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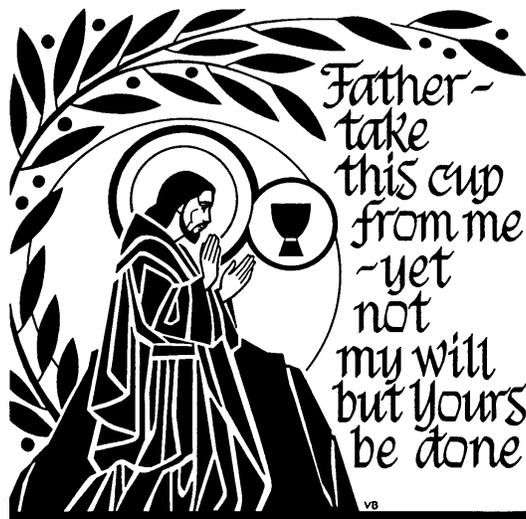
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Palm Sunday March 20, 2016

In the prelude to today's great Passion Narrative, Saint Paul reminds us that we find our hope in the "emptiness" and "humility" of Christ Jesus; a life that led to the cross, but through the cross, to glory and exaltation. The way is not easy. Good stewards know that it requires a willingness to lay aside all rights of personal privilege; emptying ourselves in the service of others; embracing values different from the values of the world. It requires an understanding that to be "in Christ" means to be a servant because Christ came into the world, not as Lord but as servant. What crosses are we willing to carry? What worldly values are we willing to forego in order to share Christ's glory?

International Catholic Stewardship Council E-news March 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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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, 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.

Palm Sunday - 20 March 2016
Readings: p. 94 in *Breaking Bread*

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 19

5:00pm--XII Private Intention

Sunday, March 20

7:30am-HT +Suzanne Ferguson & +Cecilia Ferguson

9:00am--XII Parishioners of XII Apostles

10:45am-HT Parishioners of Holy Trinity

Mon, Mar 21, 8am (HT)

Wed, Mar 23, 8am (HT) Private Intention

HOLY WEEK/EASTER SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday – Thursday, March 24, 7PM at XII Apostles

Mass of the Lord's Supper (No 6pm Mass today) -followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament til midnight

GOOD FRIDAY – Friday, March 25 (no 8am Mass)

Noon- Stations of the Cross - at Holy Trinity

(led by the 10:45 guitar choir)

7pm-Liturgy of the Lord's Passion - at Holy Trinity

HOLY SATURDAY – Saturday, March 26, 8pm, at XII Apostles

Easter Vigil—for the People of Twelve Apostles & Holy Trinity (This service will last about 2½ hours; there will be no 5PM Mass at Twelve Apostles this Saturday.)

EASTER SUNDAY MORNING MASSES – Sunday, March 27

7:30am - Holy Trinity - for the People of Holy Trinity

9:00am - Twelve Apostles - for the People of XII Apostles

10:45am - Holy Trinity - for the People of Holy Trinity

11:00am—Twelve Apostles - for the People of XII Apostles

Chaplet of Divine Mercy in prayer/song continues

~Holy Trinity – after 7:30 Mass; prior to 10:45 Mass **(10:20)**

~XII Apostles 20 minutes prior to Masses

Prayer pamphlets at entrances.

Join in praying this meditative devotion.

A Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday — see the bulletin insert for more details.

PRACTICE TIMES FOR HOLY WEEK LITURGIES:

Those involved in the liturgies of Holy Week will have practice as follows:

For Holy Thursday — altar servers & participants in foot washing—this Monday, March 21, 6pm, at XII Apostles

For Good Friday — altar servers and lectors — practice this Tuesday, March 22, 6:30pm, at Holy Trinity

For the Easter Vigil — Monday, March 21, XII Apostles— lectors 7pm; altar servers & RCIA candidates 7:30pm.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will take place after Holy Thursday liturgy at XII Apostles, until midnight.

At least two people must be present at all times (more are always welcome). Please sign up on the sheet in back of either church to ensure we have all time slots filled.



EASTER FLOWERS: To donate an Easter Flower in memory of a loved one, to decorate our churches for Easter, please put their name and yours in an envelope with a suggested donation of \$15 and place in the collection basket or bring to the office **by this Monday, March 21.**

CELEBRATE EASTER! YOU ARE INVITED TO AN EASTER RECEPTION on HOLY SATURDAY:

Lent will be over and Easter here—a time for rejoicing!

Come welcome the newest members of our faith and celebrate the most important night of the Church year, the Resurrection of Jesus, and arrival of the Easter season!

Everyone is invited to this reception, hosted by Twelve Apostles' Women's Group, downstairs at Twelve Apostles after the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday.



COLLECTION for the HOLY LAND on GOOD FRIDAY

Pope Francis has asked us to support Christians in the Holy Land. Through the Good Friday collection, you join Catholics around the world in standing in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. In these challenging times there, your support will conduct ministry, provide education, feed the hungry, maintain shrines, and operate refugee centers in the places where Jesus was born, lived, died, and rose from the dead. This collection is taken up on Good Friday at the Stations of the Cross at Noon, and the Liturgy at 7PM. Please be generous. Envelopes are found in your envelope support pack.

REMINDER: Good Friday is a day of fasting between meals and abstinence from meat.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS for all....

OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN THE KNIGHTS--Eligible Catholic men, age 18 or older, may join the Knights of Columbus Council of either Holy Trinity or Twelve Apostles on ONE of the following dates:

(1) Saturday, April 2 in Lawrence, KS; (2) Sunday, April 10 in Kansas City, KS; (3) Sunday, April 10 in Tonganoxie, KS; (4) Thursday, April 14 at Holy Family Parish in Kansas City (North), MO.

2ND AND 3RD DEGREE CEREMONIALS--Current 1st Degree members of the Knights have the opportunity to receive their 2nd (Formation) and 3rd (Knighthood) Degrees on ONE of the following dates:

(1) Sunday, March 20 at Good Shepherd Church in Smithville, MO. We will car-pool and depart from the Commuter Parking Lot north of Price Chopper in Platte City at 11:45 AM; (2) Saturday, April 2 in Lawrence, KS; (3) Sunday, April 10 in Kansas City, KS. All current K of C members are also invited to witness these ceremonials. Contact Steve Steiger at (816) 431-6506 for information. He will take all prospective and current members interested in attending any of the above.

PARISH GROUNDS AND HIGHWAY CLEANUP--Twelve Apostles Council No.16189 thanks all volunteers who cleaned Twelve Apostles' Church grounds and Humphrey's Road on March 13: Chairman Bob Bailey, Paul Banks, Jim Begani, Paul Bobowski, Stephen Bobowski, John Boddicker, Wilmer Caraballo, Jim Glasbrenner, Dr. Eugene Johnson, John & Julian Trelow, Steve Steiger.

Twelve Apostles Knights of Columbus welcome the newest members of our Council: Jorge Orozco-Roller, Leon Sequeira and Leo Carlson.

Twelve Apostles Council thanks all members and wives who recently led the Stations of the Cross and who have volunteered at our pancake breakfasts this year. (Final breakfast for this school year will be April 24.)

Please note: The Parish Office will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday.

HOLY TRINITY NEWS



Pancake and Sausage Breakfast this Sunday
March 20, following both Masses at Holy Trinity. A free will offering will be taken up for the charitable works of the Knights of Columbus.

Do you REALLY know who is sitting next to you in your pew?

Join us for an evening of intrigue. Bud Shaw, Holy Trinity Parishioner and Platte City resident, and his son Jeff, are former Secret Service Agents. Jeff now serves as a Federal Investigator of the FDIC. Jeff will share his experiences as an investigator and former agent. Bud will be available to tell us about the important figures he protected. Come hear their stories and share this intriguing night on Sunday, April 17, at 6:30pm at Holy Trinity Parish Hall. Questions, call Susan Wurtenberger at 386.0117.

Confirmation informational meetings:

Parents of 8th graders and older who are not yet confirmed: You are invited to attend a informational meeting with your child to talk about next year's Confirmation program. If you are interested in the program, but unable to attend, please contact Katie to schedule a make-up meeting date.

April 3, 10:20-10:50am, Cafeteria, Northland Career Center

April 10, 9:00-9:30am, Holy Trinity 8th grade classroom

YEAR OF MERCY: our work of mercy this month is **"Give Drink to the Thirsty"**

To help with the water project presented by the St. Pius X High School students, go to www.stpiusxhs-kc.com, scroll to "Student Life" tab, click on "clubs and organizations", then on the "Mission Guatemala" link. See the story on their presentation in this week's *Catholic Key*.

Also, see either of our parish websites for more suggestions for "Give Drink to the Thirsty".

Mark your calendars for our next events:

Sunday, April 3 - Divine Mercy Sunday celebration at XII Apostles
Noon—2:40pm—Adoration, with intermittent music and readings from the Diary of St. Faustina

2:40pm—Chaplet of Divine Mercy

3:00pm—Mass

4:00pm—Potluck

All are invited to join in the celebration.

Sat., May 14, 6pm, XII Apostles—cookout; program "Feed the Hungry"
Check the bulletin boards for more info on upcoming events!

KATIE'S CORNER **YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS**

Youth group: Grades 7-12

This Sunday, March 20, 1:30-3pm at Holy Trinity: **God's dream for you.** Ever wonder what you should do with your life? Come find out! And have fun doing it!

Youth Group on April 3 is changing! We will be helping the 2nd graders make the Rosaries for their First Communion! Please consider helping with this service project! Sunday, April 3, 11:30am-2:00pm at XII Apostles. We will feed you lunch.

Camp Savio for current 6th - 8th graders: June 6-11, contact Katie if you are interested! **Camp Bosco** for current 9th - 12th graders: June 21-24, contact Katie if you are interested!

Save the Date: Float Trip July 11-13, 2016



Youth Group

TWELVE APOSTLES NEWS

PSR: You are invited to join us for Stations of the Cross led by the 8th grade students today, Sunday, March 20, 10:30am in the Cafeteria of the Northland Career Center.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

THIS Sunday, March 20, 2016

In the final hours of this Lenten season of the Jubilee Year of Mercy, I ponder your last days on earth and your passion and death. I thank you and praise you for taking up your cross for my salvation.

I await your Resurrection in Glory!

Adoration 5:00 – 6:00 pm

Annual DCCW Lenten collection of hygiene essentials for shelters caring for women & children, for example, shampoo, lotion, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, comb, deodorant, socks. Put in large clear ziplock bags; leave in narthex for next 3 Sundays. Mary Calvert will deliver on March 30. Three agencies will benefit: Synergy Center, Hope House, and Rose Brooks. Questions? Call Mary 816-863-9511.

EASTER CANTATA AT XII APOSTLES THIS SUNDAY

Canto Chorale will perform an Easter Cantata, "Come Walk With Me", this Sunday, March 20, at 3:00pm, at Twelve Apostles Church.

Canto Chorale is a volunteer adult vocal ensemble from in and around Platte County, directed by Darrell Willson. All are invited.



SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY Please note: To comply with Diocesan Social Media Policy and "Protecting God's Children", we are not allowed to post pictures of children to Facebook pages associated with our parishes without the written consent of their parents and, even then, they may not be tagged with a name. Please do not post pictures which include children to Facebook if you are associating your photos with being at either of our parishes (for example, "checking in at....") Thank you.

PRAYER REQUESTS

In Need of Prayer? Holy Trinity/XII Apostles Prayer Chain: If you or your family has a **serious need** for which you would like prayers from the community, you may send your prayer request to our prayer chains. **Reminder: Due to privacy concerns, requests for prayers must be from the person or their family, or with their permission.** Requests should be about difficult/life-changing events and include the name of the person and reason for prayer. Please contact Donna Webb of XII Apostles at 858-7224 or email dwebbjoy@gmail.com or Kelly Lacina of Holy Trinity at 816-253-9921 or lacina6@aol.com. Requests will be forwarded to both prayer chains if you wish. Please feel free to contact whomever you are able to reach, regardless of parish. If you would like to join the prayer chain to offer prayers, also please contact one of these leaders.

JOB OPENING: Director, Annual Catholic Appeal: This full-time position will be responsible for the Annual Catholic Appeal, as well as be a part of the Diocesan development team responsible for cultivating, soliciting, and stewarding annually occurring gifts from a broad base of donors. The successful candidate will work closely with the entire Development Team working with Special Events, Data Base Coordinator, planned giving, and the Bright Futures Fund. Apply at: <http://app.hireology.com/s/117781>

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN.....

Share is not a word in Mick's vocabulary. It's a word he knows, but to him, it is equivalent to a dirty word. He doesn't even think the word, let alone speak it out loud in public. Sharing makes him nervous. Sharing makes him cringe. Sharing makes him anxious. He becomes angry if someone asks him to share. It makes him clutch his belongings. He grasps and guards his food. At meals, he shields his plate, and armors his flatware, his drinking glass, whatever is before him. He clutches everything he owns. He cannot share his things. He won't share his thoughts. He doesn't share his feelings. The thought of sharing causes him to collapse within himself; he breaks out in a cold sweat. He simply cannot share.

Mick has everything he has ever wanted or needed. He was born in the 80's; he hasn't lived through a depression. He doesn't even know the meaning of recession. Mick was born with two silver spoons, one in each hand, impossible to pry away; his grip is so tight. He eats whatever he wants, when he wants it, but he won't share. He has the resources to purchase two or more of everything his heart has ever desired, but he won't share. He wishes, he wants, he gets. Poof! It's there. Still, Mick cannot share. With Mick, you cannot split, divide, divvy, go halves, have a bite, have a taste, or have a smell. Don't even ask. He won't do it. He can't do it. He doesn't have a disposition for it. It's not in his constitution. His family and friends joke that he used to be a twin, before birth. There is a lot of truth in jest. It isn't ironic. It isn't eccentric. It's sad.

Mick is reluctant to participate in company potlucks or picnics, parties, or celebrations that involve food but, when attendance is mandatory, he will. Then, he eats only what he brings; he eats all of what he brings. He cannot share. His coworkers are turned off by his selfishness. His vitriol is explosive, it is extreme. He has no friends; the very word represents sharing.

He has two roommates, though they are terribly inconvenienced. Three adults share an apartment. Each has a bedroom. That's good. There is a bath and a half. That's bad. The half doesn't work for Mick, and he won't share the whole. Worse, there is only one kitchen; it's a kitchen for one. Mick's food, cutlery, glassware, cookware, storage ware, snacks, staples and produce, his slop and his garbage, takes up most of the room, the cabinet space, the refrigerator, and countertops, and he forever complains he should have more. He doesn't have enough space. He holds his roommates and their stuff in contempt. Their stuff cannot touch his treasures. It is best they keep them separate, in another room, but not his room. He regulates the other common areas in the apartment also. Even though they are roommates, they don't share the rent. He has a separate rental agreement, along with separate utility bills. He hovers over everything in the apartment like he's a security officer over the Taj Mahal, but it is just a rundown college flat in a seedy part of town. His personal belongings are tightly tucked away in his bedroom. That's where the cable hook-up is for the television. That's where the flat screen is, the high definition super wide. He insists his roommates go to a local sports bar to catch the big games. They would invite him to go, but he won't share the ride. He won't share the beer. He won't share the free popcorn. He won't share the air. Besides, he doesn't like sports, too much sharing, too much friendship. He is an "I." A "we" says he shares. He is adamant. He doesn't. Selfish and proud of it, Mick thinks he is getting ahead of the game of life, at least ahead of his roommates. Mick goes through a lot of roommates. To him, roommates are only temporary; he doesn't have to share with them.

From this angle, it is a sad story. This is the story Mick tells. He says, "That was then! There is something better now." He never understood why in his heart he was lonely, why he was lost. Truth be told, Mick was afraid of himself. He was terrified of intimacy. He had a fear of failing. He was afraid of losing. That was then. Today Mick freely shares his story; he shares his heartache, and he shares the pain he has caused others. He most enjoys sharing the turning point in his life.

One difficult day, he dodged an obligatory corporate luncheon and drove to a nearby cemetery for peace and quiet. There, no one would ask him to share. It was a dreary day; the clouds hung low to the ground, it was foggy, the air was oblique. He tucked away behind the cemetery walls and hid from the world. He couldn't see. He couldn't be seen. Just as he hunkered down with his bucket of chicken and all the fixings, something caught his eye. From a distance, he saw a beautiful

vision. The alabaster white figure burned through the deep fog and hovered in thin air, mystical, supernatural. He got out of his car. Mesmerized, he silently moved over the headstones, floating, soaring, detached, free. He drifted over a hundred graves before he realized he could no longer see his car, the clouds hung so low. He was alone. He panicked. Suddenly he was afraid. Mick thought, "This can't be good!" Mick shouted, "Hello!" No one heard him, he couldn't hear himself. He screamed again, "Hello!" He stopped breathing and looked down, "That was dumb, why did I say that? Who says hello in a cemetery. No one will answer; it's better if they don't." Mick didn't know what to say. He didn't know what to scream. He didn't know where to turn. He had no friends. The alabaster angel appeared again, compelling him to follow. He obliged. He traversed the lay of the cemetery as the angel led him around, up and down. He told himself to stop walking, to stop following. His chest was tight. His breathing shallow and thin. He could hear nothing, but the beat of his own heart. "This is what it must feel like to be dead," he thought. "Is this the grim reaper? Is this my twin everyone talks about?" Mick laughed out loud, "This is silly!" He sat down on the ground to catch his breath. "I've got to get back to my car. I guess I should have eaten their stupid lunch." Mick found the paved path and followed it back to his car. On his drive home, he tried to shake off this encounter, but it lingered into the next morning. He didn't respond as himself, only he didn't notice it. He made a whole pot coffee that morning, and offered a cup to both his roommates. He didn't realize what he was doing. They were in shock, "Who are you and what did you do with Mick?" Mick was in the fog, only the sun was shining brightly.

Before going to work, he drove back to the cemetery. He stopped his car and got out exactly where he had been the day before. There was no alabaster angel, only deteriorated headstones of the dearly forgotten. In the noise of neglect and desecration, his thoughts recoiled in horror. Mick caught his toe on a rock and stumbled to his knees. He cursed out loud, and heard every word. "Why did I say that!" he thought, realizing that he hadn't stumbled on a rock, he had caught a shard of the wing of a shattered angel that once adorned the corner stone of the graves of the Dominican Fathers buried in the cemetery. Once the angel had a place. Once the angel had a presence. Once the angel was alabaster white. He could barely identify the remains, but he knew in his heart it was an angel, a messenger from God. Realizing it wasn't the angel of death, he laughed out loud. That was his turning point. Mick woke-up that day. He had stumbled over the graves of more than a hundred Dominican Fathers. That day, he had a profound sense of community, a community of brothers, a community of friends, a community of men who shared their lives, the Holy Eucharist; they shared their lives so much that they had a huge impact on all the people buried in that cemetery. Mick smiled out loud, "What's wrong with me?"

Today, Mick testifies that he had a Palm Sunday moment, the beginning in his life of a high holy experience of uniting himself to Jesus and to his awesome love. In the Palm Sunday procession with palms, which sums up the experience of our union with God, we hear, "The Master has need of it!" This teaches us something in our current circumstances. Truth be told, each of us has a colt tied up somewhere in our lives. It represents everything that belongs to us that we cling to, grasp and guard, everything not yet being shared with Christ. It could be our possessions, food, creativity, friendship, energy, etc., except the Master has need of it.

Often we selfishly tie these up with our own concerns and wants and needs, but they are useful to Jesus. They could be useful if we would let him have them. Like the colt that Jesus rode, they could become gifts that glorify our Savior. Palm Sunday teaches us that Jesus deserves to be glorified for his awesome love. He made his love visible on the cross. Who else would suffer for us? Who else would die for us? We should be grateful and share our lives and the stuff of our lives each and every day, for in the Holy Eucharist, we unite ourselves to the tremendous love and mercy of Jesus. If a man has trouble smiling, or does not grin from ear-to-ear like a lover who has become joined to his best friend, it is because his colt is still tied to the post. Jesus sends his disciples, and all his saints and angels, to invite each of us to share our colt with Jesus. "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest!"

In Christ,

Father Steven C. Neje