

**THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CYCLONE-WESTPHALIA
St. Joseph, Cyclone & Church of the Visitation, Westphalia.**

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The Sacraments

Baptism: Saturday after Mass. Please contact the pastor for scheduling a meeting with him; a preparation program may be needed. Parents must be registered parishioners of St Joseph, Cyclone or Church of the Visitation, Westphalia.

Confessions: SATURDAYS 3:00-4:00 PM OR BY APPOINTMENT.

Marriage: Couples planning to be married should contact the pastor at least six months in advance before date of wedding. Completion of required paperwork and a preparation program needed.

JANUARY 18, 2026 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

If you need help spotting Christ, you can always count on John the Baptist. "Behold, the Lamb of God!" he cried out when he saw Jesus. But that wasn't enough. He needed to explain. He made a point of telling anyone who would listen, "This is the one I was telling you about! He's here!" With that, the Gospel this Sunday serves as a bracing wake-up call as we return once more into Ordinary Time. For some of us, the holidays can't end soon enough; for others, it seems, they're ending much too soon. Reality sets in. After the merriment of Christmas — packages and parties, carols and cooking, broken toys and broken diets — we get down to the hard work of ordinary life. There are lights to unplug, tinsel to toss. We need to get back to work. That includes our challenge to put the message of Christmas into practice — to carry a proclamation of joy and hope into the world and to dwell, for at least a little longer, in a sense of possibility and peace. We also need to hear once more the Baptist's cry in the wilderness. Keep your eyes open, he tells us. The Lamb of God is here. Pay attention! Do we realize what he is asking? It sounds so simple. Recognize the Lord. Look for him. Listen to him. But there's more we need to do.

Pope Francis told the deacons of the Diocese of Rome a few years ago, "I expect you to be sentinels," he said, "not only to know how to spot the poor and the distant — this is not so difficult — but to help the Christian community to recognize Jesus in the poor and the distant, as he knocks on our doors through them...Whatever the need, see the Lord. So, you, too: recognize the Lord when, in so many of his smaller brothers and sisters, he asks to be fed, to be welcomed and loved." How are we doing with that?

When John pointed out Jesus to those around him, he was not only telling them that the one they had been waiting for had arrived; he also signaled that the great work was now beginning. Things were about to change. It was time to live, pray and love differently. In the same way, all of us these days need to refocus our energies after the frenzy of the holidays. But behold! The Lord is here. How will we make that matter? For starters, we need to keep the message of the season going, cherishing the reminder we got just a couple weeks ago that God is with us. Our world is different because of that. We need to realize that the Incarnation was not a one-time event; Christ continues to be born, to live among us, as long as we seek him and help make him visible ourselves. Do we recognize Christ when he approaches us? Do we acknowledge him in the way we live our lives? Do we see him in those around us? Do we live in a way that tells the world we are his followers? "Behold the Lamb of God!" John said those words with awe and with love — and, undoubtedly, with joy, the same joy that caused him to leap in his mother's womb when the unborn savior entered his life. Let it be our prayer to experience that awe and love and joy daily — and to behold the Lamb of God the same way in those around us.

Bulletin Information: Cyclone: Nancy Posvar (254 913-2696)

Bulletin Deadline: Please call or send by email all info for the bulletin by Wednesday before the weekend!

MINISTRIES

Saturday, January 24, 2026

Communion: Janie Walker
Lector: Steve Walker
Altar Servers: K & H Hejl
Ushers: Volunteers

Sunday, January 25, 2026

Communion: Cathy Bruggman
Lector: Monica Jahns
Altar Servers: J, J, A Stumbaugh & R Jahns
Ushers: John Jahns & Matt Jahns

UPCOMING MASSES

1/18	Sunday 8:15 am:	+ Linda Hering by Manard & Patsy Moeller + Maxie Roessler by Patsy Cofer
1/20	Tuesday 7:00 am:	+ Evelyn Hoelscher by Smetana Family + Monica Mikeska by Dewayne & Nancy Mesecke
1/22	Thursday 7:00 am:	+ Pamela Belyeu by Monica Mikeska + Darwin Bruggman by Family
1/24	Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm:	+ Albina Vrazel by Daniel & Linda Wilde + Gilbert & Pauline Wilde by Daniel & Linda Wilde
1/25	Sunday 8:15 am:	+ Lucille Stock by Margaret Abel + Logan Balz by Terry & Pat Balz

WESTPHALIA MASSES

1/18	Sunday 10:15 am
1/21	Wednesday 6:00 pm
1/23	Friday 8:00 am
1/24	Saturday 6:00 pm
1/25	Sunday 10:15 am

In your charity, please pray for: Homebound: Leora Hering. Good health: A. J. Stermer, Bill Stock, Dorothy Haisler, Evelyn Richter, Buddy Roessler, Al & Lou Buckholz, Mary Jane Underwood, Lindsey Pierce, Rebecca Marek, Margaret Campbell, Barbara Johnson, Fr. Tom Chamberlain, Nickolas Jimenez.

Stewardship—January 11—\$1848 Building Fund—\$120

Sanctuary Light—January 18-24—In Honor of Finn Shipman belated birthday by Joe & Beatrice Mallory.

OFFERTORY STATEMENTS will be printed soon. In order to receive your Annual Contribution statement, please email your request to cyclone.marak@gmail.com in order to have one for your records.

NEW MINISTRY LISTS ARE IN THE CHURCH ENTRY.

2026 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES ARE IN THE CHURCH ENTRANCE. PLEASE PICK YOURS UP.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 18—REP will be selling breakfast tacos following mass. Please support our youth!

January 20—KC Meeting—7:00 pm.

January 24—The Altar Society of the Church of the Visitation is hosting a Rosary Retreat in the Parish Hall. Wendy Staab, presenter of this retreat, shares her knowledge and boundless energy and will capture your attention. Lunch is included in the \$20 fee. Register and pay online by January 19 at austindccw.org/events or mail check payable to: Westphalia Altar Society, 395 FM 431, Lott, TX 76656.

February 7—Holy Trinity Catholic High School fundraiser—The Celtic Speakeasy—A Roaring Twenties Gala at the Catholic Activity Center—7:00 pm. Tickets are available at www.holytrinitychs.org/celest-gala.

MEN OF SAINT JOSEPH CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH—Begins Tuesday, February 10, 2026 for six weeks—6:00 pm—St. Mary's Catholic Church—Temple—All are welcome—For more information call St. Mary's at 254-773-4541 or contact Deacon Barney at bonifaciorodriguez@yahoo.com. Signup sheet is in the church entrance.

February 14—Fourth Degree KC Assembly 3488 (Cyclone, Westphalia, and Temple) is hosting a Valentine fundraiser starting at 5:00 pm (ribeye steak dinner 6:00 pm) at the Westphalia Parish Hall. Sixteen prizes will be awarded by drawing—value of prizes is \$9,000. Four firearms will be given away in a car raffle, as well as approximately 50 smaller prizes in a bucket raffle. Ticket prices are \$125 each (admits two people—beer, wine, and margaritas included). A dance band will play from 7:30—11:30 pm. For more information or to buy a ticket, please call Jason Hoelscher (254-760-6742) or Charlie Tischler (254-913-8546). Deadline January 30.

February 15—Bi-lingual Czech/English Mass Holy Trinity Catholic Church—Corn Hill—5:00 pm—Dinner will be served in the Parish Activity Center following mass. Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate the Feast Day of Sts. Cyril and Methodius, patron saints of the Czech Republic and patron saints of Slavic peoples.

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

February 8—Next Altar Society Meeting following mass.