

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.

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026 TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Echoing the complaint heard in last week's readings, today's First Reading again presents protests that God isn't fair. Why does He punish with death one who begins in virtue but falls into iniquity, while granting life to the wicked one who turns from sin? This is the question that Jesus takes up in the parable in today's Gospel.

The first son represents the most heinous sinners of Jesus' day—tax collectors and prostitutes—who by their sin at first refused to serve in the Lord's vineyard, the kingdom. At the preaching of John the Baptist, they repented and did what was right and just. The second son represents Israel's leaders—who said they would serve God in the vineyard but refused to believe John when he told them they must produce good fruits as evidence of their repentance (see Matthew 3:8).

Once again, this week's readings invite us to ponder the unfathomable ways of God's justice and mercy. He teaches His ways only to the humble, as we sing in today's Psalm. And in the Epistle today, Paul presents Jesus as the model of that humility by which we come to know life's true path. Paul sings a beautiful hymn to the Incarnation. Unlike Adam, the first man, who in his pride grasped at being God, the New Adam, Jesus, humbled himself to become a slave, obedient even unto death on the Cross (see Romans 5:12–17). In this He has shown sinners—each one of us—the way back to the Father. We can only come to God to serve in His vineyard, the Church, by having that same attitude as Christ.

This is what Israel's leaders lacked. In their vainglory, they presumed their superiority—that they had no further need to hear God's Word or listen to God's servants. But this is the way to death, as God tells Ezekiel today. We are always to be emptying ourselves, seeking forgiveness for our sins and frailties, confessing on bended knee that He is Lord, to the glory of the Father.

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, October 3, 2026

Communion: Jackie Green
Lector: Kim Campbell
Altar Servers: K & H Hejl—Carlson Family
Ushers: Volunteers

Sunday, October 4, 2026

Communion: Christina Brenek
Lector: Cathy Bruggman
Altar Servers: C & E Vrana—H Cowen—D Jahns
Ushers: Michael Jahns & Jake Jahns

UPCOMING MASSES

9/27 Sunday 8:15 am: + Marietta Brenek by Joe & Beatrice Mallory
+ Maxie Roessler by Patsy Cofer
9/29 Tuesday 7:00 am: Communion Service
10/1 Thursday 7:00 am: Communion Service
10/3 Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm: + Barbara Macek by Charlie Tischler
+ Glenda Hesse by B J & Kay Nan Ledger
10/4 Sunday 8:15 am: + Darwin Bruggman by Family
+ Edward & Lucy Mihatsch by Michael Brenek

WESTPHALIA MASSES

9/27 Sunday 10:15 am
9/30 Communion Service
Wednesday 6:00 pm
10/2 Communion Service
Friday 8:00 am
10/3 Saturday Vigil 6:00 pm
10/4 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—September 20—\$2673

Sanctuary Light—Sept. 27—October 3—In Honor of Joe Mallory, Michael Brenek, Zeke Mallory and Burke Mallory Birthdays by Beatrice Mallory.

PICNIC INFO

September 28—Monday—8 am—clean up trash, kitchen/hall, take down stands, etc.

St. Luke, Our Lady of Guadalupe, and St. Mary's in Temple have been hosting Seasons of Hope, an in person grief group for several years. September 24 they will begin to offer the six session group online utilizing zoom. Cost is under \$10. Can't drive at night or would prefer attending online, contact Judy Hoelscher at judyhoelscher51@gmail.com or call/text at 254-541-1902.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 4—St. Matthew—Rogers—Fall Festival—Pulled Pork Plate—\$15—Dine in or drive thru—Serving starts at 11:00 am—Raffle—Silent Auction—Plant & Bake Sale—Games.

Altar Society News

October 11—Altar Society meeting following mass IN THE PARISH HALL.