

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.

MARCH 1, 2026 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Today's Gospel portrays Jesus as a new and greater Moses.

Moses also took three companions up a mountain and on the seventh day was overshadowed by the shining cloud of God's presence. He too spoke with God, and his face and clothing were made radiant in the encounter (see Exodus 24, 34).

But in today's Lenten Liturgy, the Church wants us to look back past Moses. Indeed, we are asked to contemplate what today's Epistle calls God's "design . . . from before time began."

With His promises to Abram in today's First Reading, God formed the people through whom He would reveal Himself and bestow His blessings on all humanity.

He later elevated these promises to eternal covenants and changed Abram's name to Abraham, promising that he would be the father of a host of nations (see Genesis 17:5). In remembrance of His covenant with Abraham, He raised up Moses (see Exodus 2:24; 3:8) and later swore an everlasting kingdom to David's sons (see Jeremiah 33:26).

In Jesus' transfiguration today, He is revealed as the One through whom God fulfills His divine plan from of old.

Not only a new Moses, Jesus is also the "beloved son" promised to Abraham and again to David (see Genesis 22:15-18; Psalm 2:7; Matthew 1:1).

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, March 7, 2026

Communion: Sarah Hejl
Lector: Kristen Parker
Altar Servers: Novosad & Souhrada Families
Ushers: Volunteers

Sunday, March 8, 2026

Communion: Ricky Brenek
Lector: Meagan Cox
Altar Servers: H & E Cowen—E Eixman—A Stumbaugh
Ushers: Keith Andel & Luke Prado

UPCOMING MASSES

3/1 Sunday 8:15 am: + Lucille Stock by Betty Smith
+ Stanley Motl by Charlie Tischler
3/3 Tuesday 7:00 am: + Nancy Hubnik by Terry & Barbara McNeill
+ Alice Stojanik by Matt & Trish Stojanik
3/5 Thursday 7:00 am: + Monica Mikeska by Pauline Marek
+ Darwin Bruggman by Family
3/6 Friday 6:00 pm: + Glenda Hesse by B. J. & Kay Nan Ledger
Stations of the Cross & Mass + Pamela Belyeu by Monica Mikeska
3/7 Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm: + Barbara Macek by Ken & Jeanette Driska
+ Zachary Schneider by Derek & Kim Campbell
3/8 Sunday 8:15 am: + Lucille Stock by Margaret Abel
+ Linda Hering by Family

WESTPHALIA MASSES

3/1 Sunday 10:15 am
3/4 Wednesday 6:00 pm
3/6 Friday 8:00 am
3/7 Saturday 6:00 pm
3/8 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 15—\$2235 American Home Missions—\$656 Catholic Higher Education—\$10
February 22—\$2106 American Home Missions—\$30

Sanctuary Light—March 1—7—In Memory of Don & Monica Mikeska by Rachel Green.

Email your request to cyclone.marak@gmail.com by March 12 in order to receive a 2025 contribution statement for your records.

Parish Safety Survey: St. Joseph's Parish Council is conducting a needs and resources assessment for a new parish safety and emergency plan, in collaboration with the Diocese of Austin. This weekend and next weekend, we invite all adult parishioners to complete a short 18-question survey after Mass. Paper copies are available and can be left in the narthex, or you can complete the survey online using the QR code in the narthex, or by visiting this link: <https://forms.gle/zk6RJS57mjlLV5D7>. Your feedback will help us protect the health and safety of our parish family, and we appreciate your input and suggestions as we develop this plan. Questions should be directed to Becky Dolgener or any Parish Council member.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 20—March 27—Westphalia Knights of Columbus Council #13902 will sponsor a drive-thru Shrimp & Fish Fry every Friday evening. Plates will be "to go only" starting at 3:30 pm until 7:15 pm (or until sold out). Plates will consist of fried shrimp, fried fish, beans, slaw, and French fries. Cost \$15/plate. Plates can be picked up in drive-thru lane behind Westphalia Parish Hall. Proceeds support KC's charity goals for the year.

March 1—Bible Study following mass. Everyone welcome.

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 & Greens sausage & all the trimmings—15/plate—Dine-in or drive through—Silent auction, sweet shop, raffle, cake wheel—English mass at 11:00 am.

March 11—Shadow Stations—7:15 pm—Everyone invited.

The Texas Education Freedom Account (TEFA) application is now open through March 17. This program offers families a valuable opportunity to seek funding for Catholic school tuition and other approved education expenses, helping parents choose the best academic environment for their children—one that aligns with their values and supports the faith taught at home. To support families through the application process, Catholic schools across the diocese are also hosting a series of TEFA Application Clinics. These clinics provide hands-on assistance in both English and Spanish, giving parents the confidence and guidance they need to complete the application successfully. View upcoming application clinics: <https://csdatx.org/tefaapplication>

March 22—Salem Lutheran Church BBQ Fundraiser—Star Hall—11:00 am—2:00 pm—BBQ beef, sausage, beans, potato salad, slaw, dessert & tea—\$15/plate—Dine in or drive thru—Proceeds going to the American Cancer Society Relay for Life—Help Fight Cancer!

March 25—"Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary" at special Masses on the Annunciation of the Lord. Rosary & Mass will be offered at St. Mary Cathedral—Austin at 6:00 pm; at St. Paul Church—Austin; at 6:30 pm; at St. Thomas Aquinas Church—College Station at 11:45 am; at Holy Family Church—Copperas Cove at 5:00 pm; at St. John the Baptist Church—Fayetteville at 11:45 am; and St. Helen Church—Georgetown at 11:30am—Visit www.TexasToJesusThroughMary.org for more information.

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

March 8—Next Altar Society meeting following mass.

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.