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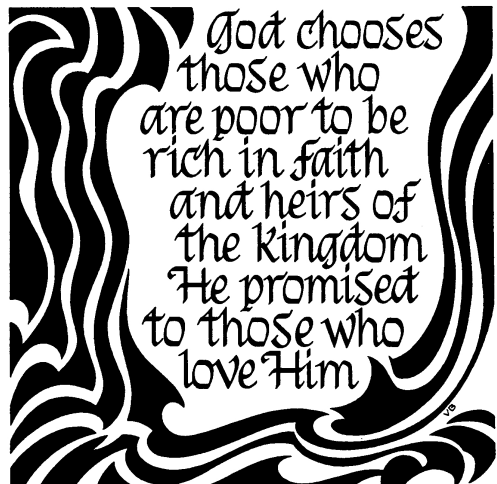
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Twelve Apostles Parish

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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time September 6, 2015



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St. James teaches that those who are poor in the eyes of society are the ones who have been chosen to inherit the Kingdom of God. Indeed, we are saved because of our poverty; we are redeemed out of our need; not because of our material wealth or achievements that the world finds praiseworthy. St. James also suggests that we are stewards of others, especially the poor; and it is how we respond to the poor and needy that will define our relationship with the Lord. How do we respond to the less fortunate right within our own parish?

International Catholic Stewardship Council September 2015

Mass Times:

Saturday 5:00 PM – Twelve Apostles Church
Sunday 7:30 AM – Holy Trinity Church
9:00 AM – Twelve Apostles Church
10:45 AM – Holy Trinity Church

Weekday Mass times are listed inside the bulletin.

Confessions heard: Saturdays: 3:15-3:45 PM at Holy Trinity; 4:15-4:45 PM at XII Apostles; First Fridays after 8am Mass & anytime by appt.

Anointing of the Sick: Please contact the pastor, preferably before going to the hospital, to receive this Sacrament.

Parish Staff:

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Mrs. Darlene Darby, Office Assistant, x202
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.

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 6 Sept 2015
Readings: p. 208 in *Breaking Bread*

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 5

5:00pm--XII +Special Intention

Sunday, September 6

7:30am-HT +Randall Stanton

9:00am--XII Parishioners of XII Apostles & Holy Trinity

10:45am-HT Ella Tosch

Mon, Sept 7, 9:00am-HT for Peace & Justice for all Workers

Wed, Sept 9, 8am-HT +Rev. Christopher Linnenkamp (ann.)

Thu, Sept 10, 6pm-XII +Raymond & Dorothy Rake

Fri, Sept 11, 8am-HT +Cardinal William Wakefield Baum

Saturday, September 12

5:00pm--XII +Kenneth Dick

Sunday, September 13

7:30am-HT Parishioners of Holy Trinity

9:00am--XII Parishioners of XII Apostles

10:45am-HT Carol & +Stan Lesniak (ann.)

Our daily Mass this Monday, Labor Day, will be at 9am at Holy Trinity. The Parish Office will be closed Monday for the Labor Day holiday (and Tuesday, as usual.)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS for all.....

All members are cordially invited and encouraged to attend the next regular monthly rosary and meeting of **Twelve Apostles Knights of Columbus Council No.16189, this Wednesday, September 9.** Rosary at 6:45PM in the lower level of Twelve Apostles Church. Meeting at 7:00PM, followed by refreshments. We have several important fall events and programs to discuss. Members of other councils are always invited to attend our meetings and activities. Former members who are practicing Catholics are invited to rejoin. Contact Charter Grand Knight Steve Steiger at (816) 431-6506 for information.

September 11 of each year is designated as a World Day of Prayer for Peace following the visit of former Pope Benedict XVI to Ground Zero in New York. Please join the Knights throughout the world in praying for peace.

Holy Trinity Knights of Columbus Council 12288 will participate in a quarterly workday at Hillcrest Ministries Transitional Housing in Platte City as part of a community service project this fraternal year. The first session is scheduled for Saturday September 12, 0900 to noon, at 220 N. Second St., Platte City, MO. For more information or to sign up to help, contact Deputy Grand Knight Phil Frost at 816.853.4970 or at pfrostcwo@aol.com via email.

1st Degree Members are invited and encouraged to attend the **2nd and 3rd Degree Ceremonials** on Sunday, September 13, in St. Joseph, MO. Twelve Apostles Grand Knight, Steve Steiger, will accompany attendees.

All eligible practicing Catholic gentlemen, age 18 or older (no max), who would like to become members of the Knights of Columbus at either Twelve Apostles Council No.16189 or Holy Trinity Council No.12288 may do so at the First (Admission) Degree Ceremonial on Monday, September 14 at 7:00PM at St. Therese Parish in Parkville, MO. Steve Steiger will accompany all who plan to attend. If any candidate for membership has any questions or concerns about his personal qualifications, he may call and confidentially discuss them with any Catholic priest before attending the Admission (First) Degree Ceremonial.

For more information on any of the above, contact either Steve Steiger, Grand Knight of Twelve Apostles Council No.16189 at (816) 431-6506, or Jim Rooney, Grand Knight of Holy Trinity Council No.12288 at (816) 674-4268.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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

Endow (Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women)

Aquinas for Beginners - Part 1 invites women to make the acquaintance of one of the giants of Catholic teaching. St. Thomas Aquinas, a thirteenth century saint and Doctor of the Church, was a Dominican priest, philosopher, theologian, and author of the *Summa Theologiae* (Summary of Theology), which remains the gold standard of theology texts.

This study group will meet for eight Monday mornings, 9:45 - 11:15, at Shannon Demory's house (13270 Ridgeview Dr, Platte City), beginning September 14.

Register online at Endowgroups.org. Questions? Contact Donna Webb at dwebbjoy@gmail.com

Discover Your Dignity 2 - A Woman's Journey Through Life - meets Thursday, September 10, at 6:30 (after 6pm Mass) at XII Apostles.

Wisdom and Works of Mercy meets Tuesday, September 8, 1 - 2:30, at Donna Webb's house (12700 N Overbrook Dr.).



St. Pope John Paul II's Letter to Women

Endow study groups bring women together to discover their God-given dignity and to understand their role in humanizing and transforming society. The Letter to Women is a great place to begin our adventure into Church teaching. The letter is short, and is presented in language consistent with church writing. Just 12 articles, this letter is shorter than most pastoral letters, but it is long on meaning and rich with fatherly love of a pope, who wants to remind women of their inestimable worth and the need the world has for their feminine genius. *When was the last time someone called you a genius?*

This small study group will meet **Monday evenings**, September 21,28, October 5, 19, 26, November 2, 16, 23 at the home of Edie Hays, 119 Platte River Rd, Farley, MO. No homework required. To register, please visit the Endow website: www.EndowGroups.org. Questions/more info? Contact Maureen Vernon, marve49@aol.com, 816-640-9956.

WHY WE CATHOLICS BELIEVE CATHOLIC STUFF
Wednesdays, Sept 16, 23, 30 / Oct 7 6:45 – 8:15 p.m.
@ 12 Apostles Catholic Church

There is a lot of stuff Catholics believe (*or struggle with trying to believe*). Sometimes we believe because our Mom told us to. Sometimes we have a general understanding of our reasons, but we to go deeper. Learning **reasons for our faith** from Scripture, history, tradition and logic will help us better experience the Mysteries of Christ! Taught by Chris Patterson – 816-807-1411
Sign up via email – cpatterson@pattersonlaw.net

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—Part II will take place at Holy Trinity (Weston), Wednesdays, October 7, 14, 21, 6:30-9pm.

HOLY TRINITY NEWS



ROSARY FOR THE UNBORN THIS SUNDAY —

Our first-of-the-month rosary will be offered in the church at 10:05AM this Sunday. Our prayer intention for the monthly rosary is for the protection of the lives of the unborn. All are invited to join us in prayer.

Holy Trinity Parish School of Religion begins next Sunday, Sept. 13. Questions? Email dreht@kc.rr.com



Pancake and Sausage Breakfast after both Masses on 13 Sep 2015 at Holy Trinity Parish Hall. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. A free will offering will be accepted.

HOLY TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

You are invited to join us on Sunday mornings between Masses, starting at

9:00 AM ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20.

Triniteens provides an opportunity for teens, grades 9-12, to continue learning more about their faith and the application to their teenage lives. This group was established to allow teenagers the opportunity to learn during the PSR time slot which provides faith formation for preschool children through adults. The mission is to provide an encouraging Sunday morning environment for our teenagers to learn more about their faith, enjoy Catholic peers, and stimulate discussion of important topics to young Catholic men and women. Please call John or Susan Wurtenberger at 386-0117 with any questions.

We can't wait to see you on the 20th!

WESTON COMMUNITY PRAYER BREAKFAST next Saturday, September 12, 8am at First Baptist Church on Walnut St. All are welcome. No charge; a free will offering will be taken up for the charitable works of the Weston Ministerial Alliance.



Rummage Sale!!! The group going to Poland for World Youth Day next summer will host a rummage sale at XII Apostles during the city-wide garage sales next Saturday, September 12, 8am—3pm. We have lots of treasures! Come shop!!! Donations still

welcome! You may bring small items to the parish hall at Holy Trinity during office hours this Wednesday or contact Katie Troup, 816-640-2206, x. 304 for a meeting time at XII Apostles.



KATIE'S CORNER-- YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Grades 9-12: It's not too late to sign up for NCYC! Registration deadline:

September 13. More info: ncyc.info Contact Katie with questions or to sign up.

Grades 7-12: Join us next week for a night on *Stella*, the girl we sponsor through Unbound. We will enjoy delicious food native to Colombia (where Stella is from), play Colombian games, and write her letters. September 13, 1:30-3pm at Holy Trinity.

Save the Date: Applefest fundraiser: September 30 - October 1. Sign ups coming soon!

TWELVE APOSTLES NEWS



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

THIS Sunday, September 6, 2015

Come and sit in His presence.

In adoration, we receive His peace and His grace to worship Him with reverence and love.

Adoration 5:00 – 6:00 pm

PSR NEWS: Parish School of Religion Classes for Pre-K through 8th grade begin September 13, 10:20-11:30am, at the Northland Career Center. If you haven't yet registered, please do so at www.twelveapostlescatholic.org/psr

We are still in need of three people to help as co-teachers. Please pray, discern, and consider sharing our beautiful Catholic faith and your own faith journey with the youth of our parish! Positions available: co-teachers — 1 each for 1st, 4th, & 6th grades. Contact Katie Troup if you are interested drexii@kc.rr.com or 816-640-2206 x304.



Need a thoughtful gift?

Look for an affordable religious gift in our display case, located in the Narthex. Sponsored by Twelve 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"



Make Your Day Brighter

Join your fellow parishioners downstairs after the Sunday 09:00 Mass for **Fellowship Sunday on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month**. Enjoy a cup of coffee, tea or juice, along with your favorite doughnut, while getting acquainted with your old and new fellow parishioners. This makes us a stronger Parish and community. Thank you for your support.

Ministry Fair coming Sept 19/20. Find out how you can share your time & talents for our parish. More information to come.

XII Apostles' Women's Group — After a summer break, Twelve Apostles' Women's Group will resume meeting on Tuesday, Sept 15 in the lower level of the church. We'll start the evening fellowship with a taco meal at 6pm; meeting to follow. All Twelve Apostles adult women are welcome.

*****High School Kids*****

Lunch & Catholicism

11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Sundays, starting September 13

High school kids at 12 Apostles will meet at the home of Chris and Jan Patterson to eat lunch and talk about and grow in their Catholic faith (and eat lunch!!!)

We'll meet the first 3 Sundays of each month – 1417 Hale Avenue, PCMO. Interested? Contact Chris/Jan Patterson @ cpatterson5@kc.rr.com (816-807-1411) or Joe/Jenny Henson @ JosephMHenson@gmail.com (816-804-5147).

The September Holy Rosary Rally in Honor of Our Lady of Fatima will be held on Sunday September 13th from 3 pm to 4:15 pm at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 416 W 12th St Kansas City, MO 64105. We will pray the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious mysteries of the Holy Rosary followed by Benediction and the opportunity for attendees to enroll in the Brown Scapular. For more info, visit www.rosaryrallieskc.org

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

"We're the friendliest church in all of Kansas City!" That's what I heard when I first arrived in Kansas City, and attended services at a Baptist church near the Country Club Plaza where I lived. "We're the friendliest church in all of Kansas City!" I believed what was said without needing proof. I needed to believe it. I needed it to be real. A stranger in a strange place, I needed to be connected to the "friendliest church in all of Kansas City!"

The first Sunday I attended, as he welcomed the congregation at the beginning of the service, Pastor Fred animated by a spirit, rose to his feet shouting, "We're the friendliest church in all of Kansas City!" The congregation swiftly stood in response to his proclamation. He declared it again, "We're the friendliest church in all of Kansas City!" Suddenly the sanctuary filled-up with people giving people hugs, high-fives, fist bumps, kisses, and wild greetings. People who need people are the luckiest people in the world.

Joy and laughter filled the air, lifted high by the homey scent of dime store perfume, Old Spice cologne, and Folger's coffee brewing in the basement. All that commotion stirred up quite a bouquet. Pastor Fred swayed madly to sound of his own drum beating deep within his heart. All the "friendliest" that filled God's house was touching. It moved Pastor Fred. It moved Thelma, who guarded the front center pew with her life, out into the aisle to twirl and flail with Pastor Fred. It moved souls to repent and believe. "We're the friendliest Church in all of Kansas City! Woohoo!" I wanted to believe. I wanted it to be real, tangible. Only no one greeted me. No hug. No fist bump. No wild waves or greetings of any kind. I stood alone in the midst of the congregation watching all the "friendliness" take place. I reassured myself, "It takes time to fit in. They're new. You're new. Friendliness in the big city takes time."

The next Sunday came all too soon. The seat where I had sat the week before was available so I sat there again. Pastor Fred rose to his feet and shouted, "We're the friendliest church in all of Kansas City!" The congregation responded. A fragrance filled the room. Still, no one greeted me. This time I waved to people across the aisle, to the people in front and back of me. I wanted to be part of the "friendliness" so I included myself. Everyone was too busy to notice. Nothing happened. No one returned a wave even. Still, I was there, and that's all that mattered. It is good to be in the "friendliest church in all of Kansas City," even if it didn't feel that way to me, yet. Surely, I would feel it the next Sunday. Four more Sundays passed. Not one hug. Not one fist bump. Nothing. There seemed to be a brick wall between me and all the friendliness. Something was wrong. Was it me? I was dressed in my Sunday best, the appropriate suit and tie. I even wore up-tight, wing-tipped oxfords, which I hated. I could barely walk, much less stand for a long period of time greeting people who need people, in those blasted shoes. The spirit prevailed and those shoes couldn't cramp my style or my smile. Anything for God. Only the best for God. After all, I was in the "friendliest church in all of Kansas City!"

The following Sunday, number seven, I again found my seat where I had sat for six weeks before. It is easy to develop a routine after all that time, but, still, I wasn't comfortable. But this time, when Pastor Fred rose, and the congregation stood for hugs and happiness, a rather eager deaconess of the church, ran up to me from the back of the church. I rejoiced deep within thinking, finally, someone was going to include me in all the friendship and warmth. She quickly contorted and scooted between the pews towards me. For her, it was a tight fit. I extended her a hand, and leaned forward to greet her with a hug. Instead, she grabbed me by the arm, escorted me out of the pew, and dragged me to the back of the church.

As the congregation hugged, high-fived, and stirred up the friendly fragrance, the deaconess scolded me, "Why are you sitting there? That's not a place for you! That section's for deaf people. You don't belong there. I can hear you singing. You're not deaf! You can't sit with the deaf people! You need to sit somewhere else. You need to join the choir." Then she went back to being a member of the "friendliest church in all of Kansas City," hugging and kissing and swaying and shouting.

I stood alone in the back of the church. I couldn't help but notice she was wearing a whole bottle of something awful. I didn't know what was more offensive, her perfume or that deaf people were segregated to their own section with a *DO NOT ENTER* sign posted for everyone else. The friendliest church suddenly became the un-friendliest church for me.

I realized something about people and routines that day. People who can hear don't listen to people who cannot. I wasn't deaf, but I was desperate to be heard. I wanted to be included, to be part of something much bigger than just me. It wasn't just me in the church; there were lots of other people there, people who needed people. I learned that people won't cross the aisles when brick walls are built, whether they build them or the walls are built for them. Why do we find it necessary to build such walls inside God's house? People can hide behind declarations, proclamations, shouts and wild gestures. To see what's on the other side, we have to break down those barriers, tear down the brick walls that divide, separate and segregate God's people, and look beyond all appearances, comfort zones and routines.

God loves the disabled. All of us are disabled in one way or another. We can have eyes that see and still be blind. We can have ears that hear but never hear God speak through others. Our hearts can be good but our actions build brick walls that aren't good. Too often we only see how a person dresses, without seeing their giftedness. Too often, we are more impressed with a person's wealth or title or college degree than we are by his insight and willingness to serve. Too often we impose limitations onto others for what they cannot do rather than open our hearts to all the possibilities of what they can do. That's because we are judgmental. Judgmental people cause others to feel like they don't belong, that they are excluded.

Only God can see all the good that's in a person's heart, and yet we are quick to make assumptions about others. Only God can hear the motives and longings behind a person's words, and yet we are quick to judge what is being said. Being judgmental shows us nothing more than how truly blind and deaf and dumb we are.

Jesus says to each of us, "Ephphatha!" That is, "be opened." Jesus wants our eyes and ears and minds and hearts to be opened to the truth! To receive this healing, we have to slow down and stop reacting to what's visible and audible. We need to tear down those walls. We cannot trust what we see and hear. We need to take time to prayerfully pause for wisdom and discernment and new discoveries.

That seventh Sunday was the beginning of another two years of Sundays. I found my place in the church. I joined the choir. Pastor Fred heard me singing one day and invited me to sing a solo for the congregation. I said I would on the condition that he move the drummer, piano player, and bass guitar player over in front of the section where the deaf people sat. I wanted them to participate fully as well.

My good childhood friend, Wayne, was born deaf and he taught me how to listen more than anyone else ever has in my life. He taught me that even though they would not hear me sing (they had a sign language interpreter for that), they could feel the vibrations of the drums, piano, and bass guitar. Those vibrations would include them in a real, tangible way. On that day, they became an integral part of the "friendliest church in all of Kansas City." To feel what others were able to feel, made everyone feel good, like they belonged. That's what God's wants for all his people, to be included, to belong. After all, we all belong to God.

In Christ,

