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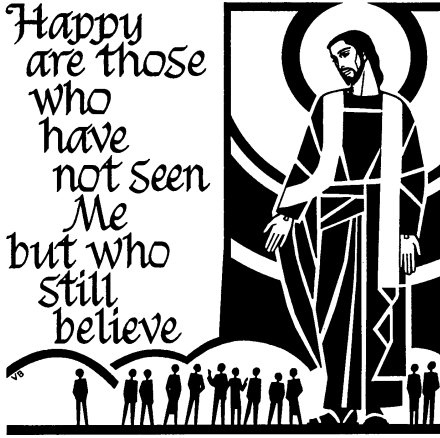
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Happy
are those
who
have
not seen
Me
but who
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2nd Sunday of Easter—Divine Mercy Sunday April 3, 2016

In today's first reading from the Acts of the Apostles we hear it proclaimed that many "signs and wonders" were performed in public by Christ's followers, a demonstration that produced two results. First, the people of Jerusalem outside the Christian community were awed by what the disciples were performing. And in the midst of all this amazement, many were being converted. Good stewards know of the evangelizing power emanating from their daily acts of love, compassion, mercy and generosity. They believe that if they stay focused on Christ each day, every act has the power to transform a broken world. What "signs and wonders" will we perform today?

International Catholic Stewardship Council E-news April 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@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.

2nd Sunday of Easter Sunday - 3 April 2016
Divine Mercy Sunday
Readings: p. 152 in *Breaking Bread*

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 2

5:00pm--XII +Special Intention

Sunday, April 3

7:30am-HT Parishioners of Holy Trinity

9:00am--XII Parishioners of XII Apostles

10:45am-HT +Mary Schreiner

Mon, April 4, 8am-HT Private Intention

Wed, April 6, 8am-HT Private Intention

Thu, April 7, 6pm-XII +Dorothy Vail

Fri, April 8, 8am-HT +Fr. Paul Blaes

Saturday, April 9

5:00pm--XII Parishioners of XII Apostles

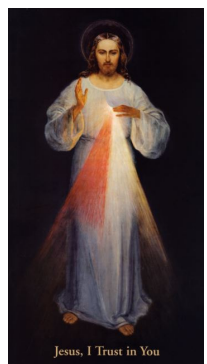
Sunday, April 10

7:30am-HT Parishioners of Holy Trinity

9:00am--XII +Jack Letherman

10:45am-HT +Frank and Helen Morrison

Divine Mercy Celebration this Sunday afternoon:



Sunday, April 3 - Divine Mercy Sunday celebration at XII Apostles

- Noon—3:00pm—Adoration, with intermittent music and readings from the Diary of St. Faustina. Come as your schedule allows.
- 2:40pm—Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- 3:00pm—Mass (this Mass fulfills the Sunday obligation)
- 4:00pm—Potluck (reminder—keep in mind there is no kitchen, so neither a lot of refrigerator space available nor many plug-ins. Also please bring serving utensils—thanks!)

All are invited to join in the celebration!

More Year of Mercy events: Sat., May 14, 6pm, XII Apostles—cookout; program “Feed the Hungry” **Check the bulletin boards for more info on upcoming events!**

TRAINING FOR LECTORS & COMMUNION MINISTERS

A training workshop for new lectors and Communion ministers (Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion—EMHC) will be held at the Catholic Center (20 W. 9th St., KC) on Saturday, April 16.

Schedule is as follows:

8:30 am - Reader training begins

9:45 am - Break and (EMHC check in)

10:00am -Theological presentation for both EMHC & Readers

11:00 am -Theological presentation ends(Reader training is complete and Readers are free to leave)

10:00 am - 1pm - EMHC training

If you are interested in becoming a lector and/or Communion minister, please contact Father Rogers or the parish office no later than Monday, April 14.

Confirmation informational meetings:

Parents of 8th graders and older who are not yet confirmed: You are invited to attend an 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.

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

or

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

XII Apostles/Holy Trinity QUILT GROUP will meet Monday, April 11, from 11-4 at Holy Trinity. Questions? Contact Lori Mathews at 807-3220.

SPRING CLEANING ON YOUR MIND?



Good! The Youth Group will be having a garage sale in Weston on June 3-4 and we need lots of donations! Start setting aside things you no longer want or need. We will begin accepting donations on Monday, May 2.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS for all.....

OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN THE KNIGHTS--All practicing Catholic men, age 18 or older, are invited to join the Knights of Columbus either at Holy Trinity or at Twelve Apostles on ONE of the following dates: (1) Sat., April 2 in Lawrence, KS; (2) Sun., April 10 in KCK; (3) Sun., April 10 in Tonganoxie, KS; (4) Thu., April 14 at Holy Family Parish in KC North; (5) Mon, May 9 at St. Therese Parish in Parkville; (6) Sat., May 14 in Overland Park, KS.

2ND AND 3RD DEGREE CEREMONIALS--Current 1st Degree members of the Knights of Columbus have the opportunity to receive their 2nd (Formation) and 3rd (Knighthood) Degrees on ONE of the following dates: (1) Sat., April 2 in Lawrence, KS; (2) Sun., April 10 in KCK; (3) Sat., May 14 in Overland Park, KS.

All Third and Fourth Degree 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 who are interested in attending any of the above ceremonials.

4th Degree Ceremonial Dates--Sat, April 9, Kansas City Airport Hilton, and Sat., April 16, Leawood, KS. Contact Steve Steiger at (816) 431-6506 for info.

MEETING NOTICE--XII Apostles Council No.16189 will meet Wednesday, April 13 in the lower level of Twelve Apostles. Rosary at 6:45 PM; meeting at 7:00; refreshments provided.

HAPPY 1st ANNIVERSARY to Twelve Apostles Council No.16189 on April 15.

April 24--PANCAKE and SAUSAGE BREAKFAST--Twelve Apostles Council No.16189 invites EVERYONE to attend our final Pancake and Sausage breakfast of the PSR school season on Sunday, April 24 in Platte City. **All proceeds from this breakfast will be donated to the youth from Twelve Apostles and Holy Trinity Parishes who will be attending World Youth Day in Poland in July 2016.** We need your financial support.

Twelve Apostles Council No.16189 would like to extend congratulations to **Parker Amos of Platte City for WINNING** the Missouri State Council Knights of Columbus State Free Throw Championship. Parker represented Twelve Apostles Council No.16189 in winning the Boys Division, age 11, held at Father Tolton Catholic High School in Columbia, MO, on Sunday, March 13. (Father Augustus Tolton, born in 1854, became the nation’s first black priest, and is now on the path to sainthood).

HOLY TRINITY NEWS

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET—10:15 this Sunday, in the church. Please join us!

WOMEN'S GUILD MEETS this Monday, April 4, at **5:30pm**. Please note change in time.

Community Prayer Breakfast: Weston's monthly Community Prayer Breakfast will be hosted at Salem Christian Church next Saturday, April 9, at 8am. All are welcome for food and fellowship!! No charge for breakfast, but a free will donation is welcome for the charitable works of the Weston Ministerial Alliance.

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. All are welcome! Questions, call Susan Wurtenberger at 386.0117.

Registration open for Summer Leadership Camp for girls

Young women entering sixth, seventh and eighth grades are invited to an energizing Summer Leadership Camp on the beautiful campus of the Benedictine Sisters of Mount St. Scholastica, Atchison, Kan., June 27 through 29. Hosted by the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth and the Benedictines. Featuring opportunities to share fun, faith and community. Registration fee of \$125 covers lodging, meals, special activities and a t-shirt for each participant; partial scholarships available; registration deadline is early May. Contact Sister Barbara Smith, OSB, at vocation@mountosb.org or 913-426-5275 for more information. Or visit www.scls.org for brochure with registration form.

KATIE'S CORNER YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Youth group: Grades 7-12

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. RSVP to Katie.

DECISION POINT—next Sunday, April 10, 1:30-3pm, at Holy Trinity (we will meet downstairs.)

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

Keep an eye on your mailbox: Summer schedules are on their way!



TWELVE APOSTLES NEWS



1st Communion veils and other gifts are available as well as Confirmation and Birthday gifts you may have forgotten. Stop by the Gift Case in the Narthex for a great selection of items.

We rejoice in the baptism of Katherine Irene Parkin, daughter of Chris and Katie Parkin, on March 12, 2016. May this new child of God and her family always know God's many blessings.



Church Cleaning next Saturday, April 9, 9am, by Team Two: Pat Fundom, Jackie Menk, Bridget Poldberg, Helen Poldberg, Pat Canning, and Leah Lawver. Thanks! Any other interested parties are welcome to join them, either one-time or ongoing!

USHER-MASS GREETERS NEWS: As you read of this ministry coming alive within our parish, please note sincere words of appreciation and encouragement to the dedicated parishioners who have & who CURRENTLY serve as ushers. Also to the Sacristans for the same, as you have answered to this duty without a second thought. This is another exciting time within our growing parish, please read on and please join up!! Our council again thanks current members & to Mark Reichert for doing just that!

In Christ we Trust—*Darcy Mendenhall*, council member
Hello. I am Mark Reichert, a parishioner at Twelve Apostles. Last fall I noticed in the Parish Council meeting notes a discussion about the ministry of Ushers/Greeters, so I made contact with the Parish Council. After meeting with the Parish Council and Fr. Rogers, they asked me to lead these efforts, so I am working on growing the Usher/Greeter ministry at Twelve Apostles. I have included brief information about some of the responsibilities and would like to share more details with you at a future meeting.

The Usher/Greeter ministry serves the purpose of welcoming people to Mass while helping with the logistics and movement of the people during Mass to include the following.

Before Mass: Greet people coming into church; assist w/ finding seats
During Mass: Offertory collection & procession of the gifts to the altar; assist w/ directing people coming forward for Communion.
After Mass: pass out bulletins as people leave; check pews for items left behind; straighten missalettes.

With your help we would like to organize several teams of Ushers (4 on a team). Look for more information in the bulletin about upcoming meetings as we build this ministry at Twelve Apostles.

Sincerely, *Mark Reichert*

MARRIED COUPLES: Does gardening give you a sense of wonder and fulfillment? On your wedding day, you lovingly planted the seeds of a lifelong relationship. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will give you the "gardening tools" you need to help your marriage grow and blossom. The next Weekend in Kansas City is **May 13-15, 2016**. For more information or to apply, please visit our website: www.wme4youandme.org or call Tony & Barb Zimmerman, 816-741-4066 or email tonybarbz@prodigy.net

There is a session close to you! 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, or call the FertilityCare™ Center of KC at (816) 858-0198.

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday:

What is Divine Mercy? It is when God's love reaches out to us and helps us when we are in sin or suffering.

The Message of Divine Mercy: In the 1930's, Jesus appeared to a Polish nun – now a saint – St. Maria Faustina Kowalska to remind all of us about His message of mercy for us sinners.

Please join us for a Divine Mercy celebration this Sunday afternoon (details inside bulletin).

Year of Mercy

Our April Work of Mercy: Forgive Offenses Willingly

When we live the message of Divine Mercy, we are called to show mercy and forgiveness to others. In the Bible, Jesus tells several parables to show us the great importance of forgiving others. Forgiveness is so important that it is also included in the prayer that Jesus teaches us, The Our Father. In this prayer we say, "Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us."

If someone has hurt our feelings, it is best to let go of those hurt feelings and forgive that person as soon as we can. The longer we hold on to hurt feelings, the more it hurts and the harder it is to forgive.

Ways to live out this work of mercy and forgive others:

Let go of grudges; go out of your way to be positive toward someone with whom you are having a difficult time.

Tell others you're sorry and ask for their forgiveness when you've hurt them.

Pray for those who have hurt you.

Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy for the people you need to forgive.

Pray to the Lord and ask Him to give you the grace to forgive.

Do not speak ill of others, even when they've treated you poorly.

If you have been separated from family members, invite them to a gathering or special occasion.

Learn more about forgiveness by reading the story of the Prodigal Son. (Luke 15:11-32)

If you have trouble forgiving, go to confession and confess your lack of forgiveness.

Be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ. (Ephesians 4:32)

AROUND THE AREA:

Good Shepherd Catholic Church Family Dance

**Saturday, April 16, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
18601 N. 169 Highway, Smithville, MO**

This FREE event is open to all in the community! Think wedding reception dance without the wedding. We will be having the chicken dance, hokey pokey, cake walk, musical chairs, door prizes and more. All we ask is that you bring a snack to share. Good clean, FREE, fun for the WHOLE family. Invite your friends

Sophia Spirituality Center—Atchison, KS

April Offerings, 2016

Exploring God's Mercy with Mystics and Poets:

Faustina, Gertrude, Hopkins, Powers

Thursday, April 7 9:00am – 3:30 pm

In addition to selections from our mystics and poets, this retreat will include talks, contemplative dialogue, prayer, silence and guided meditation. The day will be conducted by Benedictine Sisters Sheila Carroll and Gabrielle Kocour, members of the Sophia staff. For more information or to register, call 913-360-6173 or visit Sophia Spirituality Center's website at www.sophiaspiritualitycenter.org

Hildegarde of Bingen

Wednesday, April 13 9:00 am – 3:30 pm

This day will focus on Hildegarde's cosmic vision of God's love enfolding and permeating the universe. Come and explore her legacy for its relevance to our personal and communal journey today. This retreat will be conducted by Benedictine Sister Therese Elias, retreat director and spiritual director. For more information or to register, call 913-360-6173 or visit Sophia Spirituality Center's website at www.sophiaspiritualitycenter.org

Life Shift: Work and the Christian Journey

April 22-24 Friday, 7:00 pm – Sunday, 1:00 pm

This retreat is an opportunity to reflect on your life and your faith, exploring avenues for new opportunities. Activities include discussions, presentations, individual consultation, the Strong Interest Inventory and aspects of Ignatian Spirituality. The retreat is conducted by Monica Meagher, spiritual director in residence at Marquette University and Tom Bachhuber, executive director of The Center for Life Transitions. For more information or to register, call 913-360-6173 or visit Sophia Spirituality Center's website at www.sophiaspiritualitycenter.org

Nature: The Living Icon of God

Saturday, April 30 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Explore some of the ways that monastic writers, Christian mystics and contemporary spiritual leaders have experienced and treasured the sacramentality of the created world. The day will be conducted by Sister Elizabeth Carrillo, OSB, community liturgist at Mount St. Scholastica Monastery. For more information or to register, call 913-360-6173 or visit Sophia Spirituality Center's website at www.sophiaspiritualitycenter.org