

**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.

**APRIL 5, 2026 EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

“We are witnesses,” said Peter. He was preaching to a bunch of Gentiles, telling them about Jesus. He was telling them that Jesus was meant for them too, that his death and resurrection was meant for them, that it could change their lives. It was a moment of witness and the Holy Spirit, a moment of baptism and forgiveness. A moment turned into a movement; in time it would change the world. Soon the grace Peter was talking about would spread, eventually come our way. The kingdom of God in Christ preached and in sacraments celebrated, what Easter would do with the world it is still doing. On Sunday we celebrate Easter, but the truth is that ever since that first Sunday morning, it has always been Easter. That is, what happened in the tomb, that death was trampled by the risen Christ, is still happening. “O death, where is your sting?” was St. Paul’s taunt. We believers may deride death just as easily as he did. It’s just that to do so we must remember the deeper truth of Easter, that it’s not just a day but every day. We must renew, or maybe realize for the first time, that since we believe in the risen Lord, and since we are baptized into Christ and live in him, now his risen life is ours. Easter now is our measure.

“Think of what is above,” St. Paul wrote, “not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God”. Look up! That’s what Saint Paul means. Look beyond death and the fear that comes with it! Think of Christ at the right hand of the Father, think of your place there! That’s the hope, the joy, the courage Saint Paul wants us to have. An eternal perspective, an Easter perspective, knowing in hope our destiny in Christ, knowing in hope our eternity, call it the wisdom of Easter. It’s always Easter. Because Christ still lives and still calls us to live in him. Therefore let us celebrate the feast. And so, yes, everything has changed. That’s what we’re to learn along with St. Mary Magdalene. There, still in the darkness, she doesn’t yet grasp the meaning. The tomb is empty, but she doesn’t understand. The whole universe has changed, but she doesn’t yet see it. For her the world is still dark and brutal and violent. She will still have tears in her eyes when she first sees the angels; she will not immediately recognize Jesus because of her tears. She is in the presence of all that is new, in the presence of the kingdom and its Christ, but she just doesn’t yet perceive. Only when he speaks her name will she begin to see. There is a profound spiritual lesson in this for everyone, and that is, we should listen for our names. For he is still speaking to those who seek him. That Christ rose from the dead, that he sits now at the right hand of the Father, that God in Christ reigns above all, and that this same Christ is also alive in us, what all of this means is that now we may live in the truth that our deaths will not end in death but instead in resurrection. What it means is that we now may live for God as his fearless instruments and as agents of a love which the world cannot conquer. But first we may need to linger around the tomb, tears in our eyes. Living a spiritual life does not mean that we will never experience darkness, that there will never be any cause for tears. Everything has changed, but the world is what the world is; the final judgment is yet to come. But again: the love, the voice. That’s how Easter reaches even into the darkness, if we love Jesus and if we seek and listen to him. And here we come to see what it’s like to hope in a dark world, to still believe in an Easter still happening.

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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, April 11, 2026

Communion: Katherine Pechal  
Lector: Kenneth Pechal  
Altar Servers: Stumbaugh Family  
Ushers: Volunteers

### Sunday, April 12, 2026

Communion: Debbie Buckholt  
Lector: Monica Jahns  
Altar Servers: Glasgow Family & E Cowen  
Ushers: Charles Schneider & Tim Cowen

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#### UPCOMING MASSES

4/5 Sunday 8:15 am: + Denise Posvar by Family  
+ Dolores Motl by Ted Motl

4/7 Tuesday 7:00 am: + Monica Mikeska by Ellen Stojanik  
+ John Macha by Donald & Regina Kitten

4/9 Thursday 7:00 am: + Alfred Schneider by JoAnn Klepac  
+ Pamela Belyeu by Bill & Carol Smetana

4/11 Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm: + Glenda Hesse by B. J. & Kay Nan Ledger  
+ Barbara Macek by Gary & Marlene Vrazel

4/12 Sunday 8:15 am: + Alice Stojanik by Rose Lollar & Faye Brantley  
+ Lucille Stock by Betty Smith

#### WESTPHALIA MASSES

4/5 Easter Sunday 10:15 am  
4/8 Wednesday 6:00 pm  
4/10 Friday 8:00 am  
4/11 Saturday Vigil 6:00 pm  
4/12 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.

Stewardship—March 29—\$2281

Sanctuary Light—April 5—11—In Memory of Denise Posvar by Family.

SCHOLARSHIPS—The Burlington-Cameron Branch of Catholic Life Insurance is sponsoring a scholarship to graduating seniors from our parish and other parishes represented by our Branch. See Shirley Hoelscher, REP coordinator for applications. St. Mary's Altar Society is sponsoring 2—\$1000 scholarships. Applications are in church entry—Due April 26.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

April 5—Easter Egg Hunt following mass.

April 19—Spring Festival—St. Mary's Temple—10:00 am—4:00 pm—1018 S. 7th St—Food, games, live music, carnival rides, bingo, and fun for the whole family—Learn more at [stmarys-temple.org/spring-festival](http://stmarys-temple.org/spring-festival).

April 21—KC Meeting—7:00 pm.

April 7—June 2—Sacred Heart Church in Lott is sponsoring a faith formation class which consists of a study on the mystery and meaning of the Cross. As we walk through Christ's suffering, death, Resurrection, and Eucharistic gift, we'll explore how the Cross speaks to our own pain, hope, prayer, and daily lives — and how it draws us more deeply into the love of Jesus. Tuesdays @ 7P in the Sacred Heart Hall. Contact Chris Lincoln at [chris@chrislincoln.com](mailto:chris@chrislincoln.com) or 559-473-8357.

April 7 — Week 1: Why the Cross is the heart of the Christian life.

April 14 — Week 2: What Jesus was willing to endure for us, and why it matters.

April 21 — Week 3: Learning to look honestly at the Cross instead of looking away.

April 28 — Week 4: Staying close to Jesus in His physical, emotional, and spiritual suffering.

May 5 — Week 5: Bringing our hardest questions about suffering and evil to the Cross.

May 12 — Week 6: What Jesus' sacrifice did for us, and why His love changes everything.

May 19 — Week 7: How the Resurrection and Ascension bring hope to suffering and death.

May 26 — Week 8: Meeting Christ in the Eucharist and learning to offer ourselves with Him.

June 2 — Week 9: Living the mystery of the Cross in everyday life with trust and love.

#### ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

April 12—Next Altar Society meeting following mass.

Altar Society is collecting for college care packages through April 18/19. We have 3 students that we will be sending packages to.