

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 15, 2026 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

The Fourth Sunday of Lent, often called *Laetare Sunday*, is a moment of joyful pause in the midst of the Lenten journey. The word *Laetare* means “rejoice,” reminding us that even in a season of repentance, God’s mercy and light are breaking through.

This Sunday’s readings often center on themes of light, healing, and God’s boundless grace. In the Gospel (John 9 in Year A), Jesus heals a man born blind — a powerful sign that God not only restores physical sight but also opens the eyes of our hearts. The story challenges us to see beyond appearances, to recognize God’s work in unexpected places, and to let go of the tendency to assign blame for suffering.

Spiritually, this day invites us to:

- Choose light over darkness — to let truth, compassion, and forgiveness guide our steps.
- Trust in God’s grace — knowing that His love reaches us even when we feel unworthy or unseen.
- Live as witnesses — allowing our own transformation to inspire others toward hope.

Laetare Sunday is like a sunrise in the middle of Lent — a reminder that Easter’s joy is drawing near, and that God’s light is already at work in us.

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 21, 2026

Communion: Katherine Pechal
Lector: Kenneth Pechal
Altar Servers: Kayley & Henry Hejl
Ushers: Volunteers

Sunday, March 22, 2026

Communion: Christina Brenek
Lector: Andrew Brenek
Altar Servers: J & J Stumbaugh—R Jahns
Ushers: Eric Landeros & Jackson Landeros

UPCOMING MASSES

3/15 Sunday 8:15 am: + Maxie Roessler by Patsy Cofer
+ Jerome Schoppe by Family
3/17 Tuesday 7:00 am: + Elsie Jez by James Sladeczek
+ Lucille Stock by Betty Smith
3/19 Thursday 7:00 am: + Monica Mikeska by Smetana Family
+ Nancy Hubnik by Terry & Barbara McNeill
3/20 Friday 6:00 pm: + Linda Hering by Family
Stations of the Cross & Mass + Pamela Belyeu by Monica Mikeska
3/21 Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm: + Glenda Hesse by Bill & Patsy Proctor
+ Gilbert & Pauline Wilde by Daniel & Linda Wilde
3/22 Sunday 8:15 am: + Alice Stojanik by Charlie & Jackie Green
+ Alfred Schneider by JoAnn Klepac

WESTPHALIA MASSES

3/15 Sunday 10:15 am
3/18 Wednesday 6:00 pm
3/20 Friday 8:00 am
3/21 Saturday 6:00 pm
3/22 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 (thank you for your prayers).

Stewardship—March 8—\$2292

Sanctuary Light—March 15-21—In Memory of Jerome Schoppe by Family.

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. We invite all adult parishioners to complete a short 18-question survey. 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/zk6RJS7mjjLV5D7>. 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.

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

March 17—Penance Service—6:00 pm.

March 17—KC Meeting—7:00 pm.

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 7 & 8, 14 & 15, and 21 & 22—Altar Society will be collecting money for Easter flowers.

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 educational 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

April 12—Next Altar Society meeting following mass.

Spring Fest—March 29—Cutting cabbage and making slush for slaw Thursday, March 26 at 6 pm in parish hall. Mixing slaw and preparing roasters Saturday March 28 at 8:30 am. Please pick up your Worklists in church entry. Flyers are also in entry. Distribute to businesses.