grief and disappointment and feelings of rejection and betrayal, and yet Jesus tells us to forgive them and do good to them and go the extra mile for them, to love them like a mother loves her sons.

Following Jesus requires a tremendous amount of trust, because he often takes us to unexpected places that require new growth, sacrifices, and moving beyond the boundaries of what's familiar and comfortable. Loving others always includes sacrificing ourselves and relying on God to comfort us, heal us, restore us, and bless us. Our jar of whatever we pour out to others for the sake of love will never go empty.

In Christ,

*Father Steven C. Neje*