

Welcome to

Holy Trinity Parish

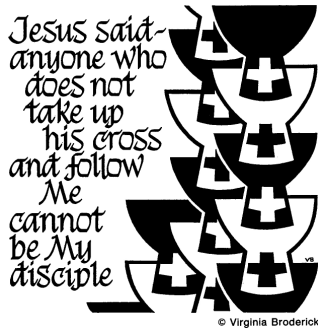
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Twelve Apostles Parish

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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time September 4, 2016



At the conclusion of today's gospel, we hear Jesus tell a "great crowd" that "...anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." A few of Jesus' immediate disciples, such as Peter, John and James, did just that: They responded to Jesus' call, renouncing everything to follow him. How do modern disciples of Jesus respond when confronted with this apparently harsh command of Jesus? Surely the renunciation of possessions need not mean literally giving all one's possessions away, does it? Questions we might ponder this week though: Do our possessions keep us from encountering Christ at Mass? Do they distract us from our parish family? Do our possessions interfere with our relationships? Do they make us insensitive to those less fortunate?

International Catholic Stewardship Council E-news September 2016

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
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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, 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 Kathleen Chastain at 816.392.0011 or victimadvocate@diocesekcsi.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 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 the parish office 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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September 4, 2016
Readings: p. 211 in *Breaking Bread***

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 3

5:00pm--XII +Special Intention

Sunday, September 4

7:30am-HT Parishioners of Holy Trinity

9:00am--XII Parishioners of XII Apostles

10:45am-HT +Randy Stanton

Mon, Sept. 5, 9am-XII Peace & Justice for all workers

Wed, Sept. 7, 8am-HT +Rev. Christopher Linnenkamp, ann.
(pastor 1865-69)

Thu, Sept. 8—NO MASS THIS THURSDAY

Fri, Sept. 9, 8am-HT For Peace in Our Communities

Saturday, September 10

5:00pm--XII +Isabelle Speichinger

Sunday, September 11

7:30am-HT Parishioners of Holy Trinity

9:00am--XII Parishioners of XII Apostles

10:45am-HT +Griffin Crawford

SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY for FLOOD VICTIMS

Calamitous floods in Louisiana have destroyed lives and property. During this Year of Mercy, we're reminded of the Lord's call to his Church to extend the compassion of Christ to those in need. To this purpose, the Bishops of the United States have called for a **special collection to help the victims of the flooding in Louisiana**. We will take up a **second collection for this purpose this weekend, September 3-4**.

Please remember in your prayers all those affected by the recent flooding and please be generous in this weekend's second collection.



Mass on Labor Day, this Monday, September 5, will be at 9am at Twelve Apostles. (No Monday morning Mass at Holy Trinity that day.)

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday for the Labor Day holiday (and Tuesday, as usual.)

NOTE: There will be **NO MASS THIS THURSDAY**, September 8, at XII Apostles.

MISSIONARY TO VISIT NEXT WEEKEND: Next weekend, we will welcome Father Reece, who will celebrate Mass with us and speak on behalf of the Missionary Plan of Cooperation. There will be a second collection for this effort.

2017 CHURCH ART CALENDARS ARE HERE: You may pick one up in the vestibule of either church.

Cancellation: The Youth Group Garage Sale originally scheduled for Sept. 10 at XII Apostles has been canceled.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Sunday Morning Adult Faith Formation at Holy Trinity meets this Sunday, at 9am, in the parish hall.

Of Human Life (*Humanae Vitae*) — Endow course for women — note change in start date. This is Pope Paul VI's controversial encyclical, issued in 1968, that upholds the Church's ban on artificial contraception. It speaks of Catholic love and marriage and family life. **Class begins Monday, Sept. 19, 7-8:30pm** at the home of Edie Hays, 119 Platte River Rd., Farley. To register, search for class name or facilitator Maureen Vernon at www.endowgroups.org.

Aquinas for Beginners Part 2—Endow course for women — will begin September 13 at 9:30 a.m. in Platte City. An 8-week course, this study is focused on the theological and cardinal virtues with Saint Thomas as our guide. It is not necessary to have taken Part 1. Sign up at: www.endowgroups.org. Search by class name or facilitator—Peggy Greene/Kathy Anderson.

On the Dignity and Vocation of Women (*Mulieris Dignitatem*) - Endow course for women - begins Tuesday, September 13, at 1:00 at 12700 N Overbrook Dr. in Platte City. In this 1987 encyclical, John Paul II draws on Scripture and Tradition to explain Mary's role in the story of salvation. We will read, discuss, and pray together as we learn to embrace Mary as the ultimate "feminine genius" to emulate. To register, search by diocese or facilitator - Donna Webb -- at www.endowgroups.org.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS for all.....

Twelve Apostles Knights of Columbus Council No.16189 wishes to congratulate Holy Trinity Council No.12288 of Weston on its 18th Anniversary. Knights of Columbus Council No.12288 was chartered on September 5, 1998. Thank you for your service to our parishes and communities.

All First Degree members of the Knights of Columbus are invited to participate in the **2nd and 3rd Degree Ceremonials** on Tuesday, September 6 at Lenexa, KS. Contact Steve Steiger, Grand Knight of Twelve Apostles Council No.16189 at (816) 431-6506 or at scsteiger@yahoo.com for information.

Twelve Apostles Council will distribute prayer cards following both Masses at Twelve Apostles on Sept. 10-11, asking everyone to pray during "**The Knights of Columbus World Day of Prayer for Peace**" on September 11.

OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN THE KNIGHTS: Practicing Catholic men, age 18 or older, may join either Holy Trinity Council No.12288 in Weston or Twelve Apostles Council No.16189 in Platte City at St. Therese Parish in Parkville, MO, on **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**. Contact Steve Steiger at (816) 431-6506 or at scsteiger@yahoo.com to join the carpool or for information.

COUNCIL MEETING NOTICE--Twelve Apostles Council No.16189 will hold its next Rosary, Meeting and social time on Wednesday, Sept. 14. Rosary at 6:45 PM; Business Meeting at 7:00 PM; social time during and after meeting. We need members present to discuss and plan the upcoming pancake breakfasts; the Soccer Challenge, Officer Training; 1st, 2nd & 3rd Degree Ceremonials; Rosary for XII Apostles PSR students; Tootsie Roll Drive; Fall Harvest picnic at Twelve Apostles, and the Adopt-A-Seminarian/ RSVP Program.

HELP NEEDED for pancake and sausage fundraiser breakfast sponsored by Twelve Apostles Knights on Sunday, September 18. Set up at 8:30 AM; serving from 9:50 AM-11:00 AM at Northland Career Center cafeteria in Platte City. Contact Chairman Paul Bobowski at (816) 668-7199 to volunteer to help, donate products, make suggestions, or for information.

ALL Boys and Girls ages 9-14 are invited to participate in the **Soccer Challenge** sponsored by the Twelve Apostles Knights of Columbus on Sunday, September 18, 1:00-3:00 PM at Platte Ridge Park in Platte City. Free of charge; come and register, kick the soccer ball, compile points with penalty kicks, have fun. Contact Chairman Jim Begani at (816) 891-7166 or (816) 529-8205 to volunteer to help or for information.

HOLY TRINITY NEWS

ROSARY FOR THE UNBORN —

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



ALTAR SERVER APPRECIATION PARTY SEPT 11

All current Altar Servers AND

Anyone interested in becoming an Altar Server

Pizza & Games

Sunday, September 11

11:45am—2:00 pm

Holy Trinity Parish Hall

(If attending 7:30 am Mass, you can start playing games after PSR.)



Weston's Monthly Community Prayer Breakfast will be held next Saturday, September 10, at 8am, at Weston First Baptist Church. No charge, but a free will offering will be taken for the charitable works of the Weston Ministerial Alliance.

Parish School of Religion begins next Sunday, September 11!

COMING UP: WOMEN'S GUILD WILL MEET SEPT. 12

SEWING/QUILT GROUP TO MEET SEPTEMBER 12



Our parishes' sewing ministry will be working on baby blankets and "lovies" for Children's Mercy Hospital's NICU and Parkville Women's Clinic. **Let's get together Monday, September 12, from 11am—3pm at Holy Trinity!** If you don't sew, join us anyway and

bring scissors! If you sew and can bring a machine, please do! We are also looking for donations of flannel, cotton, and ribbon. If you have materials to donate, and/or can join us that day, please call Lori Mathews at 807-3220 or email lori.mathews4@gmail.com so we can plan accordingly. Bring a dish to share for lunch. We'll also discuss future projects.



KATIE'S CORNER YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS



Grades 7-12: Sunday, Sept. 4, 1:30-3pm, XII Apostles. Clap along if you feel like happiness is the truth. Ok, now that you've got that song stuck in your head...come find out about happiness and how you can get it!

Saturday, September 10: Pokemon Go.

Obsessed with catching Pokemon and finding Pokestops? Come do both! We will go on a mission to catch all we can. Friends invited (even if they aren't Catholic). Noon-2pm. **RSVP by this Wednesday, September 7.**



Applefest fundraiser coming up! Look soon for sign ups.

Confirmation: Next session: Praesidium, September 4, 3-5pm, at XII Apostles.

TWELVE APOSTLES NEWS

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

THIS Sunday, September 4, 2016



O God, we believe you are here and we come in Adoration. We want to love you as the blessed do in heaven and we give you praise and thanksgiving for the priceless gift to our Church of today's canonization of Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

Adult Adoration 5:00 – 6:00 pm

*****Family/Children Adoration 4:30 – 5:00 pm.**

Families with children are invited to come for a special time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament

USHER MEETING: 7pm on Tuesday, September 6. **XII APOSTLES USHER MINISTRY is CALLING YOUR NAME!**

Please join this Mass time service; you're here! You're needed!

- *greet folks arriving for Mass, help with seating if needed.
- *serve as 'eyes' over the congregation, the narthex, the entrance doors as a safety measure.
- *man the passing of the collection plate.
- *usher the proceedings for Holy Communion, pew by pew.
- *hand out bulletins at end of Mass.

You're needed! Join us Tuesday, Sept. 6, at 7pm to learn more.

Parish School of Religion (PSR) News:

We are still in need of two people to co-teach Kindergarten. If you can help, please contact Katie Troup at drexii@kc.rr.com or 816-640-2206 x304.

PSR Classes begin next Sunday, September 11,
10:20-11:30am at the Northland Career Center.

CHURCH CLEANING NEXT SATURDAY,

Sept. 10, at 9am, by Members of Team Three: Shannon Demory, Joan Remmers, Tammy Glick, Janet Regan, and Louise Wells. More members always welcome!



WE REJOICE IN THE BAPTISMS of



James Matthew Pessarar III, son of Matt and Kristi (Hoffman) Pessarar, and **Jaida Layne Duncan**, daughter of John & Trina (Day) Duncan, on Saturday, August 27, 2016. May these new children of God and their families always know God's many blessings!

WOMEN'S GROUP WILL MEET TUESDAY, SEPT. 13,
at 6:30pm in the church basement. Taco supper provided. All women of the parish are welcome!

9:00 Choir News: The 9:00 Mass choir practice has moved to



Thursday evenings at 7pm. Also, pianist(s) are wanted for 9am Mass. Contact Jeanne Witsken at Witsken@hotmail.com or 913-306-4344 for more details.

SAINT MOTHER TERESA CANONIZED SEPTEMBER 4



As Mother Teresa is canonized this Sunday at the Vatican, we share her Daily Prayer:

DEAR JESUS, help me to spread Thy fragrance everywhere I go. Flood my soul with Thy spirit and love. Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly that all my life may only be a radiance of Thine. Shine through me and be so in me that every soul I come in contact with may feel Thy presence in my soul. Let them look up and see no longer me but only Jesus. Stay with me and then I shall begin to shine as you shine, so to shine as to be a light to others.

PRAY FOR PEACE

In light of recent incidents of violence and racial tension in communities across the United States, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has invited all dioceses across the country to unite in a Day of Prayer for Peace in Our Communities. The Day of Prayer for Peace in Our Communities will be celebrated on the feast of St. Peter Claver, September 9 — please pray for peace.

If you haven't been, it's time! The Fertility-Care™ 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, or call the FertilityCare™ Center of KC at (816) 858-0198.

HILLCREST THRIFT SHOP in Platte City is looking for more volunteers. If you can help or would like more info, please contact them at (816) 858-7717.

COMMUNITY BLOOD CENTER DRIVE

Friday, September 9, 3:00-7:00pm
At the "Y" — 3101 Running Horse Rd., Platte City.
Book an appointment at esavealifenow.org, enter Sponsor Code: plattecitycomm
Questions? Call Kristian at 816-858-0114.

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Sophia Center at Mount St. Scholastica, Atchison KS offers this retreat and others:

**Growing with God: A Plant Lover's Retreat
Wednesday, September 28, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**

Benedictines, with their commitment to a place, have always had a special relationship with the earth around them. S. Judith Sutura, author of the *Vinedresser's Notebook* (Abingdon Press), will reflect on how one can learn much about life and the love of God from what grows in the earth and how it is tended.

For more information or to register, call 913-360-6173 or visit Sophia Spirituality Center's website at www.sophiaspiritualitycenter.org

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WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS!

Welcome to Holy Trinity and Twelve Apostles! If you are just visiting, we pray that you have a wonderful visit and a safe return journey. If you are new to our parish, please take a moment to introduce yourselves and register with us. Forms are available in the vestibule of the churches or from the parish office (816-640-2206).

**YEAR OF MERCY—
SEPTEMBER'S WORK OF MERCY "To Comfort the Sorrowful"**

A PRAYER for those in need of comfort and compassion:

God of all comfort, today we come to You once again without words. We trust You when we hurt. We look to You even when we don't understand. And this day, we bring our dear ones to You.

We come to you today asking You to be near to those who are hurting. Touch them in ways they can feel, know, and understand. We come to you as Healer, asking You to touch each life with tenderness and power. We come to You as Redeemer, asking You to pour grace upon grief, and truth across terror. We come to You as Father and Friend, asking You to carry and sustain those who can bear no more.

Oh God, we read that Your mercies are over all Your works. Cover these dear ones with Your mercy today. Lighten the load of those who face terrible tasks. Ease the pain of those who face the unspeakable. Make Yourself known to those who don't know You. And grant each one Your peace that surpasses all understanding. Deliver them from evil. Protect them, strengthen them, and keep them in Your name—the mighty name of Jesus in which we pray, AMEN.

"Matthew 11.28: 'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest.'"

Some things we can do to help comfort the sorrowing & afflicted:

- Be open to listening and comforting those who are dealing with grief. Even if we aren't sure of the right words to say, our presence can make a big difference.
- Lend a listening ear to those going through a tough time.
- Make a home cooked meal for a friend who is facing a difficult time.
- Write a letter or send a card to someone who is suffering.

A few moments of your day may make a lifetime of difference to someone who is going through a difficult time.