

Welcome to

Holy Trinity Parish

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Twelve Apostles Parish

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3rd Sunday of Easter—April 10, 2016

Jesus said-Do you love Me?
Feed My lambs -
tend My Sheep



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In today's Gospel we hear of that mysterious meeting Jesus' disciples had with him on the shore of the Lake of Tiberius. Jesus invited them to have breakfast with him. He took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. None of the disciples were bold enough to ask: "Who are you?" They realized it was the risen Lord. Those who practice good stewardship of their life of faith are touched by joy and moved by deep awe when encountering Christ in the celebration of the Eucharist. How do you experience the mysterious presence of Jesus in the Eucharist? Do you recognize his presence? Do you hear the Lord's invitation to draw nearer? Do you experience a closeness, or a reserve? A familiarity, or a distance?

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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.

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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.

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Readings: p. 154 in *Breaking Bread*

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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

Mon, April 11, 8am-HT Private Intention

Wed, April 13, 8am-HT +Jim Hoffman

Thu, April 14, 6pm-XII +Pamela Klein

Fri, April 15, 8am-HT Private Intention

Saturday, April 16

5:00pm--XII +Special Intention

Sunday, April 17

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

9:00am--XII +Ray Wallis

10:45am-HT +Tom & Elizabeth Purnell

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE THIS WEEK: Bulletin items for APRIL 17 are due at NOON THIS MONDAY, APRIL 11.

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED Friday afternoon, April 15.

Our April focus for the Year of Mercy is "To Forgive Offenses Willingly". *Pride hampers both sides of the forgiveness equation. This week, practice humility both by apologizing without delay, and by graciously accepting apologies from others when they are offered.*

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

The **Volunteer Appreciation Event** originally scheduled for later this month has been postponed until 2017 due to other conflicts. We appreciate our volunteers and look forward to celebrating with you then and at the many other events that are happening in our parishes!

SPRING CLEANING ON YOUR MIND? The Youth Group will have a garage sale in Weston on June 3-4. Start setting aside things you no longer want/need. We will begin accepting donations May 2.

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 11.**

UPCOMING CONFERENCE

1-Day Conference: The Pastoral Revolution of Pope Francis
Saturday, April 30 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at **St. John LaLande Church (805 NW R.D. Mize Rd., Blue Springs).**

Every Catholic wants the beauty of Catholicism to shine. But that message is being blocked by a culture hostile to faith. More and more people are turning away from the Church. Yet, in the midst of this, Pope Francis has captivated millions. He has a revolutionary plan. Without sacrificing what's essential to Catholicism, Pope Francis brings a more compassionate, merciful, and pastoral approach. The Bishop Helmsing Institute is presenting a one-day conference event devoted to understanding and applying the pastoral approach of Pope Francis. Reach your students, parishioners, and friends with the Church's message of hope.

Speakers:

Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio, popular author, speaker, and EWTN program host

Msgr. Stewart Swetland, EWTN program host and President of Donnelly College

Dr. Mario Ramos-Reyes, philosopher, historian, and former Council-General to Paraguay

Contact the Bishop Helmsing Institute by email:

bhi@diocesekcsj.org to register. Price is \$20/person on or before April 22, 2016. Find out more at: <http://mybhi.org/pope-francis-conference/>

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) Sun., April 10 in KCK; 2) Sun., April 10 in Tonganoxie, KS; 3) Thu., April 14 at Holy Family Parish in KC North; 4) Monday, April 18 at Council No.4387 in south Kansas City, MO; 5) Mon, May 9 at St. Therese Parish in Parkville.

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) Sun., April 10 in KCK; 2) 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 on any of the above.

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 information.

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. We will discuss the Missouri State Convention, a potential upcoming fundraising event, our council's 1st Anniversary, the framing of our charter, MO State Free Throw Champion, World Day of Prayer for Vocations, nomination of council officers, Mother's Day flowers, Year of Mercy Taskforce picnic, final pancake breakfast, World Youth Day and other important items.

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. Contact Paul Bobowski at (816) 668-7199 or at skibos@embarqmail.com to volunteer to help or to donate supplies and/ or make financial contributions.

HOLY TRINITY NEWS

PANCAKE BREAKFAST NEXT SUNDAY: The Knights of Columbus will offer a pancake and sausage breakfast after both Masses next Sunday, April 17. A free will offering will be accepted for the charitable works of the Knights. Join us!



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.

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.

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

If you are interested, but unable to make this meeting, please contact Katie - ymht-xii@kc.rr.com

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

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

Grades 7-12: join us for a trip to Dave and Busters!
When: Next Saturday, April 16. Leaving Holy Trinity at 11:30pm, XII Apostles at 11:45pm. Returning in the afternoon. Cost: \$15 (will cover lunch and some games. Bring more money if you would like to play more games) Drivers needed! Parents - contact Katie if you would be willing to help drive—ymht-xii@kc.rr.com

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

TWELVE APOSTLES NEWS

Our prayerful condolences are offered to the family and friends of our parishioner Isabelle Speichinger, who passed away on Saturday, April 2, 2016. Isabelle is the mother of Mary Calvert and Janet Regan, also of our parish. Services were held in Brunswick, MO. May she rest in peace and may God comfort all who mourn her.

PSR News: Please join us for the Parish Rosary led by the 3rd and 4th grade today, April 10th in the Cafeteria of the Northland Career Center.

Parents of 2nd graders: Reminder that today we will be making the banners. Please attend class with your child.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETS this Monday, April 11, at 7pm, at XII Apostles.

WOMEN'S GROUP MEETS this Tuesday, April 12, at 6:30pm in the lower level at XII Apostles.



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.

USHER-MASS GREETERS NEWS:

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*

Tick Tock - Time to Enroll—Xavier Catholic Preschool Enrollment April 25, 2016 (Monday) 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. 1409 2nd Ave. Leavenworth

If you haven't had the opportunity to **enroll** yet, **THIS** is the day!! We will be available to answer questions, help you fill out enrollment **paperwork** and accept your **enrollment fee**. Questions? Contact Lonnie Tupa at (913) 306-2902 or lupa@xavierlv.edu

**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.

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN...

My brother Michael was a fisherman. At a young age he developed the skills to catch large fish. Wide-mouthed bass was his specialty. He could always catch the legal limit and then some. Most people thought Michael was a loner. He wasn't a loner; he simply didn't like the hustle and bustle of a crowd, especially the "in" crowd. It's not that he didn't like the "in" crowd, he did. Michael preferred solitude and quiet. He couldn't think with much noise blaring around him. He said his thoughts would get buried in the clamor and chatter of a crowd.

Michael needed to think; he had a lot on his mind. My father often told him, "I'll give you a penny for your thoughts" but Michael liked sharing his thoughts less than he liked noise. He connected with nature. Mother Nature helped him to find the beauty in life, to find beauty in others, particularly the seedy and the sordid people on the other side of the pond. It was clear when Michael had a good day because he would bring home a mess of fish, trophies each and every one. The days he came home and tossed his rod-n-reel in the shed were the days to stay clear of Michael. He didn't have many of those days. Communing with nature helped him to be calm and content. Michael never bragged about his catch; his response was basic and matter of fact, "It's a fish! I kept the smallest one today. I threw back the big ones." He didn't have a favorite fishing hole or fishing spot. Wherever he fished he caught fish and lots of them, but never a tall tale was told by Michael. Not so with my oldest nephew. He has never caught a fish in his life, not even in a barrel. Have him tell it, no one can fish better than he. Each of his tall tales have the same ending, "The big one got away!"

Ty likes to eat; he just can't catch fish. He used to tag along with Michael on occasion, insisting someone had to tell the tale of their great adventures because Michael's lips were sealed. Of all his thoughts, Michael couldn't even think the tales Ty told. If Michael caught five fish, Ty's version of the tale recorded forty-nine. It would have been 50, but "the big one got away." Truth be told, Ty's line tangled around his rod long before he and Michael got near water. Ty was so passionate and animated, everyone wanted to believe him. My father said he was wound tighter than an eight-day clock, and about as reliable. Michael's response was basic and matter of fact, "Check his line. It's dry. It never hit water." Ty multiplied the fishes well before he heard the story of Jesus feeding the multitude. He'd surely multiply the loaves too, but he liked to eat and usually managed to polish off his lunch on the car ride to the fishing hole. It's not that Ty stretched truth; he told it just as his mind convinced him it happened. Telling the story once was entertaining, only Ty liked to repeat himself, and with every stanza he'd add a new verse or two. Ty fed the multitude with everything but the truth. Michael never said a word, never called him out for embellishing. When Michael fixed his eyes upward and didn't blink, it was clear Ty was on a roll, until the "big one got away!"

One day, Michael decided to set up Ty during a fishing outing. He and Ty had always fished on a pond, never a lake or the river. When Ty was old enough to go with Uncle Michael on an overnight fishing trip, arrangements were made. Michael thought it would be a good experience for him, something new, something special; besides Ty needed some new material. His old material was overworked. It was stretched out of shape and longer resembled fiction even, it was so tall. Michael and Ty spent the whole day before their trip packing camping and fishing gear. "Be sure and put the Coleman lantern in the truck," Michael warned Ty. "I'm going tear up the big ones, they won't know what hit them. That hook won't hit the water and they'll be jumping in my arms," Ty mused. "That'll be the day. Tyree! Focus on what we are doing. We aren't there yet," Michael worried. "What are we going to eat? I can make some foiled dinners. I like foiled dinners with lots of carrots and onions. We need to get some hamburger. Hey, we have to get to the grocery store! We need to get some potatoes." Ty demanded. "Stop worrying about food right now. We're going to eat what you catch!" Michael joked. Ty thought for a few moments, "We better take some foiled dinners too. We might get tired of eating fish the whole time. We're going to need some chips and dip too." They loaded up the truck with coolers, fishing gear, a tent, sleeping bags and the Coleman lantern. Ty put his special pillow in the front seat, just in case he needed a nap on the way to the lake. He made Michael promise he'd stop for groceries before they got too far on their way. Michael no more than pulled out of the driveway before Ty fell asleep. Just as well; Michael had a scheme working in his thoughts and didn't need the distraction of Ty's chatter and clamor.

Later that day, they arrived at the last civilized town before the lake and stopped for provisions. Michael had been there many times. This was the first for Ty. While he slept tucked away in the front seat, Michael retrieved all they needed and then some. His thoughts had run wild on the three-hour drive. He laughed out loud. His scheme was a big one, a tale that he would tell. Ty awoke, and they unpacked their gear and setup camp. Michael entertained Ty with thoughts of learning to fish a whole new way, "You've had great success with bass fishing Ty, so now I am going to teach you how to fish for trout, big rainbow trout. You've never eaten until you've had a trout. Trout are good especially if they are stuffed with a foiled dinner. I'm expecting you to catch the big one. There's got to be one in this lake." Ty hung on his every word, "Yeah, if anybody's going to catch it, it's me! He won't know what hit him!" Michael laughed on the inside and couldn't wait for his plot to unfold. "Ty you need to set our trout lines before we go to bed so when we wake early in the morning we can eat what you catch!" "We're eating trout for breakfast? It might be better if we had some eggs and bacon. We can save the trout for later and share it with everyone back home. They won't believe me when I tell them I caught the big one. I better show them," Ty suggested. "Whatever! Let's get the lines set and go to bed," Michael ordered.

Michael helped Ty toss the line from his rod out into the deep end of the lake, "The big one is out there in the middle." Ty agreed. Michael did the heavy lifting. Ty tucked out. As soon as his head hit his special pillow, he was fast asleep. Michael went to work thinking he was going to pull off the biggest prank of Ty's life. He reeled in the line and attached a large frozen octopus onto the hook and tossed it out into the water. He could hardly wait for morning. By then it will have thawed and scare the tall tales out of Ty.

Early the next morning, Ty awakened to the smell of bacon. Michael was frying up a batch just to entice Ty to get out to bed. Ty yawned, "Drop down a couple eggs with that, why don't you." Michael was about to bust at the seams with anticipation, "Let's check your line. Something tells me, you caught the big one. I know my fish." Ty obliged and ran down to the edge of the lake to retrieve his rod-n-reel. As he lifted it, he was immediately dragged into the lake. "Help! Uncle Mike! Help!" Michael thought, "This wasn't supposed to happen." Startled he ran to help Ty. Ty started to shake and tremble. His eyes widened. Michael's eyes widened. Michael forgot the plot. Ty forgot the bacon. Ty grunted, "I think I got the big one!" Michael grunted, "I think you got the big one. OMG!" Together they pulled and tugged and grunted and worked up a sweat. Ty shouted, "What's burning? OMG! It's the bacon!" Michael shouted, "Forget the bacon! We've caught... You've caught the big one!" Their hearts beat in unison, loud and fast. Michael couldn't think. Ty couldn't speak. They put up the fight of their lives. As they got closer to reeling in their catch, they got a glimpse of a very large bulky mass, primitive and reptilian. Ty squealed, "I caught a trout!" He had never seen a trout. Michael got the shock of his life. His plan had been foiled. The large octopus had been eaten by a very large snapping turtle, gluttonous, he had snagged the hook. Ty fell back on the bank thrilled from head to toe, "I caught the biggest trout in the lake! I can't believe it. Wait until they eat this one. You ain't eaten until you've eaten trout!" Michael felt faint; he buckled at the knees, "We ain't eating this, it's not a trout! This lake doesn't have trout. Dear Lord, how am I going get this turtle unsnagged." Ty responded, "I want to keep it! It's a dinosaur. I want it!" Michael, bewildered that scheme had been sprung, said, "You better stick to foiled dinners." The only thing that was multiplied that day was the laughter we all shared over a snapping turtle which caused "the big one to get away." Michael couldn't get a word in edgewise; Ty was so passionate and animated. That day, Ty redeemed himself with his tale. It was amazing; everyone believed.

This week we reflect of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. Truth be told, it doesn't matter how little we have or even whether we have anything at all. God the creator has an infinite supply and is able to produce an abundance of everything. It's never based on what we have; it's based on the love he has for us. That day, Michael and Ty may not have eaten bacon, but they did get their fill of fish, of fishing. They gave up fishing and went bungee jumping. That's a story yet to be told, perhaps when the scriptures talk about taking a leap of faith...

In Christ,

Father Steve C. Neje