

Welcome to

Holy Trinity Parish

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Twelve Apostles Parish

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First Sunday of Lent February 14, 2016



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The second reading from Saint Paul to the Romans is a favorite of those involved in the ministry of evangelization. There are no "secret" disciples of the Lord. Those who exercise good stewardship of their faith realize that publicly identifying themselves as followers of Christ has a cleansing effect on their lives. Openly confessing Christ makes them more conscious of how they live their daily lives. Are we content to privatize our faith or are we good stewards of a faith that we share, make public, and regularly identify as a life in Christ?

International Catholic Stewardship Council E-news February 2016

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.

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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, 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@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.

First Sunday of Lent - 14 Feb 2016
Readings: p. 74 in *Breaking Bread*

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 13

5:00pm--XII Private Intention

Sunday, February 14

7:30am-HT Parishioners of Holy Trinity

9:00am--XII Parishioners of XII Apostles

10:45am-HT +Mildred Ovaitt

Mon, Feb 15, 8am (HT) Private Intention

Wed, Feb 17, 8am (HT) Private Intention

Thu, Feb 18, 6pm (XII) Special Intention +

Fri, Feb 19, 8am (HT) Private Intention

Saturday, February 20

5:00pm--XII Special Intention +

Sunday, February 21

7:30am-HT Parishioners of Holy Trinity

9:00am--XII Parishioners of XII Apostles

10:45am-HT Private Intention



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday, Feb 19, at 7:00PM, at Holy Trinity—led by members of Holy Trinity's Women's Guild. (Stations will alternate each Friday between the two parishes.)

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Lenten daily reflection booklets and bookmarks are available on the table with the bulletins.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS BEGIN THIS WEEKEND

- **Holy Trinity following Masses**
- **XII Apostles 20 minutes prior to Masses**

Please join our congregations in praying/singing *The Chaplet of Divine Mercy*.

AS YOU ARRIVE: Prayer sheets and pamphlets are found on the table in the middle aisle of Holy Trinity and in the narthex of XII Apostles. His boundless mercies are explained in the pamphlets that you may keep.



Mercy in Action | Feed the Hungry. Shelter the Homeless. Give Alms.

During this Jubilee Year, Catholics are called to remember and perform

Corporal Works of Mercy. These include feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless and giving alms to the poor. **The Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance Fund (CCEAF)** second collection is an opportunity to do so, by supporting our efforts to provide urgently needed food, rental and utility assistance to thousands of our brothers and sisters living in poverty throughout northwest Missouri. CCEAF funds are distributed among nearly 40 parish-supported food pantries and emergency assistance sites in our diocese to help people with their most basic human needs. Join us in showing others the mercy of God through this authentic act of love. **Please prayerfully consider making a gift to the CCEAF second collection on Feb 20/21.**

Or, you can give a gift now at www.CatholicCharitiesGives.org.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Exciting **Lenten Study on Divine Mercy** beginning Sunday, February 28, 9AM, at Holy Trinity! For more information or to sign up please contact Jaci Kleman at 806-576-9023, jacci.kleman@gmail.com or Cathi O'Malley 816-916-0446, cathi.theomalley@gmail.com. **Divine Mercy In The Second Greatest Story Ever Told** is a 10-session film journey featuring Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC. Fr. Gaitley interweaves the dramatic history of Poland, the transformative message of St. Faustina, the miraculous appearance of Mary at Fatima, the witness of St. Maximilian Kolbe, and the world-changing papacy of St. John Paul II into a tapestry of wonder and beauty.

Join us for a fresh start on your spiritual journey with **33 Days to Morning Glory**, an easy DIY retreat in preparation for consecration to Jesus through Mary! All are welcome! **Meetings will be held on Mondays, 6:30-8:30 PM, for six weeks, beginning February 15**, in the home of Lisa Mancin, 18385 371 Hwy, Platte City. Consecration day is the Annunciation, March 25. Please call or text Shirley Goode, 816-225-4274, to register or for questions.

RITE OF ELECTION is this Sunday, February 14, at 2pm, at Co-Cathedral in St. Joseph—

Please pray for our RCIA catechumen and candidates in their journey as they continue their journey to learn more about the Catholic faith.

Next RCIA class: Wed, Feb 17, 7pm, at Holy Trinity.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS for all.....

DISTRICT FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP-- XII Apostles and Holy Trinity Knights of Columbus Councils will co-host the District-Free Throw Championship this Sunday, Feb. 14, 2-4 PM at the YMCA in Platte City. Winners from our two Councils' local Free Throw Championships will compete to move on to the Regional championship. **Volunteers from both Councils are needed** to help run the contest. Call Kent Eagen at (816) 718-8475 or Jim Begani at (816) 891-7166 to volunteer.

Holy Trinity Knights of Columbus Council 12288 monthly meeting on the 3rd Thursday (18 Feb 2016) starts with praying the Rosary at 7 pm in the Parish Hall.

OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN THE KNIGHTS--Eligible Catholic men may join the Knights of Columbus Council of either Holy Trinity or Twelve Apostles on any one of the following dates: Mon, Feb 15; Sun, Feb 21; Tues, March 1; Sun, Mar 13; Mon, Mar 14; or Sat, April 2. **2nd & 3rd DEGREE CEREMONIALS--**Current 1st Degree members of the Knights have the opportunity to receive their 2nd and 3rd Degrees on any one of the following: Sun Feb. 21; Sun Mar 13; or Sat, April 2. **A 4th Degree Ceremonial** will be conducted on April 9 in Kansas City, MO, and on April 16 in Leawood, KS. Contact Steve Steiger (816) 431-6506 for more info on any of the above.

UPCOMING EVENTS--Volunteers are needed at: (1) XII Apostles Pancake breakfast Feb 28. Contact Paul Bobowski (816) 668-7199; (2) Sacrament of Confirmation on February 29 at Twelve Apostles Church. Call Steve Steiger at (816) 431-6506.

NEED MEMBERSHIP REINSTATEMENT & TRANSFER FORMS RETURNED-- Twelve Apostles Council is attempting to update its Membership Roster. We ask that all former members and members who wish to reinstate their membership please return their completed Membership Documents (Form 100s) to: Twelve Apostles Knights of Columbus Council No.16189, P.O. Box 407, Platte City, MO 64079-0407. Contact Steve Steiger at (816) 431-6506 for information.

HOLY TRINITY NEWS

PANCAKES NEXT SUNDAY!

K of C Pancake and Sausage Breakfast on Sunday 21 Feb in the Parish Hall following Sunday Masses. Free will offerings raise funds for the Knights of Columbus' charitable projects.



FISH FRY HELP NEEDED: Workers and donations of food are needed for the Women's Guild Fish Fry on March 4. To sign up, go to the following link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050544aca9229-fish> or email Mary Esther: stevenmar44@aol.com. Thank you!

YEAR OF MERCY: February's focus is the spiritual work of mercy "To Admonish the Sinner." From the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' website about this work of mercy: "In humility we must strive to create a culture that does not accept sin, while realizing that we all fall at times."

Do something for your Valentine - attend! The FertilityCare™ System (Creighton Model) Introductory Session is offered monthly at various 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, or call FertilityCare™ Center of KC at (816) 858-0198.

KATIE'S CORNER YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS



Youth group: Grades 7-12

This Sunday, February 14, 1:30-3pm at XII Apostles: **The best way to live.**

Movie "Risen" — in theaters soon

Join us as we travel to AMC on Barry Road to see **Risen**, a powerful film about what happens after the Resurrection of Jesus, told through the eyes of an unbelieving Roman soldier. Before the movie, we will get dinner at Chick-fil-A.

Who: Grades 7-12

When: Saturday, February 20

Leaving Holy Trinity at 5:15pm, XII Apostles at 5:30pm
Returning to XII Apostles approximately 9:45pm,
Holy Trinity approximately 10:00pm

Cost: \$10/person (includes dinner & movie)

Please RSVP to Katie (ymHT-XII@kc.rr.com) by
Wednesday, February 17

Parents are welcome and needed as drivers/chaperones.

Confirmation: Remaining Sessions

Sunday, February 21, 6-8pm, Holy Trinity, Dinner in the Upper Room

Sunday, February 28, 3:30-4:30pm, XII Apostles, Practice (This time is different from what was originally published.)

Monday, February 29, 7:00pm Confirmation. Candidates and Sponsors need to be present at 5:30pm. We will have light snacks available when you arrive. There will be a cake and punch reception after Mass.

TWELVE APOSTLES NEWS

PSR News: Today: Please join us for the parish Rosary, led by the 6th graders. Parents, please stay afterwards for the *Parents as Catechists* meeting.

A HUGE thank you to Josh Shupe for cutting and drilling the boards for our Lent Family Day activity!

PARISH COUNCIL MEETS THIS MONDAY, February 15, 7pm (postponed from last week).



THURSDAY LENTEN ADORATION in this Year of Mercy

February 18, 2016 3:00 – 7:30 PM

7:30 -- Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Come as your schedule allows.

If you can commit to Thursday Lenten hour(s), please sign up in the narthex.

These 40 days of Lent are a time of favor from heaven, especially so during this Holy Year of Mercy.



**LENT, CONFIRMATION & EASTER
GIFT ITEMS NOW AVAILABLE** for your convenience at the gift case in the narthex.



Coming Up!

Holy Trinity Women's Guild Fish Fry

Friday, March 4, 5:00-7:00 pm

Holy Trinity Parish Hall, 407 Cherry, Weston



Pre-Sales: \$8/Adults; \$5/Children (12 & under); \$25/Family (parents and dependent children)

At-the-Door Sales: \$10/Adults; \$30/Family

Tickets will be available after all Masses (including Twelve Apostles) the last two weekends in February.

JEFF CAVINS SPECIAL EVENTS ON MARCH 4th & 5th

at ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH IN ST. JOSEPH MO (27th & Seneca). Jeff is a nationally-known Bible scholar, Catholic author and evangelist who will explore the transforming power of Christ's love in "The Way Love Feels: A Look at the Cross of Christ" on Friday at 7pm in church. This is a freewill offering event; check-in starts at 6:15pm.

On Saturday, from 9am to 3pm in the Parish Center, "The Bible Timeline", will present the Big Picture of the Bible. You will:

- Learn how the key people, places, and events in the Bible fit together to reveal God's plan for humanity.
- See how the events in the Old Testament are fulfilled in the New Testament.
- Gain a greater appreciation for the Scripture readings you hear during Mass

Early Registration for Saturday's seminar is \$35; after Feb 27th \$40 per person. Seminar materials, lunch and snacks are included. Go to www.sfxstjoe.com to register online or to download a registration form.

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN.....

"What's wrong with me?" It wasn't the first time she asked that question. About every five years, Janet confronts herself. She has had this confrontation at least ten times throughout her life. Ten times five is fifty. Janet despises math. She believes life is supposed to add up and pay big dividends, but is hasn't for her, yet. When it comes to Janet, emotionally she is always in the red. "What's wrong with me?"

On the surface Janet presents the whole package. She is intelligent and beautiful, a perfect specimen for a woman who is in her ten-times-five-years. On the surface she is well kept, organized and forward thinking. Physically she is fit. Slightly scratch the surface and the whole package breaks apart. With every part and parcel, Janet is a wreck. Janet feels she has been left behind.

Inside is much different from the outside. Under the Lancôme and L'Oréal, she is disheveled, ugly, and grossly out of shape. That what she sees, that's why she stopped looking at herself at five-times-five. She has more than fifty shades of lipstick, still she only sees red and there is a fire in the hole that burns to the core of her soul.

Fifty and daily counting the tick-tock of her biological clock, Janet often stewes why her emotional self remains detached from her physical self, "You would have thought by now I would have figured it out, I'd be a grown-up woman! I'm a mess. What's wrong with me?" Janet can't remember when she hasn't asked herself that question.

She conceals her failures and impediments with a brush. With a wand she magically erases the dissatisfaction with self and the uncertainty of self. She hurries and scurries in her routine and sidesteps her reflection in the mirror. "What's wrong with me?" She doesn't really want an answer. She can't lift the veil, she's too afraid of what she will find.

She exercises daily like the good book says, but still she never works out what's troubling her, what's holding her back, what's pulling her down. The clock chimes on, it moves forward without her. With every tick, she counts her lamentations. She grieves she will never catch up. Her life is a dirge but her spirit wants to dance. Time is on fast forward and is quickly passing her by. With every tock, she silently screams. She will never catch up. "What's wrong with me?"

About every five years Janet reinvents her physical space. She remodels the space she occupies: new pillows for the worn-down sofa; new window dressings for the dirty windows; new bedding for the lumpy old bed; new florals for the chipped vase, a modern frame for the exhausted looking landscape. She works night and day over a long weekend to spruce up and revitalize her surroundings, "I have to do this to make myself feel better."

She says she inherited this trait from her mother. "That's what Ginny Marie did. She'd take an old sow's ear of a bag and turn it into a jewel better than a Gucci. I wish I could do that." God love her for trying. Still something is missing. In less than a week, Janet returns to the question, "What's wrong with me?" She dreads the day fifty becomes sixty.

During the Holidays, Janet called, "You used to have a saying. I like it. What was it, tell me it again." I was taken aback. I am a person with many sayings. I said, "You mean the one I say, 'With God all that you are and all that you are not is enough?'" "No, not that one! You know, the other one!" I began to think to myself she thinks I am a man of just two sayings. Janet jumped in, "You say so much I don't remember it all." There was a long pause.

You know that one where you say it isn't too late. How does it go?" "Oh, that one!" I said. "It is never too late to be what you might have been!" "That's it! Say it again. I like that one." "It is never too late to be what you might have been!" Janet said, "Yes, that is what I need to tell myself. I really hate getting old!" An uncomfortable pause followed. I broke the silence saying, "Janet, why did you ask me for that?" Janet quickly changed the subject, "Have you see the new Stars Wars yet?"

Last week Janet called again, "I went to church this past weekend. I thought that would make you smile." I responded, "I am smiling; the place didn't burn down, did it?" We laughed together. She said, "No it was nice. I felt good, better than I have felt in a very long time. Not just on the outside, but on the inside. God and I have a lot to work out."

I have to admit I was curious about what was happening in Janet's life, and her emotional state, and what prompted her to go back to church. She hadn't been in ten years, since she was at my ordination. I didn't impose on her though. I said, "You said you feel good on the inside, what's that like?" Janet said, "God doesn't hate me. That's what I felt, God made me feel good." I thought to myself, why on earth would Janet think God hated her? I let her talk. I listened to what she had to say.

That was an amazing insight she shared with me. "Hate and I go way back," she said, "I have allowed people to hate on me because I have hated me, and I have hated everyone else, too. That's what's wrong with me! I don't want to hate me anymore. God and I need to talk more. Like you said, 'with God all that you are and all that you are not is enough.'" Janet shocked me with her words. She jumped right in, "You can't become what you might have been without knowing that with God all that you are and all that you are not is enough!" I could not hold it in, I shouted, "Amen, Sister!" We laughed out loud for a moment. Then Janet said, "Your Baptist roots are showing!" We laughed louder.

When we talk and walk with Jesus, we unite ourselves to his struggle with the devil and to his victory over the devil. Our temptations become his temptations, and in our efforts to remain united to him, we reject Satan and choose the life of holiness.

So often, we are lost to the temptation to hate on our self because of our self-imposed limitations and impediments. We start hating on our self and God, early on, before the years compound, before five becomes ten. It is easy for us to give into the temptation of *what's wrong with me*, when we turn the volume dial to ten and drown out our self and everyone else, especially God.

When we give in to the temptation of *what's wrong with me*, every so often, we will try and rearrange the stuff of our lives and reinvent our identity, only to discover that just dealing with the outside is not working out what's on the inside. The fire in the hole burns deep. The question will always remain, "What wrong with me?" We need God's help. We need God's love. We need God's mercy.

Janet is right. We need to talk with God more. Talking to God more will help us to walk with God more. Walking with God will help us to avoid the temptation of hating on our self and hating on others and God. Truly, with God all that we are and all that we are not is enough! No matter where you are in life or how old you are or where you plot on the hate continuum, with God it is never too late to be what you might have been, never too late to be what he created you to be, never too late to love yourself, to love God and to love neighbor. With Jesus, the victory is ours to share. "Now, can I get an Amen!"

In Christ,

Father Steven C. Neje