

Welcome to

Holy Trinity Parish

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Twelve Apostles Parish

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Sixth Sunday of Easter— May 10, 2015



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Jesus calls his disciples his “friends” and commands them to love one other as he has loved them.

We are called to be stewards of this friendship; to love one another as Jesus loves us.

Do we give serious attention to what this love requires of us? Does this require us to actively seek the welfare of others? What is the price of this friendship with the Lord?

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 — 10 May 2015
Readings: p. 161 in *Breaking Bread*

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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

Mon, May 11, 8am-HT Brian Hoffman, RIP

Wed, May 13, 8am-HT Private Intention

Thu, May 14, 6pm-XII Michael Horgan, RIP

Fri, May 15, 8am-HT Private Intention

Saturday, May 16

5:00pm--XII Parishioners of XII Apostles

Sunday, May 17

7:30am-HT Parishioners of Holy Trinity

9:00am--XII Lori Morin

10:45am-HT Bill & Maureen Vernon, 45th anniversary

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE THIS WEEK:
Bulletin items for the May 17 bulletin are due by Noon
this MONDAY, MAY 11. Thank you!

ARE YOU REGISTERED IN A PARISH?

Did you know....

⇒ That every Catholic adult who has completed school and is employed should be a registered member of a parish?

⇒ That Catholics who wish their children to receive the sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation, as well as Catholics who themselves wish to receive Matrimony, are expected to have been members of that parish for at least a year or, if recently moved, active members of their previous parish?

If you are an adult who regularly attends Mass at Holy Trinity or Twelve Apostles but have not registered, you may do so by filling out a registration form (found in the back of the churches or on our websites) and returning it to the parish office. We look forward to knowing you!

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:

NEW ENDOW CLASS for Women-

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS for all.....

Holy Trinity Council No.12288--Our next Rosary and council's business meeting will be held on Thursday, May 21, at 7:00PM in the parish hall at Holy Trinity. A social period will follow. Nominations for all offices in the council are being accepted as officers for the 2015-2016 fraternal year will soon be elected. If you are a 3rd or 4th Degree member of Council No.12288, and are interested in one of these offices, please contact Grand Knight Jim Rooney at (816) 674-4268. All council officers must be at least 3rd Degree members.

Twelve Apostles Council No.16189: The FIRST Rosary and Council business meeting will be held Wednesday, May 13 at Twelve Apostles Church. The Rosary will be recited at 6:30PM in the church, followed by the business meeting at 7:00PM in the lower level (basement). Council No.16189 voted to hold all monthly council meetings on the **2nd Wednesday of each month** at 7:00PM. On May 13, two Trustees will be elected. If you are a 3rd or 4th Degree member of Council No.16189, and are interested in one of these offices, please contact Grand Knight Steve Steiger at (816) 431-6506.

Members of Twelve Apostles Council No.16189 voted to have June 30, 2015, as the DEADLINE DATE for our Charter. This means that ALL TRANSFERS into the council and ALL NEW MEMBERS must have received their First (Admission) Degree BEFORE JUNE 30 in order for their names to be listed as a "Charter (an original or founding member of an organization) Member". If a Transfer Form No.100 is not signed by a member, his membership will remain in his present council. The transfer process is not automatic.

If you are interested in becoming a charter member of the New Council at Twelve Apostles, please contact one of the following members IMMEDIATELY: (1) Jorge Orozco, Area Field Agent at (816) 431-6500 or (816) 456-1010; (2) Jim Rooney, Grand Knight of Holy Trinity Council No.12288 at (816) 674-4268; (3) Steve Steiger, Grand Knight of Twelve Apostles Council No.16189 at (816) 431-6506 (Day and Night). Steve is also serving as Membership Director of Council No.12288 and Council No.16189.

SCHEDULED DEGREE DATES:

1st (Admission) Degree: May 11 at St. Therese Parish in Parkville MO
June 2 at Gladstone, MO (Tentative)
June 7 at Kearney, MO

2nd and 3rd Degrees: May 31 at Shawnee, KS
June 7 at Leawood, KS & also at Topeka, KS

4th Degree: May 16 at Leavenworth, KS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCILS No. 12288-Holy Trinity and No.16189-Twelve Apostles would like to wish **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY** on Sunday, May 10, to all mothers, living and deceased, and to all mothers-to-be. Thank you for giving life to your children.

HOLY TRINITY NEWS

PARISH COUNCIL MEETS THIS MONDAY, MAY 11, at 7PM, in the parish hall.

WEST PLATTE BACCALAUREATE THIS WEDNESDAY, May 13, at 7pm, in the Performing Arts Center — all are invited.

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.

MASS FOR GRADUATES NEXT SUNDAY—We will celebrate our high school graduates and senior altar servers at the 7:30 Mass next Sunday, and with rolls and juice after Mass. Our graduates: Hank Bartee, Seth Eagen, Ben Heili, Clay Lambrecht, Aidian Vece, and Nicki Wagner.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWCOMERS:

A warm welcome to those who have registered at Holy Trinity in recent months: Megan Callahan and Brice Atherton; Derek & Elysha Ferguson and Tierney, Emery, and Aven; Gregory Kearns and Kathleen Neville; Dennis McCormick, and Jim and Kay Norwood. We are blessed to have you here and look forward to getting to know you!



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.



Youth Group

KATIE'S CORNER-- YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

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



Congratulations to First Communicant **Savannah Dodson** who is making her First Communion this Sunday, May 10.

WOMEN'S GROUP MEETS THIS TUESDAY, MAY 12, at 7pm in the lower level of the church.

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.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWCOMERS:

A warm welcome to those who have registered with us in recent months:
Welcome John & Christina, Victoria, Ava, and Sophia **Adams**; James & Erin, James and Isabella **Bird**; Richard & Jane **Coon**; Andrew & Denise, and Riley **Cummings**, John **Duncan** & Trina **Day** and Aubrey; Jarrett & Jennifer, and Liam **Dunn**; Tim & Angela, Samuel and Natalie **Evers**, Luke & Kelsey **Lavicky**; Greg & Rhonda **Schneringer**, Patrick & Sheri and Patrick **Tobey**; Lucas & Sarah **Wagner**, and Sandra **Williams**.

We are happy to have you and hope you find a warm spiritual home here at Twelve Apostles!

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.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES
KANSAS CITY - ST. JOSEPH

We're looking for people to join our mission! Inspired by the Gospel mandate, **Catholic Charities of Kansas City-St.**

Joseph works to transform lives

and communities with hope-filled care, services and advocacy. Catholic Charities is now hiring for these full-time positions:

Grants Manager

Health Services Program Manager

Education and Support Program Manager

Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)

To learn more or apply for one of these positions, visit the **Contact Us** page at www.catholiccharities-ksj.org, and choose **Careers**.

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

My little dog Cinco celebrated his birthday this past week. He turned six on Friday. Not much changed for him, even though he is a year older. He has always fancied himself the dog of the century. Naturally, this title comes with a scepter, and a jeweled crown, and a wardrobe fit for a kingdom. It works for him because he rules the house, the yard, the neighbor's yard, and the surrounding community. He believes he rules wherever he goes. He only weighs twenty-six pounds, but I let him think he is a big dog.

He is a Boston terrier that barks like a Saint Bernard in a snowstorm, but he doesn't have the capacity to carry out such a threat. He tries to look mean. He jets out his lower jaw, and bares his teeth, but his underbite quickly gives way to a smile. His bark sounds more like a chirp whenever a cookie is involved. He loves cookies. He learned early on how to bark out cookie commands.

He issues commands to me each and every day, the minute his feet hit the floor. If I don't move fast enough for him, he gets behind me, and pushes me forward, bouncing, and barking with every step, for me to get my sorry self in gear. When he is ready to go, everyone has to be ready to go. He won't have it any other way.

He tilts his head slightly to the left, then he glares up at me with big bovine eyes. "Did you hear what I said? I am not going to tell you again! Don't make me come over there!" If I ignore him, he runs circles around me, and demands immediate attention. He will be heard. He attempts to put on my shoes for me, even though he doesn't have time for such nonsense. Usually, we can manage to get only one shoe on before he starts to bounce behind me like Tigger, up and down, to expedite what he wants. "Hurry! You're just doing this to aggravate me. Hurry! I have seen you move a whole lot faster than that. If I dangled a piece of chocolate in front of you, you'd have no trouble keeping up. Now, hurry up!"

He likes to run ahead of me down the stairs. I thought he likes to lead the way, but actually he prefers to watch me follow him. If I don't bounce like him, or as fast as him, there will be consequences. Somehow, I always comply.

When I tell Cinco that he is spoiled rotten, first he gives me a blank stare. Then he rolls his eyes, and his head in unison, and directs all attention toward Ocho. "Focus! He's the spoiled one." Ocho's ears perk up. He intends to be spoiled, and pampered, and indulged. He nods in agreement, "Yes, I am - spoiled. Now fetch me some toast."

Instead he gets his normal food. He saunters over to his bowl, then stops, and stares down at it. He looks over his left shoulder at me. "I said toast! I can't eat this. I wouldn't feed this to a dog." A chill covers the room. Cinco bounces over to the bowl, sniffs at it, then stops, and stares down at it. He looks over his left shoulder directly at me, "How dare you!" Icicles form on their souls.

To have two little dogs who think they are little people glare at you over a bowl of grub can melt your icy heart faster than a blow torch. "Okay, I'm sorry. I'll fetch you some toast." I get a piece of toast, and cut it into squares for them. I offer a square to Ocho. He just sniffs at it, disgusted. He hangs his head, "No butter?" Cinco grabs his square, backs up two steps, drops it, and stares, disgusted. "Who eats toast without butter!"

I remind them, "No butter for you! You have to watch your cholesterol." Cinco grabs his toast square, and storms off, grumbling under his breath, "Whoever heard of eating toast without butter!" I hear him loud and clear; he breathes like a Rottweiler.

Ocho comes forward, paws at my leg, and whines like an abandoned baby bird. Yes, I pick him up. I hold him close, and he kisses me. Mind you, he isn't apologizing, he is buttering me up so he can have toast points, not squares, and not dry, but lathered in luscious butter. He is too pedigreed for squares. It's pathetic, I know.

Half-a-loaf later they both return to their bowl, and enjoy the grub already put before them like it was the best thing since sliced bread. That scenario plays out every morning. I won't tell you the antics they pull at dinner time, especially when it comes to dessert.

Of course, no matter what they destroy, what they mess up or on, or what they do, and how badly they do it, if anyone ever asks, I always say, "That's my baby!" The words just burst out of my mouth, along with tears, like I gave birth to them. Love can do that.

I have learned a lot about myself through the eyes of Ocho and Cinco. I have learned a lot about love. I have learned a lot about the unconditional covenant of love of God. I have learned even more about my mother, and a mother's love for her children.

I have to admit, when I look back, quite often, I see myself acting, and behaving, just like Ocho and Cinco. My poor mother jumped through fiery circles at times; she had five of us. It was never our intention to push her, or burn her; we just wanted what we wanted when we wanted it. Just like Ocho and Cinco. If she had counted the over the shoulder looks her babies gave her, none of us would have survived, we certainly wouldn't be able to bounce, or run, or fetch, or bark today.

My brothers and sisters would tell you they weren't spoiled. Times for them were hard. They will tell you, "We were lucky if we got toast." They recall, "We were just glad to get the crumbs, butter, or no butter." I remember life to be much different though. Of course, my mother spoiled me. I had toast every day, with butter, and blackberry jam, or apricot preserves, but never grape jelly. "Who eats grape jelly," I would cry.

Being born with bovine eyes, and a penchant for getting my way, I had mastered the art of whining long before I took my first step. I started walking at seven months. I demanded toast long before that. Shortly thereafter, barking out commands was a daily experience.

I also remember, when my brothers, and sisters would storm off, I would eat whatever was left in their bowls like it was the best thing since sliced bread. Then I would help my mother do the dishes, and take out the trash, or mop the floor. Like Ocho, I'd butter her up in advance; I made sure I would get toast the next morning too. I thought I was slick, that my mother didn't know what I was up to. I am glad I am on the other side of all that now. My mother has to be glad too.

That's what Ocho and Cinco have taught me most. A mother is always one step ahead of her children no matter what they are thinking, or doing, or what they are up to, or what they are getting into, and messing up. And still, she loves us. A mother knows what you are going to do before you do it, and when you do it, she still says, tears flowing, "That's my baby!" That's love.

That's why we celebrate Mother's Day. It is a day we honor our mothers, and show them how much we love them for their knowing, their understanding, their foresight, hindsight and clairvoyance, and for the many times they still turn a blind eye to our antics, tricks, whines, and she-nanigans. It is no wonder we lavish many gifts and blessings on our mothers this special day like butter on toast.

After all, we know that we are going to need them tomorrow, especially when we have made a mess of things. And so we celebrate every mother today, because we know that we will always need them, every day of our lives. A mother makes us who we truly are.

Happy Mother's Day!

In Christ,

