

Welcome to

Holy Trinity Parish

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Twelve Apostles Parish

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Feast of the Holy Trinity — May 31, 2015

In today's Gospel and reading from the letter of St. Paul we hear of the gift of the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In our devotional life we make the sign of the cross and recite the "Glory Be" as an expression of our faith as a Trinitarian people. But what does it mean for Christian stewards to accept in a practical way the experience of God in this three-fold gift? Is it a call to share our own life in community, with compassion and love, and to work for healing, justice, peace and unity? Is it an invitation to invite others into fellowship with us in the unity of the Father, Son and Spirit?

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

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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

Mon, June 1, 8:00am-HT Private Intention

Wed, June 3, 8am-HT Ruth Janssen, rip

Thu, June 4, 6pm-XII Special Intention-L. Morrissey

Fri, June 5, 8am-HT Private Intention

Saturday, June 6

5:00pm--XII Parishioners of XII Apostles

Sunday, June 7

7:30am-HT Parishioners of Holy Trinity

9:00am--XII Diane DeLoux

10:45am-HT Randall Stanton, rip

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

It's not too late to sign up for the 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 this Tuesday, June 2.

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



BEGINNING EXPERIENCE ~ A Weekend Away for a Lifetime of Change.

Serving the Widowed, Separated and Divorced who are suffering the loss of a love relationship and may feel left out by their church, uneasy around married friends, unsure of themselves and uncertain about their futures. Helps grieving persons focus on their experience, deal with the natural grief process and offers an opportunity to turn the pain of loss into an experience of positive growth emerging from the darkness of grief into the light of a new beginning. The next Beginning Experience Weekend is **July 17-19, 2015 at Precious Blood Center, Liberty, MO.** For more information visit: www.beginningexperience.org, email: register.bekc@gmail.com, or contact Jerry 785-766-6497.



RUMMAGE SALE THANK YOU!!!

A HUGE thank you to everyone who contributed or bought from the Youth Group garage sale this weekend, and also to our garage sale chairpersons, Elaine Wright and Patty Roebing! Holy Trinity parish hall will be open after Masses this Sunday for browsing-donations of any amount accepted for remaining items.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to our pastor Father Steven Rogers as he celebrates the anniversary of his ordination this Wednesday, June 3. May God bless you and your ministry always!



FOOD COLLECTION: Next weekend is the monthly food collection for United Services food pantry (located in Tracy).

This organization gives food and other items to those in our community who need it. Most needed: oatmeal, cereal, peanut butter, tuna, canned chicken, crackers, soup, "box meals," pasta, pasta sauce, snacks, juice, and personal hygiene and cleaning items. Any non-perishable item will be appreciated. Place your items in the marked box located at the back of both churches. Thanks for your generosity.

PETER'S PENCE THANK YOU

Thank you for your generous support of our Holy Father's charitable works in the Peter's Pence Collection last week. Your contributions will be combined with those of our brothers and sisters around the world to help Pope Francis provide essential relief to people in need. Your generosity is an act of solidarity with the universal Church, answering the call to be a witness of charity. May God bless you.

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) Sunday, June 7, 2015, at Topeka, Kansas.

No other opportunities to join the Knights of Columbus before June 30 are available after June 7.

We will be accompanying all CURRENT MEMBERS who have already joined the Knights to attend the 2nd and 3rd DEGREE CEREMONIALS on dates:

(1) Sunday, May 31, 2015, at Shawnee, Kansas.

(2) Sunday, June 7, 2015, at Leawood, Kansas, or 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 Council No. 16189, at (816) 431-6506 if you wish to attend any of the ceremonial listed above. We want to thank Joshua Shupe, Joe Murray and Steve Steiger who have volunteered to take all candidates to the 2nd and 3rd Degree Ceremonials at Shawnee, Kansas, on May 31. Steve Steiger is available to take all candidates to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Degree Ceremonials on June 7.

Councils 12288 & 16189 congratulate Fr. Steven Rogers as he celebrates the Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood on June 3.

On April 15, 2015, our New Knights of Columbus Council, Twelve Apostles Council No. 16189 of Platte City, MO was officially instituted by our Supreme Council Office in New Haven, Connecticut. Our members voted to name the council "Twelve Apostles Council," voted to meet at 7:00PM on the 2ND Wednesday of every month, and elected to close the Charter on June 30, 2015. Annual Dues will be \$30, but prorated depending on the month when a member joins the Order. Our permanent mailing address is: Twelve Apostles Council No. 16189, Knights of Columbus, P.O. Box 407, Platte City, Missouri 64079-0407. At the present time, Council No. 16189 has 62 members; Holy Trinity Council No. 12288 in Weston has 81 members.

HOLY TRINITY NEWS

CELEBRATE OUR FEAST DAY THIS SUNDAY!



We will celebrate our feast day, the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity, with strawberry shortcake parfaits after each of the Masses this Sunday. Please join us! Thanks to the Women's Guild for providing the treats and to Heidi Hood Sullivan for chairing.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL NEWS!

Mark your calendars for our Ice Cream Social which will be held August 2 — **THANK YOU!** again to **Kathy Anderson, Ann Harris, and Sarah Adkins** for agreeing to co-chair our Ice Cream Social this year, and to all who have already agreed to chair various committees! 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.



ADORATION THIS FRIDAY, June 5, 8:30-9:30am, in the church. All are welcome to join us.

ROSARY FOR THE UNBORN — Our first-of-the-month rosary will be offered in the church at 10:05AM next Sunday. Our prayer intention for the monthly rosary is for the protection of the lives of the unborn. All are invited to join us in prayer.



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.



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!!!!!!



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

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>

Save Best Choice Barcode labels: XII Apostles' Women's Group collects Best Choice labels to earn rewards for the parish. We recently received a \$120 check! Please cut off the barcodes from Best Choice labels and deposit them in the marked box in the back of the Church.

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!

Travelers: keep up with regular offerings by giving electronically

Just as you rely upon receiving income on a regular basis, your parish relies on your regular contributions. We appreciate the efforts of congregation members to make consistent donations throughout the year—especially during popular summer travel periods. To assist you, our parishes provide a convenient electronic giving option for setting up regular contributions. Please contact the church office or go to your parish website for details.



Grandparents, Parents & Teens!!

We are looking for volunteers to help with Games, Crafts and Bible Stories at Vacation Bible School, July 6-10 from 6-8 pm. If you are interested in a fun and rewarding experience, call the parish office or email [Rhonda at rschneider@mac.com](mailto:rschneider@mac.com).



Thanks!

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

Libby is one of the most talented people I have ever known. She is creative. She is a true artist. Textiles and fashion, watercolor and oil, stained glass and stone, horticulture and landscaping. Having mastered several mediums, anything she touches becomes a beautiful work of art. Libby, herself, is a work of art. She is an advocate for lots of social issues. She is a champion for people of every culture and creed.

A few years ago, Libby completed a project that was beyond anything she has ever done before. She combined recycling with her affinity for works of art constructed of colored glass. For five years she collected wine and beer bottles, old bottles, new bottles, domestic and foreign bottles alike. She stashed away bottles in every nook and cranny of her Leawood home, so many, that she, her husband, and her son had to park their cars on the street. No one parks their cars on the streets in Leawood.

The garage was filled to the rafters with boxes of bottles, and the boxes spilled out onto the driveway. There were bottles in the laundry room, bottles in the guest bedroom, the dining room, in every closet, under and on anything that she owned. She had a bottle affliction, even though she had never suffered from brown bottle fever. Libby was obsessed with bottles, long necked, wide mouthed, stubby, elegant, mammoth and miniature. As long as the bottles had pigmented color she would add them to her bottle heap.

Her entire house smelled of stale beer, fermented wine, wet cardboard and mold, but Libby rejoiced. She imagined all the fun and fellowship those bottles had known. It was only right that she would give them a new home. She mused over what they would become. She laughed how she had saved them, rescuing them from landfills.

Collecting bottles was only the first phase of the project. The second phase took an enormous amount of time, a couple years total. She had to soak the bottles to remove the labels. Quickly, her back yard was overgrown with bottles and buckets.

Without notice, the project stalled one morning. Libby decided to catalog the different labels from the bottles, according to country of origin, domestic and foreign, white, red, craft, boutique, lite, wheat, rotgut, vintage, sweet and dry. The labels became more important than the art project. Drying, pressing and cataloging the labels was a much needed diversion as her mind grappled with the bottle works, a new masterpiece.

One night, her husband came home late after a long evening of "collecting bottles." It was just another name he gave for his nights out of fun and fellowship with the boys. Frequently, he came home with an assortment of bottles. Depending on the day of the week, he could come home with quite a number, domestic and foreign.

That night he touted an armload of bottles. As he came through the sliding door at the back of the house, the minute he stepped into the family room, he tripped and crashed into a stack of boxes full of bottles. Throughout the day several of Libby's friends had brought over a case or two, from all their nights out collecting bottles. With nowhere to put them, she stacked the boxes in the family room, thinking no intelligent person would use the back door at night.

The racket that comes from colored glass shattering when an armload mixes with boxes of bottles, sounds remarkably similar to Armageddon. Shouts of agony, gloom, pain and despair, add to the spectacle and drama.

The next morning, actually plagued with brown bottle fever, his head ached, as did his right shoulder and rib cage. He had no feeling in his left foot, but that did not stop him from laying down the law. "The bottles or me! One of us has to go!" Her muse spoke. This was the inspiration Libby needed to move forward with the project.

For the following year she flattened every bottle in a kiln specifically suited for melting glass. With every bottle, she recycled, melted and flattened, she recovered her home, room by room. With every box and bucket emptied, her back yard became scenic once again, clearing the way for what the bottles were for in the first place.

There was a ravine in her back yard where a stream flowed untamed and wild, according to Libby (all of three inches deep and three inches wide.) To Libby it was tantamount to the Roaring Forks river in Colorado. She planned to redirect the stream by lining the ravine with the melted flattened bottles. Creative. Imaginative. Green. Beautiful.

For weeks she placed bottle after bottle, repurposing, reusing, reworking each piece of her masterpiece. Libby mixed Quikrete, sand and cement, several times each day, and lovingly secured each memento of glass. It was spectacular. An homage to fun and fellowship. Each bottle spoke volumes. Individually each was just a bottle. They could have easily been discarded or buried and forgotten, but together they had been molded into a work of art. All that was needed was her vision, time, talent, along with an enduring family and tolerant friends.

That first week, many people visited Libby's personal gallery of bottles; their oohs and aahs were second only to Michelangelo's David. The following week, Libby received a letter from an attorney representing the neighborhood association and city.

Libby had violated a city code, and a neighborhood ordinance regarding art and rubbish. She failed to get permission from the city council to impede or redirect the natural flow of a stream. She did not have a construction permit, a plan or a list of benefits and needs.

She was ordered to remove the project within thirty days or face a stiff penalty, fine and possible jail time. Broken, she complied. Fueled with quiet rage, what took over five years to do was undone in a matter of a few moments, with the help of a shovel and a pickaxe. Each bottle shattered like her dream.

Libby didn't create anything more for several years. She felt null and void. She became dull and routine. Sad, forsaken, unfulfilled, useless, she felt alone and empty, ordinary and vacant. When hopelessness sets in, it is an impossible paradigm to undo. Her art, her work defined her as special, unique and significant, a person with a legacy. Her art was the source of life. Life was gone. She felt unvalued and worthless.

We are very special to God. We belong to God, all of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We are in relationship with each person of the Trinity. We can sit and chat with God as Father, God as Savior, and God as Holy Spirit. When we are hurt or abandoned, we can sit with the Father and receive his counsel and comfort. When we battle with the temptation of despair and defeat, we can feel the strength and courage of Jesus. Jesus comes to our rescue. When we are worried or confused or struggling to have faith, we can call on the Spirit's gentle prompting and guidance. We can hold on and move forward.

God is a trinity of helpers, healers, strengtheners, faith-builders, creative and imaginative. He wants us to live in the fullness of his divinity, in all its glory, beauty and grandeur. He wants us to benefit from all that he is, even when we feel that we are nothing. God's Spirit embraces each of us and comforts us and teaches us everything we need to know and do, so we can live in the joy of a life that's full and complete. In that fullness, Jesus sacrificed himself for each of us so that we can be free from disappointment, anxiety, and the devastation of the human condition. In his fullness, we can live holy, happy and healthy lives.

Today, Libby is back to her full creative and imaginative self. The old Libby, the new Libby, and the Libby yet to be. With the fullness of God's love she has been rescued, recycled and repurposed. She is beautiful, inside and out. She is a work of art.



In Christ,

Father Steven C. Rogers