

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 and there is required paperwork to be completed.

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.

AUGUST 23, 2026 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!” Paul exclaims in today’s Epistle. Today’s Psalm, too, takes up the triumphant note of joy and thanksgiving. Why? Because in the Gospel, the heavenly Father reveals the mystery of His kingdom to Peter. With Peter, we rejoice that Jesus is the anointed Son promised to David, the one prophesied to build God’s temple and reign over an everlasting kingdom (see 2 Samuel 7).

What Jesus calls “my Church” is the kingdom promised to David’s son (see Isaiah 9:1–7). As we hear in today’s First Reading, Isaiah foretold that the keys to David’s kingdom would be given to a new master, who would rule as father to God’s people. Jesus, the root and offspring of David, alone holds the kingdom’s keys (see Revelation 1:18; 3:7; 22:16). In giving those keys to Peter, Jesus fulfills that prophecy, establishing Peter—and all who succeed him—as holy father of His Church. His Church, too, is the new house of God, the spiritual temple founded on the “rock” of Peter and built up out of the living stones of individual believers (see 1 Peter 2:5).

Abraham was called “the rock” from which the children of Israel were hewn (see Isaiah 51:1–2). And Peter becomes the rock from which God raises up new children of God (see Matthew 3:9). The word Jesus uses—“church” (ekklesia in Greek)—was used in the Greek translation of the Old Testament for the “assembly” of God’s children after the Exodus (see Deuteronomy 18:16; 31:30). His Church is the “assembly of the firstborn” (see Hebrews 12:23; Exodus 4:23–24), established by Jesus’ exodus (see Luke 9:31). Like the Israelites, we are baptized in water, led by the Rock, and fed with spiritual food (see 1 Corinthians 10:1–5). Gathered at His altar, in the presence of angels, we sing His praise and give thanks to His holy name.

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, August 29, 2026

Communion: Kristen Parker
Lector: John Hattemer
Altar Servers: Stumbaugh Family
Ushers: Volunteers

Sunday, August 30, 2026

Communion: Melody Vrana
Lector: Courtney Prado
Altar Servers: D Jahns—C & E Vrana—H Cowen
Ushers: Andrew Brenek & Steve Pechal

UPCOMING MASSES

8/23	Sunday 8:15 am:	+ Dionys & Marietta Brenek by Joe & Beatrice Mallory + Nancy Hubnik by Monica Mikeska
8/25	Tuesday 7:00 am:	+ Lucille Stock by KC's + Josephine Psencik by Charlie & Jackie Green
8/27	Thursday 7:00 am:	+ Glenda Hesse by Bill & Pat Proctor + Alfred Schneider by Charlie & Jackie Green
8/29	Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm:	+ Monica Mikeska by James & Jane Kahlig + Gilbert & Pauline Wilde by Daniel & Linda Wilde
8/30	Sunday 8:15 am:	+ Dolores Motl by Ted Motl + Darwin Bruggman by Family

WESTPHALIA MASSES

8/23	Sunday 10:15 am
8/26	Wednesday 6:00 pm
8/28	Friday 8:00 am
8/29	Saturday Vigil 6:00 pm
8/30	Sunday 10:15 am

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

Stewardship—August 16—\$2369 Assumption of Mary—\$523

Sanctuary Light—August 16-22—In Honor of Brenek Shipman Birthday by Joe & Beatrice Mallory.

HELP KEEP THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNING! To be the light in memory of your loved ones for a week is \$10.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 23—Ethics in Ministry training in the Parish Hall—9:45 am—12:45 pm.

September 13—SS Cyril and Methodius Marak Annual Picnic—Fried chicken and sausage meal—\$15/plate—Serving begins at 11 am until sold out—Dine in or drive thru—Mass 9:30 am—Games 11:30 am—Auction—2:30 pm.

September 20—Holy Trinity Corn Hill Annual Bazaar—BBQ & Fried Chicken—Adults \$15/Children \$5—Serving begins at 11:00 am—Adult drive thru plates available 11:00 am—12:30 pm—BBQ by the pound 8:am—noon at the pit—Auction 1:30 pm—Raffle—Grand prize \$2,000 Visa card.

September 20—St. Ann's—Rosebud—Festival—Beef tips and sausage plates—\$15 each—Service begins 10:30 am until sold out—Dine in or drive thru—Raffle drawing 1:00 pm.

Altar Society News

September 13—Next Altar Society meeting following mass.