

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.

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.

FEBRUARY 15, 2026 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

During these weeks of Ordinary Time, the Gospels for the past few Sundays have been giving us some of the most challenging proclamations of Jesus — key moments from the Sermon on the Mount. This Sunday, he lays it all on the line. “Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets,” he says. “I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.” He then shows us just what he means. Again and again, he explains it: “You have heard that it was said ...” then adding: “But I say to you...” He gives his audience an earful. Christ boldly clarifies what it really means to kill, to commit adultery, to take a false oath. It’s more than what his listeners probably expected. What he has to say is rigorous and demanding. “Whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment,” he says. “Everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart... I say to you, do not swear at all; not by heaven, for it is God’s throne; nor by the earth, for it is his footstool; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King.”

In his own way, Christ was echoing John the Baptist — calling people to repentance, to conversion, to living by a higher standard than what they were used to. It packed a punch 2,000 years ago. It still does today — and for us here and now, it comes at just the right moment. This Gospel helps set the stage for the next several weeks and, really, can serve as a powerful and provocative prelude to Lent. Yes, Lent. Get ready. It’s almost here. Wednesday, three days after hearing Christ’s admonitions, with his words still ringing in our ears and burning in our hearts, we line up to have our brows marked and remember we are dust and begin to skip meat on Fridays and embark on the “campaign of Christian service” that prepares us, ultimately, for Easter. It’s fitting, then, that this last Sunday before Lent offers us a lesson in what is expected of us as disciples, Jesus maps out the road we need to travel.

Feel overwhelmed? We should take heart from the first reading, and the wisdom of Sirach: “If you choose you can keep the commandments, they will save you; if you trust in God, you too shall live ... Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him.” Those words also lay out a prevailing theme of Lent. It can be a time of choosing, and of change. We begin the season every year being reminded of our death, making a commitment to conversion, going without simple pleasures so that we can give more of ourselves to others and to the Lord. The readings this Sunday call on us to think more deeply about choices we’re making. We could consider Christ’s words a rallying cry: “Think differently! Live differently! Choose wisely!” It’s a message we all need to hear, and not just in the days before Lent. We could read parts of the Sermon on the Mount at any time and find ourselves searching our consciences and examining what we need to change, how we need to grow, where we need to redirect our lives. Or, to put it in a way that should sound familiar: What have we done? What have we failed to do? Yes, it’s all been leading up to this. But the real question now: where will it lead us in the days ahead?

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, February 21, 2026

Communion: Kristen Parker
Lector: Kim Campbell
Altar Servers: K & H Hejl
Ushers: Volunteers

Sunday, February 22, 2026

Communion: Debbie Buckholt
Lector: Courtney Prado
Altar Servers: D-R-C Jahns & L Schneider
Ushers: Jason Hoelscher & Charles Castillo

Ash Wednesday 2/18 7:00 am: Volunteers
Ash Wednesday 2/18 5:00 pm: Communion—Pat Armstrong Lector—Cathy Bruggman
Altar Servers—D-R-C Jahns & L Schneider Ushers—Volunteers

UPCOMING MASSES

2/15 Sunday 8:15 am: + Darwin Bruggman by Family
+ Maxie Roessler by Dennis & Carol Maurer

2/17 Tuesday 7:00 am: + Elsie Jez by Roy & Debbie Buckholt
+ Glenda Hesse by Smetana Family

2/18 Ash Wednesday 7:00 am + Pamela Belyeu by Monica Mikeska
+ Monica Mikeska by Albert & Geraldine Rabroker

2/18 Ash Wednesday 5:00 pm: + Josie Kleypas by David & Janet Kasner
+ Ruth Duskocil by David & Janet Kasner

2/19 Thursday 7:00 am: + Lucille Stock by Merlene & Anton Bravenec
+ Alice Stojanik by Charlie & Jackie Green

2/20 Friday 6:00 pm: + Barbara Macek by Ronnie & Randy Willberg
Stations of the Cross & Mass + Jerome Schoppe by Family

2/21 Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm: + Albina Vrazel by Daniel & Linda Wilde
+ Gilbert & Pauline Wilde by Daniel & Linda Wilde

2/22 Sunday 8:15 am: + Nancy Hubnik by Bernadette Bruggman
+ Linda Hering by Manard & Patsy Moeller

WESTPHALIA MASSES

2/15 Sunday 10:15 am
2/18 Wednesday 6:00 pm
2/20 Friday 8:00 am
2/21 Saturday 6:00 pm
2/22 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, Rebecca Marek, Margaret Campbell, Barbara Johnson, Fr. Tom Chamberlain, Nickolas Jimenez.

Stewardship—February 8—\$1856

Building Fund— \$40

Catholic Higher Education—\$490

CONGRATULATIONS to our Parish Members on surpassing the goal of \$8500 that was set for the CSA Campaign of 2025-2026. The Diocese posted on their website that St. Joseph Church members have pledged \$12,295. Thank you.

Sanctuary Light—February 15—21—In Honor of Andrew Brenek by Joe & Beatrice Mallory.

Email your request to cyclone.marak@gmail.com in order to receive a 2025 contribution statement for your records.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 15—Christ the King Catholic Church in Belton second Bingo Extravaganza—1:00—4:00 pm (doors open 11:30 am) - Family Life Center at 210 E. 24th Avenue—Tickets for this Mardi Gras themed event are \$40 each or \$320 for table of 8. Tickets include 12 games with prizes valued at approximately \$500 each including guided fishing trip on Lake Belton, car detailing, housekeeping, 2-night stay in bed and breakfast with dinner in Salado, designer purses, jewelry, luggage, entertainment tree with gift cards. Some snacks and vino will be provided and you may bring your own. For more info email bingofundraiserctk@gmail.com or call Donna at 254-760-3440.

February 15—Bi-lingual Czech/English Mass Holy Trinity Catholic Church—Corn Hill—5:00 pm—Dinner will be served in the Parish Activity Center following mass. Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate the Feast Day of Sts. Cyril and Methodius, patron saints of the Czech Republic and patron saints of Slavic peoples.

February 17—KC Meeting—7:00 pm.

March 1—Ladies Society of St. Monica church in Cameron will host their annual Spring Social from 10:30 am—2:30 pm—Grilled chicken and Greens sausage and all the trimmings—Dine-in or drive through—Silent auction, sweet shop, raffle, cake wheel—English mass at 11:00 am.

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

February 18—Killeen-Temple Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Deanery Meeting—St. Monica's Cameron—Ash Wednesday mass at 8:30 am—Attendees are invited to bring items to support Our Lady of Angels Maternity Shelter.

Spring Fest—March 29—We will toast bread March 5 at 9:00 am in the Parish Hall—Mix dressing March 10 at 8:00 am at Green's.