

Welcome to

Holy Trinity Parish

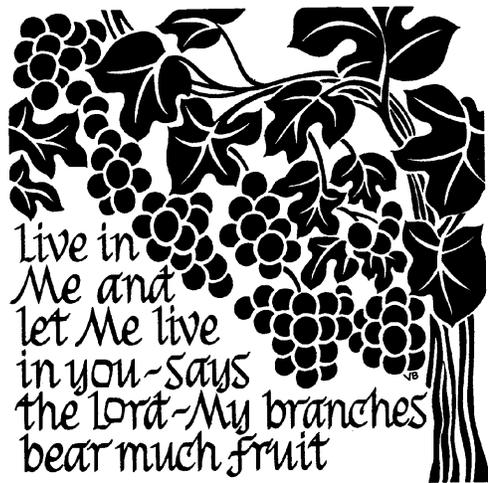
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Twelve Apostles Parish

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Fifth Sunday of Easter— May 3, 2015



Jesus offers a quintessential stewardship statement in today's Gospel reading: "Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me, you can do nothing."

Jesus Christ offers us the fullness of eternal life.

Do our lives reveal that this is what we want? Do we believe that, by hearing the Word of the Lord and responding, we not only produce "good fruit," but abide in the very life of God?

International Catholic Stewardship Council May 2015

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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Ms. Katie Troup -x304, DRE-XII Apostles: dreXII@kc.rr.com; Youth Minister--both parishes: ymht-xii@kc.rr.com

Mrs. Judy Sloan, Child Care Coordinator (offered during 7:30am & 10:45am Masses at Holy Trinity)

Mrs. Darlene Darby, Office Assistant, x202

Mr. Gary Loveless, Holy Trinity Custodian/Maintenance

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),
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 Mary Bultmann at 816-714-2387 or bultmann@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.

Fourth Sunday of Easter — 3 May 2015
Readings: p. 159 in *Breaking Bread*

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 2

5:00pm--XII Parishioners of XII Apostles

Sunday, May 3

7:30am-HT Parishioners of Holy Trinity

9:00am--XII Emma Simbro, RIP

10:45am-HT Stan Lesniak, RIP

Mon, May 4, 8am-HT Amelia & Armand d'Amore, RIP

Wed, May 6, 8am-HT Private Intention

Thu, May 7, 6pm-XII Joe & Lana LaCost family

Fri, May 8, 8am-HT Private Intention

Saturday, May 9

5:00pm--XII Bonnie Johnson, RIP

Sunday, May 10

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

9:00am--XII Ken & Donelle Fritz family

10:45am-HT Randall Stanton, RIP

On behalf of UNBOUND I want to thank Father Steven and all the parishioners of Holy Trinity and Twelve Apostles Parishes for the warm welcome you gave to me last weekend. We received 31 new sponsors! Thank you for your generous response and for your continuing support of our mission to the poor.

May God continue to bless you for your love and compassion for our needy brothers and sisters throughout the world. If you wish to learn more about UNBOUND or still wish to become a sponsor, you may go online at unbound.org.

Thank you! Fr. Bob Hasenkamp

THANK YOU to Maureen Vernon, Patty Roebing and Elaine Wright for heading up the taco luncheon last Sunday before our Easter Retreat on Pope Francis and to all who brought items to share.

ENDOW FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS

Growing up today is very challenging for young girls and they are often left feeling confused. A program is being offered by two young ladies from our parishes, Allie Webb and Elly Anderson, that is designed to help girls better understand the truth about their God-given dignity. This study is informative, fun, challenging, and interactive. Through the writings of Pope St. John Paul II and others, girls will learn about authentic love and what is meant by the phrase *Girl Genius!* This 4-6 week class will meet once a week on Tuesdays from 1-3:00 starting the end of May in Platte City. Class size is limited so don't miss out! To learn more about Endow go to: endowgroups.org For more information contact Elly Anderson at: eteanderson98@gmail.com or Allie Webb at: ajwebb25@gmail.com

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Women of Faith book group meets every Wednesday, at 8:30 am in Holy Trinity's parish hall. Books available at meeting. Come and go as you are able.

ENDOW (Educating on the Nature & Dignity of Women) Classes:

Finding Meaning in Suffering: Wednesday, May 6, 7:00 - 9:00 at Donna Webb's - 12700 N Overbrook Dr. Platte City.

Edith Stein: Seeker of Truth: Thursday, May 7, 1:00 - 2:30 at Shannon Demory's - 13270 Ridgeview Dr. Platte City

NEW ENDOW CLASS - Finding Meaning in Suffering - This class answers one of humanity's most vexing questions, how to make sense of suffering. In this 1984 apostolic letter, Pope John Paul II explains how it is only in Christ that we can hope to find meaning and purpose in our suffering. Classes begin Tuesday, May 12th, at 5:45 at Mary Ann Cutolo's - 13025 North Foxglove Court, Platte City. Register online at Endowgroups.org. For more information about Endow classes, contact Mary Ann Cutolo at 806-4109 or Donna Webb at 402-613-3829 or dwebbjoy@gmail.com.

NEW BHI CLASS: Catechetical Offerings

This practical course teaches how to give life to Catholic teaching when presenting in the classroom, the parish, or informally. Issues addressed include: bringing the Gospel into our daily lives, practical evangelization techniques, advice on teaching children, and the catechetical formation of adults. Students will be familiarized with the important catechetical documents of the Church, particularly the *General Directory for Catechesis*. This 3-week course costs \$25 or \$40 (married couple) and will come to: **Holy Trinity (Weston)**, Wednesdays, May 6, 13, & 20, 6:30-9pm. Register online at <http://mybhi.org/catechetical-methods/> or in person at the first night of class.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS for all.....

The new Knights of Columbus Council 16189, at XII Apostles Parish, Platte City held their Organizational Meeting on Wednesday, 22 April 2015. **If you are interested in becoming a member of the New Council, but have not yet signed a Transfer Form No.100, please contact one of the following members IMMEDIATELY:** (1) Jorge Orozco, Area Field Agent--(816) 431-6500 or (816) 456-1010 (2) Jim Rooney, Grand Knight of Holy Trinity Council No.12288--(816) 674-4268 (3) Steve Steiger, Past Grand Knight of Council No.12288 and Current Membership Director of two councils (No.12288 and the New Council)--(816) 431-6506 (Day and Night); **the Form 100 transfer document must be turned in not later than 30 June.**

Knights of Columbus Kansas Speedway fundraising project May 8 & 9: Our brothers at Pope John Paul I Council in Parkville have again invited us to participate in the Kansas Speedway concession that they manage on race weekends. The assignment is to man bar kiosks throughout the speedway. *The details of the work shifts can be found at:* <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b48a5ad28aa8-nascar1/1717758>. Spouses, adult children & friends are welcome to work on behalf of your council. The age for selling/serving alcohol is 21 or older; bar-back workers can be 18. All volunteers should sign up under the name of your parish council (XII Apostles or Holy Trinity). Contact Phil Frost (816.853.4970) if you have any questions.

HOLY TRINITY NEWS

MONTHLY ROSARY FOR THE UNBORN THIS SUNDAY at 10:05am in the church—please join us.

Our prayerful condolences to the family and friends of Holy Trinity parishioner **Mary Thebo** who passed away this past Wednesday and was buried from our church on Friday. May she rest in peace and may God comfort those who mourn her.

HOLY TRINITY WOMEN'S GUILD MEETS THIS MONDAY, May 4, at 7pm, in the parish hall. All women of the parish are members and are invited and encouraged to attend.

FUNERAL LUNCHEON MINISTRY — If you are interested in being added to the list for a funeral luncheon team, **or if you have been on the teams and would like to continue**, please return the survey found in the back of church.

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS are being accepted for a 4-year term beginning in July. Qualifications can be found on the blue sheet on the table in the vestibule.

If you are interested, or if you would like to nominate someone (with their permission), please contact Father Rogers by May 11.

If you donated EASTER FLOWERS, those no longer being used in the church can be found on the front porch of the parish hall—please take one home for planting, if you'd like one.

WESTON COMMUNITY PRAYER BREAKFAST this Saturday, May 9, at 8am, at Weston United Methodist Church. All are welcome. A free will offering will be taken up for the charitable works of the Weston Ministerial Alliance.



Ready for your rummage sale items!

Holy Trinity-Twelve Apostles Youth Group will again hold a Rummage Sale fundraiser at Holy Trinity during Weston's annual city-wide garage sales May 29-30. **Your cast-offs would be appreciated!**

We're collecting items now! Please bring to Holy Trinity's parish hall during office hours, drop off after Sunday Masses or place small items in the box in the vestibule at XII Apostles. Proceeds help our youth attend events.

KATIE'S CORNER--YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

"Jerusalem" Movie on Saturday, May 9 at Union Station—\$6 + money for lunch. Leaving Holy Trinity at 10:30am; XII Apostles at 11am. Returning to XII Apostles around 2:00pm; HT 2:30pm. Contact **Katie by Monday, May 4**, if you would like to attend. Chaperones/drivers also needed.



FLOAT TRIP JUNE 29—JULY 1.

\$125. Incoming 7th thru high school grads. More info on flyers in the vestibule. Chaperones needed! (chaperone cost \$50). Let Katie know if you plan to attend.



TWELVE APOSTLES NEWS

PICK UP FLOWERS Donors of our Easter flowers are welcome to pick up the lilies that are spent after gracing our altars. They would just love to have a chance to put their toes in soil and appear next spring. They can be found in the narthex.

MASS for GRADUATES THIS SUNDAY

Our high school graduates will be recognized at the 9am Mass this Sunday, May 3. We invite you to congratulate them over doughnuts after Mass on the lower level: Courtney Allen, David Covarrubias, Bonnie Curley, Melissa Ditter, Jake Eastman, Josh Eastman, Hannah Fowler, Madie Goeden, Ethan Gray, Scout Montgomery, Aaron Reichert, and Bailey Roberts. We wish them God's grace and blessings as they embark on the next chapter of their lives!



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

THIS Sunday, May 3, 2015

Lord Jesus, I thank you for inviting me into your home. I will come to be with you. There are many rooms in your house for worship, joy, praise, adoration, thanksgiving, healing, rest....

Adoration 5:00 – 6:00 pm



Gather your team and help **Outpace Poverty** in our community. Catholic Charities of Kansas City—St. Joseph invites you to **Out-**

pace Poverty on Saturday, June 20 at 8:00 a.m. on the north lawn of The National World War I Museum at Liberty Memorial. Join parishes from throughout the diocese in this powerful show of support for our neighbors in need. **Outpace Poverty** is the area's only 5K walk dedicated to raising awareness and funds to reduce poverty in Kansas City and Northwest Missouri. It's also a great event for the entire family, with a finish line festival that includes music, food and drink, and visits from the Royals' Sluggerrr and KC Wolf. Your support provides hope and help to nearly 72,000 people each year. Free registration is now open. Organize a parish or family team today at www.outpoverty.org.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

The diocesan Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday May 31, 2015. Rev. Ken Riley will preside at the Mass honoring the Golden Wedding couples. A card and gift will also be presented to each couple. Immediately following the liturgy, there will be a dessert reception at the Catholic Center in the Cardinal Baum Room. The event is for the couples and their immediate family. We are pleased to share their joy and to give public recognition for their long lasting faithfulness in their marriage vows and demonstration of the stability and nobility of marriage. **If you are celebrating your 50th wedding anniversary anytime in 2015, please notify the parish office by May 11.** A card and gift will be sent if the couple is unable to attend the Mass.

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER STEVEN C. ROGERS.....

More than seven years ago, I met a truly zealous woman who thought she was filled with the Holy Spirit. She was on fire back then, and she is still burning today. She is red hot for God, and for the Church. She has no fear when it comes to sharing the Good News. She feels in her heart that God has called her to set the world ablaze. God has gifted her with knowledge of the Bible, and a personal understanding of the human condition. She has a mysterious knowing at work in her, of history and current events. She can be quite intimidating.

She is a person of advanced years, having gained much of her wisdom from the school of hard knocks; however, she is infused with something more than just that. Maybe she is filled with something supernatural, maybe something from out of this world. Frequently, she is hijacked by enchantment, which catches her and everyone around her by surprise.

With little notice, she will light up with great joy, only no one knows the operative source of it. Is it pharmaceutical? Is it supernatural? She believes it is a calling. It usually happens around three o'clock in the afternoon, on Wednesdays, during her weekly shopping trip to the local Hy-Vee grocery store. Maybe it is the free samples.

Wednesdays are a good day for extra discounts for people of her many years. She is quite clever. She always waits until later in the day, after the crowds thin out, before she goes grocery shopping. The store is good about keeping the shelves stocked, so she never worries about shortages. Besides, going later in the day means she can mingle with people half her age, and no one will suspect she is there for the extra discounts (wink-wink).

One Wednesday not long ago, after she finished shopping, she waited for a check-out line to clear. It's her evangelization strategy. She fools people into thinking she doesn't want them to be close enough to hear her ask for the extra discounts. All the checkout staff know she more than qualifies, but they play her silly game.

She laughs out loud, "I know I don't look anywhere near my age, but I do qualify for the extra discounts, just barely!" She cackles loud enough to get the attention of others, two lanes over. She likes it when they take notice of her, but keeping with her strategy, she wants them to notice her open lane even more.

To top it off, she is a coupon queen, and she wants to show off and show other people the way. Getting all the discounts she can excites her, but this is not the source of her joy. Yes, she qualifies, but far more than "just barely." She will earn a "Driving Miss Daisy" coupon as "Miss Daisy" herself, if one is ever issued. Don't think she isn't working on it! Truth be told, she is tighter than bark on a tree. It will happen.

Even though she gets a thrill out of negotiating her age in discounts, her joy instantly flared up like lighter fluid sprayed on a hot grill this particular Wednesday, when an unsuspecting innocent young man stepped into her open lane at the check-out. Fast and animated with the spirit, she searched through her over-stuffed folder for a coupon that matched an item in his shopping cart. She has coupons from every century.

Upon finding a coupon she hands it to him and laughs, "Well, how about that! God is giving you a break today! Ten percent! Wow! Golly-Gee-Whiz!" Even though he is reluctant to take the coupon, he knows he has been had, and cannot avoid her. She motions for him to take the coupon, frantically waving it at him. She doesn't miss a beat. The minute he takes the coupon, she fires up, "What are you giving to God?"

Being caught off guard, and put on the spot, his mouth drops fast to the floor. "Huh?" "Well, don't just stand there gawking at me. Speak up! What are you giving God today? He gave his life for you. What are you giving him?" She bugs her eyes, and leans forward, "Huh?"

If he had attempted to give back the coupon, she would have hit him harder. If he held on to the coupon, it would give her permission to go full-tilt righteous on him, and all the other shoppers too. He was immobilized, and trapped.

"God will raise his almighty hand against sinners. You might think you're all that, and a bag of cheap chips, but God will smash you like those little seedless grapes in your cart!" She shouts at him, "I said seedless not sinless! God is white hot mad. He is going to lower his hand, hard and soon. Like these discounts, the world is going to end. Go ahead and stare at me. Sure, all these natural disasters are just coincidences, wink-wink! What are you going to say now? Blink and you'll be next! So pony up, what are you giving God today? Huh?"

In her zeal, she had lowered the boom on the un-churched young man. She thought she had set a hook by slamming and shaming him. "Give me back that coupon! It's expired anyway, sort of like your soul." After reading him, she cashes out her extra discounts, and makes like she is going to leave, and head for home. But, she darts back in line, and addresses the gob-smacked onlooker in a more personal way. With a grin, a wink, and a nod, she says, "Here's something you need a whole lot more!" She gives him a Bible. "Now, read it!" As she exits the store, she looks to heaven, and shakes her head, "Spreading the Good News is hard work! Give me a break!"

The Gospel tells us that all who belong to Christ are fruit-bearing branches of one vine. Jesus is the vine, and because we are all attached to him, we share the same calling, to bear good fruit. And not just any fruit that seems good, but the same fruit that Jesus produced.

Too often, we think we should take matters into our own hands. We pull away from the vine, and the fruit we bear becomes affected and unnatural, it becomes forced, and exaggerated to the point no one wants it. The fruit we bear actually becomes a distraction to the Good News we are trying to share with others.

Yes, God wants us to produce Christ's fruit, and more of it. Zeal for God is often mixed with a personal desire to be seen and heard. Often we exchange sharing the love of God with a pressing need to combat evil (sin - specifically the sins of others). We want to bear good fruit, but instead we open a can of worms that destroys the good fruit. We get in the way of the Spirit working, and the good fruit to which we are called.

This is how God confronts evil in our world. He does it in the same way he grows grapes, not smashes them. The life force is the vine. Jesus travels through the vine to the little twigs that hold the grapes; that's you and me. The more open we are to receiving nourishment from Jesus, the more fruit he will produce through us. We can never take matters into our own hands. We are nourished by Jesus in order to take his fruits abundantly out into the world.

With Jesus behind us, with us, and before us, we can grow strong and healthy, and bring others to him. With Jesus in the driver's seat, and in the shopping cart, we can branch out, and use everything we have received from Christ for the sake of others. Evil will be stopped to the extent that we continue his earthy ministry of love. We are to grow the best fruit on our branch, never forgetting that it is attached to Jesus the vine.



In Christ,

Father Steven C. Rogers