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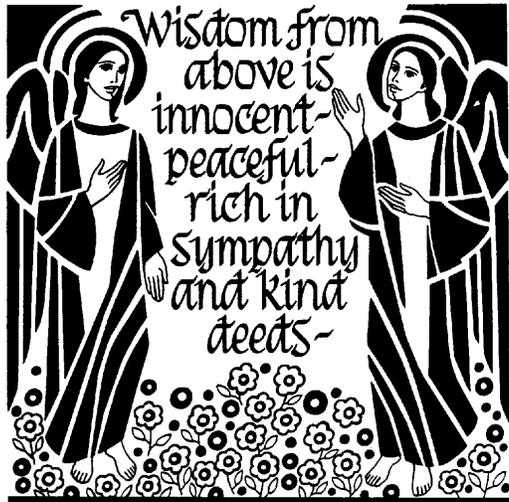
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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 20, 2015

In today's Gospel, Jesus continues to turn society's idea of greatness upside down. He teaches that true greatness lies in being a servant to others; a good steward of our relationships. We want success, but Jesus defines success differently than we do. Jesus redefines our notion of greatness and success. How do we define success? Is our notion of success consistent with the teachings of Jesus Christ?

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.

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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.

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Readings: p. 212 in *Breaking Bread*

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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.

Mon, Sept 21, 8am-HT Private Intention

Wed, Sept 23, 8am-HT +Mary Thebo

Thu, Sept 24, 6pm-XII +Kenny Fritz

Fri, Sept 25, 8am-HT +Fr. Michael Grace (pastor 1956-58)

Saturday, September 26

5:00pm--XII Parishioners of XII Apostles

Sunday, September 27

7:30am-HT Parishioners of Holy Trinity

9:00am--XII Kathy Fritz

10:45am-HT +Fr. Hugh Mullin

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

This 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 this week's second collection.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR VISIT NEXT WEEKEND



On the weekend of September 26th and 27th the Little Sisters of the Poor will be visiting our Parishes. The Sisters operate a home for the elderly poor in Kansas City, which is one of 195 Homes operated by the Little Sisters of the Poor in 30 countries throughout the world.

They have ministered to thousands of our own Greater Kansas City elderly for the past 133 years. Your support will enable them to continue their mission of caring for their residents in a spirit of joy and dignity. Any assistance you are able to give is sincerely appreciated. God bless you!



Lighthouse CDs — this week's feature:
***Our Lady of Sorrows*:** Speaker and author Kimberly Hahn, wife of Dr. Scott Hahn and mother of six, is a convert to the Catholic faith. Although honoring Mary was difficult for Kimberly to initially understand, she began to encounter Mary's loving guidance in little ways on a daily basis. In this presentation,

she reflects on the joys and sorrows that Mary prayerfully experienced during her time on Earth, and shares how her example leads us closer to Christ. Look for this CD and more at the Lighthouse stand in the vestibules of our churches.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

All Adult Parishioners ~ please join us for coffee, fellowship and Adult Faith Formation on Sunday mornings at Holy Trinity Parish Hall —9 AM each week, excluding pancake breakfast days. We will begin by wrapping up the Matthew study by Jeff Cavins. Come and go as you are able; it isn't a formal study; newcomers are always welcome.

Endow (Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women)

Aquinas for Beginners meets Monday, Sept. 21, 9:45-11:15am @ Shannon Demory's (13270 Ridgeview Dr, Platte City).

Wisdom and Works of Mercy meets Tuesday, Sept. 22, 1:00 - 2:30pm at Donna Webb's (12700 N Overbrook Dr, Platte City).

St. Pope John Paul II's *Letter to Women*: 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, beginning September 21**, at the home of Edie Hays, 119 Platte River Rd, Farley. 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 continues Wednesdays, Sept 23, 30 / Oct 7, 6:45-8:15pm @ 12 Apostles Catholic Church

There is a lot of stuff Catholics believe (*or struggle with trying to believe*). 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

ADULTS IN YOUR 20s & 30s(ish)—A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS Mondays - September 14, 21 and 28 6:30pm-8:00pm

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. **We'll meet at CHRIS & KATIE BARMANNS' home – 17605 N. Braeburn Ct., Platte City. Free Child Care provided @ Seven Bridges Clubhouse.** Drop-off at 6:15 p.m. Interested? Contact Jeremy Shroyer at shroyerjeremy@gmail.com or 816-305-5982.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS for all....

Twelve Apostles Knights of Columbus Council No.16189 now has Council polo shirts for sale. Prices \$26-\$38 depending on the fabric and size. Contact Financial Secretary Michael Robertson at (573) 268-6209 or roberjm2@gmail.com to order or for information. Michael will place a group order this week.

Volunteers from Twelve Apostles Knights of Columbus Council No.16189 are needed to solicit donations for Tootsie Rolls for the Drive for People With Developmental Disabilities on October 9-11 in Platte City. Two hour shifts are available. Members, wives and children are invited and encouraged to help. Contact Chairman Paul Banks at (816) 769-2111 or paulj.banks@yahoo.com to volunteer. Thank you to those who have already signed.

Volunteers from Twelve Apostles Council No.16189 are needed to assist the Womens' Group at the Fall Harvest (Parish picnic) following 5:00PM Mass on October 17. Help is needed to set up in the morning as well. Contact Grand Knight Steve Steiger at (816) 431-6506 or at scsteiger@yahoo.com to sign up.

The Knights of Columbus was founded in 1882 by Father Michael J. McGivney to provide financial aid to its members and families, and to sick, disabled and the needy. Insurance benefits have been available to members and families for 133 years. It has grown into the largest Catholic, family, fraternal, lay organization in the world. Last year, we donated over \$173.5 MILLION and more than 71.5 MILLION volunteer service hours to charitable causes. We are rated one of the top insurance organizations in the world. Membership is open to ALL Catholic men, age 18 or older (no max), who are practicing Catholics. For more info, see these websites: (1) kofc.org (2) mokofc.org or contact either Steve Steiger, Grand Knight of Twelve Apostles Council at (816) 431-6506, or Jim Rooney, Grand Knight of Holy Trinity Council at (816) 674-4268.

HOLY TRINITY NEWS

HOLY TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

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

9:00 AM THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20.

Trinteens 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!

MARRIED COUPLES: Fall is a beautiful season full of color and crisp fresh air. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is like autumn because it's a weekend full of fresh air, new beginnings and a time to rejoice in the beauty of your marriage and family. It's a great time to rekindle communication and enjoy a weekend away. The next Weekends in 2015 are: **October 2 – 4 and November 20 – 22.** For information or to apply, please visit our website: www.wvme4youandme.org or call Tony & Barb Zimmerman, 816-741-4066 or email tonybarbz@prodigy.net

The annual Holy Family golf tournament will be held Saturday, September 26, at Paradise Pointe Golf Complex. Check-in at 7 a.m. Shotgun start at 8 a.m. For more information and registration form, go to <http://hollyfamily.com/events/golf-tournament/>.

KATIE'S CORNER-- YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS



Sign ups for the Applefest Fundraiser are now online! Go to www.twelveapostlescatholic.org/youth or www.holytrinitycatholic.org/youth for the link to the sign ups.

Grades 7-12: Join us THIS Sunday, September 20, 1:30-3pm at XII Apostles for **Creative Righting**. Ever wonder if the creation story is real...or just a story? How long has it been since you last played with play-doh? What about what the creation story has to do with your life? Come find out! Don't forget! Every youth group event you attend gets your name into a drawing to win FABULOUS prizes! Bring a friend; put your name in TWICE!

*Sunday, September 27, 1:30-3pm at Holy Trinity - **Yes, Mother.*** This session will begin with a competition that you do NOT want to miss! There will be laughter. There will be prizes. There will be baby bottles. Confused? You'll just have to come see what it's all about!

Confirmation: Have you been praying like you were challenged to? Have you been flipping through your Youcat? Come to the next class letting Jim or Katie know the page number of the picture described for a special prize! Two people kneeling in Adoration. One person obviously asleep. The other in deep prayer, so deep they can see themselves hugging Jesus.

Next Confirmation Class: Praesidium safe environment program
Holy Trinity: Sunday, September 20, 9am
XII Apostles: Sunday, September 20, 3pm

TWELVE APOSTLES NEWS

MINISTRY FAIR THIS WEEKEND: Find out how you can share your time & talents for our parish. Representatives of various ministries will be on hand downstairs 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.

PARISH SCHOOL of Religion (PSR) NEWS: We are still in need of a few teachers for our PSR program. Questions? Contact Katie Troup at drexii@kc.rr.com

We would like to say a HUGE thank you to those who have stepped forward to be teachers, assistants, and youth assistants this year! Corinne Jurgensmeyer, Bridget Poldberg, Julia Jurgensmeyer, Christi Renner, Anabel Trelow, Leo Smith, Holly Smith, Pam Wittmeyer, Liz Hoeschler, Emily Smiley, Geneva Chance, Jennifer Reyes-Comer, Sabrina Reyes, Trudy Vertin, Eileen Bobowski, Brianne Hupp, Katie Martinez, Kathryn Hartleroad, Pat Hoegler, Katie Parkin, Michelle Stone, Rhonda Schneringer and Camellia Barmann. **THANK YOU!!!**
Next Sunday during PSR, we will have a fire drill.

High School Kids — Lunch & Catholicism Sundays 11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

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

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.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE ~ A Weekend Away for a Lifetime of Change.



Serving the Widowed, Separated and Divorced; who are suffering the loss of a love relationship and may feel left out by their church, uneasy around married friends, unsure of themselves and uncertain about their futures. Helps grieving persons focus on their experience, deal with the natural grief process and offers an opportunity to turn the pain of loss into an experience of positive growth. The next Beginning Experience Weekend is **October 16-18, 2015 at Sanctuary of Hope, Kansas City, KS.** For more information visit: www.beginningexperiencekc.org, email: register.bekc@gmail.com, or contact Jerry 785-766-6497.

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

Mark was ambitious from birth. He considered himself to be a driven man. He craved success. He prided himself on being calculated, ruthless and pushy. He believed it his God-given nature. For him, all successful people were driven, "without it a person has no value or place in the world," he would say. Mark's brain was programmed to be go-getter and to climb high. He aspired to do great things and, at an early age, Mark climbed the ladder all to the top only to find himself on the very bottom.

Ambition is a good thing until it becomes self-centered. Motivation is equally good unless it is fueled by jealousy or envy. People with drive can accomplish great things except when selfishness, greed, dishonesty and wickedness creep in and change the rules of fair play. Success is important until it causes harm and crushes the goodness of others. Ambition can easily become corrupted, tainted and spoiled. A quick climb to the top can quickly become a rapid plunge to bottom. Each of us faces such wickedness in life and relationship. We face it at work, in the family, in our friends and relatives, we face it in ourselves, and we even encounter it in the Church. Each of us has encountered situations where jealousy has destroyed what is good. We have experienced great suffering when selfishness has caused grave harm. We have shared sadness when pride has squashed innocent and blameless people. Jealousy, envy and pride are at the root beneath every scandal, beneath every division and discord at work, at play, in the family, and in the Church. When jealousy, envy and selfishness are in motion, good people are pulled and shoved, they are beaten and broken, and many are pushed or chased away. At the root of the problem, there is self-centered ambition.

Mark liked to quote *Niccolo Machiavelli*, an Italian historian, politician, diplomat, philosopher, humanist and writer, who is recognized as the founder of modern political science and political ethics. Mark structured his climb to the top based on what he believed Machiavelli taught and endorsed, especially evil and immoral behavior. Mark, himself, had a propensity for deceit, deviousness, ambition and brutality. It was his "God-given nature."

Mark worked well his strategy and climbed straight to the top. During his reign many good people were destroyed and tossed out of the company they had given their lives to create. These people were the soul of the company, if a company can have a soul. Eliminating the corporate greats fueled Mark's ambition. It made him believe he was successful and he liked it.

One afternoon, Mark called a senior executive Lois, into his top floor office and informed her that she was to terminate the engineering and design team, "The Company stands to gain significant profit by eliminating these clowns! We will gain more control over the manufacturing process by farming out the work to vendors who are hungry." Lois asked, "What about me? What's my future?" Mark replied, "Somebody's got to motivate the minions. I'm thinking that somebody is you." Relieved, she said, "when do you want it done?" Mark quickly replied, "The axe is going to drop in about five minutes. You're supposed to be with Human Resources right now, chop-chop!" Standing, Lois affirmed, "Mark, I fully support your vision for this company. I am pleased you have chosen me to make it happen."

Five minutes later, eighty seven people were added to the ranks of the unemployed. Lois did as Mark commanded and leveled the engineering and design team with one swing of the axe. Some people cried, some got angry and cursed. Many of them had spent their whole careers with the company. Most felt like a part of them had just been destroyed. Their identity was squashed, "What are we going to do now?" Lois responded, "Yes, this has been your life. It has been a good life. You should want the company to which you dedicated your life to flourish and become even greater. It is time for someone else now. It is time to move on."

Lois didn't really know what to say to them. She was happy to have a job. Human Resources offered her no help, they never do. The director was cold and indifferent and mostly silent. She nodded and gestured at her. Lois thought it strange that there wasn't more of a team effort. She felt like she was hanging out on a limb, but her mind moved quickly with ideas, and promises and possibilities, "I can't wait to share my ideas with Mark." As soon as the last termination folder was complete, Mark buzzed Lois, "I need to see you in my office tout de suite."

"Right away. I have lots of ideas dancing around in my head. This is going to be great." The elevator moved slowly from the first floor to the eleventh. Lois danced a little to the music playing in the elevator. She felt odd, but odd in a good way. She felt successful. She felt included. She smiled at herself in the elevator mirror. "I did good!"

The elevator door opened and she spilled out onto the lobby of the eleventh floor. There was a separate elevator to Mark's penthouse office. She hit the intercom button and buzzed Mark, "Beam me up, Scotty!" There was no reply. She buzzed a second time, "Hello, hello! It's me, Lois! The elevators are slow today." Lois stepped back and waited for the exclusive elevator doors to open as she stared at the ceiling. Instead, she heard a buzz and the door to the stairwell opened. She hesitated before taking the stairs, but blew it off laughing. "Even the big guy's having trouble with the elevators today."

After walking two flights of stairs, Lois buzzed again for a door to open. She stood in a hot, musty stairwell for over ten minutes before she buzzed a second time. After five minutes, she knocked on the steel door hoping someone up there would hear her. She was nervous. She didn't want to get into trouble with Mark. As she was about to buzz a third time and knock again, the director of Human Resources opened the door. Without saying a word, she motioned for Lois to walk forward into Mark's spacious office. Waiting for Mark, Lois started to sit down in a comfortable chair in front of Mark's desk when the director snapped, "Don't do that. You aren't going to be here that long."

Mark rushed into his office talking on his cell phone. Lois stood before the HR director and waited for Mark to complete his call. "Lois, I just hired your replacement. I need someone who has ambition, someone to take charge. You're too nice. Everybody likes you Lois. I don't. That's a weakness. I need someone who is strong." Mark started to quote Niccolo, but Lois didn't hear what he had to say. "Are you firing me?" The HR director handed her a termination/separation folder for her to sign. Mark ignored her and pontificated about ambition and success and power and profit.

Lois sat down in a big comfortable chair and dropped the folder onto Mark's desk and motioned for Mark to sit as well. The HR director gasped. Lois took charge, "Mark, for three years, each and every day, you have quoted to me and all the employees here, the teachings of Niccolo Machiavelli. You live and breathe Machiavelli. You have criticized my management style for being radically different than yours. You have always said, 'you're the complete opposite of me' and for that I am glad. You think you're a success because you think I am a failure. You follow Machiavelli. I follow Jesus Christ. We are complete opposites. You say you are concerned for me and where I am going, but let me say, I am concerned for you and where you are going! You're on your own now Mark. You're alone! Let's hope Machiavelli will save you."

Lois stunned Mark and floored the HR Director; she collapsed into a chair. Mark lowered his head. Lois signed the papers and handed them to the HR director who had worked the ranks from being a "nobody" to achieving Mark's versions of success. Lois looked into their eyes, smiled at them and shook her head as she walked away. "You'll need to buzz me down. I am not taking the stairs this time."

As soon as word hit the marketplace that Lois was available, seven competitors offered her a job. She accepted a top position and over a year she expanded the division to include the engineering and design team she was forced to let go. A year later, she received two resumes in the mail. One from Mark, the other from the HR director. They had been out of work for about a year, after they were ousted as dead weight, right before the board of directors sold the company. Lois laughed, "I'll bet they are wondering 'what would Machiavelli do?'"

In Christ,

