

Welcome to

Holy Trinity Parish

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Twelve Apostles Parish

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4th Sunday of Easter April 17, 2016



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In today's Gospel reading Jesus is quite emphatic: "My sheep hear my voice..." Those who exercise good stewardship of their prayer lives realize that hearing or listening is fundamental to prayer. Prayer is a personal encounter with the Lord and requires dialogue. Some people never learn the art of listening. When we enter into a dialogue with someone we love we speak and we listen. Otherwise it cannot be a dialogue. This week let's think about how we pray. Do we do all the talking and then get up and do something else? Or do we sit quietly, waiting for God's voice to enter our hearts?

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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, 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.

4th Sunday of Easter
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Readings: p. 157 in *Breaking Bread*

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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

Mon, April 18, 8am-HT Private Intention

Wed, April 20, 8am-HT Private Intention

Thu, April 21, 6pm-XII +Lester Vail

Fri, April 22, 8am-HT Private Intention

Saturday, April 23

5:00pm--XII Private Intention

Sunday, April 24

7:30am-HT Parishioners of Holy Trinity

9:00am--XII Parishioners of XII Apostles

10:45am-HT +Leo Schreiner

BLESSING BAGS DONATIONS NEEDED:

Our May focus for the Year of Mercy will be:
“To Feed the Hungry”

For our work of mercy for May, we will be assembling **Blessing Bags** — zippered bags filled with food to hand out to the needy — on Saturday, May 14, at 6pm at XII Apostles.

Donations are needed to fill the bags. At the entrance of each of our churches you will find a table with cards listing the donations needed. You are invited to choose one or more cards — fill out your name on the top card and drop it in the box/basket — keep the duplicate card as a reminder. We ask that donations be returned to the same area by Sunday, May 8.

And mark your calendars for assembling the bags on Saturday, May 14 — this is a family friendly event!

We'll begin with grilled hot dogs, chips, and ice cream sundaes, provided by Twelve Apostles' Knights of Columbus and Women's Group, at 6pm, followed by assembling the bags. Those who wish will be invited to take bags to distribute to the needy as desired. Our goal is to fill at least 200 bags. All are invited!

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS!

Welcome to Holy Trinity and Twelve Apostles! If you are just visiting, we pray that you have a wonderful visit and a safe return journey. If you are new to our parish, please take a moment to introduce yourselves and register with us. Forms are available in the vestibule of the churches or from the parish office (816-640-2206).

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. 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, friends with the Church's message of hope.

Speakers:

Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio, popular author, speaker, EWTN program host
 Msgr. Stewart Swetland, EWTN program host, President of Donnelly College

Dr. Mario Ramos-Reyes, philosopher, historian, former Council-General 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/>



SPRING CLEANING ON YOUR MIND?

The Youth Group will have a garage sale at Holy Trinity in Weston on June 3-4. Start setting aside things you no longer want/need! We will begin accepting donations May 2.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS for all....

Holy Trinity Council No. 11228 will hold its monthly meeting this Thursday, April 21, at 7pm, at Holy Trinity Parish Hall.

April 24--**PANCAKE and SAUSAGE BREAKFAST**--Twelve Apostles Knights of Columbus invite EVERYONE to attend our final Pancake and Sausage breakfast of this PSR school season on Sunday, April 24 at the Northland Career Center cafeteria 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 OF 2016. We need your financial support. Contact chairman Paul Bobowski at (816) 668-7199 or at skibos@embarqmail.com to volunteer to help, donate supplies and/or make financial contributions.

Twelve Apostles Council No.16189 wishes to congratulate Bob Bailey for earning the coveted Shining Armor Award.

Awarded to a first-year Knights of Columbus member for numerous instances of service, the Shining Armor Award is given to those members that exemplify what a true Knight of Columbus is. Bob joined the Knights of Columbus on April 15, 2015, the same date that Council No.16189 was chartered.

All new members are encouraged to participate in this excellent program. Contact Steve Steiger at (816) 431-6506 or at scsteiger@yahoo.com for info on qualification requirements.

HOLY TRINITY NEWS

PANCAKE BREAKFAST THIS SUNDAY: The Knights of Columbus will offer a pancake and sausage breakfast **after both Masses** this Sunday. 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.



We rejoice in the baptisms of Connor Michael Hansen, son of Chris and Emily Hansen, and **Avery Mae Hansen**, daughter of Kevin and Lauren Hansen on April 10, 2016. May these new children of God always know God's many blessings!

ICE CREAM SOCIAL CHAIR NEEDED:

CAN YOU ORGANIZE OUR ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL?

Our annual Ice Cream Social will be held the first Sunday of August, the 7th, at the parish hall in Weston. This year's proceeds will go towards updates in the church vestibule. We are in need of someone/s to volunteer as chairperson/s. It is never too early to get started, but planning should be underway by May at the latest. Detailed records from past socials are on file to assist organizers. Contact the parish office to take a look!

EASTER PLANTS: All who donated plants to beautify our altars for Easter are welcome to pick up one of the "spent" plants, which you will find near the patio on the bricks.



KATIE'S CORNER YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Youth group: Grades 7-12

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!

We are now on the summer schedule; incoming 7th graders are invited to begin attending youth group. You should have received a schedule in the mail. It is also available on our web-sites -www.twelveapostlescatholic.org/youth or www.holytrinitycatholic.org/youth

Confirmation registration is now available online -

www.holytrinitycatholic.org/confirmation
or www.twelveapostlescatholic.org/confirmation.

If you are interested in next year's confirmation program but did not attend one of the informational meetings, please contact Katie Troup to get the necessary information:
ymht-xii@kc.rr.com

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



TWELVE APOSTLES NEWS

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

THIS Sunday, April 17



O Merciful Lord it is for you I long.
I stop, I look, I listen, I slow down and
spend time in your presence—
a time to let you speak to me and lift me up.
Adoration 5:00 – 6:00 pm

PSR News: Please keep our First Communicants in prayer as they make their First Communion next Saturday, April 23 - Julia Babcock, Abbey Bures, Sam Chase, Jack Coon, Reese Demory, Landon Grisham, Cameron Habel, Grace Handke, Hannah Mills, Jack Shroyer, Andrew Shupe, Noah Smiley, Madi Smith, Noah Smith, John Trelow, Indigo Teufel, Clare Welch, & Gabriel Wittel.

May Crowning May 1: The Little Flowers Girls Club will be crowning the image of Mary on Sunday, May 1, at 8:45am. **ALL children of the parish are invited to bring a flower/s at 8:45 to lay at Mary's feet.**



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.

9AM CHOIR NEWS: We would like to thank Allie Webb for her years of beautiful piano playing at the 9am Mass and congratulate her on her graduation and future time as a student at MU.

The 9am choir will begin regular practices on Tuesday nights at 7pm. We would welcome more vocalists, teens and adults. We are also looking for another pianist. Members need only come to practice either on Tuesday evenings or Sundays at 8:15 am. Questions? Contact Jeanne Witsken at witsken@hotmail.com or 913-306-4344.



Time to kick into high gear and help strengthen families and communities! Catholic Charities of Kansas City-St. Joseph invites you to register for Outpace Poverty 2016. Parish teams from across the diocese will meet at Berkley Riverfront Park in Kansas City on Saturday, June 18. We've added a **timed 5K race** to our family-friendly Fun Run/Walk, and an easy-to-follow course suited to all fitness levels. Run, jog, walk or stroll – then stick around for the celebration with Sluggerrr, KC Wolf, balloon artists, face painters, food and entertainment. Be a team leader, join a parish team, or make a donation today. Parishes with the highest participation and donations win our new traveling trophy! Take the first step at www.outpacepoverty.org. See you at the starting line!

This is the Holy Year of Mercy & our Church is the voice of Mercy.

Working with the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas, **Project Rachel** will begin hosting one-day retreats, known as “**Unfailing Mercy,**” to share God’s mercy and healing after abortion. The first retreat will be held on Saturday, April 23, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Women and men of all ages are welcome.

Sometimes...one day really can change everything.

For location and details, call **816.591.3804** or email

projectrachel@diocesekcsj.org. Learn more at

www.projectrachelkc.com.

Your confidentiality will be respected.

SAVE THE DATE – SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2016
BLISTERS FOR SISTERS ANNUAL WALK-A-THON

The Serra Clubs of Missouri and Kansas are sponsoring the 10th Annual Blisters for Sisters Walk-a-thon to celebrate the presence and contributions of religious sisters in the Church. **Saturday, May 7th, 2016** at St. Thomas More Parish, 11822 Holmes Rd, KC, 64131.

For more info or to register go to www.kansascityblistersforsisters.org. Schedule:

- ▶ Registration and Check-in: 9:00 a.m.
- ▶ Walk: 10:00 a.m.
- ▶ Mass: 11:00 a.m.
- ▶ Lunch: 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

is for adults grieving the loss of a marital relationship through death, divorce or separation, who are ready to come to terms with their loss and begin to move forward with their lives. The program helps deal with the natural grief process and offers an opportunity, through God, for turning the pain of loss into an experience of positive growth.

The next Beginning Experience Weekend is June 24-26, 2016 at Savior Pastoral Center, 12601 Parallel Parkway, Kansas City, KS 66109.

The next Coping with Life Alone (weekly) series begins Thursday, August 18, 2016, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at St. Patrick Parish, 1357 NE 42nd Terrace, Kansas City, 64116.

For more information visit: www.kcsifamily.org/beginning-experience-kansas-city or to register, email register.bekc@gmail.com, or contact Donna at 816.305.3760 or Cathy at 816.540.4644.

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

CEE is a weekend designed for couples preparing for a Sacramental Marriage in the Catholic Church, focusing on building a closer relationship and discussing the couple’s future lives together with their strengths, weaknesses, goals and attitudes about money, children, family, intimacy, and their role in church and society. Cost: \$225 per couple. Engaged Encounter fulfills step 4 of the marriage preparation process. For reservations contact: Frank & Cristal Moley at 913.815.3183 or e-mail cee.kansascity@gmail.com. 2016 dates for CEE: April 15-17, June 10-12, July 8-10, Sept 16-18, October 14-16.

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!

UPCOMING COURSE:

Apologetics

In Apologetics, you will learn how to explain what you believe and what you do as a Catholic. The objective is to be a witness, show the reasonableness of faith, and evangelize those who question or don’t understand Catholic teaching. Apologetics will help you confidently live your faith in public. We will use the Bible, the writings of the Early Church Fathers, history, and logic. The course examines topics such as papal authority, apostolic succession, and justification, the communion of Saints, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the Sacrifice of the Mass. Join us at:

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church (4503 Frederick Blvd., St. Joseph), on May 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., to **St. Charles Borromeo Parish (900 Shady Lane Dr., Kansas City)**, on May 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., and to **The Catholic Center (20 W. 9th St., Kansas City)**, on May 28th, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This is a one-day course. Register for these courses at <http://mybhi.org/apologetics-course/>

Sophia Spirituality Center—Atchison, KS
April-May Offerings, 2016

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

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

Finding New Hope for Depression
Friday, May 6, 7:00 pm – Sat., May 7, 4:00 pm

Come and hear about the value of deepening spiritual practices to find new hope and discover one’s own path through the God of grace and compassion. The retreat is conducted by Sharon Highberger, certified chaplain and grief counselor. For more information or to register, call 913-360-6151 or visit Sophia Spirituality Center’s website at www.sophiaspiritualitycenter.org

Gourd Prayer Bowl Workshop
Saturday, May 7 9:30 am - 4:00 pm

Gourd art is an earth-friendly art, working with the forms the natural world gives us. Commune with your Creator as you create your own prayer bowl out of one of nature’s gifts, a simple gourd. This workshop will be conducted by Sister Melissa Letts, OSB, spiritual director, facilitator for Retreat in Daily Life and a gourd artist. For more information or to register, call 913-360-6151 or visit Sophia Spirituality Center’s website at www.sophiaspiritualitycenter.org