

Welcome to

Holy Trinity Parish

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Twelve Apostles Parish

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Pentecost Sunday — May 24, 2015



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Today we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit, the birth of the Church and the beginning of its mission in the world. Pentecost Sunday reminds us that our lives are filled with the Holy Spirit and God has accomplished creative things in us through this gift. We have been entrusted with this great gift of the Holy Spirit. Now is a good time to ask: Are we being good stewards of this gift? What creative things have we done to glorify God's accomplishments in us?

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
10:45 AM – 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 Bonnie Kane at 816.392.0011 or kane@diocesekcsj.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. 170 in *Breaking Bread*

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 23

5:00pm--XII Parishioners of XII Apostles

Sunday, May 24

7:30am-HT Parishioners of Holy Trinity

9:00am--XII Robert Welch, RIP

10:45am-HT DeMeo & Grieco Families

Mon, May 25, 9:00am-HT MEMORIAL DAY MASS In honor of those who have died serving our country

Wed, May 27, 8am-HT Rev. Wm. Delaney, rip, ann. (pastor 1921-35)

Thu, May 28, 6pm-XII Special Intention--L.Morrissey

Fri, May 29, 8am-HT Private Intention

Saturday, May 30

5:00pm--XII Parishioners of XII Apostles

Sunday, May 31

7:30am-HT Parishioners of Holy Trinity

9:00am--XII Peter Morin

10:45am-HT Rose Amanna, rip

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Be a Witness of Charity

In the second collection today, we are supporting Pope Francis in his charitable works. The Peter's Pence Collection is taken up worldwide to support the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. This is an opportunity to join with our Holy Father, Pope Francis, and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous.



MEMORIAL DAY MASS — 9AM THIS MONDAY at Holy Trinity

The parish office will be closed on Monday, May 25, for Memorial Day.

The Annual Memorial Day Celebration of Mass will be held in the Diocesan Catholic Cemeteries on **Monday, May 25, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.** at:

Mt. Olivet Cemetery – 7601 Blue Ridge Boulevard, Kansas City, MO 64138.

Resurrection Cemetery – 5001 NE Cookingham Dr, Kansas City, MO 64156.

Mt. St. Mary's Cemetery – Rev. Charles Rowe – Celebrant
2201 Cleveland, Kansas City, MO 64127.

The above Masses are celebrated outside, so please dress for the weather and bring your lawn chairs!

Mt. Olivet Cemetery – Rev. Christian Malewski – Celebrant. 26th & Lover's Lane, St. Joseph, MO. This Mass will be celebrated in Horigan Chapel.

RUMMAGE SALE COMING THIS FRIDAY-SATURDAY!



THANK YOU!!! To everyone who has dropped off items so far for our Youth Group rummage sale! It's not too late to add things! Bring items to Holy Trinity parish

hall Sunday, May 24, noon-6pm; Monday, May 25, 9am-4pm; Tuesday, May 26, 6-9pm; Wednesday, May 27, 9am-4pm, 6-9pm; Thurs., May 28, 9am-4pm, 6-9pm.

COME SHOP OUR HUGE RUMMAGE! Friday 8-5, Saturday 7-2 (half price after 11am Sat) at Holy Trinity parish hall.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Women of Faith book group meets Wednesdays, 8:30 am at Holy Trinity. Books available at meeting. Come and go as you are able.

ENDOW FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS

Don't miss out on the upcoming Endow class for middle school girls, *Defining Dignity*, *Girl Genius* part 1. This 4-6 week class will meet from 1-3:00 on Tuesdays, **beginning May 26th**. Register online at Endowgroups.org. Hope to see you there!

Questions? Contact Allie Webb at: ajwebb25@gmail.com or Elly Anderson at: eteanderson98@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE: CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION – SUNDAY JUNE 7

This year the Solemn Feast of Corpus Christi falls on Sunday, June 7. Once again our Diocese, along with the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas, will join together in this celebration. Archbishop Naumann invites you to join in this annual Eucharistic devotion.

The Archdiocese will be hosting this event beginning with Mass at 12:00 p.m. in the Courtyard of the Little Monastery, 36 S. Boeke Street, Kansas City, KS, 66101, followed by a Holy Hour at 1:00 p.m., during which the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available.

The procession will form in front of the Little Monastery, a stational blessing will be given at Lally Park and then process back to the Little Monastery where Benediction will be given. An ice cream social will follow, to which all are cordially invited.

Please save the date and make plans now to be a part of this annual devotion to our belief in the true presence of Jesus Christ in the most Blessed Sacrament of the altar.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS for all.....

The Knights of Columbus extends a cordial invitation to ALL eligible practicing Catholic gentlemen, age 18 or older (there is no maximum age to join), to become members of Holy Trinity Council No.12288 or Twelve Apostles Council No.16189. We will be accompanying PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS to join the Knights on the following dates:

ADMISSION (FIRST) DEGREE CEREMONIALS:

- (1) Thursday, May 28, 2015, at St. Joseph, Missouri
- (2) Tuesday, June 2, 2015, at Gladstone, Missouri (Tentative)

We will be accompanying all CURRENT MEMBERS who have already joined by participating in the Admission (First) Degree to attend the 2nd and 3rd DEGREE CEREMONIALS on the following dates:

- (1) Sunday, May 31, 2015, at Shawnee, Kansas
- (2) Sunday, June 7, 2015, at Leawood, Kansas
- (3) Sunday, June 7, 2015, at Topeka, Kansas

Contact Jim Rooney, Grand Knight of Holy Trinity Council No.12288, at (816) 674-4268 or Steve Steiger, Grand Knight of Twelve Apostles No.16189, at (816) 431-6506 if you wish to attend any of the ceremonials listed above. We want to thank Joshua Shupe who has volunteered to take all candidates to the 2nd and 3rd Degree Ceremonials at Shawnee, Kansas, on May 31.

On Monday, May 25, Twelve Apostles Church in Platte City will be celebrating the 2nd Anniversary of its Dedication on May 25, 2013. The Knights of Columbus are extremely proud and honored to be serving both Twelve Apostles and Holy Trinity Church in Weston.

HOLY TRINITY NEWS



CELEBRATE OUR FEAST DAY NEXT SUNDAY!

We will celebrate our feast day, the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity, with strawberry shortcake parfaits after each of the Masses next Sunday, May 31. Please join us!

ICE CREAM SOCIAL AUGUST 2!

We have our chairpersons in place —

THANK YOU! to Ann Harris, Sarah Adkins, and Kathy Anderson for agreeing to co-chair our Ice Cream Social this year! First item of business is lining up

items for our raffle tickets — if you have an item that could be used for a raffle prize, or a Silent Auction item, please contact the parish office asap.

This year's proceeds will go towards the replacement of the air conditioning in the church.



TWELVE APOSTLES NEWS

DID YOU KNOW? Use this link if/when you shop on Amazon and 0.5% of your purchase amount will be donated to Twelve Apostles: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/26-2416033>

PHOTODIRECTORY UPDATE: Our activity pages for the photo-directory have been submitted. We should receive a proof in a couple weeks. After reviewing and returning our proof, the published directories will be back to us in a few weeks!

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!

Outstanding career opportunities available at Catholic Charities of Kansas City-St. Joseph:

Grants Manager: seeking an experienced grant writer who can research, organize and coordinate development of all grant and contract proposals, as well as manage budgets for corporate, foundation and government grants and contracts.

Education and Support Program Manager: seeking a licensed MSW with experience in adoptions to supervise staff and maintain clinical oversight of services, including pregnancy counseling, case management, adoption planning and youth.

To apply for these openings or inquire about other employment opportunities, go to www.catholiccharities.org/contact-us/careers/

Catholic Radio Network's 2nd Annual Pitching for Priests



Priests of the Archdiocese of Kansas City, KS vs. Priests of the Diocese of Kansas City - St. Joseph Yes, that's right-- the priests will **PLAY BALL** and you can cheer them on to victory while raising money to help support vocations. Last year about 2,500 people came to cheer on our priests! You

won't want to miss this fun evening!

JUNE 15, 2015 - T-BONES Stadium @ The Legends

Game Time 6:30pm; Tailgating 3:00pm.

Between innings fun for the kids.

Mark your calendars and share this evening with our religious.

Proceeds will benefit the vocation office of each diocese.

All Tickets \$10. PURCHASE today (Parishes can purchase bulk tickets!) at 816-630-1090 or www.theCatholicRadioNetwork.com (click on News and Events). SEE YOU AT **THE GAME!!!!!!**



Mark Your Calendar!

Vacation Bible School 2015 for Holy Trinity and Twelve Apostles K-6 graders will be held July 6-10, from 6:00pm - 8:00pm at Holy Trinity in Weston.

Interested in **VOLUNTEERING** for VBS 2015?

We really need you! Call Rhonda at 605-376-5431 or leave your contact information with the parish office and we will call you!

All are invited to the **14th Annual St. Joseph's Church Germanfest**, 306 North Broadway, Leavenworth, KS, Saturday, June 6. Mass at 4:30 pm; dinner 5:30-8:00 pm (Traditional German Meal - \$10.00/ Kids's Meal \$4.00); music 6:00-9:00 pm (Festhaus-Musikanten). There will be a silent auction and raffle.

Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life: The Ignatian Spirituality Center is currently taking applications for the **Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life**, a retreat program based on the spirituality of St. Ignatius of Loyola. The Exercises provide an opportunity to grow in your relationship with Christ, deepen your prayer experience and learn to discern God's call in your life. Made over a nine-month period from September to May, the Exercises include daily prayer for about one hour and a weekly meeting with a prayer guide to review one's prayer and to receive direction for the following week. Deadline for application is June 30. For more information go to www.ignatiancenterkc.org or email info@ignatiancenterkc.org



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.



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

I have been both on the receiving end, and on the giving end of what is called a "Come to Jesus" meeting. There have been many times in my life, due to my own fault, that I have faced a threatening predicament where the end fast approaches. I have been with other people whose moment has come, and the end fast approaches for them, because of similar, or worse predicaments to the ones I have known.

It is in those "Come to Jesus" moments that life is forever changed. That's when reality is painfully defined for us. That is when you learn who you are not, even though you still don't know who you are. I have learned much from the school of hard knocks, where "Come to Jesus" meetings are a daily event. Fortunately for me, with every end, there has always been a new beginning. I learned who I was not, long before I learned who I am.

I can say, when one is deep in the middle of a "Come to Jesus" meeting, that's when he needs to have a "Come Holy Spirit" meeting too, or the end will have final consequences. Every time I have put myself in jam and have had to face the peril I have caused myself, something swells up from deep within, and prompts me to cry out, "Come Holy Spirit!" All people have them, they just don't know what to call them. Even though I have learned what to call them, that hasn't stopped me from having them. History repeats itself. Such is the human condition.

I remember when I became a man at nine years old. Well, I should say, I grew up the day I first encountered the Holy Spirit, at nine years old. I had a "Come Holy Spirit" event first. That's because there was no order in my universe. The "Come to Jesus" meeting took place when I got home. Let me just say, I had trouble navigating a chair for the next two months.

That summer, my parents decided to send me to church camp for a week. "It's church camp! What trouble can he get into at church camp!" They equated church camp with goodness and light and maturity and wisdom and truth and good judgment. WRONG! They didn't know at the time that the devil loves church camp. If I wasn't precocious and fiercely independent before, I certainly would have become so at church camp.

Never mind the adult chaperones. I was nine. I wasn't afraid of them, or the devil, or of goodness. Oh, so naive. Going into the woods, children morph into beasts and trolls and spirits of the netherworld. Freedom will do that to an open mind, especially one so open the brain falls out. Chaperones learned quickly to zip-up their sleeping bags from the inside, both day and night, because of the horror that awaits them on the outside.

That year a teacher named Miss Jeannie had gladly volunteered to be chaperone for the nine year olds. She was a woman thought to be in her late 30's, so late she was 43. She had never married, no children of her own, so she thought being a chaperone was a "splendid" idea that "she might adopt one day." Church camp turned out to be a turning point in all our lives. The first day of camp, my best friend at the time and I got into a fight in the pool. Melody had morphed overnight into being everybody's parent, and so it was my duty to put her in her rightful place. I dunked her five times before we were tossed out of the pool. We laughed after we were ejected, and had to walk barefoot back to our cabin to turn ourselves in.

Miss Jeannie lasted all of fifteen minutes after she grounded us for the day. She was no match for the masters of tag team. According to Miss Jeannie, we had way too much energy for our own good. She decided we could learn a valuable lesson, and burn off that energy, if she took us out on the lake in a row boat. We had to work together to row the boat out into the deep water. We barely got out of the dock before she took over the oars. Melody and I rode the waves at the bow of the boat, just like Leonardo and Kate (Jack and Rose) on the Titanic, only we sang the popular church camp song, "Oh the Great Ship Titanic...kerplunk, it sunk, Cha, Cha, Cha!" Surely, with Miss Jeannie at the helm we would not sink. As soon as we got out a few yards, Lake Patrol reminded us that row boats had to stay close to the shore line. They are too little for deep water. Miss Jeannie rowed and rowed, and we rode and rode.

About twenty minutes into our valuable lesson, Miss Jeannie had to give her arms a rest. She rowed up to the shore, and instructed me to get out, "Secure our boat to a tree." "No problem." I jumped out of the boat. I swam all of two feet to the shore to tie the boat to a tree just as she instructed. Only on the way I got distracted. Several feet above, was a rock ledge that looked really cool. It jettied out beautifully. It called my name.

Older church campers, or lake rats, I couldn't tell the difference, were diving off head first into the deep waters below. I decided to climb up to the ledge to join them. With each step I took, one of them would dive into the water. By the time I got to the ledge there was no one there. I was on the ledge all alone, just me, and the wind, a zephyr that packed a punch. It was cold all the way up there. I began to shiver as I stepped out onto the ledge. Was it nerves? No, I was nine years old. Nerves don't kick in until you're ten. I had an open mind.

Miss Jeannie and Melody were in the row boat below, twirling and flailing and yelling for me to "get back down here!" Only I didn't hear them because of the chilling breeze, and I was up way too high to read their lips. I didn't much care what they were saying anyway, I was preparing for the big dive. I thought they were frantic because our boat was drifting out into the middle of the lake. Then I remembered, I never actually secured the boat to a tree.

Those crazy, bossy girls. Both of them were so focused on what I was doing that neither of them took to rowing the boat back to shore, so they just drifted into the deep. As the boat edged out farther and farther into deep water, I took a deep breath, closed my eyes, and jumped. It took a long time for me to find the water. I guess there are advantages to being older.

It was said I weighed in the lower 40's, so low I was 37 pounds. I just floated in the wind, suspended in time and space, for God and everybody to see. Once the wind died down, gravity took over, and I hit the water. It didn't help that half way down I took to twirling and flailing like Miss Jeannie and Melody. My little 37 pound body hit the water like a two ton rock, splashing a typhoon wave into the row boat, and into Miss Jeannie's and Melody's open mouths. Surprise! The surprise was all mine. It took twice as long coming up as it did going down. I didn't think I was going to make it. The water was deep dark green. There was no surface light to be seen. There was no horizon. I prayed from the bottom of my soul, "Come Holy Spirit!" Then I heard a voice say, "Open your eyes, paddle your feet!" The surface was all of two paddles away. It was a valuable lesson. You cannot see the light when your eyes are closed.

I quickly popped up to the surface, gasping for life. Nothing. I climbed into the boat. Silence. Miss Jeannie grabbed the oars, and rowed. Melody held on for dear life. We were back secure in the dock in record time. It was much colder in the boat than it was in the air. Not another word was spoken about that valuable lesson, or my adventure. Not another word was spoken, that is, until I got home, and my parents and I sat down for a "Come to Jesus" meeting. That's when I learned the Holy Spirit always leads us to Jesus. It was a good thing. Seeing the light helped me to breathe, and focus, on Jesus.

I still didn't know who I was, but I realized that day, my vocation, and avocation would not involve becoming a cliff diver. I was reminded of that fact when I was a seminarian, and a group of us were at the lake, and we encountered a rock ledge, beautifully high above the deep water. Other seminarians, or lake rats, I couldn't tell the difference, were diving off, head first into the deep waters below. Ah, but I digress; that's another story that doesn't need to be told. History does repeat itself. Such is the human condition. "Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful. And kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And you will renew the face of the earth."

In Christ,

Father Steven C. Rogers