



THE COUNCIL OF JERUSALEM

WHAT IS A CHURCH COUNCIL?

The college of bishops, as successors to the Apostles, exercises power over the universal Church in a solemn manner in an ecumenical, or general, Council. But there never is a Church Council which is not confirmed or at least recognized as such by Peter's successor, the Pope.

“Because there arose no little dissension and debate... it was decided that Paul, Barnabas, and some of the others should go up to Jerusalem to the Apostles and presbyters about this question...”

Acts 15: 2

WHY IS A CHURCH COUNCIL CALLED?

A Church Council is prompted by various circumstances in the life of the Church that require attention. Councils most often spend their time identifying and condemning heresy, instigating needed reforms, dealing with questions of church authority, and addressing other significant issues as they have emerged in various historical periods.

“The Apostles and presbyters met together to see about this matter. After much debate had taken place, Peter got up and said to them:

‘My brothers, you are well aware that from early days God made His choice among you that through my mouth the Gentiles would hear the word of the Gospel and believe.’”

Acts 15:6-7

CHURCH COUNCILS AND THE MAGISTERIUM

The Magisterium, or the teaching authority of the Church, is an institution created by Jesus Christ and protected by the Holy Spirit. Church Councils are one example of the Magisterium in action, as the College of Bishops, in union with the Pope, exercises the teaching authority of Jesus Christ under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

“It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us...”

Acts 15:27

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 21

8:00 a.m. Special Intention
4:00-4:45 p.m. Confession
4:35 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Greg Mayer +

Sunday, May 22

Sixth Sunday of Easter

7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Parish Family
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. David Black +

Monday, May 23

No Public Mass

Tuesday, May 24

7:00-8:00 a.m. Adoration
8:00 a.m. Fran Gruss
8:30 a.m. Confession

Wednesday, May 25

6:00-7:00 p.m. Adoration
6:00-6:45 p.m. Confessions
7:00 p.m. Nancy Kreutzer +

Thursday, May 26

8:00 a.m. Evelyn Morrissey +

Friday, May 27

8:30 a.m. David Paul Butler +

Saturday, May 28

8:00 a.m. Special Intention
4:00-4:45 p.m. Confession
4:35 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Herbert Lohmuller +

Sunday, May 29

The Ascension of the Lord

7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Virgil Burns +
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Parish Family



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, May 23rd - Easter Weekday - Acts

16:11-15/ Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday, May 24 - Easter Weekday - Acts

16:22-34/ Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday, May 25 - Easter Weekday - St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi, Virgin - Acts 17:15,22—18:1/ Jn 16:12-15

Thursday, May 26 - Easter Weekday - St. Phillip Neri, Priest - Acts 18:1-8/ Jn 16:16-20

Friday, May 27 - Easter Weekday - St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop - Acts 18:9-18/ Jn 16:20-23

Saturday, May 28 - Easter Weekday - Acts 18:23-8/ Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday, May 29 - The Ascension of the Lord - Acts 1:1-11/ Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/ Lk 24:46-53

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – MAY 22, 2022

This weekend, the Church celebrates the **Sixth Sunday of Easter**. On Thursday, we will mark the *fortieth day* since **Easter Sunday** and celebrate the **Ascension of the Lord** (Luke 24:46-53). In the United States, our national Bishops' Conference has transferred this celebration to next Sunday to help ensure that as many as possible can join in its celebration.

Traditionally, the three days leading to **Ascension Thursday** were referred to as **Minor Rogation Days**. Already considered an ancient practice by the beginning of the 6th Century, these were seen as days of prayer and fasting. This helped to prepare the Faithful for **Ascension Thursday** and was an intentional opportunity to beseech God for a good and bountiful harvest going into planting season.

Given how ancient the use of a liturgical calendar is, the dating of many of our celebrations are themselves placed around the practices of an agrarian society. For example, the yearly date of **Easter Sunday** is set around the vernal equinox. **Minor Rogation Days**, falling nearly forty days after **Easter Sunday**, will always then fall near the beginning of the planting season. Such practices are meant to help us lift every action, most especially our daily work, up to God.

THE SUMMER AND VISITING PRIESTS

As a reminder, next weekend will be my last weekend at St. Joseph's for the summer. After our Masses next weekend, I will begin the drive to Washington, DC, where I will be completing my studies at the Catholic University of America. I look forward to returning to our parish after my classes are completed in the beginning of August.

For the first two weekends that I am away, we will be receiving assistance from priests throughout the Decatur and Fort Wayne area. From the third weekend throughout the remainder of the summer, a priest will be assigned in residence to our parish until I return in August. I will include a list of our visiting priests for the summer in next weekend's bulletin column. As always, thank you ahead of time for warmly welcoming our visiting priests.

PARISH EASTER GIFT

For the 121 families who had signed up for our parish Easter gift, the crucifixes have arrived. Each family was contacted by the Parish Office this past week. If you've chosen to pick up your crucifix, they are available in the Parish Conference Room after our weekend Masses. If you've requested that I personally deliver their crucifix and bless your home, I will be contacting you this week to arrange a visit.

Did You Know? The Council of Jerusalem

Our first reading today (Acts 15:1-2, 22-29) speaks of the first Church council, known as the **Council of Jerusalem**. As we hear, a dispute arose regarding the necessity of circumcision, the sign of the Old Covenant, for Gentile converts to Christianity. To settle this matter, a group, led by Sts. Paul and Barnabas, go to Jerusalem and seek the guidance of the Apostles.

Acts 15:7 tells us that, after there had been much debate, St. Peter rose and addressed the assembly. He recounts how "*God made His choice among you that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe,*" indicating his role as the head of the Apostles. He then proposes the divinely revealed dogma that the council put forward as its decision.

As the council sends forth this decision, it is clearly stated that "*it is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us,*" the Apostles and presbyters gathered together (Acts 15:28). The Council of Jerusalem serves as the model for the next 21 Church Councils (the latest being the Second Vatican Council). This is one way that the Church serves in Her role as the Magisterium, or teacher of the Faith, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit. ~Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David



Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Rick Cotterman, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Carol Leitner, Pat Pfeifer, Troy Cook, Bobbie and Cheryl Jackson, Sandy Arnold, Andrea Holte, Jen Coyne, Bonnie Burns, John Houlihan, Nora LaVine, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Leanne Lee, Matt McFarren, Ryan Feedback, Dr. Doug Phillips, Gene Keys, Jeff Tillman, Marj Pogue and Matt Marshall.

WINDOWS OF LIGHT

Join Fr. David for an evening tour of the meaning within our Parish's stained glass windows, Tuesday, May 24th at 7:00 p.m.



Fr. David will host a Discussion Forum-
"Ask Father" Thursday, May 26th at 6:30 p.m.
The forum will be in Church.



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION - Friday, June 3, 2022
9:00 a.m. (Following 8:30 a.m. Mass)
Confessions 5:00-5:45 p.m.
Mass at 6:00 p.m.
Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.



SPIRITUAL PILGRIMAGE

Join Linda Leist on a Spiritual Pilgrimage to the *Solanus Casey Center* in Detroit. The bus will depart from both SS Peter & Paul Parish in Huntington and from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Fort Wayne on June 15, 2022. See the bulletin board in the narthex for further details.

PARISH CALENDAR

- Sat., May 21 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., May 22 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- Tues., May 24 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Tues., May 24 - Windows of Light Tour - 7:00 p.m.
- Wed., May 25 - Adoration - 6-7 p.m. / Confessions 6:00-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Wed., May 25 - Adult Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
- Thurs., May 26 - "Ask Father" - 6:30 p.m. in Church.
- Fri., May 27 - Parish Office closed today.
- Sat., May 28 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., May 29 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Graduation Mass - 10:00 a.m.
- Mon., May 30 - Parish Office closed in observance of Memorial Day.
- Tues., May 31 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Wed., June 1 - Praise & Worship Holy Hour - 6-7 p.m. / Confessions 6:00-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Wed., June 1 - Adult Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
- Fri., June 3 - First Friday Adoration - 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. / Confessions 5:00-5:45 p.m. / Mass 6:00 p.m.
- Sat., June 4 - First Saturday Confession following 8:00 a.m. Mass.
- Sat., June 4 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., June 5 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Graduation Mass - 10:00 a.m.
- Tues., June 7 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Wed., June 8 - Adoration - 6-7 p.m. / Confessions 6:00-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.

Weekend of May 28/29, 2022

	5:00	Bruce Holland
	7:30	Donna Geisel
	10:00	Teresa Smith
	5:00	Glenn Ryan
	7:30	Steve Wagner
	10:00	Michelle Paxton
	5:00	Volunteers
	7:30	Doug/Janet Lehman
	10:00	Dan/Larisa Sudhoff
	5:00	Angel/Zoe Soto, Kari or Isiah Bedwell
	7:30	Beth Geisel, Volunteers
	10:00	Ellie Coyne, Gabby Hoffacker, Gracie Haiflich

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report May 14/15 Weekend

Adult Envelopes- \$4,872.00
Child Envelopes- \$0
Loose- \$136.00
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$5,758.50
Religious Ed. Fund- \$25.00
Ascension- \$10.00
Votive Candles- \$143.26
Easter Flowers- \$10.00
Bulletin Ads- \$1,100.00
Total- \$12,054.76

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40
We are \$6,494.61 ahead of our budget for the month of May.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund-
\$767.00

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RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Our Knights of Columbus will host an American Red Cross Blood Drive Sunday, June 26th
7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

To donate please register at redcross.org.

Sunday, June 12th - Friday, June 17th



TOTUS TUUS
**TOTALLY
YOURS**

**Meet the Team Saturday,
June 11th at 5:00 Mass**

Our missionary team for Totus Tuus this year will be made up of 4 young women. We are looking for two separate host homes for these young ladies who will be arriving the afternoon of Saturday, June 11th and will depart on Friday afternoon, June 17th, after the program ends. If you are interested in being a host home, please call the parish office and detailed information will be provided.

- ◇ The **Totus Tuus Grade School Program** is designed for children entering Grade 1 through Grade 6 in the 2022-23 school year. The Grade School Program runs Monday, June 13 - Friday, June 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- ◇ The **Totus Tuus Junior High & High School Program** is for young people who will be entering Junior High Grades 7 & 8 in the 2022-23 school year and the High School Program for young people who are entering Grade 9 for the 2022-23 school year and through those who have just graduated high school. Their program meets Sunday, June 12 through Thursday, June 16 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- ◇ Registration packets are available in the narthex. No cost to attend!

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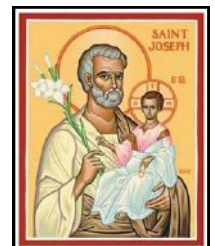
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-St. Mother Teresa

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