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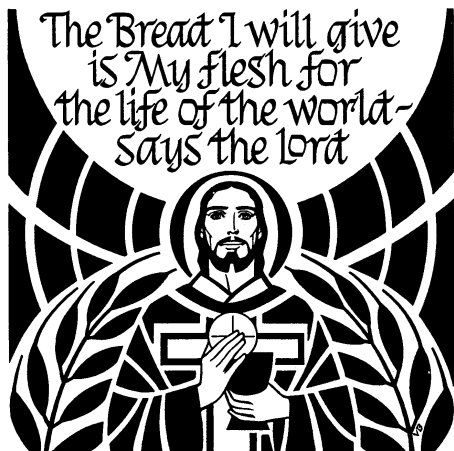
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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time August 9, 2015



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The Letter to the Ephesians urges us to be mindful that part of our life together in the Eucharist means being kind to one another, compassionate and forgiving, just as Christ has forgiven us. What can we do this week to show our kindness, compassion and forgiving attitude toward others in our family of faith? How can we be even better stewards of our faith community as, what St. Paul refers to as "Imitators of God?"

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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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.

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 9 Aug 2015
Readings: p. 195 in *Breaking Bread*

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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

Mon, Aug 10, 8am-HT Holy Souls in Purgatory

Wed, Aug 12, 8am-HT Intentions of the Holy Father

Thu, Aug 13, 6pm-XII Private Intention

Fri, Aug 14, 8am-HT +Mary Thebo

Saturday, August 15

5:00pm--XII Parishioners of XII Apostles

Sunday, August 16

7:30am-HT Parishioners of Holy Trinity

9:00am--XII +Ron Prawitz

10:45am-HT Sophia Arango

Because it falls on Saturday, the Feast of the Assumption on August 15 is not a holy day of obligation this year. However, it will be celebrated and the readings of the day will be used at 5pm Mass.

Diocesan Life & Justice second collection next weekend: The Life & Justice campaign supports local organizations dedicated to defending the dignity of the person and the sanctity of human life. Prayerfully consider sharing your gifts with our brothers and sisters in need—100% of all donations are distributed locally. To learn more, please visit www.lifeandjusticeckcsj.org

Are you called to be 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 either ministry and can attend this training, please contact Father Rogers by this Monday, August 10.

Lector training 8:30am-11am

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion training - 9:45—1pm.

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 at 816-640-2206.

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, KC, MO. Questions about these upcoming services may be directed to Kim Shirk, Victim Assistance Coordinator at 816-392-0011.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The Women of Faith book group meets each Wednesday at 8:30am at Holy Trinity. Questions to maryannsadler@gmail.com.

The One Thing Is Three will be offered beginning August 25. All are welcome! It's NOT necessary to have completed Stage One: *33 Days to Morning Glory* or *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. 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)

God is not outdone in generosity. So with the investment of your time, mind, and heart into your Endow group, what can you expect to gain? Deepen your relationship with Christ and His Church, the Blessed Mother, and the Communion of Saints. Be prepared not just to deepen your understanding of your own dignity and the rich truths of Catholicism, but also to grow in authentic love.

Nearly 90% of Endow alumnae tell us that their study groups have helped them be better wives and mothers, sisters, friends and co-workers;

be prepared to see your everyday relationships transformed as well.

In short, get ready to have your mind enlightened, your heart expanded, your faith renewed, and your joy enlarged.

Study groups meet for 8—10 sessions. No homework required. Cost is \$25.

Two groups begin this fall:

Discover Your Dignity: A Woman's Journey through Life - Part II begins

Thursday night, August 27, 6:30 - 8pm in XII Apostles' church basement.

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

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS for all.....

All members of Twelve Apostles Knights of Columbus Council No. 16189 are cordially invited and encouraged to attend the next Rosary, meal and meeting this Thursday, August 13. Rosary at 6:30PM at Twelve Apostles Church, followed by a light meal and meeting in the lower level. We hold our meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of every month. We have filled many important Director, Chairman and Committee positions, but still have several key appointments to fill which will determine the success of our planned charitable programs. The Soccer Challenge for youth, the Tootsie Roll Drive, Twelve Apostles Fall Harvest, scheduled ceremonies and other topics of interest will be on the agenda. Members of other councils are always invited to attend.

The Knights of Columbus, a Catholic, family, fraternal, service organization, extends a cordial invitation to ALL practicing Catholic men, age 18 or older (no maximum age to join) to become members of either Holy Trinity Council No. 12288 in Weston or Twelve Apostles Council No. 16189 in Platte City. Opportunities to join one of our councils are being offered on the following dates:

(1) Sunday, August 9, 2015, at Harrisonville, MO

(2) Monday, August 10 at O'Hara Council No. 4387 in Kansas City, MO

(3) Tuesday, August 11 at Lee's Summit, MO

(4) Monday, September 14 at St. Therese Parish in Parkville, MO

First Degree Members who wish to participate in the 2nd and 3rd (Knighthood)

Degree Ceremonials may do so on the following dates:

(1) Sunday, August 9 at Harrisonville, MO

(2) Sunday, August 23 at Kansas City, KS

This week the Knights of Columbus remembers our Founder, Father Michael J. McGivney, who died at the young age of 38 on August 14, 1890. We ask all Catholics to pray that Father McGivney may soon be canonized. If that occurs, he will be the first American-born Catholic priest ever to receive the honor of sainthood.

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 about membership, our ceremonies or general information about the Knights of Columbus.

HOLY TRINITY NEWS

Holy Trinity Parish School of Religion Registration

Who: All students in pre-K through 12th grade

What: 2015-2016 PSR classes

When: Sundays 9:00-10:30 a.m. beginning Sept. 13.

Where: Parish Hall

Why: We can grow in faith together.

How: Our theme this year is "Fruit of the Spirit".

Register online now via

www.holytrinitycatholic.org/psr, pick up a registration form at the church office, or fill out a form after either Mass on August 30. Cost is \$50 (1 child), \$70 (2), or \$80 (3+). Checks are made out to Holy Trinity PSR. Questions? Please call Director of Religious Education Susanna Barteo at 816-808-4777 or email dreht@kc.rr.com.



Holy Trinity needs a new Director of Religious Education. Is God calling you?

It is time for me to step down as Director of Religious Education. I have truly loved every single second of my time on Sunday mornings with the students and families. We have a wonderful program full of creative teachers, supportive families, and big-hearted children. That won't change at all and I know everyone will be fully on board with the new DRE.

But first we have to find one! Please prayerfully consider this part-time, paid position that makes a big difference in the lives of our youngest parishioners. A job description and more details are available in the church office. I am happy to answer any questions if you call me at 816-808-4777 or email dreht@kc.rr.com.

-Susanna Barteo

Thank you so much for all your kind words, helpful suggestions, and enthusiastic support of our program over the past three years. I will continue to enthusiastically participate as a parent and look forward to where we go from here.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL THANK YOU

We want to say thank you to all who worked so hard to make the Ice Cream Social a success.



-Rochelle Cicha for getting lots of delicious cakes and dipping up scoops of refreshing ice cream. Thanks to all her volunteers too.

-Rebecca Rooney who organized the Silent Auction and all the volunteers who helped.

-Patty Roebing and Terry Morrison who kept the Bingo numbers coming. Thanks also to all their helpers.

-Lori Mathews, Sarah Adkins and Karen Lau and their many helpers who sold wonderful gifts and homemade treats in the Country Store.

-Jim Rooney and his crew for cooking up some delicious eats for this event. Also thanks to Scott Webb for arranging the donation of the meat products.

-Jacci Kleman for organizing the Children's Games, and a big thank you to Shannan Eagan, Laura Moose and Susanna Barteo and all the helpers who, due to an unexpected issue in the basement, quickly made the transition to the outside area. Great work under pressure for this group.

Our **Raffle Winners** this year were:

1st Prize-\$1,000 gift card Bichelmeyer Meats, won by Phil Stiffer

2nd Prize - \$1,000 cash, won by Missy McBride

3rd Prize- A week at the Farnan Cabin, donated by Emerita Farnan, won by Rod Thiele

4th Prize-\$500 cash, won by Vincent Merritt

5th Prize- two Chiefs tickets, donated by Patrick Farnan, won by Nate Magoon

The quilt made by Anita Schreiner was won by Ginny Shaw.

And a very big THANK YOU to everyone who donated prizes, purchased raffle tickets and worked the different events. Without your support each year this event could not take place. It is an opportunity to help the parish with a monetary donation (net proceeds will be in the range of \$7500) but more importantly an opportunity for fellowship and just a plain old good time. Thanks to everyone who attended and supported our efforts.

If you did not have a chance to attend, The Country Store will be selling their remaining items after Masses the next couple weeks. Stop by the parish hall and purchase some new treasures.

*Ann Harris, Sarah Adkins, Kathy Anderson,
2015 Ice Cream Social chairs*

TWELVE APOSTLES NEWS

PARISH COUNCIL MEETS THIS MONDAY, August 10, at 7pm, in the lower level of the church.

We will welcome new Council members Bob Bailey and Rhonda Schneringer. Our deep gratitude to John Boddicker and Steve Steiger who served a 3 year term ending in June.



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. If you have not yet registered, it is extremely important that you register ASAP! We need to order books and get together supplies and it's important we have the correct number! **Online Registration is available!**
Just go to our website: twelveapostlescatholic.org/PSR

Your Help Needed!!!! We are in need of 6 MORE volunteers for our Parish School of Religion (PSR):

Catechists come from all walks of life and all ages. Catechists do not need to be expert teachers or brilliant theologians. They are **ordinary people** - 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.

A HUGE thank you to Jennifer Reyes-Comer and Sabrina Reyes for volunteering to teach 3rd grade! We are still in need of 6 volunteers! Please call Katie Troup at 816-640-2206 x304 or email drexii@kc.rr.com for questions, answers, discussions and encouragement. Expressing interest does not equal signing up.



Make a joyful noise! The 9:00am choir invites new members who would love to offer their talents, either instrumental or vocal. Please consider this important ministry. Please contact Jeanne Witsken, before or after 9am Mass, or at Witsken@hotmail.com for more information.

Garage Sale. The group going to Poland for World Youth Day next summer will host a garage sale at XII Apostles during the Platte City city-wide garage sales on September 12. We need donations to make this garage sale a success! Bring us your gently used items you don't want anymore! You may bring small items to the box in the parish hall at Holy Trinity before or after weekend Masses or during parish office hours. Or drop off items in the basement of XII Apostles before or after weekend Masses. If none of these options are good, please contact Katie Troup to set up a drop-off time.

KATIE'S CORNER-- YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS



Grades incoming 7th grade - high school grads: Join us for Youth Group - this Sunday, August 9, 1:30-3pm at XII Apostles. The next date will be Sunday, August 23, 1:30-3pm at Holy Trinity.

Confirmation: Please make sure to register online AND have your sponsor fill out their information before the first session on August 23!
www.twelveapostlescatholic.org/Confirmation
or www.holytrinitycatholic.org/confirmation.



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

My good friend Stacy Christine has always been officious, histrionic; fixated. It gives her purpose and meaning. She has perfected the art of asserting herself as the rightful know it into any setting or situation. She was born with an overactive mind and mouth. That's not a bad thing; it can be quite good if it is used in a good way. There are times when she can be annoying to everyone around her though, including herself. Only she's too busy with her thoughts, and advocating her virtuous opinions, to ever take notice. Over the years, she has marketed herself as a counterpoint to those whose thinking is outdated, and whose reactions are conventional.

Don't get me wrong, she is a wonderful person, kind, generous and well organized. Being kind, generous, and patient isn't enough for her, though. She wants what she wants. She believes what she believes. She knows what she knows. She wears it on her sleeve. She plots her defense in advance. She likes to shake up things, to be different in a good way. Such noise and commotion fuel her crusade. She has many gifts and talents and she isn't humble about declaring them. She has a deep-seated need to be accepted and recognized. Don't we all?

Stacy Christine has entered her advanced years, but she can still hold her own. She is competitive and fierce. She can dominate a giant. She's quite bright. She has the wisdom of a solid education, and she has earned advanced degrees from the school of hard knocks. Life has been good. Life has been tough. A wife, mother, crusader, defender, advocate, and Sunday school teacher, she has spent her life establishing herself and making a difference. Her approach can be heavy-handed and heavy-mouthed. She is like a lioness with her cubs; she means well, but at times she rips off their heads when they only need a hug.

She possesses a strong personality, a vivid self-identity. She fancies herself to be well informed, cutting edge; all-encompassing. Her many travels, throughout the United States and abroad, have informed her character and conscience on prevailing issues of diversity, justice, race, humanity, culture, and the church.

Up until a couple years ago, she fought hard to be innovative and progressive, back when it was considered a good thing, but as of late, she is more restrictive and rigid, closed-minded. She has championed many causes, organizing many people throughout her life promoting fairness, equality, tolerance and openness. Rather than work to include others, she now works to exclude all of them, even her family and friends. What changed in her life? Is this what conversion is all about? Is this how the Holy Spirit works in our lives?

Stacy Christine presents a dichotomy to others and to herself. Her spirit is both compelling and off-putting. People who don't know her are quick to turn her off and dismiss her as useless information. People who do know her realize and accept she is a person who is driven, even though they don't know who's really in the driver's seat these days. Once, they walked by her side, but now they either run far ahead, or lag far behind, avoiding her newly found identity as warden of all righteousness and holiness. She wants to be heard, but no one listens. She says she wants unity, but she causes disunity.

Stacy Christine has known many people and has discovered many things throughout her life but, when it comes to truly knowing herself, she doesn't have a clue. Something is missing. With what she used to fancy and identify as vital to life and relationship, she now stifles and suffocates. She has choked off all the early discoveries, innovations and advances, and has supplanted them with the intentions, mutinies and limitations of the day. She now has a superior purpose and meaning, "a higher calling," she says.

What used to be priority one, she now has moved out of her life. She has cut off the ties that bind, and has isolated her thoughts and behaviors to include only her special calling. Her gifts and talents have been subordinated to a sense of duty, to recognize the depravities of others. She has shed her old self because she wants to be someone else. Scrupulosity prevails.

Whenever her family and friends talk of her, they shake their heads, puzzled and unsure of what to say or do. They feel there is something in her that needs to be resolved, but she has buried it deep inside, with no chance of seeing the light. They have been moved to the fringes of her life, many excluded all together. It feels awkward to try and

connect to someone who is so disconnected. She desperately wants to be found, but she believes the search is over. She is lost, but believes she has arrived.

Stacy Christine has convinced herself that God wants something else from her, something only she can do. Changing others is what she has chosen to give God, but her mind and mouth won't stop long enough to consider whether God wants it or not; that doesn't matter. Her calling is to convert the world to her way of knowing. It is the price she has decided to pay. In doing so, she's quick to dismiss the many things God has called her to before. She only hears God calling her in a new way, a different way; a special way. What's new is revolutionary. Being part of a revolution feels better. It gives her purpose and meaning. She says she's going to cross the finish line with all the Saints in Glory, waving her arms, hooting and hollering, declaring, "And...I won't look back!"

The Saints in Heaven constantly look back; they look to intercede for each of us and call us into unity. The sacrifice of the altar is our participation in the entirety of Christ, his life, his love, his unity, his ministry, his peace, his crucifixion, his resurrection and his ascension to heaven. Christ did not do what he did for us, to show love, compassion, mercy, and forgiveness, just so he could cross the finish line, and never look back. He looks back each day, and sends the Holy Spirit to guide us to peace and unity. With his life and love, he shows us to work together so we all cross the finish line.

His life includes all people. His work includes all people. His mission includes all people. The Bread of Life is for all people. The Holy Spirit works everywhere to include everyone. The Bread of Life provides for the unity of all people. There is a spirit involved in exclusion, but it isn't holy. We pray for unity at every Mass. We are to unite with Jesus, the Bread of Life, by offering our lives to him so that he ministers to the world through us, sacrificing our will where it interferes with his. The result is we are raised up to new life as we follow and include others to follow Christ to heaven. He doesn't call us to be special. We do not minister to ourselves, or just to a select few whom we determine to be worthy. Jesus is open-minded, he is open-hearted. He wants all of us to cross the finish line, and cross it together.

Jesus doesn't create and then magically recreate us. That is not what conversion is about. He works with what and who we are from the beginning. He molds and shapes all of our hearts and minds, and then calls us to greater compassion, tolerance, openness, unity, fairness, peace, equality, and justice, each and every day. That's mercy. That's love. And Jesus always calls us to work with what he has provided from the beginning, and not to abandon it for something else, something we feel and determine to be better.

Jesus never calls us to restrict our love from others. Jesus, the Bread of Life, calls us to find new ways to love, even against the challenges and threats present in the human condition and in the church today. Jesus looks to new ways to love us, each day, even when we are disconnected, out of touch, or full of ourselves. The Bread of Life gives each of us the same purpose and meaning; Jesus gives life to the world. The Holy Spirit nudges us out of isolation and exclusion, so that we can become bread for others, the bread he created us to be from the beginning, the bread he gives, not some new and improved version we think it should be. He calls us to conversion so that we come to fully recognize and celebrate this with others. That's unity. To be just a crumb of the Bread of Life is a good thing; we don't have to be an entire loaf. Often, we busy our lives and spiritual journey thinking and behaving like we are the loaf, but a crumb is just as beautiful, complete, special and powerful. However, a loaf never broken and a crumb never shared, produces nothing. There is no unity in that. At every Mass we pray, "Lord, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your church, and graciously grant her peace and unity!"

In Christ,

Father Steven C. Rogers