

**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.

**SEPTEMBER 17, 2023 TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**"How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings."**

Mercy and forgiveness should be at the heart of the Christian life. Yet, as today's First Reading wisely reminds us, often we cherish our wrath, nourish our anger, and refuse mercy to those who have done us wrong. Jesus, too, strikes close to home in today's Gospel with His realistic portrayal of the wicked servant who won't forgive a fellow servant's debt, even though his own slate has just been wiped clean by their master. It can't be this way in the kingdom, the Church. In the Old Testament, seven is frequently a number associated with mercy and the forgiveness of sins. The just man sins seven times daily; there is a sevenfold sprinkling of blood for atonement of sins (see [Proverbs 24:6](#); [Leviticus 16](#)). But Jesus tells Peter today that we must forgive not seven times, but seventy times seven times. That means: every time.

We are to be merciful as our Father in heaven is merciful (see [Luke 6:36](#); [Matthew 5:48](#)). But why? Why does Jesus repeatedly warn that we can't expect forgiveness for our trespasses unless we're willing to forgive others their trespasses against us? Because, as Paul reminds us in today's Epistle, we are the Lord's. Each of us has been purchased by the blood of Christ shed for us on the Cross (see [Revelation 5:9](#)). As we sing in today's Psalm, though we deserved to die for our sins, He doesn't deal with us according to our crimes. The mercy and forgiveness we show to others should be the heartfelt expression of our gratitude for the mercy and forgiveness shown to us.

This is why we should remember our last days, set our enmities aside, and stop judging others. We know that one day we will stand before the judgment seat and give account for what we've done with the new life given to us by Christ (see [Romans 14:10, 12](#)).

So we forgive each other from the heart, overlook each other's faults, and await the crown of His kindness and compassion.



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Bulletin Information: Marak: Patsy Gaines (254 482 0570) – 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, September 23

Communion: Jackie Green  
Lector : Cathy Bruggman  
Altar Servers: J. Marek—L & S Jahns  
Ushers: Volunteers

Sunday, September 24

Communion: Debbie Buckholt  
Lector: Michael Jahns  
Altar Servers: J. Dolgener—J & J Stumbaugh—S Glasgow  
Ushers: Jason Hoelscher & Charles Castillo

MASSES THIS WEEK

9/17 Sunday 8:15 am: + Darwin Bruggman by Bartek Family  
+ Zachary Schneider by Danny & Jane Bruggman  
9/19 Tuesday 7:00 AM: + Lucille Greener by Monica Mikeska  
+ Dean Mikeska by Bill & Carol Smetana  
9/21 Thursday 7:00 am: + Randolph & Evelyn Green by Family  
+ Linda Hering by Hering Family  
9/22 Friday 7:00 am: + Larry Posvar by Family  
+ Kenneth Halfmann by Family  
9/23 Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm: + Don Mikeska by Janet Wilde Family  
+ Wilbert Mikeska by Anton & Merlene Bravenec  
9/24 Sunday 8:15 am: + Larry Posvar by Family  
+ Jerome Schoppe by Mark & Monica Guenat

MARAK MASSES

9/17 Sunday 10:15 am  
9/20 Wednesday 5:30 pm  
9/24 Sunday 10:15 am

In your charity, please pray for: Homebound: Leora Hering.  
Good health: A. J. Stermer, Bill Stock, Lawrence Stermer, Dorothy Haisler, Evelyn Richter, Deacon Bill Smetana, Buddy Roessler, Georgia Stermer, Madeline Lambert, Lucille Stock, Al & Lou Buckholt.

Stewardship—September 10—\$2156 Building Fund—\$50

Sanctuary Light—September 17-23—In memory of Lucille Greener by Monica Mikeska.

BIBLE TIMELINE STUDY GROUP WILL MEET SEPTEMBER 17, OCTOBER 1, OCTOBER 15, AND OCTOBER 29 FOLLOWING MASS.

PICNIC NEWS—PICNIC FLYERS ARE IN THE CHURCH ENTRANCE. PLEASE TAKE ONE TO SPREAD THE WORD!

Our Parish picnic will be September 24, 2023. We will need each family to donate the following:  
\$25 for meat      Homemade items for the ladies booth  
2 Pantry items      1 hardware item for Country Store booth  
1 Auction item (at least) 2 Bingo prizes—new, not used      Any amount of 2-liter sodas  
You can bring any of these items and leave them in the cry room except the meat money.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 17—Catechetical Sunday—REP teachers will be recognized during mass. Everyone welcome at the Parish Hall for donuts, coffee, and juice.

September 17—Holy Trinity of Corn Hill Annual Bazaar—BBQ & fried chicken 11 am—1 pm—\$15 adults—\$7 children—Music, games silent and live auctions

September 19—KC Meeting—7:00 pm

\*\*There is a variety of books available in the church entry on the shelf next to the glass doors. Please take whatever books you would be interested in reading. There are also greeting cards available. Please take what you can use.

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS:  
Next Meeting—October 8 following mass.