

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.

MARCH 12, 2023 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

“For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.”

The Israelites’ hearts were hardened by their hardships in the desert. Though they saw His mighty deeds, in their thirst they grumble and put God to the test in today’s First Reading—a crisis point recalled also in today’s Psalm.

Jesus is thirsty, too in today’s Gospel. He thirsts for souls (see [John 19:28](#)). He longs to give the Samaritan woman the living waters that well up to eternal life. These waters couldn’t be drawn from the well of Jacob, father of the Israelites and the Samaritans. But Jesus was something greater than Jacob (see [Luke 11:31-32](#)). The Samaritans were Israelites who escaped exile when Assyria conquered the Northern Kingdom eight centuries before Christ (see [2 Kings 17:6, 24-41](#)). They were despised for intermarrying with non-Israelites and worshipping at Mount Gerazim, not Jerusalem.

But Jesus tells the woman that the “hour” of true worship is coming, when all will worship God in Spirit and truth. Jesus’ “hour” is the “appointed time” that Paul speaks of in today’s Epistle. It is the hour when the Rock of our salvation was struck on the Cross. Struck by the soldier’s lance, living waters flowed out from our Rock (see [John 19:34-37](#)). These waters are the Holy Spirit (see [John 7:38-39](#)), the gift of God (see [Hebrews 6:4](#)). By the living waters the ancient enmities of Samaritans and Jews have been washed away, the dividing wall between Israel and the nations is broken down (see [Ephesians 2:12-14,18](#)). Since His hour, all may drink of the Spirit in Baptism (see [1 Corinthians 12:13](#)). In the Eucharist, the Lord now is in our midst—as He was at the Rock of Horeb and at the well of Jacob. In the “today” of our Liturgy, He calls us to believe: “I am He,” come to pour out the love of God into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. How can we continue to worship as if we don’t understand? How can our hearts remain hardened?

Bulletin Information: Marak: Patsy Gaines (254 482 0570) – 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, March 18

Communion: Jackie Green
Lector : Kim Campbell
Altar Servers: LaCoure Family
Ushers: Volunteers

Sunday, March 19

Communion: Christina Brenek
Lector: REP
Altar Servers: C. Landeros—E. & A. Glasgow
Ushers: REP

MASSES THIS WEEK

- 3/12 Sunday 8:15 am: + Alice Stojanik by Monica Mikeska
+ Linda Hering by James Kasberg
- 3/14 Tues. 7:00 am: + Morris & Mary Ann Marburger by John & Janie Hattemer
+ Erma Svajda by Frankie Volek Family
- 3/16 Thurs. 7:00 am: + Rosa Pechal by John & Judy Stuebner
+ Jerome Schoppe by Eleanor Mynar
- 3/17 Fri. 6:00 pm: + Don Mikeska by Charlie & Jackie Green
Stations of the Cross + Viola Doskocil by Charlie & Jackie Green
- 3/18 Sat. Vigil 5:30 pm: + Albina Vrazel by Daniel & Linda Wilde
+ Gilbert & Pauline Wilde by Daniel & Linda Wilde
- 3/19 Sunday 8:15 am: + Amanda Moeller by Danny & Jane Bruggman
+ Kenneth Halfmann by Larry & Pauline Hoelscher

In your charity, please pray for: Homebound: Leora Hering.
Good health: A. J. Stermer, Bill Stock, Lawrence Stermer, Dorothy Haisler, Evelyn Richter, Deacon Bill Smetana, Buddy Roessler, Josie Kleypas, Georgia Stermer.

Stewardship—March 5—\$3035 Building Fund—\$897

Sanctuary Light—In memory of Daniel & Alice Stojanik by Ellen Stojanik.

Sanctuary Light reservations are available. If you would like to schedule a week(s) for the Sanctuary Light and have not already done so, please contact Nancy Posvar at 254-913-2696. Cost is \$10/week.

THANK YOU for all thoughts and prayers sent our way during this difficult time. For mass donations, food, calls, cards, and other acts of kindness, thank you. Also thank you to all the ladies who worked the kitchen and to those who brought food for the dinner. It was wonderful. If I have forgotten anyone, I thank you now. I appreciate all you have done for us. God Bless All! - The Family of Alice Stojanik

SCHOLARSHIPS

Altar Society Scholarship applications are available in the church entry. Deadline for submission is April 30.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 17, 24, 31—Westphalia KC Shrimp & Fish Fry—3:30 pm—7:15 pm or until sold out. Cost \$12/plate.

March 26—Salem Lutheran Church Relay for Life BBQ fundraiser—Seaton Star Hall—\$12/plate.

April 2—Spring Fest—Raffle tickets are available in church entrance.

No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion Study—Fridays following Stations of the Cross—February 24, March 3, March 17, March 24, and March 31—Parish Hall—Bring potluck (meatless) supper to share.

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS:

- If you would like to serve as an Altar Society officer, please contact Pat Balz at 254-718-9660 by March 31.
- March 12—Next Altar Society Meeting following mass.
- March 18-19, March 25-26, April 1-2—Easter Flower donation collection.