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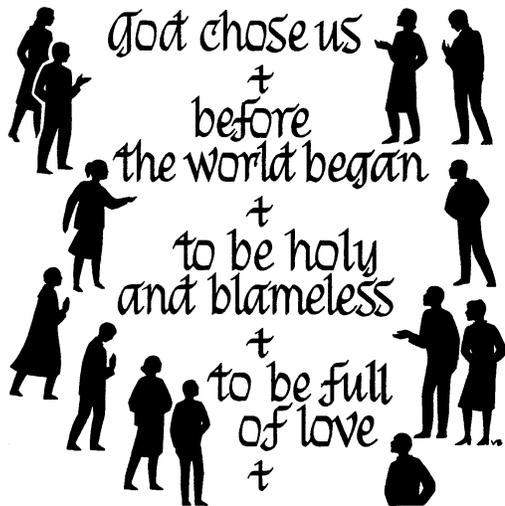
Holy Trinity Parish

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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 12, 2015

The Letter to the Ephesians relates to us that God, the Father, has established a divine plan to bring all of creation to Christ and that He has blessed us with the divine gifts to help implement that plan. Christian stewards know what their gifts are and remain committed to using them in the service of the Lord. Do we know what our gifts are? Do we believe that God has given us these gifts? Are we committed to using our gifts to serve the Lord?

International Catholic Stewardship Council July 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.

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 12 July 2015
Readings: p. 187 in *Breaking Bread*

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 11

5:00pm--XII Nicole Genova +

Sunday, July 12

7:30am-HT Parishioners of Holy Trinity

9:00am--XII Parishioners of XII Apostles

10:45am-HT Fred & Mabel Lugenbeel +

Mon, July 13, 8am-HT Holy Souls in Purgatory

Wed, July 15, 8am-HT Rev. Peter Cullen+ (Pastor 1883-84)

Thu, July 16, 6pm-XII Special Intention-L.Morrissey

Fri, July 17, 8am-HT Private Intention

Saturday, July 18

5:00pm--XII Parishioners of XII Apostles

Sunday, July 19

7:30am-HT Parishioners of Holy Trinity

9:00am--XII Wilfrid & Anna Kneib +

10:45am-HT Mary Thebo +

SHARE YOUR TALENT!!!

WHO: You – solo or a group!

Play/sing /dance/ juggle/ do magic....up to 15 minutes.

WHAT: “Talent on the Patio”

WHEN: Sunday, August 2, 2015
 4:00pm – 6:00 pm

WHERE: Holy Trinity Ice Cream Social (behind the hall)

WHY: Because it will be fun!

HOW: Contact Maureen Vernon at marve49@aol.com or Karen Jacobs at jakenkaren.kcmo@gmail.com
 Please contact us by July 15, 2015.



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?

⇒Catholics who wish their children to receive the sacraments of Baptism, First Communion,

and Confirmation, as well as Catholics who 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?

⇒that to enroll your children in our Parish School of Religion classes, you must be registered in the parish?

If you are an adult who regularly attends Mass at Twelve Apostles or Holy Trinity 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!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Field Trip for Women of Faith: The group Women of Faith meets every Wednesday after Holy Trinity’s 8am Mass to read and discuss a particular book or writing to enhance our faith and prayer life. On Wednesday, July 22, 2015, we will begin *The Screwtape Letters* by C. S. Lewis. In preparation for the new read, we are driving (car pooling) into Kansas City to **The I. Donnelly Co., Inc. "Church Goods and Religious Gifts"** at 66th and Troost **THIS Wednesday, July 15**, after 8:00 a.m. Mass. Those of us who need a copy of the book can buy one there as well as shop for religious items. After shopping we will have lunch in a local restaurant. If you would like to join us for the trip, please email Mary Ann Sadler: maryannsadler@gmail.com.

Acts: *The Spread of the Kingdom* continues Sunday at XII Apostles.

The One Thing Is Three from the Hearts Afire Program - **Stage Two: Wisdom and Works of Mercy** will be offered this fall. **All are welcome!** It's NOT necessary to have completed Stage One (*33 Days to Morning Glory* and *Consoling the Heart of Jesus*), but is helpful if you've done one or the other. Meetings will be at 12700 N. Overbrook Dr., Platte City, on Tuesdays, 1-2:30pm, beginning August 25. Materials for both parts of Stage 2 (*The One Thing Is Three* book, workbook, and *You Did It to Me* book) cost approximately \$48. Please email Donna Webb at dwebbjoy@gmail.com or text/call 402-613-382 if you plan to attend so that your materials can be purchased - or if you would like more information.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS for all....

Holy Trinity Council 12288 meets this Thursday, 16 July at 7pm, in the parish hall. Installation of Officers for the new fraternal year will be conducted by District Deputy #5 Chris Teel. Following installation of officers, Program Directors/Committee Chairmen will be appointed. Pulled pork is on the menu at the end of the meeting.

With great pride, we wish to announce that The Knights of Columbus established new, all-time records for charitable donations, service hours and insurance in 2014, while helping communities around the world. As always, our Order faithfully and quickly responded to a number of large-scale humanitarian crises. Last year, the Knights of Columbus donated more than \$173.6 MILLION to charity, and over 71.5 MILLION HOURS of volunteer service to charitable causes. This was the 15th consecutive year in which our contributions increased. The Venerable Servant of God Father Michael J. McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus, would be very pleased with these charitable contributions and our top-rated insurance program which has exceeded over \$98 BILLION of insurance in force, insuring almost 2 million lives of members and their families. We are presently managing \$23 billion in assets that we own. During the past decade, the Knights of Columbus has donated nearly \$1.55 BILLION to charity, and 691 MILLION HOURS of volunteer service in support of charity. Thank you to all members, wives and children in Holy Trinity Council No.12288 in Weston and in Twelve Apostles Council No.16189 in Platte City who helped contribute to set these magnificent records. Thank you from Jim Rooney, Grand Knight of Holy Trinity Council No.12288, and from Steve Steiger, Grand Knight of Twelve Apostles Council No.16189.

No Coupons Necessary at Bob Evans Restaurants--The Knights of Columbus in Missouri have formed a partnership with ALL Bob Evans Restaurants in the State of Missouri. On the 2ND THURSDAY of every month, ANYONE and EVERYONE is invited to either eat in or carry-out at ANY Bob Evans Restaurant in Missouri from 6:00AM-9:00PM. When you pay your bill, tell them you are there to support the Fundraising Program of the Knights of Columbus. Bob Evans will then donate 15% of your total bill to the "Columbian Charities of Missouri," which is the fundraising foundation of our organization. This program is open to ANYONE who wants to participate--not just members of the Knights; not just members of the Catholic Church. Please tell EVERYONE YOU COME IN CONTACT WITH about this great fundraiser.

HOLY TRINITY NEWS

ICE CREAM SOCIAL NEWS!

—**Sign-Up Sunday!** Stop after Mass and sign up for helping out/bringing items for the Social.

—**Raffle tickets** — you may turn yours in, along with the monies, at any time, in the collection basket, by mail, or drop by the office. If you need more, they are available at the office or at the sign-up table after Mass.

—**Baskets to fill for the Country Store** are available in the back of church.

—**Non-perishable items (Bingo prizes, etc.)** may be dropped off at the parish hall during office hours or Sunday mornings.



LEFT BEHIND: Various bowls/dishes, umbrellas, etc., have been left behind in the church and hall. Please check the table in the vestibule for items that may belong to you. **We'll be donating them after next Sunday, July 19.** Thanks!

PARISH COUNCIL MEETS THIS MONDAY, July 13, at 7pm, in the parish hall.

Adoration this Wednesday, July 15, 6:30-7:30pm, Holy Trinity Church.

Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving

We invite you to consider setting up a recurring giving plan. Automating your financial commitments means your contributions will be received on a steady, uninterrupted basis. To set up a recurring giving schedule, visit us online at your parish's website:

holytrinitycatholic.org -or-
twelveapostlescatholic.org

Locate the "Donate Now" button and set up your recurring giving schedule. The first time you give, you will select a password that will enable you to log in at any time and make changes to your giving or view your complete online giving history. Or if it's easier, complete a paper authorization form, found in the vestibule of the church, and return it to the church office.

Did you know there is a team of Extraordinary Ministers at Holy Trinity and Twelve Apostles who are available to visit, pray with, and bring the Eucharist to the sick and shut-ins in our parishes? Please call the parish office if you or someone you know would like a temporary or weekly visit from one of the team.

We are also beginning a new ministry to bring the Eucharist to inpatients at North Kansas City Hospital several times per month.

If you are an Extraordinary Minister to the Sick and Shut-in or an Extraordinary Minister of Communion, and would like to help, please contact Shirley Goode at 816-225-4274 or s.goode@att.net



KATIE'S CORNER-- YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

A HUGE THANK YOU to Nancy Hackler for helping chaperone the float trip!!!! All went very well.

**Grades incoming 7th grade - high school graduates:
Join us for Youth Group -
July 26, 1:30-3pm at Holy Trinity.**

TWELVE APOSTLES NEWS

PSR Registration weekends (register after Mass) – this weekend July 11-12, and August 1-2.

Parish School of Religion (PSR) classes are available for children ages Pre-K through 8th grade on Sunday mornings beginning September 13. Families must be registered members of Twelve Apostles parish.

Updated PSR Fees: Due to increasing costs of materials, we have decided to increase the PSR fees. This is the first time this has happened in 15-20 years. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you. As always, if you need financial assistance, please let us know. New Fees: 1 child: \$50; 2 children: \$70; 3 or more children: \$80; 2nd grade—extra fee for sacramental materials: \$25.

Online Registration is also now available! Just go to our website: twelveapostlescatholic.org/PSR

Please help us get ready by registering early! We had 150+ students last year and there's a lot to prepare! Early Bird Registration deadline: August 2. After August 2, fees increase by \$25.

CHURCH CLEANING NEXT SATURDAY, July 18, at 9am—by members of Team 2: Pat Fundom, Janet Regan, Jackie Menk, Stephanie Fisher, Jeanne Shupe, Bridget Polbderg, Helen Poldberg, Pat Canning.

Your Help Needed!!!!

We are in need of 10 MORE volunteers for next year's Parish School of Religion (PSR)!

Catechists come from all walks of life and all ages: women, men, parents, godparents, grandparents, and singles. Catechists do not need to be expert teachers or brilliant theologians. They are **ordinary people** - just like you and me - sharing the love of God and the truths of our faith to the next generation. We provide teacher textbooks that include lesson plans. We have co-teachers so you do not have to be available every weekend.

Are you hesitating saying yes? Not sure if you're cut out for this rewarding ministry?

Please call Katie Troup at 816-640-2206 x304 or email dreht-xii@kc.rr.com for questions, answers, discussions and encouragement.

Expressing interest does not equal signing up.

Leavenworth Regional Catholic Schools info:

Mr. Rick Geraci, recently appointed President of Leavenworth Catholic Schools and principal at Immaculata High School, will be available to meet with parishioners after 7:30am and 9am Masses this weekend. For more information, you may also visit their website: www.leavenworthcatholicschools.org. Also please visit their Facebook page (Leavenworth Regional Catholic Schools) to keep up to date on some of the latest happenings at Xavier Preschool, Xavier Catholic School K-8th and Immaculata High School 9th-12th grade.

Flyers and newsletters with more info on the schools can be found on the tables in the back of our churches.

CHANGE of ADDRESS, PHONE, EMAIL? LET US KNOW!

If you change your phone, address, or email, please put us on the list of people you notify. Thanks!

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

My freshman year, I was enrolled in an elective entitled, "TD 101, Intro to Theater." I had been bitten years earlier by the theater bug, and I had worked professionally the last couple years of high school. By the time I entered college, I thought I knew the ropes pretty well. I thought taking an "Intro" class was well beneath me, but there was no way around it, because freshmen are only allowed to take certain low level courses. I had to trust the system.

At registration, I whined and moaned to a guidance counselor, who was lost in his own world and would not listen to me. He was a man who wasn't invested in his vocation as a counselor, and could not offer advice or guidance of any kind whatsoever. He, himself, was misguided and lost. He had wanted to work in politics from an early age. He lived and breathed it, but he could never make it. Political cliques can be haughty and single minded. He wasn't a member of the faculty. He wasn't Administration. He didn't like his job as a counselor. Nothing fit. Even when it came to politics, he was inconsistent, unsure of what side of the political coin he was cast. He ate elephants for breakfast. At lunch, he repeated crude jokes about pinning tails on donkeys. He was aloof, but he could tune-in, and chime-in, whenever there was drama on the political landscape. Far more time was spent on trying to keep his thumb on political shenanigans than it was on guidance counseling, at least, that is how it played out in my experience.

When I met with him regarding my course schedule, I noticed his office was cluttered with newspapers, and tabloids, and anything covering the political scene. There was nothing academic, nothing University related, nothing official. There were no professional reports, or studies to guide his guidance. There were no "What to do with my Life" books, no aptitude tests, no self-help guides, and no self-improvement brochures. Nothing of the kind, not even a course catalog or student handbook could be found amongst the political hoopla and puffery. There were, however, bulletin boards on every wall of his office, and political cartoons and campaign posters were plastered floor to ceiling, some harmless, others terribly offensive. He spent his day re-dreaming of being at the political forefront, moving, shaking, and influencing change for America. Most of the material was derogatory; how could that change America? This was before the internet, before Facebook was even a concept. It is scary to think how he could have buried his work if he had had access to any of that back then.

Granted, it is difficult to relate to a headstrong freshman, but aren't we all at some point in our lives and careers? It's a starting point to bigger and better things. With just a little guidance, a little attention, a little sophistication, a little intelligence, and a little insight, passed on from above, especially from a guidance counselor, greatness could happen. The least he could have done was patronize me with an "Attabooy!" Instead, he dismissed my concerns without looking at me, "It's just an elective! Nobody cares about electives. For crying out loud, nobody cares about a (insert expletive) theater class!" He must have believed the propaganda plastered around him. When I pressed him for a more empathic response, he got up from his chair, grabbed his empty coffee cup sporting a smutty jingle, and walked out of his office. "Trust me! It's an easy A."

The introduction day of the first day of TD 101 Intro to Theater was a day I will never forget. It changed my outlook on life. I had never experienced anything quite as eye opening or physically demanding. It was true drama, extreme, absorbing. My entire life of eighteen years had never taken me to such a place. History was made that day. A tall, thin man, with long hair and a full beard, entered from stage left at the beginning of class and immediately took center stage and the focus of the entire class. A spotlight met him the instant he hit his mark. "A-HA! There's no business like show business." The face of every student lit up like the lights on Broadway, except the faces of the accounting students counting on an easy A, predestined to be theater producers. "The theater is MAGIC!!! It is the greatest place on earth! There is no place like center stage in the spotlight!" The room filled with bobbing heads, all nodding with pleasure. With a flair for the dramatic, he said, "It is where all of you want to be, but most of you won't be able to make it. I am going to help you get there, or help you get on with your life. With that said, most of you won't make it, but that's a good thing. The theater is better, stronger because of you. You belong in the audience, not the limelight. If you can't make it here, learn to buy a ticket. You can become a politician, or something else useless." Smiles turned to frowns. Dreams dangled in the dark. "Trust me! If you are meant for the theater, I will make you a star!"

He invited all the students up on stage, and instructed us to pair up with a partner. "We are going to start your theater experience with 'trust' exercises." Just my luck, there was an odd number of students in the class, so I had to partner with the tall, hairy professor. I was his "demonstration monkey," he called me. No one had ever called me that before, or has since. We moved to the edge of the stage so everyone could see the monkey on display. He said, "Now, class, there are no divas in the theater. We are all members of an ensemble, and as such, we must learn to trust one another. The theater is all about trust. The theater operates on trust." Frowns turned to blank stares. "Watch as I demonstrate." The professor instructed me to put my back to his front, to fold my arms across my chest, to close my eyes, and on his command, "let go," to fall backward into his arms. "Trust me, I will catch you." I did as he commanded. "Now class, watch this...Let go!" I did, and he caught me. "Now class, watch this...Let go!" I was a quick study. I did as he commanded, with no fear, dropped into his arms each time I heard, "Now class, watch this...Let go!" He gave the command again and again. I had no idea how low I was falling, but it didn't matter, he was always there to catch me. I fell, he lifted me upright, again, and again.

"Now class..." My eyes remained closed, and evidently, so did my ears. I had no idea he had stepped out from behind me, and walked forward to give the instruction for the entire class to start the exercise. I heard, "Now class..." I trusted, and fell back, and kept falling all the way into the orchestra pit. I floated all the way down. This time, no one was there to catch me, but I trusted. Normally, I wouldn't be caught dead in the pit. I was meant for center stage. I hit the pit, flat on, with a loud solid thump. The professor and the entire class ran to the edge of the stage to see the carnage. I opened my eyes, looked up at the professor, and all those frowns turned upside down, and said, "I'm okay!" The fall had not hurt me, I felt no pain. I felt just as good as when I had been caught every fall before. The professor shouted, "OH MY GOD! HE'S OKAY? THANK YOU! JESUS!" He sounded Protestant, but I don't believe he had ever heard of God, or mentioned Jesus before that day. "Now, class, he TRUSTED!"

Jesus teaches us about trust. If we are to fulfill our calling as God's ambassadors of love in this world, in our vocations, at work, and at play, if we are to fulfill our calling to engage, and to share the Good News, we must trust God, and the resources he provides. We must look to no one and nothing else. We must trust in his grace, and focus on what God calls us to attend to, so that we are not hoodwinked physically, emotionally, or spiritually by the political climate of our time, especially the send-ups, exaggerations, pundits, and political puffery that can derail our trust, and compromise our competency. God will always provide exactly what we need, when we need it. It is important that we don't feed our inclination to distrust him by expecting anything other than what he provides. We must trust God, embrace charity, and share our blessings with each other, even when facing the drama of life, relationship, and the human condition.

The next semester, the same guidance counselor who had not a clue, with no affect or emotion, enrolled me in "TD 201 Theater for Beginners." He had never even looked at my records. "You need an elective." But this was my major; it was required. "Nobody cares about electives." This coming from a man emotionally lost in pundits and puffery, who had no clue of the real drama in life, on the stage, or anywhere else. "Trust me! It's an easy A."

And trust me, it was! Thanks be to God.

In Christ,

