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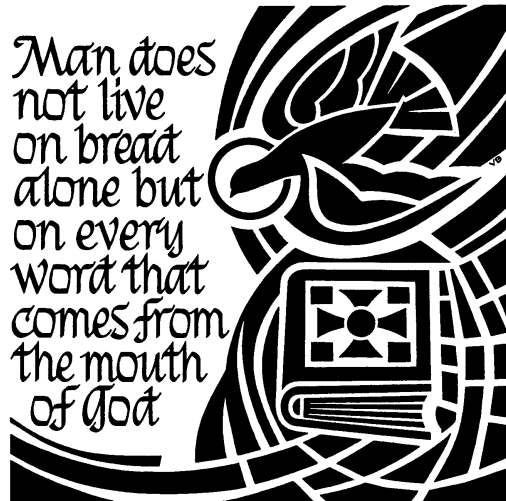
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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time August 2, 2015



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In today's Gospel we hear Jesus proclaiming that he is "the bread of life." He then offers an invitation to come to him. For us, the invitation is to live the Eucharistic life in Christ. What does it mean for our parish family to live together in the Eucharist? What does it mean for us to share the Eucharist together, to participate in the "bread of life" together? Does it mean we love each other, support our community of faith, work together? Do we carry each other's burdens? Celebrate our joys? What are the practical implications of being good stewards of our Eucharistic life together?

International Catholic Stewardship Council August 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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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.

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 2 Aug 2015
Readings: p. 193 in *Breaking Bread*

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 1

5:00pm--XII Parishioners of XII Apostles

Sunday, August 2

7:30am-HT +Mary Thebo

9:00am--XII John May

10:45am-HT Parishioners of Holy Trinity

Mon, Aug 3, 8am-HT Intentions of the Holy Father

Wed, Aug 5, 8am-HT Private Intention

Thu, Aug 6, 6pm-XII Private Intention

Fri, Aug 7, 8am-HT Private Intention

Saturday, August 8

5:00pm--XII Special Intention

Sunday, August 9

7:30am-HT Parishioners of Holy Trinity

9:00am--XII Parishioners of XII Apostles

10:45am-HT +Randall Stanton

Are you interested in being a Reader (Lector) or Minister of Holy Communion at Mass?

A training workshop is scheduled for Saturday, August 15, at The Catholic Center, 20 W. 9th St., Kansas City.

If you are interested in one or both ministries, please contact Father Rogers by Monday, August 10.

(It is possible to attend both trainings in the same day.)

Liturgical Workshop Schedule:

8:30 am - Reader (lector) training begins

9:45 am - Break and EMHC (Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion) check-in

10:00am - Theological presentation for both EMHC & Readers

11:00 am—Theological presentation will end (Reader training is complete and Readers are free to leave)

10:00 am - 1pm - EMHC training

VIRTUS TRAINING OFFERED at XII APOSTLES

All volunteers who work with children/youth are required by the diocese to attend a Virtus: Protecting God's Children workshop. Parents are also welcome and encouraged to attend. If you are, or might be, a new volunteer and need this training, we will offer a workshop on Tuesday, September 1, 6:30-9pm, at Twelve Apostles. To register, go to www.virtusonline.org and click Registration in the left side bar. If you do not have computer access, contact Katie Troup at 816-640-2206.

ARE YOU REGISTERED IN A 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!

Adults who wish to have their children receive sacraments or who themselves wish to receive the sacrament of marriage should be registered in a parish for a year before dates are scheduled.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The Women of Faith book group meets each Wednesday at 8:30am at Holy Trinity to read and discuss a book. Questions? Email Mary Ann Sadler: maryannsadler@gmail.com.

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; Consoling the Heart of Jesus*), but is helpful to have 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 cost approximately \$48. Please email Donna Webb at dwebbjoy@gmail.com or text/call 402-613-382 if you plan to attend so materials can be purchased - or if you would like more information.

ENDOW (Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women) is a Catholic educational program that brings women together to discover their God-given dignity and to understand their role in humanizing and transforming society. Endow helps women from all walks of life discover their dignity and femininity through the richness and authenticity of Catholic teaching. When we as women grow in understanding the teachings of the Church and in the truth of Jesus Christ, our faith becomes more fully defined, and so does our transforming influence in the family, the community, and society as a whole.

Endow study groups meet for 8-10 sessions. *No homework required.*

Two Endow study groups begin this fall:

Discover Your Dignity: A Woman's Journey through Life - Part II begins Thursday, August 27, 6:30-8pm in XII Apostles' church basement.

Aquinas for Beginners - Part I begins Monday morning, September 14, 9:45 - 11:15am at Shannon Demory's home (13270 Ridgeview Dr, Platte City.)

To register, please visit the Endow website at www.EndowGroups.org. Questions or want more information? Contact Donna Webb at dwebbjoy@gmail.com or 402-613-3829

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS for all.....

From Steve Steiger, Grand Knight Council 16189: ALL U.S. Catholics are cordially invited and encouraged to watch the upcoming **television coverage of the Knights of Columbus 133rd National Convention** to be held in Philadelphia, PA, on August 4, 5, 6, 2015. The convention will be televised on the Eternal World Television Network (EWTN) from morning till late night - check your local listings for details. Some of the highlights include daily Masses, the States' Dinner, and the Opening Business Session which includes Supreme Knight Carl Anderson's Annual Report of the Order. If you want to see, hear and be extremely proud about all of the charitable work that the Knights of Columbus is doing throughout the World, the United States, in Missouri and in Weston and Platte City, I hope that you and your family will watch, listen and be proud of the \$173.6 MILLION that we donated to charity and over 71.5 MILLION HOURS of volunteer service that we gave to charitable and benevolent causes last year.

Catholic men, age 18 or older, who have been thinking about becoming members of the Knights of Columbus, will have the opportunity to join on Sunday, August 9, 2015. Current First Degree members will also have the opportunity to participate in the 2nd and 3rd (Knighthood) Degree Ceremonials that day at Harrisonville, MO. Contact either 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 for information.

Prayer for the Election of a Bishop:

O God, eternal shepherd, who govern your flock with unfailing care, grant in your boundless fatherly love a pastor for your Church who will please you by his holiness and to us show watchful care. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

-Collect Prayer from the Holy Mass for the Election of a Pope or a Bishop.

HOLY TRINITY NEWS

It's today! Our Ice Cream Social is from 3:00-7:00pm this Sunday!

Join us for good food, Bingo and children's games with great prizes, Silent Auction with outstanding items, Country Store to browse, music, fun and fellowship!



ROSARY FOR THE UNBORN THIS SUNDAY: Our monthly rosary for the intention of the protection of the unborn is at 10:05am this Sunday in the church. **All are welcome — please join us.**

ADORATION AT HOLY TRINITY THIS FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 8:30-9:30am (after 8am Mass). Confessions heard at 8:30-9:30 also.

Stop the medical and moral worrying! The FertilityCare™ System (Creighton Model) Introductory Session is offered monthly at a variety of area locations and long distance. Fulfills marriage policy requirement. Helpful for achieving and avoiding pregnancy plus medical applications. Better than IVF for infertility. Register online at www.fertilitycarekc.com, or call the FertilityCare™ Center of KC at (816) 858-0198. **Para Espanol call Brooklynn Salazar, BA, FCPI (816) 398-9327.**

Looking for a job that offers flexibility, competitive pay and benefits? Catholic Charities of Kansas City-St. Joseph has immediate openings for in-home caregivers. This is a great opportunity for people who want work that pays well and fits their family or part-time school schedule. Training provided. For more information or to apply, please call Jennifer Singleton at 816.659.8262.

Would you like Magnificat magazine? Magnificat is a monthly guide to help adults grow in their faith.

Each magazine offers:

- Prayers for morning & evening, drawn from Liturgy of the Hours
- Official texts of the daily Mass
- Meditations
- Essays on the lives of the saints
- Spiritual insight into a piece of sacred art.

The cost will be \$35 - 45 for one year (5 more subscriptions needed to make it \$35!)

You MUST order by August 2! Contact Katie if you would like to start receiving this wonderful guide (drexii@kc.rr.com)

KATIE'S CORNER-- YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS



Grades incoming 7th grade - high school grads: Join us for Youth Group - next Sunday, August 8, 1:30-3pm at XII Apostles.



Confirmation registration available now! Register by August 2 for early bird savings!

Register online:

www.holytrinitycatholic.org/Confirmation or www.twelveapostlescatholic.org/Confirmation.

To get paper forms, please contact Katie Troup at ymht-xii@kc.rr.com.

TWELVE APOSTLES NEWS

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

THIS Sunday, August 2, 2015

When we are before the Blessed Sacrament, let us open our hearts and lay all our needs in the merciful hand of God.

Adoration 5:00 – 6:00 pm



PSR Registration weekend after Masses this weekend, August 1-2. Stop by to register if you haven't already.

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. **PSR Fees:** 1 child: \$50; 2 children: \$70; 3 or more children: \$80; 2nd grade—extra fee for sacramental materials: \$25. As always, if you need financial assistance, please let us know.

Please help us prepare by registering NOW! We had 150+ students last year and there's a lot to prepare! **Early Bird deadline: this Sunday, August 2.** After today, fees increase by \$25. **Online Registration is also available! Just go to our website: twelveapostlescatholic.org/PSR**

Your Help Needed!!!! We are in need of 8 MORE volunteers for our 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 Sunday. Grades where teachers are needed: Kindergarten, 1st grade, 3rd grade, 4th grade, 5th grade, and 6th grade. **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.**

Make a joyful noise!

The 5:00 p.m. Choir is in need of substitute piano players or guitarists to fill in when needed.

We are also looking for new members who would love to offer their talents. We practice before Mass on Saturday evenings. Please consider this important ministry. Please contact Karla Stahl: nstahl1@kc.rr.com.



HEALING SERVICES for those who have suffered sexual abuse:

Part of the mission of the diocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection is to reach out to those hurt by sexual abuse and to help guide them along their journey towards healing. One of the ways they plan to do this is by inviting anyone who has been affected by sexual abuse in the church to join them for Healing Services. The OCYP has planned four Healing Services this fall and are planning more in 2016 leading up to a Service of Lament in June, 2016 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. The first service will be held at 7pm on August 12, at St. Thomas More Church, 1822 Holmes Road, Kansas City, Missouri.

Other dates and locations are listed on a flyer on the church bulletin board. The flyer can also be found on the parish websites. Questions about these upcoming services may be directed to Kim Shirk, Victim Assistance Coordinator at 816-392-0011.

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

I met Bonita H. ten years past her prime. She said, "That's how I feel, way past my prime. I was born too soon, and started too late." I had done my homework on her. I knew that she had been married for forty-one years, and she was a mother to three grown children. On paper her achievements were many. By all means she was successful, she was a champion. We met during an audition for a summer stock production of "The Wizard of Oz."

Bonita worked hard over forty-one years as a principal in Catholic schools, grade school, and junior high. At one time she had a presence. She was strong-willed. She walked one step ahead of the multitude. She was wise as an owl, and as cunning as a fox. That's an important trait to have if you are going to be a principal. She could see in the dark. She had ways of making offenders talk. She had a look. She could give a look. Recipients of the look often felt their souls catch fire and burn, and they would burn well into the next life. Students and teachers feared her, nuns too, even Mother Superior. Her rules. Everyone followed them.

Bonita had developed a battle-axe persona early on in education administration. It was a career move. It helped her to endure. It helped her to survive. It helped her to level the playing field, and retain her sense of humor. Behind the ferocious mask she wore, frequently she smiled inside. Deep down her tender heart melted over the jams people got themselves into. She wanted to help, but her job dictated, "give in, give up." Not knowing the definitive road to travel is not good, no one benefits. It is easy to become lost. "Don't give in!"

Her career came first. The demands were too great for it to be second. Her rules grew roots, and manifested into ominous systems and byways. It was Bonita's way, or the highway. The same rules applied to the subordinate aspects of her life, her marriage, her family, especially her free time. At no time did she feel free. She would not allow herself to feel trapped, so she walked fast, she thought fast, she talked fast, and she ruled fast. She had to stay ahead, or she could fall behind. Falling behind was not an option.

Sadly, her husband had died unexpectedly one long and very hot summer. Worse, her children had long left the nest empty. When we met, she was in the shadows of her former self. She was exposed and vulnerable. The other performers walked and talked over her; she melted in their presence. She was conflicted as a woman, and in conflict with her life, and the life of others. I could tell she was lost. She was afraid. She didn't believe in herself. I had no idea what I was in for, but I sat next to her to offer some encouragement. The first thing she said was, "When my husband died, I cried continuously for a month." I commented, "Forty-one years is a long time. I don't think I could stop crying."

The truth annoyed her. She blurted out, "I cried because after forty one years, I didn't know him. I can't say that I loved him. I can't say that I liked him." On the surface, Bonita blamed him for her not knowing, but behind the façade, she blamed herself more. Failure impeded her capacity for self-compassion. I offered what I thought would be comforting, "You have your children." Then, she shot me the look. She wanted to burn a hole in me. Wild and rebellious, her eyes darted about her head, as if scanning my skull in search of a brain. "They stopped coming around long ago. I haven't seen, or heard from them." You idiot, was implied.

When she started talking she didn't stop. "Their exhortations and justifications were excessive!" she retorted, "It is easy to dismiss such protestations after hearing them all the time. After a while your hearing is disabled." According to Bonita, making excuses better defined the situation, however, they would never be convinced "they were the source of the problem." Making excuses fueled their disdain and defiance. That combination creates conflicts that are hard to resolve. "I hate this house! I hate you! There are too many rules, too many constraints, too many restraints. I can't breathe. I want to be me! I want to be free. I can't wait until I grow up. I am going to leave, and never come back!"

She revealed that as her children developed into young adults, and later on as adults, a lack of affect maturity had reached the boiling point, and they flew the coop like rabid monkeys. It seemed their relationship was born of revolution and rebellion, at home, in school, with life in general, especially with God and the Church. Too many rules. "They walked away. They stayed away. What do you do with an adult who behaves like a horrible child?"

Thinking they would have seen each other at the funeral, I tilted my curious brain to the left, and leaned in to ask when she quickly retorted, "I didn't tell them he died!" Her scanner found my brain. I was hoping it would find my heart too, my compassion for her. I wanted to give her courage for the audition. Cowering in the shadows of her true self, she needed it. Summer stock isn't for dummies, not if you're auditioning for a lead role.

True to form, she was one step ahead of me the whole time. Defensive. Sad. Unfortunate. She revealed a lot to me during that audition. It's funny how a stranger can bring out the truth of a person. Strangers can make a big difference in our lives, even though in the grand scheme of things, we treat them like they don't matter. Bonita was a stranger to herself. God was a stranger. Career and family and friends, all were strangers. They all could make a difference, bring out the truth, if she trusted them. Those strangers had far more to reveal to her, than I. A stranger can't make a difference if they aren't given a chance.

After forty-one years, her life had changed, her family, her career, life in general, especially her relationship with God and the Church. Is this what she had wanted? Is this what she had worked for? Forty-one years should speak volumes, but when a person doesn't listen, when they subordinate the most important people, and events in their life, they may never know what forty-one years would say.

Jesus says, "Do not work for food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life." Jesus shows us to work hard to obtain whatever will nourish our souls, and sustain us past death into eternity. This work is hard because it requires us to listen along the way.

Listening helps us to identify our vulnerabilities, to confront them, not hide them. Hiding them will only make us doubt, and distrust God, our self and others. Jesus tells us to take courage, "Be not afraid!" Walking the path to holiness helps us to work through what makes us afraid, and frees us so we can trust God, our self and others. We can find courage, and confidence to overcome our fear by gaining a better understanding of the truth. Any fear that interferes with our being honest, and authentic, and holy, is always based on something untrue.

Jesus says, "The bread of God, which nourishes your soul, is that which comes down from heaven, and gives life." It is we who are the obstacles to receiving his presence in the Holy Eucharist. That means there is work for us to do so that we can be nourished more fully by Jesus. We are source of the problem that stops us from receiving what we need most. Jesus says, "Work hard to remedy that obstacle. It will make a difference to your eternal soul." Jesus will make possible whatever is needed to clear the way.

Bonita was cast in the role of the Wicked Witch, and me, the Scarecrow. We became good friends that year, even though she set me on fire every night that summer. That look came in handy. That was the year she entered her prime. "It is never too late to be what you might have been." -*George Eliot*. God has a great sense of humor, and He is wise beyond his years.

In Christ,

Father Steven C. Rogers