

Welcome to

## Holy Trinity Parish

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## Twelve Apostles Parish

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## Baptism of Our Lord January 10, 2016

In today's reading from the Gospel of Luke we hear the proclamation of the baptism of Jesus with "all the people." Indeed, "heaven was opened," and the Father announced his special favor. Whenever we partake of the body and blood of Christ, heed his call in our daily lives, share his Good News, become instruments of his transforming justice and peace, heaven is opened to us, and through the Holy Spirit, the Lord announces his special favor on us as well. A good stewardship reflection this week might be this: How, or in what ways, have we personally experienced God's special favor in our lives?

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### 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:**

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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.

**Baptism of Our Lord - 10 Jan 2016**  
**Readings: p. 59 in *Breaking Bread***

**MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, January 9**

**5:00pm--XII** Private Intention

**Sunday, January 10**

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

**9:00am--XII** Parishioners of XII Apostles

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

Mon, Jan 11, 8am (HT) +Rev. Francis Hochgesand (pastor 1911-21)

Wed, Jan 13, 8am (HT) +Rev. John McLaughlin (pastor 1898-1910)

Thu, Jan 14, 6pm (XII) Private Intention

Fri, Jan 15, 8am (HT) +Rev. Roger Blais (pastor 1968-75)

**Saturday, January 16**

**5:00pm--XII** +Rev. John Wandless

**Sunday, January 17**

**7:30am-HT** +Rev. Max Pils (pastor 1978-82)

**9:00am--XII** Parishioners of XII Apostles

**10:45am-HT** Parishioners of Holy Trinity

**Living Mercy in the Jubilee Year of Mercy**



**KNOW! GROW! GO!** We are called to offer God's mercy to others this year, as well as to recognize it in our own lives. Our **January focus** is the corporal work of mercy "**To Shelter the Homeless.**" We will have our **first Year of Mercy Potluck this Sunday, January 10, at 5:00pm, at Holy Trinity, with guest speakers who are volunteers with Uplift.** Uplift is a Kansas City organization that serves the homeless. Come hear about the good that is being done for those in need and learn more about how you might help. All members of both parishes are invited. Free child care provided during the program for children under 8; those 8 & over are encouraged to listen. Bring a dish of any kind to share.

**Twelve Apostles-Holy Trinity Quilt Group**

**SPECIAL QUILTING TIMES/DATES IN JANUARY!!**



We will begin our ministry by working on blankets for the homeless during this Year of Mercy. "**Shelter the Homeless**" is our parish work of mercy for January. In addition to our regular meeting at Holy Trinity on second Mondays, **including this Monday, January 11, from 11-3,**

we will ALSO meet at Holy Trinity for special sessions on Sunday, Jan. 17, 2-7pm & Monday, January 18, 10am-6pm!!!

If you can come this Monday, bring a dish to share for a casual potluck lunch.

**On Jan 17/18, meals will be provided!**

**Join us for any amount of time that you are available. We need people to cut, pin, iron, etc., as well as for sewing, so anyone is welcome to join us.** If you have old blankets, flannel sheets, old jeans, corduroy, or batting to donate, or a donation towards needed supplies (such as batting) or have any questions, please contact Lori Mathews at 816-807-3220, lori.mathews4@gmail.com, or bring to our gatherings.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

**Sunday Morning Adult Faith Formation Group** will meet each Sunday from 9:00- 10:30 AM in Holy Trinity Parish Hall for coffee, fellowship and faith formation. We will be watching some inspiring talks by Bishop Robert Barron followed by group discussion. Please join us! No advance preparation is required! For more info contact Cathi O'Malley 816-916-0446; [cathi.theomalley@gmail.com](mailto:cathi.theomalley@gmail.com).

**ENDOW - Educating on the Nature & Dignity of Women**

**Four opportunities for women's study groups in January — you may still register even though some have begun:**

Monday mornings, 9:45 - 11:15, **God Is Love** (Platte City)

Wednesday mornings, 8:30 - 10, **Letter to Women** (Weston)

Mondays, 7:00 - 8:30pm, **On the Dignity and Vocation of Women** (Farley)

Tuesday evenings, 5:45 - 7:30, **God Is Love** (Platte City)

*Each study consists of 8 sessions and the cost is \$25.*

*For more information and to register online, go to [Endowgroups.org](http://Endowgroups.org)*

**Psalms - The School of Prayer:** Video from the Great Adventure Catholic Bible Study followed by discussion. Tuesdays 1 - 2:30, beginning January 12; 11 sessions, at 12700 N Overbrook Dr in Platte City. *To join and purchase materials, contact Donna Webb at 402-613-3829 or [dwebbjoy@gmail.com](mailto:dwebbjoy@gmail.com)*

**Marriage & Family** (Bishop Helmsing course)

Delve into the Church's life-giving teaching on marriage—the foundational human relationship. You'll learn the meaning of human sexuality, the origin of marriage "in the beginning," and its sacramental nature. Understand your calling to follow Christ as husband and wife, mother and father.

**Location, Date, and Time: Twelve Apostles Church, Wednesdays, Jan. 13, 20, 27, and February 3, 6:30-9:00 pm. Cost \$25/person. Register at [mybhi.org](http://mybhi.org)**

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

**OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**--All eligible practicing Catholic men, age 18 or older, who would like to become members of the Knights of Columbus of either Twelve Apostles Council or Holy Trinity Council may do so on Monday, January 11, at 7:00PM at St. Therese in Parkville, MO. During this Year of Mercy is the perfect time to join and give something back to your Church, parish and community in the form of Charity. Call Steve Steiger at (816) 431-6506 or Jim Rooney at (816) 674-4268 for more information.

**MEETING NOTICE:** Wednesday, January 13----next Meeting of Twelve Apostles Knights of Columbus Council No.16189. Rosary at 6:45PM in the lower level of Twelve Apostles Church. Meeting at 7:00PM, followed by social. Members of other councils, and former members are also invited. Questions? Contact Grand Knight Steve Steiger at (816) 431-6506 or [scsteiger@yahoo.com](mailto:scsteiger@yahoo.com).

ALL First Degree Members of the Knights of Columbus are invited to attend the 2nd and Degree Ceremonials on Sunday, January 17 at Olathe, KS

**Holy Trinity K of C Council 12288 will meet** on the third Thursday of the month, 21 Jan 2016 at 7 pm at Holy Trinity Parish Hall.

**Holy Trinity K of C Council 12288 raised \$1,000 from the Tootsie Roll Drive in October.** Half of the money raised goes to support the Knights of Columbus Developmental & Autism Center at Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital in St. Louis; the other half returns to the Council to be distributed to local organizations in support of the developmentally disabled. The week before Christmas, K of C Council 12288 presented \$500 to the Farmer's House, Inc of Weston, a non-profit organization, for their efforts in "Embracing, Enhancing, and Supporting the Lives of Youth and Adults with Developmental Disabilities."

Saturday, January 30--**Knights of Columbus Night at the Missouri Mavericks** Professional Hockey game in Independence, MO. EVERYONE (Knights and their guests) is invited. Contact Steve Steiger at [scsteiger@yahoo.com](mailto:scsteiger@yahoo.com) or at (816) 431-6506 for ticket information at reduced prices.

Monday, February 15--ALL applications for Knights of Columbus **Scholarships** are DUE BY February 15 to the Missouri State Council. Contact Steve Steiger at (816) 431-6506 for information.

## HOLY TRINITY NEWS

Parish Council meets this Monday, January 11, at 7pm.



**PANCAKE BREAKFAST NEXT SUNDAY**  
Holy Trinity Council 12288 Pancake and Sausage Breakfast after Masses at Holy Trinity on Sunday, 17 Jan 2016. Free will offerings accepted for Knights of Columbus charitable activities.

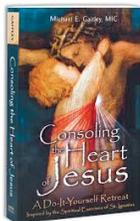
### CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

The Catholic Home Missions Appeal will take place next week. One way this appeal works to support home missions is by supporting seminarian formation in poor dioceses in the United States. Your support is needed for these young men so that they might go back and serve their parishes. Please **strengthen the Church at home** by making a generous gift to next week's appeal. Envelopes can be found in your envelope support packs, on the table with the bulletins, or e-givers can donate online by going to your parish website and clicking on the "donate now" button.

### MISSOURI RIGHT TO LIFE MASS AND PRAYER VIGIL

**Friday, January 22, 2016** (In recognition of the anniversary of Roe v. Wade)  
**10:30 a.m.** – Mass in Our Lady of Ephesus Chapel, at The Catholic Center, 20 West Ninth Street, Kansas City, 64105  
**11:30 a.m.** – Walking pilgrimage (5 blocks) to Federal Courthouse, 400 East Ninth Street, Kansas City, 64105  
**12:00 p.m.** – Silent 1-hour Prayer Vigil at Ilus W. Davis Park (In front of Federal Courthouse)

**Engaged? Married? Need NFP? Infertility?** *The FertilityCare™ System (Creighton Model) Introductory Session is 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 FertilityCare™ Center of KC at (816) 858-0198.*



**CONSOLING THE HEART OF JESUS** by FR. MICHAEL GAITLEY, M.I.C. This do-it-yourself retreat combines the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius with the teachings of Saints Thérèse of Lisieux, Faustina Kowalska, and Louis de Montfort. Fr. Gaitley has a remarkable gift for inspiring little souls to trust in Jesus, the Divine Mercy. This book includes practical helps in appendices. Available at the Lighthouse stand in the church vestibules, along with many other titles.



### **KATIE'S CORNER YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS**

**Confirmation—next session:**  
January 10—9am at Holy Trinity; 3pm at Twelve Apostles.

**Youth Group—grades 7-12:**

***New Year, New You***

**1:30—3:00pm, at XII Apostles.**

**Join us for a New Year's Party! Games & prizes galore!!**

## TWELVE APOSTLES NEWS



### **PANCAKE BREAKFAST THIS SUNDAY**

**All are invited to join us for Twelve Apostles Knights of Columbus Council 16189's FIRST pancake and sausage breakfast** on Sunday, January 10, at the Northland Career Center cafeteria, 1801 Branch St. in Platte City — 9:50am till 11:15am or until all are served. A free will offering will be welcome. There is no charge for this meal; however, free-will offerings will be accepted and greatly appreciated. This is a Fundraiser, and proceeds will be donated to various charities. ALL are invited. (Financial donations used to purchase equipment, food and supplies for future breakfasts are also welcomed. Contact Chairman Paul Bobowski at (816) 668-7199 for more information.)

**WOMEN'S GROUP MEETS THIS TUESDAY, January 12, at 6:30pm** in the church basement.



**Church cleaning** by Team 2 on Saturday, Jan. 16, at 9am: Pat Fundom, Jackie Menk, Bridget Poldberg, Helen Poldberg, Pat Canning, Leah Lawver. Any and all other willing hands are also welcome, one-time or ongoing. Thank you!

### **DE-DECORATING**



If you donated a poinsettia for the Christmas season, you are welcome to take one home after Mass this weekend. Thank you for your contribution to beautifying our churches for Christmas.

Christmas decorations will be taken down after 9am Mass at Twelve Apostles and 10:45 Mass at Holy Trinity. All willing hands are invited to help. Thank you!

**The 23<sup>rd</sup> annual "SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS" Benefit Dinner** is dedicated to Our Lady of Kibeho, Rwanda, and the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows of Mary, Friday, January 29, 2016 at a **NEW LOCATION**. This event benefits seminarians from the Archdiocese of Kansas City, Kansas, the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph and Conception Seminary College. It promises to be an evening filled with fun and laughter, celebrating our Catholic faith, dining on wonderful food, and socializing with our priests and seminarians! We have a wonderful speaker this year, Monsignor Stuart Swetland, President of Donnelly College, Kansas City, KS. S.O.S. will be held at the **Union Station**, 30 West Pershing Road, Kansas City, MO 64108. The reservation price is \$175.00 per person at tables of ten people. To reserve your place, or an entire table, or donate to the marketplace or VIP silent auction, contact Martha Hodes at 913.207.9893 or [mmmhsos512@gmail.com](mailto:mmmhsos512@gmail.com).

### **PLEDGE TO HEAL**

The diocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection is reaching out to those hurt by the church to offer support and resources through a series of Healing Services throughout the diocese to fulfill our diocese's Pledge to Heal' in assisting those hurt by clergy sexual abuse.

The next services are scheduled for:

**St. Anthony Parish on Monday January 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

318 Benton Boulevard, Kansas City, 64124

**St. Margaret Parish on Thursday February 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

777 NE Blackwell Road, Lee's Summit, 64086

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

When I was a child too young to go to school, every day my mother would make snacks for my brothers, sisters and me. Every day we would get a treat. On one day our snack would be a peanut butter and jelly sandwich rolled into logs coated in powdered sugar. Another day it would be Rice Crispy treats rolled in M&Ms, and at least one day a week it would be cupcakes fresh from the oven.

Of all the confections, we were blessed to have an endless supply of Betty Crocker cupcakes, chocolate, yellow, cherry-flavored, spice cake, orange cake, every flavor she made. When Betty Crocker wasn't on sale, she took a holiday and Duncan Hines filled the bill. His cupcakes were good, too. Just excited to have a cupcake, we couldn't tell the difference.

I spent afternoons in the kitchen with Mother as she prepared after-school delights. Before she discovered the spatula, my mother would prepare cake mix with a hand mixer and a wooden spoon. Pouring cake batter into paper cup liners, she'd scrape the bowl with the spoon. Spoons aren't very effective in scraping cake batter out of a bowl. No matter how much she scraped, there would be an ample amount leftover. She gave me the bowl as a treat before the snack. That's how we rolled. That's how I lived.

I dreaded the day she bought her first spatula. I still remember the first time she used a spatula to scrape out the bowl. She even scraped off the mixer beaters. They were as slick as a whistle by the time the spatula was finished. Instead of twelve, my mother's dozen had thirteen. I begged her to go back to using the wooden spoon. She refused saying, "You wear more of the cake batter on your face, clothes and belly than you get in your tummy." I wondered why she washed my hair every time we had cupcakes.

Back in the good old days of spoons, I had to stay out of her way and wait until the cupcakes were in the oven before I could approach her, or I would never see the bowl laced with creamy goodness. Waiting was hard for me. I couldn't contain myself. I knew that I wasn't supposed to cross the threshold from the living room to the kitchen but as soon as I heard that mixer whirling and my mother whipping up her magic, I would start to fiddle and twiddle. She fired the first warning shot, "What did I say?" I thought squirming and fidgeting and dancing around the kitchen was waiting, but it greatly annoyed her.

My mother used a box mix. Everything was included with the exception of water, oil and eggs. It was a good thing she did. Every afternoon, I ran the chance of getting on her last nerve and cause her to forget something essential like sugar or baking powder or a mother's touch. There were several instances where the cupcakes had crunchy things in them. Not M&Ms. Not Reese's pieces. Eggshells! The cupcakes were great when I didn't get in her way.

Not being able to wait, I tiptoed up next to her so I could see how much batter would be left in the bowl for me, when I was supposed to be in the other room. Whenever my mother baked, she'd get lost in her work and enter into a dream state. She didn't see or hear a thing. It was quite a shock and surprise for her and the cake batter, when she found me underfoot. Those were the days when she had to wash her hair and mine.

She and I worked out a deal, "Fifteen minutes." I had to learn what the word *wait* meant. I hated that word. I hated to wait for anything. Wait meant stay clear of her, until she gave the "All Clear" signal. Lost in her baking dream, she never gave me the signal. I never heard her say, "All Clear!" Of course she said, "It was an accident. I forgot!" She did it so much that I thought she had a memory issue in her twenties. Hmmm....maybe it was on purpose.

I had no concept of time. My 15 minutes were a whole lot shorter than her 15 minutes. Fifteen minutes to a mother of five is never the same or enough. Some days I bet she wished she could have stretched 15 minutes into a whole afternoon. I am sure she tried, but all the squirming, fidgeting and dancing eventually gave way to something far more audible, loud fiddling and twiddling. "Mom...Momma...Mother...DELORES JUNE ROGERS!" She stopped the mixer cold in the batter. "Now wait a minute here, young man! You don't call me by my name. It's Mother."

Hanging on the door molding, I immediately stopped swaying from side to side. Not because she was upset I used her name, but because she said "wait!" I hated that word. She used it a lot. Exasperated I whined, "But, Mother...Momma...Mom." I stopped there. She shot me the look. Waiting is much different when there's a bowl to lick. Not having a spoon or even a spatula is taxing and vexing to say the least.

The minute my brothers and sisters got off the school bus, they ran into the house and headed straight for the kitchen. Not having a "deal" with Delores June Rogers, they ran straight to the cupcakes and snacks. They didn't have a deal, but they had to hear what I had heard every second of the day, "Wait!" That made me smile big. The playing field was leveled. "Wait until you put your things away." It didn't seem like they had to wait as much as me. They waited a few seconds, I the whole day.

It wasn't until later when I started school that I learned my brothers and sisters spent their whole day at school squirming and fidgeting and dancing in their seats, occasionally with loud fiddling and twiddling. That's because they didn't like to wait either. We were lucky. We had snacks, especially cupcakes, to come to our rescue.

Waiting is just a fact of life, each and every human being waits. We wait in long lines at the grocery store to buy box mixes of everything including cupcakes. We wait incessantly while on hold with the phone company, internet, computer and cable providers. We wait at the office for dentists and doctors. Someone waits for us and we wait for each other especially when tied up waiting in those long lines. None of us likes waiting on hold for customer service. We don't like waiting for Amazon.com to deliver our packages.

When we know that we are going to be waiting for a period of time, even if it's less than fifteen minutes, we multi-task. We do many things not realizing the person on the other end of the line can hear us in the middle of those other things. It can be embarrassing when they break in and thank us for waiting but then ask us to wait even longer. Waiting, we will load the dishwasher banging every pot and pan in protest. We over-stuff the washing machine in defiance, without sorting colors. We vacuum linoleum, along with the carpet and the drapes as we push furniture around the room. Waiting, we fidget and fiddle with everything we own. We tweet and twiddle everyone we know, "I'm waiting!"

None of us likes waiting. We squirm and squander our time away doing several things while waiting. Mothers will try and bake something, often with disastrous results, eggshells every time, even when the recipe doesn't call for eggs. None of us likes to wait. Fifteen minutes seems like a lifetime, but multi-tasking doesn't make our *waiting time* pass any faster. We need someone to come to our rescue.

All of us need to learn what *wait* means. Waiting helps us to examine our lives, to examine our behavior. What do you expect? What do you think should happen in your daily life? Waiting is an opportunity for conversion. Rather than look at waiting as bad, we can convert waiting to expectation. When we have healthy expectations we wait with a good attitude. Waiting with impatience always leads to disappointment and dissatisfaction. Expectation that's based on the goodness of God and what he wants for us is the attitude that brings us joy, greater faith, trust and even miracles.

Just think of how much joy you can bring to others when waiting actually becomes expectation in a good way. Think of the joy you can bring to that poor customer service agent on the other end of the line who, after making you wait for an hour and fifteen minutes, finds you pleasant and cooperative and thankful. Expectation helps us come to their rescue. Think of how nice your colored clothes will turn out when they are washed on the proper cycle with no bleach. Think of the joy you will bring your family when the crunchy things in their cupcakes turn out to be M&Ms and Reese's pieces and not eggshells.

The readings this weekend are full of expectation. How do you need God to come and rescue you from life's injustices, or deliver you from evil, or comfort you as you wait? Why squirm and fidget, fiddle and twiddle? What guidance have you been seeking from God while becoming confused, overwhelmed, frustrated and uncertain while waiting? Do you feel Christ's gift of peace within you as you wait expectantly? Or do you feel impatient?

Think of how things might turn out differently if they are part of God's plan. Think of how much better life and relationships will be with God's plan in motion, than what you image or fear should or could happen. God keeps his promise. God is always ready to rescue us. Waiting is a good thing. God is speaking. Call on him by name. Open your ears and your hearts, but above all, be still, and know that he is God.

In Christ,

*Father Steven C. Rege*