

**THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CYCLONE-MARAK**  
**St. Joseph, Cyclone & Sts. Cyril & Methodius, Marak.**

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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 Sts Cyril & Methodius, Marak.

**Confessions:** SATURDAYS 4:00-5:00 PM OR BY APPOINTMENT.

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

**MAY 12, 2024 ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

**"Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia." Matthew 28:20**

In today's first reading, St. Luke gives the surprising news that there is more of the story to be told. The story did not end with the empty tomb, or with Jesus' appearances to the Apostles over the course of forty days. Jesus' saving work will have a liturgical consummation. He is the great high priest, and he has still to ascend to the heavenly Jerusalem, there to celebrate the feast in the true Holy of Holies. The truth of this feast shines forth from the Letter to the Hebrews, where we read of the great high priest's passing through the heavens, the sinless intercessor's sacrifice on our behalf (see [Hebrews 4:14-15](#)). Indeed, his intercession will lead to the Holy Spirit's descent in fire upon the Church. Luke spells out that promise in the first reading for the feast of the Ascension: "in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit" ([Acts 1:5](#)). Ascension is the preliminary feast that directs the Church's attention forward to Pentecost. On that day, salvation will be complete; for salvation is not simply expiation for sins (that would be wonder enough), but it is something even greater than that. Expiation is itself a necessary precondition of our adoption as God's children. To live that divine life we must receive the Holy Spirit. To receive the Holy Spirit we must be purified through baptism. The Responsorial Psalm presents the Ascension in terms familiar from the worship of the Jerusalem Temple in the days of King Solomon: "God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord" ([Psalm 47](#)). The priest-king takes his place at the head of the people, ruling over the nations, establishing peace.

The Epistle strikes a distinctively Paschal note. In the early Church, as today, Easter was the normal time for the baptism of adult converts. The sacrament was often called "illumination" or "enlightenment" (see, for example, [Hebrews 10:32](#)) because of the light that came with God's saving grace. Saint Paul, in his letter to the Ephesians, speaks in terms of glory that leads to greater glories still, as Ascension leads to Pentecost: "May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened," he writes, as he looks to the divinization of the believers. Their "hope" is "his inheritance among the holy ones," the saints who have been adopted into God's family and now rule with him at the Father's right hand. This is the "good news" the Apostles are commissioned to spread—to the whole world, to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem—at the first Ascension. It's the good news we must spread today.



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**Bulletin Information:** [Marak: Irene Kaulfus \(254-248-2069\)](#) – [Cyclone: Nancy Posvar \(254 913 696\)](#)

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

## MINISTRIES

### Saturday, May 18

Communion: Pat Balz  
Lector: Letha Novosad  
Altar Servers: Novosad Family  
Ushers: Volunteers

### Sunday, May 19

Communion: Jason Hoelscher  
Lector: REP  
Altar Servers: J Dolgener—J & J Stumbaugh—S Glasgow  
Ushers: REP

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### UPCOMING MASSES

5/12 Sunday 8:15 am: + Viola Dorskocil by Ernest & Irene Smith  
+ Nancy Hubnik by Bill & Carol Smetana  
5/14 Tuesday 7:00 am: + Evelyn Kelarek by Ricky & Brita McNeill  
+ Louis & Barbara Maspero by Bill & Carol Smetana  
5/16 Thursday 7:00 am: + Harold Schneider by Carson & Helen Wallace  
+ Darwin Bruggman by Bartek Family  
5/17 Friday 7:00 am: + Frank Lynn Jez by Pamela Belyeu  
+ Good Health for All by Charlie & Jackie Green  
5/18 Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm: + Albina Vrazel by Daniel & Linda Wilde  
+ Alice Stojanik by Fred Dach  
5/19 Sunday 8:15 am: + Lucille Stock by Charlie & Jackie Green  
+ Jerome Schoppe by Roy & Debbie Buckholt

### MARAK MASSES

5/12 Sunday 10:15 am  
5/15 Wednesday 5:30 pm  
5/19 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 Buckholt, Mary Jane Underwood, Lindsey Pierce, Monica Mikeska.

Stewardship—May 5—\$2486

Building Fund—\$689

Sanctuary Light—May 12—18—In memory of Jerome Schoppe by Family.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

May 19—Join us as we celebrate Father Ranjan Cletus 40th Anniversary of Ordination—12 noon—St. Cyril & Methodius Parish Hall—Marak—We are asking for desserts for the event. Please RSVP to 254-721-0161 by May 11 and them know if you will be bringing a dessert.

June 2, 2024—Holy Trinity Catholic Church—Corn Hill—Mass 10:30 am in the church—Fried Chicken & sausage dinner—11:00 am—1:00 pm—Adults \$15—Children \$8—Drive thru plates until 12:30 pm \$15—Afternoon dance—Music by Jodie Mikula Orchestra—Free-will donation for dance.

### ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS:

- May 15—Killeen—Temple DCCW meeting—St. Cyril & Methodius—Marak—10:00 am.