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Holy Trinity Parish

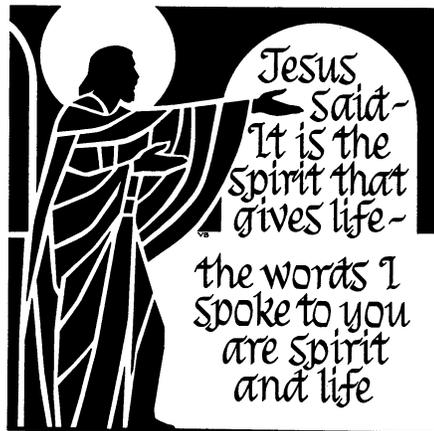
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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time August 23, 2015



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In today's Gospel, we hear that a number of Jesus' followers left him because his message was too difficult for them to accept. In essence, they did not believe in him. He then asked the Twelve if they wished to leave as well. Peter responds by making a profound profession of faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior. The Twelve made a choice and stood by their choice, remaining loyal to their commitment to Jesus.

A good question for our reflection might be this: Are we satisfied with the stewardship we exercise over our baptismal commitment? Are we just "along for the ride?" Are we keeping Christ in front of us as we make decisions about our daily activities, our relationships, our parish, issues in the workplace, issues such as peace and justice? What is the quality of our stewardship?

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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Mr. Gary Loveless, Holy Trinity Custodian/Maintenance
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.

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - 23 Aug 2015
Readings: p. 203 in *Breaking Bread*

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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

Mon, Aug 24, 8am-HT +Carol Niederee (ann.)

Wed, Aug 26, 8am-HT +Cardinal William Wakefield Baum

Thu, Aug 27, 6pm-XII +Robert & Jeanne Ralston

Fri, Aug 28, 8am-HT +Elizabeth Welch

Saturday, August 29

5:00pm--XII Parishioners of XII Apostles

Sunday, August 30

7:30am-HT Parishioners of Holy Trinity

9:00am--XII +Esther Kneib

10:45am-HT +Mary Thebo

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, 6:30-9:00pm**, 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, x304.

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.



Rummage Sale: The group going to Poland for World Youth Day next summer will host a rummage sale at XII Apostles during Platte City's city-wide 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 — 816-640-2206, x. 304.

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." 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....

Holy Trinity Knights of Columbus Council 12288 Recognized as Double Star Council for 2014-2015 fraternal year ending 30 June 2015. Published in the August edition of "Knightline", Council 12288 is among one of the 2,163 Star Councils worldwide within the Order. Congratulations and thanks to all the members of the Council for supporting programs and recruiting new members that allowed us to achieve this prestigious recognition.

Twelve Apostles Council No.16189 of Platte City extends our sincere congratulations to Grand Knight Jim Rooney and to all the members of Council 12288 for earning this outstanding award.

Taco Dinner / Horse Races: Pope Pius XII Knights of Columbus Council #4962 at 5101 Blue Ridge Cutoff, KCMO will hold a Taco Dinner / Horse Races on Sunday, August 23. Tacos served starting at 5PM; races will start at 6PM. There will also be 50/50 drawings. The cost is \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 12 and under. For more info please call Rusty McLouth @ 588 - 2877.

Support Persecuted Christians in the Middle East: Through our Knights of Columbus Christian Refugee Relief Fund, we have already delivered more than \$3 million to assist our brothers and sisters in Iraq and Syria. Our dollars provide housing and medical care, but we can and must continue to do more. Please visit www.ChristiansAtRisk.org to learn more about what is happening there, and to help support these Christian refugees financially. Every penny of your donation directly supports humanitarian assistance and raising awareness for persecuted Christians and other religious minorities, especially in the Middle East.

The MO Knights of Columbus have scheduled a one day **Pilgrimage OPEN TO EVERYONE** on Sunday, September 27, 2015. This Pilgrimage will visit Conception Abbey in Conception, MO, and the Benedictine Sisters Monastery in Clyde, MO. A motor coach bus will depart from the Knights of Columbus Hall in Raytown at 7AM and will return at 5PM. The bus is \$25/person; lunch is an additional \$7 at Conception Abbey. Contact Ed Columbus with the Knights of Columbus at (816) 358-8831 to make reservations or for additional info. Seating is limited.

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.



All are invited! to Salem Christian Church's Ice Cream Social Fundraiser this Sunday, August 23, 4 -6 P.M. Homemade ice cream and cakes!

Good Shepherd Catholic Church 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.gsccmo.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.

All ladies are invited to attend the DCCW (Diocesan Council of Catholic Women) Quarterly meeting to be held Wednesday, September 2, at St. Monica's Parish, 1616 Paseo Blvd., Kansas City. Registration & coffee begins at 9:30am, followed by business meeting, Mass, luncheon and guest speaker. Please bring new school supplies for inner-city children, which will be given to the Bishop Sullivan Center. Luncheon is \$11; reservations must be made by Sunday, August 30 to Carolyn Huff—816-690-4278 or lthouse4@centurylink.net.



KATIE'S CORNER-- YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Grades incoming 7th grade - high school grads: Join us for Youth Group this Sunday, August 23, 1:30-3pm at Holy Trinity and next Sunday, August 30, 1:30-3pm, at Twelve Apostles.

Confirmation: First session is this Sunday, August 23, 3-5pm at Holy Trinity, for candidates, parents, and sponsors.

Please make sure your sponsor has filled out their information on the website: www.twelveapostlescatholic.org/Confirmation or www.holytrinitycatholic.org/Confirmation



TWELVE APOSTLES NEWS

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.

PSR Teachers' meeting, Sunday, August 30, 3pm, at Twelve Apostles.



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.

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.



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

Atchison Connection Offerings Fall 2015—Mt. St. Scholastica Monastery

For All Book Lovers

Read a highly recommended book and share your experience of it with other readers. Come to Mount St. Scholastica monastery at 6:45 pm on the last Tuesday of the month and join in on the discussion. The gathering is facilitated by Sr. Sheila Carroll, OSB.

September 29 *Unbroken* by Laura Hellenbrand
October 27 *The Light Between the Oceans* by M.L. Stedman
November 24 *Noticer* by Andy Andrews

Lectio Divina with the Sunday Scriptures

Come to Mount St. Scholastica monastery and share in the traditional monastic practice of guided reading, listening, reflecting and responding to the Word of God in the Scriptures. These gatherings are held at 10:30 am on the Thursday mornings listed below and are facilitated by Benedictine Sisters Gabrielle Kocour and Sheila Carroll. Dates: Sept. 10 & 24; Oct. 8 & 22; Nov. 12; Dec. 10.

Bridges to Contemplative Living with Thomas Merton & Anthony De Mello Share with others the journey toward personal spiritual transformation and a more peace-filled life. **Gatherings are held at Sophia Spirituality Center at 10:30 am on the Thursdays listed below.** Facilitators: Benedictine Sisters Sheila Carroll and Gabrielle Kocour. September 3, 17; October 1, 15, 29; November 5, 19; December 3.

All programs are offered free of charge, but freewill offerings are gratefully accepted. For more information, contact Sister Eleanor Suther, OSB at 913.360.6151 or email to: sophia@mountosb.org

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

Some people have nerve. We can lose our nerve. There are people with nerves of steel. There are people who live life as a bundle of nerves. Our nerves get the best of us. When someone is out of line we say, "They've got a lot of nerve!" A bad day can frazzle our nerves. People can get on our nerves. People can work our nerves. Some people wake up every day with one nerve and everybody steps on it. People drink to calm their nerves. People eat to soothe their nerves. Others medicate their nerves. When there is a spike in nerves, people can do super human things like lifting a car and pulling an injured person from under it. Some people can hit a raw nerve. Some hit all the nerves. When it comes to relationships, that can be a bad thing, and it can be a good thing. To be a hero takes nerve. Some never work up the nerve to do great things. People hide from their nerves. People can work through their nerves. Life and love can be nerve-wracking. The world today is in a war of nerves.

Back in 2000, the year of the Millennium, I met a person who was an authority on nerves. She was nervy. She was a nervous Nellie. She wore her nerves on her sleeve, transparent, raw, bold, audacious, fragile, vulnerable, courageous, and hard hitting. She was aloof. She was everybody's best friend. She was intimidating. She was inspiring. Her entire being was a study in nerves. I met Sheila when she played the lead in *A Chorus Line*. Her real name was Sheila, and she played the washed-up diva named Sheila, a nervous smoker, a nervous talker, and a nervous performer. It was only fitting that Sheila played Sheila; the role fit her well.

Sheila, who had never learned to dance, was playing the part of a seasoned dancer, who was so weathered she was on her way out. Sheila was just starting in the business, this was her big break. Sheila struggled with every dance move during the long rehearsals. They were long because she struggled. She couldn't spot a turn, or leap into the air, not even five inches. Gravity was not on her side. She had nervous feet, clumsy, heavy. She was slender, gawky from head to toe, and yet she lumbered across the stage like a dinosaur from Jurassic Park. She swaggered upstage when the chorus sashayed down stage. It was like she was performing in Oklahoma, when everyone was performing in West Side Story, the dream ballet. She was a dangerous mess. She could turn heads but not in a good way. Still, she managed. To calm her nerves, she started smoking. Smoke followed her going in all the wrong directions. She took to drinking. She drank before rehearsals. She drank after rehearsals. She drank during rehearsals. The hard stuff. Rotgut. Mean juice. It was her nerve that landed her the role. It was her nerves that would bury her because of it.

Come opening night, Sheila worked up her nerve. When the lights came up she commanded the limelight. No one could have played or danced Sheila better than Sheila. Sheila hit every spot, every turn, every note, and every move, confident, precise, profound, and powerful. It was like a Sheila recital, a one woman show. The reviews praised her work, her nerves, and her skill. Other performers were only mentioned gratuitously. The spotlight was on Sheila. She developed quite a reputation. It launched her into stardom.

In 2010, I was excited to see Sheila perform again. This time, in a revival of Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Cats*. Her reputation had garnered her the role of Grizabella, the coveted role for seasoned female performers. On opening night, nerves were tight, the air was thin, and suspense filled the theater. Expectations were at an all-time high, nerves were on edge; and that was just in the audience. Everyone had come to see Sheila as Grizabella, and to hear her sing the show's signature song, *Memory*. The audience held their breath in anticipation of the grand high note as Grizabella took center stage. As Sheila sang, "Not a sound from the pavement..." people looked back and glared at the sound booth. Something was terribly wrong. It was awful. The audience nearby, motioned to the sound technicians to, "Do something!" People struggled. The terrible sound hit a nerve. They grimaced and contorted, awkward and heavy. Their attention was divided. There was Sheila, Grizabella, the only real Cat on stage, and the screw-ups in the sound booth impeding her claim to stardom. Grizabella prevailed. In true character, she crumpled down to the floor, center stage, as directed. It was a calculated move to build drama, and touch the nerves of each member of the audience. In a powerful crescendo she pulled herself up from the stage floor.

Grizabella reached passionately for the high note, and each member of the audience was on the edge of his seat, reaching for it with her. Bold, confident, Sheila opened her mouth and sang, "Touch me...it's so easy to leave me..." Sheila hit a nerve. The audience held their collective gasp. Frankly, something had died inside that Cat. Tragic. Traumatic. Terrifying. It wasn't the fault of the sound technicians after all. It was Sheila. The Star had just exploded before their very ears. Nerves were frazzled. Nerves were on end. Nerves were damaged. Some people cried. Some people got angry. Some people left the theater. Some went for a smoke. Some went for a drink. Some went for their meds. Most people thought, "She's got a lot of nerve!" Nothing makes people more nervous than great expectations, and failures.

Truth be told, it did take a lot of nerve. It took a lot of nerve for Sheila to even appear on the stage that night, but no one gave any consideration to that after the disaster. Sheila didn't find her nerve to play Grizabella because of anything an audience had done or would do; she wouldn't lose her nerve because of them either. This time it was for Sheila. She did it for herself. Sheila had been out of the limelight for a year and a half, but people were too busy riding her wave of stardom to take notice. She wasn't out because of a nervous critic, or an unsympathetic audience. She was out because she had suffered a massive stroke, and had almost died on the operating table. Sheila knew all too well, the Star had exploded long before that opening night. Sheila struggled during those long days and months. The days and months were long because of her struggle. Speech therapy, physical therapy, emotional therapy, breathing therapy, eating therapy. There aren't enough hours in the day or month for people who struggle; there aren't enough therapies to help them. It takes nerve. Once a bundle of nerves, Sheila found her nerve and is a living, breathing, dancing, singing, performing success. She is a Star.

We see the same tragic rejection of Christ's true mission by many who had been listening to him and watching him. How could they miss the real message that he taught? He said, "The words that I have spoken are Spirit and Life!" But people only heard his words on the surface level, in their flesh-nature. They missed the life that he was offering; the healed life, the joyful life, the victorious life, the eternal life.

It takes nerve to be a true disciple. A true disciple is one who remains to learn more from Jesus. A true disciple recognizes there is more to understand. A true disciple recognizes the presence of the Holy Spirit. Often, Jesus comes to us in other people, and yet, we don't recognize him because what we see and hear is just the human individual. We see their flaws. We see where they fall short. They are offensive to our eyes. They are raucous noise to our ears. "She's got her nerve!" We hold them accountable, but in reality we could recognize our own un-Christ-like behavior toward them. Everyone has been created in the image and likeness of God. Each one of us would not be alive if the Holy Spirit had not given us life. Every human being has the presence of Christ in them. To live a more victorious life, we have to look beneath the surface to find Jesus who is hidden inside everyone we meet.

I saw Sheila over a year ago performing in an off Broadway production of *Forbidden Broadway*, a parody of actors, actresses, popular characters and stars, of musicals and their signature songs. It was hilarious! Sheila spoofed herself. She spoofed Sheila in *A Chorus Line*. She spoofed Belle in *The Beauty and the Beast*, Ariel in *The Little Mermaid*, Gigi in *Gigi*, and Norma Desmond in *Sunset Boulevard*. It took nerve to spoof all the greats. She even spoofed Grizabella in *Cats*. In true character, she crumpled down to the floor, center stage, as directed. In a powerful crescendo she pulled herself up from the stage floor. Grizabella reached passionately for the high note and the audience held their collective gasp. Bold, confident, Sheila opened her mouth and sang, "Touch me...it's so easy to leave me..." she stopped, glared at the audience, and sang, "...And they did! (Dramatic Pause) We won't do that again, now will we?" Sheila hit a nerve. The audience applauded, cried, and laughed. They shared a victory.

In Christ,

