

Welcome to

Holy Trinity Parish

407 Cherry St.
Weston, MO 64098
www.holytrinitycatholic.org

Twelve Apostles Parish

Church: 17900 Humphrey's Rd.
Platte City, MO 64079
Office/mail address: 407 Cherry, Weston, MO 64098
www.twelveapostlescatholic.org

Telephone: 816-640-2206

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 27, 2015



© Virginia Brodenick

St. James warns against accepting the standards of the world and assuming that what is normative in society needs no counter-cultural challenge. The temptation to hoard riches and make sharp bargains at the expense of the powerless is pervasive because these things are generally done and look respectable enough. St. James points to God's judgment on these attitudes and actions of amassing wealth and comfort at the expense of others. How might we be better stewards of the material blessings we have been given? How might we use our wealth with compassion toward others?

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:

Father Steven C. Rogers - x203, pastorHT-XII@kc.rr.com
Mrs. Julie Hoffman, Office Manager - x201, secyHT-XII@kc.rr.com
Mrs. Susanna Bartee, Holy Trinity Dir. of Rel. Ed.-x200; dreHT@kc.rr.com
Ms. Katie Troup -x304, DRE-XII Apostles: dreXII@kc.rr.com; Youth Minister--both parishes: ymht-xii@kc.rr.com
Mrs. Judy Sloan, Child Care Coordinator (offered during 7:30am & 10:45am Masses at Holy Trinity)
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.

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 27 Sept 2015
Readings: p. 214 in *Breaking Bread*

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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

Mon, Sept 28, 8am-HT Private Intention

Wed, Sept 30, 8am-HT +Rev. Hugh Joseph Mullin

Thu, Oct 1, 6pm-XII +Raymond and Dorothy Rake

Fri, Oct 2, 8am-HT Private Intention

Saturday, October 3

5:00pm--XII Parishioners of XII Apostles

Sunday, October 4

7:30am-HT Parishioners of Holy Trinity

9:00am--XII Gene & Delores Larson

10:45am-HT +Jim Hoffman

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR
VISIT THIS WEEKEND



This weekend, 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!



APPLEFEST NEXT WEEKEND!!
Stop in at the Youth Group booth in downtown Weston next Saturday & Sunday for our famous, delicious chocolate-covered caramel apples!

LIFE DAY WALK/RALLY IN ST. JOSEPH, MO
SUNDAY, OCT. 4th (October is Respect Life month)
THREE PRO-LIFE EVENTS COMBINED

1) **WALK BEGINS** at 1:50 PM; arrive early. The WALK begins from Frederick Baptist Church, 5502 Frederick Ave, (3.7 miles). Second group can join at the Missouri Western Sports Complex, Faraon Ave. (2.2 miles). Third group can join at East Hills Library at East Hills Mall (1 mile). All will walk to Bishop Leblond High School.

2) The **Annual Life Chain** will begin at 2:00PM in front of Bishop Leblond High School for those who cannot do the Walk, to pray for the walkers and unborn babies. Bring folding chairs or blankets to be a witness to traffic. Life Chains are held all over the USA on Oct. 4.

3) **LIFE DAY RALLY**, with speakers and music, begins at 3:30pm at Bishop LeBlond Stadium.

—A wonderful day for families to participate in these 3 events or just one event. Be a "Voice for the Voiceless" and "Fill the Shoes for the Unborn Babies". Shuttle buses will be available.

All are welcome; invite a friend. Questions? Call Pat at 816-891-1720.

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)

Endow - Aquinas for Beginners meets Monday, Sept. 28, 9:45 - 11:15am at Shannon Demory's (13270 Ridgeview Dr).

Wisdom and Works of Mercy meets Tuesday, Sept. 29, 1:00 - 2:30pm at Donna Webb's house (12700 N Overbrook Dr).

Endow - Discover Your Dignity meets Thursday, Oct 1, 6:30 - 8:15 in the cry room at XII Apostles after 6:00 Mass.

Questions/more info-contact Donna Webb, dwebbjoy@gmail.com or 402-613-3829.

St. Pope John Paul II's Letter to Women:

Monday evenings, 7pm, at the home of Edie Hays, 119 Platte River Rd, Farley. Questions/more info? Contact Maureen Vernon, marve49@aol.com, 816-640-9956.

WHY WE CATHOLICS BELIEVE CATHOLIC STUFF continues
Wednesdays, Sept 30 / Oct 7, 6:45-8:15pm @ 12 Apostles 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
Monday - September 28 6:30pm-8:00pm

In a DVD series, Dr. Edward Sri takes 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 meet at CHRIS & KATIE BARMANN'S' 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 fabric and size. Contact Michael Robertson at (573) 268-6209 or roberjm2@gmail.com to order or for information. Michael will mail a group order to the vendor on September 28; he must have all **completed order forms by 7pm this Sunday, September 27.**

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 up.

The Knights of Columbus will be leading the Holy Rosary for the PSR students at 10:15AM on Sunday, October 11, 2015, in the Northland Career Center cafeteria at 1801 Branch Street in Platte City. The Rosary is open to anyone who wishes to attend. All members of the Knights, wives, children, families, friends and all parishioners of Twelve Apostles and Holy Trinity are invited and encouraged to attend.

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.

HOLY TRINITY NEWS

Holy Trinity H.S. Students: You are invited to join us every Sunday morning between Masses (9:00 am) for **Triniteens**. Our 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.

Happy Birthday to Miss Judy this Monday!

ADORATION—THIS FRIDAY OCTOBER 2, 8:30-9:30AM.

BLESSING OF CROSS FOUNTAIN & DEDICATION OF PRAYER COURTYARD NEXT SUNDAY

Our cross fountain (Eagle Scout project by Keegan Vece) will be blessed, and St. Francis prayer courtyard, given in memory of Jim Hoffman by friends and family who donated to his memorial fund, will be dedicated next Sunday, October 4, the Feast of St. Francis, after 10:45 Mass. All are welcome to join us.

FIRST-OF-EVERY-MONTH FOOD COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: Collection boxes/baskets in the back of each church.

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.wme4youandme.org or call Tony & Barb Zimmerman, 816-741-4066 or email tonybarbz@prodigy.net

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.

YOUTH GROUP Grades 7-12: Join us this *Sunday, September 27*, 1:30-3pm at Holy Trinity for - **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!

Sunday, October 11, 1:30-3pm at XII Apostles. Katie would like to celebrate her birthday with you! We will have lots of fun games, birthday cake, and party favors. Instead of bringing a gift for Katie, please bring canned food items to be donated.

Don't forget about the semester-long raffle - every time you come to a youth group event, your name will be put into a drawing. You could win: 16 gb iPod Nano, \$50 gift card to AMC, or \$25 gift card to the restaurant of your choice!

Confirmation: You've got some time before the next session on **October 18**. Plenty of time to go searching for the next drawing! Find the drawing of a couple kissing behind a Bible. Come to the next class letting Jim or Katie know the page number to win a special prize!

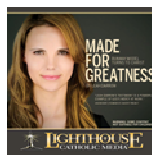
Next Confirmation Class: The Plan
Holy Trinity: Sunday, October 18, 9am
XII Apostles: Sunday, October 18, 3pm

TWELVE APOSTLES NEWS

PARISH SCHOOL of Religion (PSR) NEWS:

- We are still in need of a couple teachers for our PSR program. Questions? Contact Katie.
- We will have a fire drill today during PSR.
- Parents of 2nd graders: Next week we will meet to discuss First Reconciliation. Please meet in the cafeteria at the Northland Career Center at 10:20am.

AMAZING NEW LIGHTHOUSE CD'S, BOOKS AND BOOKLETS HAVE ARRIVED!! Would you like to learn more about your faith or deepen your relationship with Jesus? How can suffering be positive in our lives and for our souls? These CDs can help answer difficult questions and bring us closer to our Lord! Pick up one today from the Lighthouse Kiosk!



MADE FOR GREATNESS: Leah Darrow was a fashion model in New York City and a reality TV contestant on America's Next Top Model. She now travels the world sharing her unique experiences in the beauty industry. Leah now speaks to tens of thousands of people each year to audiences as diverse as a United Nations panel, the World Trade Center in Manila Philippines, Pro-Life events, and local parishes on five different continents. In this presentation, learn how the pursuit of pop culture's definition of love and happiness led to a moment of mercy and conversion in Leah's life.

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.beke@gmail.com, or contact Jerry 785-766-6497.

The Greater Kansas City Alumni Council of the University of Saint Mary is sponsoring its annual fundraiser, to benefit student scholarships, on Sunday, October 18. The event is 3 to 7 p.m. and will include guided tours of the new Thomas Hart Benton Exhibit at the Nelson Art Gallery with a Reception following at 166 Morningside Drive, Kansas City, Mo. For more information, or to make reservations email ploneran@kc.r.r.com or call 913-683-2321, no later than Saturday, October 10. Suggested donation is \$30.

Harvest Days Retreat: Sunday evening – Wednesday lunch, October 4-7

What better way to spend the fall days than at Conception Abbey where you will go home with your own shelled walnuts and baskets of freshly picked apples from the Abbey? Hands-on learning and many more harvest surprises. In addition you will reflect with retreat masters **Archbishop Jerome Hanus, Br. Placid Dale & Karen Ceckowski** on the rich scripture texts centered on harvest themes, and join the monks in praying the Liturgy of the Hours and in celebrating the Eucharist. (Suggested offering for lodging, meals, conferences: \$250 for single accommodations, \$200 per person for double. For reservations contact the Abbey Guest Center: 660-944-2809 or guests@conception.edu.

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

"YOU, can't handle the TRUTH!" I have known people throughout the years who can't handle the truth. Oh, they say they want the "truth and nothing but the truth," but the minute the truth is spoken, they morph into a whole new dimension of crazy. They lash out, after their head stops spinning Linda Blair-style, and what spews from their lips is absolutely vile, vindictive, vicious, and vitriolic. I have been tangled up in webs of wackiness way too many times to keep track of them all, but I'm still standing, thanks be to God. I have learned a few things over the years, and I have the physical and emotional scars to prove it.

The truth is, it is easy for us to hide from the truth. When we hide from the truth, we usually poise loaded questions, recoil, and wait to strike the very second the one summoned steps anywhere near the truth zone. "YOU, can't handle the TRUTH." It happens in all relationships, between husbands and wives, between parents and children, with teachers and students, with friends and enemies, with the law and the lawless, the saint and the sinner. It is human nature.

There is something that causes us to load our questions; there are days when we load extra bullets into our guns. "Do you think I am pretty?" is such a question. Those are the words spoken out loud, but the question is loaded with what hasn't been spoken. The actual question is, "Am I prettier than everyone else; am I the prettiest one in the whole wide world?" One can answer such a leading inquiry with what he thinks is the right answer, sensitive and helpful, and he can answer it with the truth, or he can pretend he never heard the question. Regardless, it is a trap. There is no way to escape. I have been caught in these torture traps many times, and I have had my ankles in a vise more times that I care to confess. The good news is I learn every time I get my neck in in a noose. I used to think the problem was in the answer, but I realize the problem can begin with the question.

People who want to hear anything but the truth set traps and load their questions to avoid hearing the truth. Worse, they conceal their vicious snares with expansive camouflage. They activate formidable cloaking devices that can cause a master of rhetoric to become tongue-tied and embarrassed. Still worse, they wait to ambush unsuspecting and innocent passersby who are foolish enough to engage in their jaded quid pro quo, the tit for tat in relationships, and the scratch my back and I'll scratch yours exchange.

One can know that a question is loaded when it starts with: Honey, Baby, Darling, or a pet name like Pookie-Sooks, Precious, Sparkles, Pop Tart, Nuzzle Nose, Angel Cake, or Honey Bunny. Answers that start with Honey, Baby, Pookie-Sooks, or any of the above are loaded answers. And if a question or answer contains the words "by-the-way," it can't be good; there is a hole dug, close by, and you and truth will be buried deep. "YOU, can't handle the TRUTH!"

"Honey, what do you think? Have I put on weight? Is my derrière getting big?" Answering, "Angel Cake, you are well proportioned. By the way, I like fluffy," will most certainly render you immediately ineffectual, and land you in a dog house, in someone else's yard, seven towns south.

"Hey, Honey Bunny, I'm thinking I'll take the day off tomorrow, and play golf with some buddies of mine from work. What do you think?" Replying, "Oh, Bunny Baby Boy, I guess that's okay. You just took off two days last week to fix the screen door and to mow the lawn. By the way, the lawn needs to be mowed again. Oh, and, Snoopy ran through the screen door again last night, I don't think you fixed it right. Are you sure you know what you're doing? By the way, the boys need new shoes, and the fridge is on the fritz. We are going to need to buy a new one soon, when you give me the money. I thought you hated the men you work with!" could result in a case of permanent unemployment.

"Darling, Honey Baby, what do you think? I had my hair done today. Do you like it?" Responding, "I hadn't thought about it, but now that you say it, I think it is nice, Sparkles. So what did you do to it? By the way, it frames your face." could get you scalped for life, and land you in the intensive care unit, seven towns south.

"Hey Pookie-snooks, I bought you a new car! It's a truck. It's going to come in handy when the snow and ice come this winter. You'll be able to haul lots of things in it. The boys. Snoopy. Groceries. The lawn mower. Don't you just love it?" Answering, "Nuzzle Nose, you know red

is my favorite color. It must have cost me a lot of money. I've never seen myself driving a "new car"; I've always wanted a tractor. I don't know when I will be able to learn to drive a stick shift though, since I started mowing the lawn this week. By the way, the freezer compartment stopped working last Tuesday. We are having cream of wheat and cheese tonight for dinner. Is that okay, HONEYBUNCH?"

There may not be much truth in a question, and there may be too much truth revealed in an answer, but one thing for certain, "WE, can't handle the TRUTH!" Why can't people ask questions that are direct and honest, authentic and true? What can't people give answers that are direct and honest, authentic and true? We want the truth and nothing but the truth, but "WE, can't handle the TRUTH!"

None of us can read minds. Even if we could, we probably wouldn't want to repeat what we have read, especially when the silly game of loaded questions and loaded answers is being played. Such questions pull people in, but they don't pull them close to us in a good way. Answers cloaked in disdain and loathing always produce the same results.

When we are afraid, insecure, vulnerable, and uncertain, and hide our feelings, that's when we need to know that someone truly cares and understands; we want to have them close to us in a loving way. Asking a loaded question may pull them close to us physically, but in reality it pushes them away emotionally, it is insincere and provokes a vitriolic response. People who load their answers, push back first, and then pull away for fear they will be hurt or angered or rejected. Why do people play this silly push-me-pull-me game? Communication is hard, but living in the truth is even harder. Asking or answering with the truth is nearly impossible for us.

It can seem like someone is against us when really they are not. When someone speaks a truth that we don't want to hear, that person seems to be our enemy, but in reality they are our best friend. At other times, people side with us, but only for their own agenda; they aren't interested in the truth. Where is the closeness in that? Sometimes, we encounter people who speak the truth, but not in the way we expect them to, and so we assume they are out to get us or hurt us or offend us. Navigating through life with the truth may be challenging and daunting, but with the truth comes freedom, and deep understanding. The truth compels us and connects us close to one another, emotionally and physically.

To figure out whether someone is truly against us, or is, in fact, for us, we have to separate ourselves from the heat and frustrations, insecurities, and vulnerabilities of life and relationship. We have to sit quietly with the truth, to compose our thoughts, questions, answers and agendas. Turning to Jesus first and listening to what he has to say, he will give us the confidence we need to fully participate in the quid pro quo of life and relationship. With Jesus, all that we are, and all that we are not, is enough.

We can look to Jesus for a divine assessment of our situation, regardless of how simple or complicated it is. He will help us to accept who and what we are, and who and what we are not, so that we aren't intimidated by the truth, or hurt or offended when the truth is spoken out loud. With Jesus, we can learn to ask the right question, and give the right answer, and live in truth and freedom. Even when someone is truly acting against us, when we sit quietly in prayer, seeking words of knowledge, understanding, wisdom, and truth, from the Holy Spirit, we can discover that God is for us and that's what matters most. God gives us courage and encouragement to face the truth, no matter what.

In Christ,

