

Welcome to

## Holy Trinity Parish

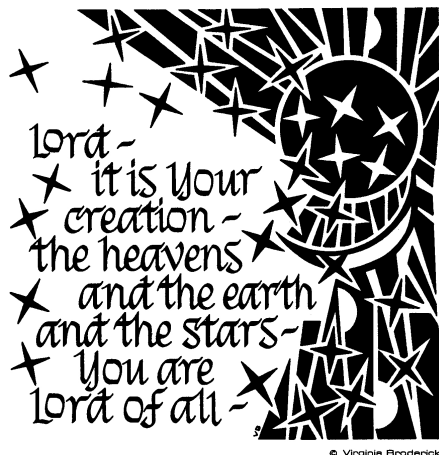
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## Twelve Apostles Parish

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### 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 4, 2015



In today's Gospel Jesus teaches us about the sacredness of marriage; a covenant that is a gift from God.

Our relationships with our spouses, family, friends, coworkers, and those in our community of faith are all gifts from God. Jesus reminds us today that it is the hardened heart that damages or breaks up relationships. Good stewards understand the holiness of relationships and pray for the love, patience, understanding and kindness necessary to sustain those relationships.

Take time out to prayerfully reflect on your relationships this week. Is your stewardship of these relationships as God intended? What relationships need to be healed and reconciled?

International Catholic Stewardship Council October 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  
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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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 4 Oct 2015**  
**Readings: p. 216 in *Breaking Bread***

**MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

**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

**Mon, Oct 5, 8am-HT** Holy souls in purgatory

***NO MASS ON WEDNESDAY OR THURSDAY THIS WEEK***

**Fri, Oct 9, 8am-HT** Private Intention

**Saturday, October 10**

5:00pm--XII +Special Intention

**Sunday, October 11**

7:30am-HT Parishioners of Holy Trinity

9:00am--XII Parishioners of XII Apostles

10:45am-HT +Randall Stanton



**APPLEFEST THIS WEEKEND!!**  
**Stop in at the Youth Group booth in downtown Weston today and pick up our famous, delicious chocolate-covered caramel apples!**

**NO MASSES THIS WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY —**  
**Father Rogers will be away at Priests' Fall Assembly Days.**

**LIFE DAY WALK/RALLY IN ST. JOSEPH, MO**  
**SUNDAY, OCT. 4 - 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 join at East Hills Library at East Hills Mall (1 mile). All walk to Bishop LeBlond H.S.

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.

—Join one event or all three. 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.

**Liturgical Ministers Training**

Would you like to be a lector or Eucharistic Minister at Mass? Training will take place Saturday, October 24, at the Catholic Center, 20 W. 9th St. Kansas City, MO 64105.

**Workshop Schedule**

8:30 am - Reader training begins

9:45 am – Break & EMHC check in

10:00 am -Theological presentation for both EMHC & Readers

11:00 am -Theological presentation will end (Reader training is complete and Readers are free to leave)

10:00 am – 1pm – EMHC training

If you are interested, please contact Father Rogers by Friday, October 16, and we will register you.

**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. 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. 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).

**-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 on the above-contact Donna Webb, [dwebbjoy@gmail.com](mailto:dwebbjoy@gmail.com) or 402-613-3829.

**-St. Pope John Paul II's Letter to Women: Mondays, 7pm**, at Edie Hays' home, 119 Platte River Rd, Farley. Questions?

Contact Maureen Vernon, [marve49@aol.com](mailto:marve49@aol.com), 816-640-9956.

**WHY WE CATHOLICS BELIEVE CATHOLIC STUFF continues**  
**Wed., Oct 7, 6:45-8:15pm @ 12 Apostles. Taught by Chris Patterson**

**NEW BHI CLASS BEGINS this Wednesday:**

**Our Life in Christ—Part II**

Wednesdays, Oct 7, 14, 21, 6:30-9pm, at Holy Trinity

Register at [www.mybhi.org](http://www.mybhi.org) or at first class.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS for all.....**

The Knights of Columbus will lead the Rosary for XII Apostles' PSR students at 10:15AM on Sunday, October 11 in the Northland Career Center cafeteria. The Rosary is open to everyone.

**TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE--During the weekend of October 9-11**, the Missouri Knights of Columbus have one of the MOST IMPORTANT FUNDRAISERS of the year scheduled (rain or shine), and we need MANY volunteers. (Anyone may help us). We will be conducting our **44th Annual Drive for Persons with Developmental Disabilities (Tootsie Roll) Campaign** at several business locations in Weston and Platte City, and after all weekend Masses at Holy Trinity and Twelve Apostles.

Our statewide goal in Missouri is \$650,000; 100% of funds collected will be distributed to local agencies and to the Knights of Columbus Developmental Center at Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical Center in St. Louis which specializes in autism and neuro-developmental spectrum disorders. Funds are used to diagnose and treat thousands of children with special needs, including Down Syndrome, cerebral palsy, Prader-Willi Syndrome, hyperactivity/Attention Deficit Disorder and other related disabilities.

If you can donate a little of your time to help us, please contact one of the following Chairmen as soon as possible: (1) In Weston, contact Terry Morrison at (816) 668-8872 or [tangomike47@embarqmail.com](mailto:tangomike47@embarqmail.com). (2) In Platte City, contact Paul Banks at (816) 769-2111 or [paulj.banks@yahoo.com](mailto:paulj.banks@yahoo.com). Wives and children are invited to help, but children must be supervised by an adult volunteer at all times. Grand Knights Jim Rooney and Steve Steiger thank all members who have already volunteered to work.

**Opportunities to Join:** Catholic men wishing to become members of the Knights of Columbus at Holy Trinity or at XII Apostles may do so on: (1) Sunday, Oct. 4, 12 Noon in Topeka, KS. 2nd and 3rd Degree Ceremonials will also be conducted; (2) Tuesday, Oct. 6, 7PM, Gladstone, MO; (3) Thursday, Oct. 8, 6PM, Holy Family Parish, KC MO; (4) Monday, Oct. 12, 7:00PM at O'Hara Council 4387, KCMO. Contact Steve Steiger at (816) 431-6506 or at [scsteiger@yahoo.com](mailto:scsteiger@yahoo.com) for information.

**MEETING NOTICE**--Twelve Apostles Council No.16189 will hold its next Rosary, meeting and social period on Wednesday, October 14 beginning at 6:45PM in the lower level of XII Apostles Church in Platte City.

## HOLY TRINITY NEWS

### BLESSING OF CROSS FOUNTAIN & DEDICATION OF PRAYER COURTYARD THIS 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 this Sunday, the Feast of St. Francis, after 10:45 Mass. All are welcome to join us.

**Holy Trinity Women's Guild meets** this Monday, October 5, at 7pm, in the parish hall. All women of the parish are invited.

**Respect Life fundraiser: Chili luncheon** next Sunday, Oct. 11, after 10:45 Mass until 1:30pm. Free will donations accepted with monies going to Parkville Women's Clinic.

**Weston Community Prayer Breakfast**—Saturday, October 10, 8am, at Weston Community Church of the Nazarene on Hwy H. A free will offering will be accepted for the charitable works of the Weston Ministerial Alliance. All are invited!

## 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 Troup @ [drexii@kc.rr.com](mailto:drexii@kc.rr.com).
- Parents of 2nd graders: This week we will meet to discuss First Reconciliation. Please meet in the cafeteria at the Northland Career Center at 10:20am.
- Next Sunday, October 11, everyone is invited to join us for the Parish Rosary at 10:20am in the Northland Career Center cafeteria. This Rosary will be led by the Knights of Columbus.
- Parents, you are invited to stay after the Rosary for the first Parents as Catechists (PAC) meeting. Enjoy coffee and donuts while talking with other parents about the joys and difficulties of being a parent. Give and get ideas for how to better help your child grow in their faith life.

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT THIS Sunday, October 4, 2015

Come. He is waiting for you. Even if it is for only 5 minutes, it's worth every minute to be with our Blessed Savior.

Adoration 5:00 – 6:00 pm



### 12 Apostles 2nd Annual Fall Harvest Festival jk

Saturday, October 17, 2015 6-9 pm  
All friends, family, church and community are invited to enjoy food, games, pony rides, face painting, photo booth & more.

We will do a Trick or Treat Auction, so anyone wanting to donate home baked, homemade items, baskets of goodies, pumpkins, etc., please contact [nikie@reecenichols.com](mailto:nikie@reecenichols.com) or text or call 816-507-5159.

It is always so much fun to share talents and treasures!

We are so excited to share our second event with everyone!



Turn over a new leaf! Attend! **The FertilityCare™ System** (Creighton Model) Introductory Session is offered monthly at a variety of area locations and long distance. Fulfills marriage policy requirement. Helpful for achieving and avoiding pregnancy plus medical applications. Better than IVF for infertility. Register online at [www.fertilitycarekc.com](http://www.fertilitycarekc.com), or call the FertilityCare™ Center of KC at (816) 858-0198. Para Espanol call Brooklyn Salazar, FCPI (816) 398-9327

**DEATH PENALTY PRESENTATION:** October 8 – 7:00-8:30 PM  
St Charles Borromeo Parish Hall, 900 NE Shady Lane Dr., KCMO 64118  
On March 20, 2015, Pope Francis issued, in the most emphatic manner possible, his condemnation of the Death Penalty – declaring that “the death penalty is inadmissible, no matter how serious the crime committed. And yet, in Missouri, executions have resumed at a pace that ties with Texas. Join us to look at how the death penalty is used in Missouri and consider how Catholic teaching invites us to grow in our faith and action on this Respect Life issue. Leaders for this event will be Sr. Theresa Maly and Cathleen Burnett with Missourians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty.

### KATIE'S CORNER-- YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS



#### YOUTH GROUP Grades 7-12:

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. For every canned good you bring, you get an extra ticket in the drawing!

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: 16G 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

### THANK YOU FROM LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR:

We had a glorious weekend with you and our gratitude is immense. You will be happy to know that we brought home \$2,971.42 and expect more in the mail. Praise God!



#### 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](http://www.beginningexperiencekc.org), email: [register.bekc@gmail.com](mailto:register.bekc@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, 3-7pm at the Nelson Art Gallery; reception following at 166 Morningside Drive, KC MO. RSVP to [plonergan@kc.rr.com](mailto:plonergan@kc.rr.com) or call 913-683-2321, by Saturday, October 10. Suggested donation is \$30.



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

A few years ago, a middle-aged woman struggling with transitioning out of her youth-filled days of illegal drug abuse, alcoholism, and an excessively wayward lifestyle into the fast approaching twilight years, stopped by my office and wanted to chat. The carefree days of the '60s, '70s, '80s and '90s had caught up with her. Divorced twice, she was angry and weary. She was trapped in bitterness and paranoia. She was unable to break out of her fruitless marriage of nearly thirty years. An emotionally painful life and bad relationships had taken their toll.

She wasn't the woman she desperately struggled to hold on to. That woman she had killed and buried long ago. She wasn't aware then of who she was or who God created her to be. Worse, she was completely disconnected from the person she had become. She didn't recognize herself; she wouldn't recognize herself. That person was someone else's problem, not hers. She wasn't responsible. She hated what she saw in the mirror so she stopped looking. She hated what she thought other people saw in her, so she would lash out to make them turn away. She wanted to be someone else only she didn't like anyone else.

When the drugs and alcohol wore off, she would eat whatever she could find. She ate food well past the expiration date. She ate to change herself; she had eaten herself into a completely different person. For her, being fluffy took on a whole new dimension. When food would not satisfy her insecurity or clear her vision long enough for her to begin to like herself, she turned to prescription drugs, pain killers, antidepressants, anxiety pills, and more alcohol, lots of alcohol. She had convinced herself that it was helping, that it was good for her. Her mission was to convince everyone else that it was working.

When she hit rock bottom, she decided that she needed God in her life, which would somehow make it all better. The only trouble was, her mission included convincing God that her way was the right way, her way was working. She only needed God to help her convince everyone else. They were the problem. God would make it all go away, but she didn't need him to take away the drugs and alcohol; they were his gifts to her. She was still trying to work that out when I met her.

Once she had been kind and generous, but that gave way to wickedness and selfishness, especially after all the years of self-rejection, self-neglect, and her sheer wrongheadedness towards the truth. She had become surly and mean; she straddled mad and sad. Everyone around her straddled her outbursts of mad and sad. Once she thought herself capable of accomplishing many things in her days, but all that had changed and she didn't have the energy to get out of bed, except to binge eat, drink, and abuse drugs and others. After a night of excess, she would pick fights with others. A good day for her would be if she could annihilate someone's happiness, and stomp on their feelings of joy and peace.

She didn't like herself; she disliked other people more. She disliked God. She blamed God. She was angry with God. She wanted to get close to God so she could smack him in the face, and knock him down in size, and take from him the peace and joy he was giving to others. I don't know much, but I do know that's no way to approach one's glory years. This encounter with her was a difficult encounter to say the least. The first words out of her mouth were, "Who are you kidding! You're no better than me. You put your pants on one leg at a time just like me. I don't know why you think you're so holy!" She skipped straight past the hello line, and directly onto the kill train.

I responded, "Let's go back to hello. Hello! It is good that you are here." She twirled and flailed for a moment, "I don't know what you're smoking. And what are you smiling about? What's so funny? Wipe that smile off your face. You don't know me." She was bold. I caught myself starting to laugh, "Well, Ma'am. It's all I own." She wasn't humored. "I don't need nothing! I didn't come here for nothing!" "That's okay. It is good to have all you need. Still, I think God has something to give you though," I replied, still smiling, "that's what you came for, isn't it?" She wanted a fight. She wanted to knock me down, and step on me so she could be one rung higher to eventually reach God for the ultimate kill. People do that to priests. I can't imagine what they would do to a Bishop.

I wasn't afraid of her so I didn't take her verbal abuse personally. I had never met this woman before. I had no history to react to; I had no idea what she was capable of doing. I have heard it said that "*your life*

*flashes before you when you are about to die.*" My life didn't flash, but her life certainly did. I was pretty sure it wasn't me who was dying. I wasn't the one who was about to kiss their maker goodbye, and not from something someone else would do. She was doing a good job of it all on her own, I thought. Then I remembered what a mentor had said long ago, "Kill them with kindness. Kindness can change a world of trouble."

Suddenly, she charged toward me. She got up in my face, nose-to-nose, and cursed at me. She raised her arm; she made a fist. She had rage in her eyes. Her breath was hot and dry. She smelled of self-loathing and disdain, mixed with Budweiser, Mad Dog 20/20 and a double cheeseburger from Mickey D's. The thought crossed my mind, "*She must have eaten off the dollar menu to save money for the booze,*" but I had to focus on what she was going to do next.

I didn't move. I didn't say a word. I was calm. Something had come over me. It was like I was having an out of body experience. I wouldn't have noticed; it wasn't until she screamed, "I'll wipe that *'blankety-blank'* smile off your face, you *'blankety-blank person/thing,*" that I even knew the only thing I owned was still shining through it all. Again, I caught myself starting to laugh, "I'm not God. I think, maybe, you're having a bad day. God wants to help you if you would allow him." She stepped back, lowered her arm and unclenched her fist. "I can get you a glass of water or a cup of coffee? Perhaps, we can talk. You seem to have a lot to say." She glared at me, "Yeah, get me a cup of coffee, really hot, make it boiling hot. I'll throw it in your face. That'll get that *'blankety-blank'* smile off your face! *'Blankety-blank'* happens! "Well, I wish you wouldn't do that, but I won't stop you. I just want to do what God wants me to do," I replied.

I motioned for her to sit down on the sofa. I sat down next to her, and listened to her as she poured out her life, openly and honestly, raw and uncensored. That bunch of ugly had been bottled up for too long, it had to come out. What God was doing in her was far more interesting to me than what she could ever do to me. God wanted to resolve everything buried deep. While we talked, the veil of madness lifted. I could see the very person she clung to; she was fully present. I could tell she was a kind and generous person who had been overworked and controlled by her runaway emotions and pain. It is quite difficult to see through the wall built of bitterness, anger, and shame. She guarded her fragility and vulnerability. She protected herself from harsh and unkind people by becoming like one of them, by becoming someone other than who God created her to be. She had been unkind to herself.

After we talked for an hour or more, she looked at me with gentle eyes and said, "I would like that cup of coffee now." I smiled, "boiling hot?" We shared a hearty laugh. I went to the kitchen to get her a cup of coffee, but when I returned she was gone. She taught me something important to hold on to that day. She taught me no one cares about you if they can't get close to you, and you don't have to care about them if they keep their distance. God wants us to change that, to break free, to share acts of kindness, joy and peace. God wants us to smile.

A month later, I saw her in the back of the church for Mass. She kept her distance from the people around her. After Mass, she waited in the corner by herself, but as soon as the crowd cleared she approached me. She smiled, gave me a hug, and said, "God knew exactly what I needed. He sent me to you. You listened to me. You did not judge me or run from me. That meant the world to me. You are a very kind person...Father."

An encounter with kindness can change a troubled world, but it takes time for kindness to catch on. The world will change when we all are kind to one another, especially when we are kind those who least expect it, or to those who don't know that kindness happens.

In Christ,

*Father Steven C. Rogers*