

Welcome to

Holy Trinity Parish

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Twelve Apostles Parish

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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time August 16, 2015



Jesus announces that he is the "living bread." And we understand that the Eucharist is the center of our life in faith: in our families, parish, local church and throughout the world.

We are the stewards of Christ's life in the Eucharist. We are called to put the Eucharist into action. How do we do that?

St. Paul enjoins us to be always grateful, to worship, to try to understand the will of the Lord and to watch carefully how we live. What are some of the ways we can put the Eucharist into action this week?

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
10:45 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:

Father Steven C. Rogers - x203, pastorHT-XII@kc.rr.com
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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.

Feast of the Assumption—15 Aug 2015
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 16 Aug 2015
Readings: 5pm Mass p. 199
Other weekend Masses p. 201
in *Breaking Bread*

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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

Mon, Aug 17, 8am-HT Private Intention

Wed, Aug 19, 8am-HT Intentions of the Holy Father

Thu, Aug 20, 6pm-XII +Special Intention

Fri, Aug 21, 8am-HT +Rev. Frederick McEvoy—ann.
 (pastor 1935-41)

Saturday, August 22

5:00pm--XII Parishioners of XII Apostles

Sunday, August 23

7:30am-HT Parishioners of Holy Trinity

9:00am--XII +John Weipert

10:45am-HT +Chanta Vrbas Brown

Second Collection this weekend—Diocesan Life & Justice:

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.lifeandjusticekcsj.org

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.

WORKSHOP FOR MINISTRY TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

to be held at Holy Trinity on Saturday, September 12

Are you a Minister of Holy Communion who would like to consider, or is currently, bringing Communion to the sick and homebound in our parishes? There is a special training for this, offered by the diocese, which will be offered at Holy Trinity on Saturday, September 12, from 9am—1pm.

If you would like to attend, please contact the parish office at secyht-xii@kc.rr.com or 816-640-2206 by Friday, September 4, and we will register you.

If you have questions about this ministry, please contact Shirley Goode at s.goode@att.net.

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Hillcrest Platte County—Charity Golf Tournament

Friday, August 21, 2015

Tiffany Greens Golf Club

Registration: 11:30 a.m.; Shotgun Start: 1:00 p.m.

Fee: \$125. For more information call 816-838-7442

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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

Wisdom and Works of Mercy - begins Tuesday, August 25, 1 - 2:30pm. For more information, contact Donna Webb at dwebbjoy@gmail.com.

Endow (Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women) Discover Your Dignity 2

In a sense, each of us is writing our own story, chapter by chapter, as we journey through life. The learning and discussion will help us see the hand of God on every page.

Discover Your Dignity—Part 2 Study group meets for eight weeks on Thursday nights at XII Apostles, 6:30 - 8:00, beginning August 27. Register at Endowgroups.org

BISHOP HELMSING INSTITUTE (BHI) COURSES begin soon:

Our Life in Christ—Part I

This course investigates Part 3 of the catechism: "Life in Christ." It explores the Catholic understanding of the human person, discovered in nature and revealed by Sacred Scripture and Tradition. From the Catechism we discuss the call to happiness, or beatitude, and how this call is lived out as "Life in Christ." You'll understand the following concepts in their role of motivating moral action from relationship and excellence rather than duty and legalism.

- Freedom
- Conscience
- Sin
- Grace
- Virtue
- Law

Course Information:

Location: **Holy Trinity, Weston**

Wednesdays, September 9, 16, and 23; 6:30 - 9:00 pm

Cost: \$25/person, \$40/couple. Scholarships are available.

Register at mybhi.org or call **(816) 714-2331**.

Our Life in Christ II will take place at Holy Trinity (Weston), Wednesdays, October 7, 14, 21, 6:30-9pm.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS for all.....

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. An opportunity to join one of our councils is offered on 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 Sunday, August 23 at Kansas City, KS.

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 ceremonials or general information about the Knights of Columbus.

The monthly meeting of Holy Trinity Knights of Columbus Council 12288 will be held on Thursday, 20 August 2015, beginning with the Rosary at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Thanks to those members of the Knights of Columbus who helped make this year's Holy Trinity Ice Cream Social a success!

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: "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

ADORATION THIS WEDNESDAY, Aug. 19, 6:30-7:30pm, in the church.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL: The Ice Cream Social Committee, namely Ann, overlooked two key people in the Thank You last week who worked very hard on this event. A belated but most appreciative thank you to Maureen Vernon and Karen Jacobs who organized the Music on the Patio! Through their efforts, folks were serenaded by words & music. Thanks also to the crew who set up and broke down for this event!
 —Ann Harris, co-chair
 P.S. The Country Store will be selling remaining items today in the parish hall.

Garage Sale: The group going to Poland for World Youth Day next summer will host a garage sale at XII Apostles during Platte City's garage sales on September 12. We need donations! Bring us your gently used items! 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.

Good Shepherd Catholic Church will host a 5K Family Fun Run/Walk Saturday, Sept. 12, beginning and ending at the church, 18601 N 169 Hwy, Smithville. Registration 7:45am; Fun Run/Walk 8:30am. The church/parish with the most participants (Good Shepherd not included) will receive the Running with the Flock Traveling Trophy. For more info, visit www.gscmo.org (Register by Aug. 23 for a T-shirt.) That evening, Good Shepherd will host its annual dinner & auction. KC Strip steak dinner & silent auction at 6:30pm; live auction 7:30pm. Proceeds for youth & faith formation activities & other parish needs.

KATIE'S CORNER-- YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS



Grades incoming 7th grade - high school grads: Join us for Youth Group next 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 which is on August 23! (3pm at Holy Trinity)** www.twelveapostlescatholic.org/ Confirmation or www.holytrinitycatholic.org/confirmation.

TWELVE APOSTLES NEWS



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT THIS Sunday, August 16, 2015

"How sweet and full of comfort are the moments spent before the Blessed Sacrament." —St. John Mary Vianney
 Adoration 5:00 – 6:00 pm

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 for PSR classes, it is extremely important that you register ASAP! **Online Registration is available!** Just go to our website: twelveapostlescatholic.org/PSR

Your Help Needed!!!! We are in need of 5 MORE volunteers for our Parish School of Religion (PSR):

We provide teacher textbooks that include lesson plans. We have co-teachers so you do not have to be available every Sunday. We are still in need of 5 volunteers! Please call Katie Troup at 816-640-2206 x304 or email drexii@kc.rr.com if you have questions or to volunteer.



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.

BUILDING FUND UPDATE:

Current Diocesan Loan Balance:	\$1,610,000.00
July 2015 Interest payment on loan:	4,780.51
Minimum Monthly Principal payment:	9,000.00
July 2015 Building Fund Contributions:	7,411.14
Paid to-date on loan:	\$ 602,791.65

Thank you for your continuing support of our debt reduction!

Need a thoughtful gift?

Look for an affordable religious gift in our display case, located in the Narthex. Sponsored by XII Apostles Women's Group. All proceeds will be used for our church's needs.



CHURCH CLEANING will take place next Thursday, August 20, at 9am, by Members of Team One: Rhonda Boddicker, Nikie Glasbrenner, Julia Perez, Loretta Ralston, Mary Ann Sadler, Jeanne Shupe, Trudy Vertin, & Donna Webb. Thanks!

**SAVE THE DATE! XII APOSTLES FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL
OCTOBER 17—AFTER 5PM MASS—9PM
Follow on Facebook ("like" us) - "XII Apostles Social Events"**

ALEXANDRA'S HOUSE—PERINATAL HOSPICE

Have you been, or do you know someone who may be, pregnant and know their baby will die during pregnancy or soon after birth due to an adverse prenatal diagnosis, or someone who has a newborn who has received a terminal diagnosis? Or are you a family who has experienced an unexpected loss of a child due to miscarriage, fetal demise, stillbirth, SIDS, or any cause? Alexandra's House in Kansas City offers healing and support for parents and families, free of charge, during pregnancy and after the death of a child.

To help support this nonprofit and its services, the Friends of Alexandra's House hosts a gala called *Bow Ties for Babies*. This year's event will be held on September 25 at the Grand Street Café Plaza with a silent and live auction and dinner. Tickets are \$150/person. For more information, visit bowtiesforbabies.com or call 816-931-5378.

Visit www.alexandrashouse.com to learn more about this special ministry.

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

Dreams are essential. Dreams built America. A dream transformed the nation. The world dreams for a better tomorrow. There are people who have big dreams. There are people who are afraid to dream. Dreams, for some, come as warnings. Dreams, for some, come as revelations. People dream in black and white. People have Technicolor dreams. Some dreams are dull and benign. Some dreams are vivid and cutting edge. We dream of others; we dream of ourselves. Some dreams are real. Some dreams are fantasy. There are people who can dream simply by closing their eyes. There are people who can't dream until they are deep into a REM cycle. Dreams can be discoveries. People can get lost in their dreams. Some people dream at night. Some people dream during the day. We dream big. We forget our dreams before the morning breaks. We dream to connect. We dream to escape. There are dreams that come true. There are impossible dreams. Some people are too busy to dream. Some people live in a perpetual dream state. I can dream during the night, and during the day, vivid and real, imaginative and grand. I can dream with my eyes open. For me, not to dream is impossible.

I was deep into a dream a couple nights ago. It seemed to come out of nowhere. This dream was weird and foreign, and yet, it was normal and familiar at the same time. Actually, it was more like a nightmare, one that has repeated throughout my entire life since I started school. Not a Friday the 13th nightmare. It was foreboding because it had bona fide possibility. Not scary enough to cause me to bolt up out of bed gasping for air, only forbidding enough to tweak fascination and sustain curiosity. It had a hold on me strong enough to keep me asleep, dreaming straight to the end, to the beginning of the day. It did not magically vaporize into dream dust as most dreams do when the sun rises and breaks the dawn. This dream had substantial hang time; it lingered throughout the day. Not so powerful that it interfered with doing and being, just intriguing enough to press up against my thoughts and ideas. "Why did I dream this little dream again?" I asked myself, "Why now?" At first it didn't make any sense; it was wacky bizarre.

When I was a child, I hated shoes. I was certain that wearing shoes was bad for you. When my feet couldn't breathe, I couldn't breathe. I didn't want to suffocate to death in my shoes. My poor mother was always looking for my shoes. To add to her frustration, where she could find a shoe, there was little chance that a sock would accompany it. I have no idea what happened to all those socks. When I wasn't abhorring shoes, I loathed them, so much so, that they would indiscriminately drop off my feet, one at a time. Abandoned and discarded, each shoe would go a separate way, under the bed, under the sofa, behind the television stand, under the kitchen table, on the back porch, on the front porch, the yard, the garage, the back seat of the car, the chicken coop, the garden, on the gravel road, on the paved driveway, in the tree house, at Aunt Dorothy's house, in my room, in my sister's room.

No shoes allowed me to dream. My mother could change a dream into a nightmare in a split second, "Steven Curtis Rogers! Where are your shoes?" I couldn't wait for school to let out for the summer. The summer meant I had a legitimate "no shoes" excuse. I was free, barefoot in the park, at the pool, at the DQ, for every meal, snack and treat. Shoes were the first thing to come off, and stay off, come rain or shine, Monday through Sunday. Summer gave my mother a much needed break. She wouldn't look for my shoes during those months. Still, she shuddered at the site of my bare feet, especially when relatives and strangers would call attention to them, "Look at those feet!" Frankly, I didn't understand all the hullabaloo. My feet weren't deformed; they were normal. They weren't misshapen; all ten toes were accounted for, none were missing. To me, no shoes was natural, it was organic. To my mother, and all of the others, natural was sinful; organic meant filthy dirty. That's why people would say, "Look at those feet!" Only, I didn't know they were talking about mine.

Thinking back, all my poor mother would have had to do is take a swab of the dirt and grime hidden between the layers of blacktop and gravel dust, chicken manure and mayonnaise, crumbs from bologna sandwiches and potato chips, watermelon rinds and grass stains, melted homemade ice cream and multi-colored popsicles, Hershey's chocolate syrup mixed with a variety of garden vegetables, mud, sawdust and house paint. The DNA would have led her straight to my shoes.

It would have mapped out for her what I did, when and where I would go, how long I stayed, and what I had eaten for the entire summer. However, it wouldn't have rendered a clue as to where all those socks went. I still have no idea where they are. They magically vaporize into sock dust the minute the sun breaks the dawn. In my defense, I did hear my mother say, "Wash your face!" and, "Wash your hands!" I never heard her say, "Wash your feet!" Well, not until it was too late, and by then it was time to start school again. It would take the next entire school year for all the summer grime and grunge to wear off.

Here's a fact about shoes. Normally, people don't wear shoes when they are dreaming. Think about it, a dream doesn't usually happen until the shoes come off. That's why I like to dream. This was an "A-ha" moment for me during the throes of this perplexing dream a couple nights ago. I was well into REM when a dream that has repeated over and over throughout the years lit up my brain in Technicolor. "Steven Curtis Rogers! Where are your shoes?" I woke up perplexed. I stopped going natural and organic ever since I began seminary. You have to wear shoes in seminary, black, dark, tight and uptight, shoes that smother.

In my dream, I was in Dr. Hale's classroom for a year end final. Dr. Hale was quite a character. All through the year, we only saw the top of his head, never his eyes, just the top of his head, all through the Old Testament. He always looked downward at the floor during his class lectures. He paced up and down the aisles, between the desks, from Genesis to Malachi, lecturing the floor. Often, he would stop abruptly and stare at the floor, not speaking a word. Dr. Hale's final could be a turning point even in the life of the best seminarian. As he paced the floor, he would indiscriminately drop questions, randomly one by one. Answer correctly and you were free to go. An incorrect answer would bring down the inquisition.

Dr. Hale's final was extreme and daunting; facing it could overwhelm a student's capacity to breathe. Breathing through it was necessary or you would be turned into dust at the hands of the Dr. Hale. I was well prepared. I felt totally ready, excited to answer any and all the questions he could drop on me. I sat at the front, but this time, the interrogations started at the back of the classroom. After he had vaporized a few of the boys who were known for sleeping, he walked down the aisle to where I was sitting. He stopped abruptly, stared down, but this time not at the floor. Then I heard him say, "Look at those feet!" I was perplexed; was he talking to me? Then I heard, "Steven Curtis Rogers! Where are your shoes?" That was the first time I ever saw his eyes; they were red. I too stared at my bare feet, stymied and gob smacked. I knew the Old Testament like the back of my hand, but I had no idea where my shoes were, and it was too late for DNA. I was as barefoot and dirty as the Patriarchs. Then the dream ended; I woke up. I had trouble starting the day, that is, until I got up and washed my feet.

I always have that dream in some form the week before school begins, even though school ended for me some time ago. It is a warning, a revelation, the impossible dream. A dream that makes you glad to be awake. It is only natural and organic for everyone to have these sort of dreams this time of year. The end of the summer can be daunting. So, breathe, it is only the beginning of a new start or a time to start over, a new school year. School is the place where we learn. Some will learn to dream. Some will learn to sleep.

It is my prayer that this school year is an exciting and fruitful time for all students and teachers of every age. I have learned a few things from my dreams over the years, specifically the one that repeats over and over. Here's my advice for everyone, especially those who went barefoot this summer. "Hang onto your socks. Prepare now; it's a question on the final!"

In Christ,

Father Steven C. Rogers