

Welcome to

Holy Trinity Parish

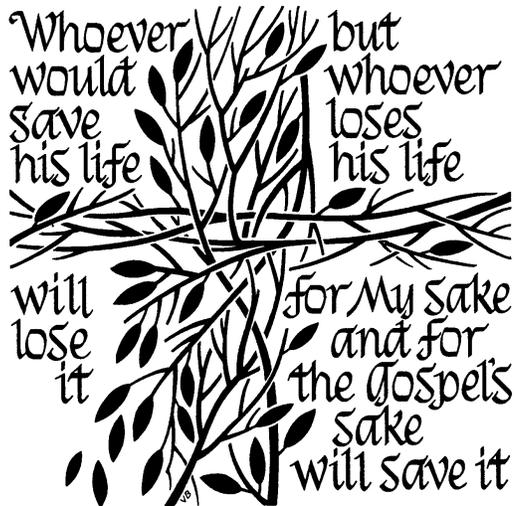
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Twelve Apostles Parish

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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 13, 2015



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St. James asks what our love for Jesus Christ can possibly mean if it does not result in action on behalf of our neighbor. He suggests that that faith is demonstrated most acutely in care for the needy, the suffering, and the underprivileged.

Stewardship includes proclaiming the Good News by putting our faith into action on behalf of others. In what ways have we been willing to make sacrifices and renunciations for the sake of Jesus Christ and our neighbor?

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
10:45AM – 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.

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 13 Sept 2015
Readings: p. 210 in *Breaking Bread*

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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.)

Mon, Sept 14, 8am-HT Holy Souls in Purgatory

Wed, Sept 16, 8am-HT +Brian Hoffman, ann.

Thu, Sept 17, 6pm-XII +Special Intention

Fri, Sept 18, 8am-HT Private Intention

Saturday, September 19

5:00pm--XII Parishioners of XII Apostles

Sunday, September 20

7:30am-HT Parishioners of Holy Trinity

9:00am--XII +Kenny Fritz

10:45am-HT +Philip Amanna, Sr.

****ADULTS IN YOUR 20s AND 30s(ish)****

Mondays - September 14, 21 and 28 6:30pm-8:00pm
A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS

In a DVD series, Dr. Edward Sri will take us through the biblical roots of the Mass, so we can better understand what we say and do in the liturgy, and therefore better worship Jesus. There will be plenty of time for discussion and fellowship, too!

We'll meet at CHRIS & KATIE BARMANN'S' home - 17605 N. Braeburn Ct., Platte City.

Free Child Care will be provided @ Seven Bridges Clubhouse. Drop-off at 6:15 p.m.

Interested? Contact Jeremy Shroyer at
shroyerjeremy@gmail.com or 816-305-5982.

2016 Calendars are here: It won't be long before 2016 is here! Religious art calendars are available in the narthex of each church. Help yourself.



SHARE YOUR FAITH: COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA NEXT WEEKEND

Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Your generosity to the Collection for the Church in Latin America is invaluable to the future of the faith in this region. Your donations will fund catechesis, marriage and family life programs, and seminarian formation. Please give with a joyful and generous heart. Please support programs like these and give generously in next week's collection.

Annual Assembly of the Missouri Catholic Conference

"Politics is a noble activity. We should revalue it, practice it with vocation and a dedication that requires testimony, martyrdom—that is to die for the common good." —Pope Francis. Join former legislators John Lamping and Ron Schieber to discuss restoring ethics and integrity to modern politics and government at the Missouri Catholic Conference Annual Assembly. The FREE event will be held Oct. 3 at the Missouri State Capitol in Jefferson City. Fifteen engaging workshops will be featured, covering topics including the death penalty, *Laudato Si'*, Catholic schools and much more. Join us for a day of celebration and conversation! Please pre-register for the event by going to MOCatholic.org or calling 1-800-456-1679. See the flyers in back of church for more information.

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 this Monday, September 14**. Register online at Endowgroups.org. Questions? Contact Donna Webb at dwebbjoy@gmail.com

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. 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.

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS for all....

Holy Trinity Council monthly meeting will be the 3rd Thursday of the month, **17 Sep 2015** starting with the Rosary at 7 p.m. Following a short business meeting, fraternal time will be highlighted by food provided by Deputy Grand Knight Phil Frost.

1st Degree Members are invited and encouraged to attend the **2nd and 3rd Degree Ceremonials** on Sunday, September 13, in St. Joseph, MO. Contact Steve Steiger, who 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.

For more information or an application, 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.

—Please pray for the repose of the soul of Brian Hoffman who died September 16, 2011. Brian was a Charter Member of Holy Trinity Council No. 12288.
—Please pray for the repose of the soul of James Swaney who died September 18, 2009. Jim was a member of Holy Trinity Council No. 12288.

The City of Platte City will conduct a city-wide cleanup September 15-19. Members of the Knights of Columbus have been asked to help supply volunteers to assist elderly and disabled citizens. Volunteers are needed September 17, 18, 19. Contact Steve Steiger (info above) if you are available or need information.

HOLY TRINITY NEWS

Holy Trinity Parish School of Religion begins this Sunday, Sept. 13, with a meeting for parents and students at 9am, in the church.



Pancake and Sausage Breakfast in the parish hall **after both Masses today**. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. A free will offering will be accepted.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

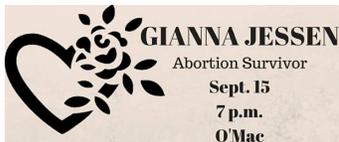
HALL:

Monday, September 14, 7pm—Parish Council
Monday, September 14, 7pm—Women's Guild
Thursday, September 17, 7pm—Knights of Columbus

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.



Benedictine College's Ravens Respect Life invites you to come meet Gianna Jessen, an international pro-life

speaker, who will give her personal testimony as a survivor of a failed saline abortion. The free event will be on Tuesday, September 15, at 7 p.m. in the O'Malley-McAllister Auditorium in the Student Union at Benedictine College in Atchison, KS. Visit the Ravens Respect Life Facebook page or email admin@ravensrespectlife.com for more info.



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 this week for an afternoon on **Stella**, the girl we sponsor through Unbound. We will enjoy delicious food native to Colombia (Stella's home, play Colombian games, and write her letters. **Sept. 13, 1:30-3pm at Holy Trinity.**

Next Sunday, September 20—

Confirmation class—9am at Holy Trinity; 3pm at XII Apostles.
Youth Group—1:30-3pm at XII Apostles.

Save the Date: Applefest fundraiser: Sept 30 - Oct 4. Sign ups coming soon!

TWELVE APOSTLES NEWS

PSR NEWS: Parish School of Religion Classes for Pre-K through 8th grade begin this Sunday, September 13, 10:20-11:30am, at the Northland Career Center.

XII Apostles' Women's Group—After a summer break, Twelve Apostles' Women's Group will resume meeting this 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 at 6:30pm. All Twelve Apostles adult women are welcome.



Ministry Fair coming next weekend, Sept 19/20. Find out how you can share your time & talents for our parish. Booklets outlining various ministries have been set out in the narthex for everyone to take this weekend. Next weekend, representatives of various ministries will be on hand after the Masses if you have questions. Join us for refreshments after each Mass and take this opportunity to find out more about what you can do.

*****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).

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Next Sunday, September 20, 2015

Come and sit in His presence.

Adoration 5:00 – 6:00 pm

From 5:15 to 5:45 p.m., Chris Patterson will lead us worshipping in song as we love and adore Jesus in the Eucharist.



SAVE THE DATE! XII APOSTLES
FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL OCTOBER 17—
AFTER 5PM MASS—9PM

Follow on Facebook - "XII Apostles Social Events"



BUILDING FUND UPDATE:

Current Loan Balance: \$1,595,000.00

August Interest pmt due on loan: 4,912.22

Minimum Monthly Principal pmt due: 9,000.00

August Building Fund Contributions: 9,026.28

(We send in all Bldg Fund \$ received each month)

Paid to-date on loan: \$ 617,791.65

Thank you for your continuing support of our debt reduction!



Grief Support Sessions

"A Reflection of Loss...A Journey for Hope and Healing"

St. Therese (Parkville) Pastoral Care Community invites those seeking solace and support as they mourn the death of a loved one. Meetings will be on five consecutive Wednesdays, September 30th through October 28th, 7:00-8:30pm in the Wooldridge Center Library (lower level of church). Contact Doug Warrens at 741-2800, ext. 212 or email dwarrens@sttheresenorth.org to register or for more information.

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

"My vocation has changed and I need to become Catholic!" That's what I said right after I said hello and gave her my name. The lady on the other end of the line was nice and immediately switched me to a voice mailbox of the man in charge. As soon as I heard the beep, I repeated myself into his mailbox and I thought to myself, "Wow! I can't believe it is going to finally be happening. I am going to be a priest."

It took a lot of courage to make that first call. Actually, I didn't know who to call. I had read of a nationwide shortage of priests. It was sad. I couldn't believe what I had read, of how many churches were closing because of the shortage. In some areas it was dire; priests were getting old and dying off in large numbers and there were no new vocations on the horizon to replace them. There was news of others leaving the priesthood in large numbers, some leaving to get married, some leaving for other careers, some leaving just because of the big cultural shift taking place in America.

When I heard God call my name while driving to work one day, I thought I had lost my mind. Sure, I believe in the power of prayer. I prayed the same prayer for eighteen months, often three or four times a day. I prayed to be able to give back to God all the wonderful things he had done for me. I wanted to do something for God, though I wasn't thinking, or much less praying, about the Catholic Church; no good Baptist does. Imagine my surprise. I expected God to open up the heavens, send down a bolt of bright lightning, and poof, I would be praising God in a whole new way. I visualized myself running a large company devoted to helping others come to Jesus. The priesthood was the last thing on my mind. Actually, it had never entered my mind. That is, until one morning on my drive to work.

I started the morning with a challenge to God, "God, time is running out. It has been over eighteen months and nothing. Come on, you're holding up the whole church!" I laughed out loud. I thought myself quite funny. My boss Norman had always said to me, "Steven, come on! You're holding up the whole company!" As if the company was supposed to matter to me. My work took time. I didn't care if the whole company had to wait. Good things don't just fall out of the sky. This made my joke even funnier. "God, come on! You're holding up the whole church!" I laughed out loud again. I hadn't slept well the night before, or for a couple of nights, and I was running late for work, again. I tried to wake myself up with humor. I tried to wake up God with humor too. If only I knew what he wanted me to do, then I could go back to bed.

About a mile and a half from the manufacturing plant I heard a voice, "I want you to be a priest." I did a double take and then a triple take, "I must have fallen asleep at the wheel. Pull over!" A thought crossed my mind, "I have lost ever-loving mind." Realizing that I was wide awake, I started laughing out loud again. I put my car in drive and started off to work. The minute rubber hit the road, I heard that voice again, "A priest. A Roman Catholic priest!" The heavens didn't break open. There was no lightning bolt. The only poof I heard was my brain imploding from the outside in. "I have lost my mind for sure." Then it hit me, God was making a joke. "Oh God, you have a wicked sense of humor!" I laughed out loud, in all caps. That was hilarious. I arrived to work laughing. I laughed the whole day. I laughed and no one had a clue as to why. God is a comedian, and a darn good one.

That night before I went to sleep, I prayed my "*Giving back to you, O God,*" prayer. I started laughing. I couldn't go to sleep for laughing. The next day I was later than the day before. I thought it best to be silent for the drive. I was tired from laughing and didn't want to wake up God for round two. The very second I entered the mile and a half from work zone, I heard that voice again. "Steven, come on! You're holding up the whole church." There was no humor in that. I didn't laugh inside or out loud. I pulled the car over, rubbed my eyes and my head and just sat there stunned. Priesthood wasn't in my vocabulary. Roman Catholicism wasn't even in my dictionary. A person who prays faithfully for eighteen months can't just suddenly lose his mind. It is a fate too cruel for words!"

"Hello, God? Is that you?" I thought I had better check-in for real since everything in my world had become abstract. "God? Are you talking to me?" The voice said, "Time is running out!" I thought for sure the God of mercy and compassion would come to my rescue.

Surely, he would stop this crazy talk going on in my head. "How am I supposed to become a priest? What am I supposed to do?" The voice said, "Just say yes. I will do the rest." I replied, "That's impossible. Do you know how hard that is? There is no way that can ever happen." The voice countered, "Do you believe in me? I believe in you. Do you believe in yourself?" At that moment, I popped the car in gear and scurried off to work, "I don't have time for this crazy talk." I couldn't believe what I was doing.

When I finally arrived at work, my good friend Donna ran into my office crying out loud. I was in a state of shock and it took all I had to muster up a few words of empathy. "What's wrong Donna? What happened?" She cried louder. "I went to Mass this morning. Mass was being said for my mother." Her mother had died in a car wreck six months before my father had died of a heart attack. That's when we became good friends. Grief pulls together wounded people. "At Mass, Father Hart said that we should pray for priestly vocations. There is a shortage you know." "So I have heard!" "Suddenly, I heard a voice," she burst into hysterics. I figured she was crying because her mother had spoken to her at Mass about her undying love or something equally profound. Donna said, "I heard your name." I was still trying to shake off the voice I had heard, "Your mother spoke my name?" She stopped crying, "No. My mother doesn't know you." I turned to Donna, "You were at Mass and a voice spoke my name?" "Yes!"

She started to cry again, "Father Hart said we should tell someone today that they have a vocation to the priesthood. Then I heard a voice speak your name." I screeched, "Father Hart doesn't know me. Why would he say my name out loud at Mass?" "It wasn't Father Hart, it was God!" I started laughing. God had a sidekick. Comedy is always better in pairs. I laughed louder. That is what crazy people do, they laugh out loud. The more I laughed, the more Donna cried, "It was God. 'Steven's vocation has changed and he needs to become Catholic so he can be a priest.' That's what he said when I was praying for vocations." My laughter turned to tears. "Donna, I thought I heard God this morning say that he wanted me to become a priest; He said it yesterday too." Maybe I wasn't so crazy after all. Donna said, "I believe in you, Steven. God believes in you. You have to believe in you, too!"

A few weeks later on, I called the Catholic Church near my home, "My vocation has changed and I need to become Catholic!" I figured the whole Church would be excited because someone had come forward to fill the void and end the shortage. The next morning I called the church again; no one had returned my call yet. I left another voice mail message. I called each day for two weeks, but nothing. After two weeks, I had a friend call for me; she was a member of the church, and surely, they would respond to her. Three more weeks passed and still nothing.

Then the day came. When I got to work there was a message from a "very upset and rude person" wanting to speak with me immediately. It was from the church. I dropped everything and called him. "Hello, this is Steven Rogers and..." He cut me off in mid-sentence, "You said you need to become Catholic because your vocation has changed? Are you talking about the priesthood?" "YES!" I said, "And I..." He cut me off again. "Listen, we don't just allow anyone in the Church. I am offended that you have involved me in your craziness. The Church has better things to do with her time!" Stunned, "...but I think you would let me in. I am a nice guy; I believe I am supposed to be a priest." He hung up on me.

That's when I heard the voice again, "Say yes and I will do the rest." I thought out loud, "But this man said..." God quickly interrupted, "Look who is holding up the whole Church now! Sit tight; I will take care of him. Believe in me. I believe in you. You believe in you, too." When you believe, you have to say yes. That is faith and work in action. God believed; He acted. Donna believed; she acted. I believed; I said yes. God did all the work. I am here. I am a priest. I completed RCIA and at the end of that year this same man said to me, "I believe in you, Steven. You are to become a priest!" I said, "See, you *will* allow just anyone in!"

In Christ,

Father Steven C. Rogers