

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.

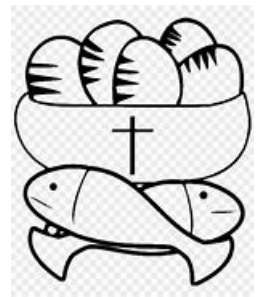
JULY 28, 2024 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.” Psalm 103:2

Today’s liturgy brings together several strands of Old Testament expectation to reveal Jesus as Israel’s promised Messiah and King, the Lord who comes to feed His people. Notice the parallels between today’s Gospel and First Reading. Both Elisha and Jesus face a crowd of hungry people with only a few “barley” loaves. We hear similar words about how impossible it will be to feed the crowd with so little. And in both the miraculous multiplication of bread satisfies the hungry and leaves food left over. The Elisha story looks back to Moses, the prophet who fed God’s people in the wilderness (see Exodus 16). Moses prophesied that God would send a prophet like him (see Deuteronomy 18:15-19). The crowd in today’s Gospel, witnessing His miracle, identifies Jesus as that prophet.

The Gospel today again shows Jesus to be the Lord, the good shepherd, who makes His people lie down on green grass and spreads a table before them (see Psalm 23:1, 5). The miraculous feeding is a sign that God has begun to fulfill His promise, which we sing of in today’s Psalm—to give His people food in due season and satisfy their desire (see Psalm 81:17). But Jesus points to the final fulfillment of that promise in the Eucharist. He does the same things He does at the Last Supper—He takes the loaves, pronounces a blessing of thanksgiving (literally, “eucharist”), and gives the bread to the people (see Matthew 26:26). Notice, too, that twelve baskets of bread are left over, one for each of the Apostles.

These are signs that should point us to the Eucharist—in which the Church founded on the Apostles continues to feed us with the living bread of His Body. In this Eucharist, we are made one Body with the Lord, as we hear in today’s Epistle. Let us resolve again, then, to live lives worthy of such a great calling.



Bulletin Information: Cyclone: Nancy Posvar (254 913-2696) Marak: Anna Givens (512-809-9889)

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

MINISTRIES

Saturday, August 3

Communion: Katherine Pechal
Lector: Kenneth Pechal
Altar Servers: L & S Jahns
Ushers: Volunteers

Sunday, August 4

Communion: Debbie Buckholt
Lector: Cheyenne Jahns
Altar Servers: C & E Glasgow—I & A Stumbaugh
Ushers: Roy Buckholt & Eugene Brenek

UPCOMING MASSES

7/28 Sunday 8:15 am: + Nancy Hubnik by Mary Ann & Billy Seaton
+ Darwin Bruggman by Ricky & Brita McNeill

7/30 Tuesday 7:00 am: COMMUNION SERVICE

8/1 Thursday 7:00 am: COMMUNION SERVICE

8/3 Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm: + Naomi Green by Family
+ Viola Dorskocil by Rosemarie Schoppe

8/4 Sunday 8:15 am: + Barbara Macek by Smetana Family
+ Lucille Stock by Anton & Merlene Bravenec

MARAK MASSES

7/28 Sunday 10:15 am
8/4 Sunday 10:15 am

In your charity, please pray for: Homebound: Leora Hering.

Good health: A. J. Stermer, Bill Stock, Dorothy Haisler, Evelyn Richter, Buddy Roessler, Al & Lou Buckholt, Mary Jane Underwood, Lindsey Pierce, Monica Mikeska.

Stewardship—July 21 —\$1733

Sanctuary Light—July 28—August 3—In Memory Marvin Wilde by Oleta Wilde.

WE ARE IN NEED OF PICNIC RAFFLE DONATIONS. PLEASE LET STEVE OR PATRICIA PECHAL KNOW WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE BY AUGUST 5 OR LEAVE A MESSAGE AT 254-217-6622. THANK YOU.

REP registration will be available beginning the weekend of August 3 and 4.

We are looking for a few new faces to add to our REP teaching staff. A couple of our age groups need some help! Please pray about this and if it is something that the Lord is leading you to...please contact Shirley Hoelscher—DRE at 254-541-7950. Thank you!

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 20 - Rural Life Mass—St. Mary of the Assumption—Taylor—6:00 pm—Reception following KC Hall in Taylor—See bulletin board for more information.
