

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 and there is required paperwork to be completed.

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.

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026 TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mercy and forgiveness should be at the heart of the Christian life. Yet, as today's First Reading wisely reminds us, often we cherish our wrath, nourish our anger, and refuse mercy to those who have done us wrong. Jesus, too, strikes close to home in today's Gospel with His realistic portrayal of the wicked servant who won't forgive a fellow servant's debt, even though his own slate has just been wiped clean by their master. It can't be this way in the kingdom, the Church. In the Old Testament, seven is frequently a number associated with mercy and the forgiveness of sins. The just man sins seven times daily; there is a sevenfold sprinkling of blood for atonement of sins (see Proverbs 24:6; Leviticus 16). But Jesus tells Peter today that we must forgive not seven times, but seventy times seven times. That means: every time.

We are to be merciful as our Father in heaven is merciful (see Luke 6:36; Matthew 5:48). But why? Why does Jesus repeatedly warn that we can't expect forgiveness for our trespasses unless we're willing to forgive others their trespasses against us? Because, as Paul reminds us in today's Epistle, we are the Lord's. Each of us has been purchased by the blood of Christ shed for us on the Cross (see Revelation 5:9). As we sing in today's Psalm, though we deserved to die for our sins, He doesn't deal with us according to our crimes. The mercy and forgiveness we show to others should be the heartfelt expression of our gratitude for the mercy and forgiveness shown to us.

This is why we should remember our last days, set our enmities aside, and stop judging others. We know that one day we will stand before the judgment seat and give account for what we've done with the new life given to us by Christ (see Romans 14:10, 12). So we forgive each other from the heart, overlook each other's faults, and await the crown of His kindness and compassion.

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, September 19, 2026

Communion: Jackie Green
Lector: Letha Novosad
Altar Servers: Novosad & Souhrada Families
Ushers: Volunteers

Sunday, September 20, 2026

Communion: Jason Hoelscher—Andrew Brenek—
Lacy Jahns
Lector: REP
Altar Servers: R Jahns & Stumbaugh Family
Ushers: REP

UPCOMING MASSES

9/13 Sunday 8:15 am: + Lucille Stock by Margaret Abel
+ Linda Hering by Family
9/15 Tuesday 7:00 am: + Glenda Hesse by Harold & Margie Stock
+ Jerome Schoppe by Family
9/17 Thursday 7:00 am: + Dionys & Marietta Brenek by Joe & Beatrice Mallory
+ Josie Kleypas by David & Janet Kasner
9/19 Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm: + John Macha by Charlie & Jackie Green
+ Gilbert & Pauline Wilde by Daniel & Linda Wilde
9/20 Sunday 8:15 am: + Larry Posvar by Family
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WESTPHALIA MASSES

9/13 Sunday 10:15 am
9/16 Wednesday 6:00 pm
9/18 Friday 8:00 am
9/19 Saturday Vigil 6:00 pm
9/20 Sunday 10:15 am

In your charity, please pray for: Homebound: Leora Hering. Good health: A. J. Stermer, Bill Stock, Dorothy Haisler, Evelyn Richter, Al & Lou Buckholt, Mary Jane Underwood, Lindsey Pierce, Rebecca Marek, Margaret Campbell, Barbara Johnson, Fr. Tom Chamberlain, Theresa Klecka, Faye Kolek.

Stewardship—September 6—\$2336 Building fund—\$733

Sanctuary Light—September 13-19—In Honor of Amber Mallory Birthday by Joe & Beatrice Mallory.

THERE ARE A FEW COPIES OF THE SEPTEMBER “THE WORD AMONG US” IN THE CHURCH ENTRY. PLEASE TAKE ONE.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 13—SS Cyril and Methodius Marak Annual Picnic—Fried chicken and sausage meal—\$15/plate—Serving begins at 11 am until sold out—Dine in or drive thru—Mass 9:30 am—Games 11:30 am—Auction—2:30 pm.

September 15—KC Meeting—7:00 pm.

September 15-17—Armor of God Catholic Radio Fall Live Pledge Drive—8:00 am—11:00 am and 3:00 pm—6:00 pm—Armor of God Catholic Radio encourages, enlightens, and strengthens listener's faith. Special guests will share their incredible and inspirational stories of how Catholic Radio has been an instrument of peace in their lives. For more info, to volunteer, to be a prayer warrior, or to share your story contact Tom at 254-371-7566 or tom@armorofgodradio.com.

September 20—Holy Trinity Corn Hill Annual Bazaar—BBQ & Fried Chicken—Adults \$15/Children \$5—Serving begins at 11:00 am—Adult drive thru plates available 11:00 am—12:30 pm—BBQ by the pound 8:am—noon at the pit—Auction 1:30 pm—Raffle—Grand prize \$2,000 Visa card.

September 20—St. Ann's—Rosebud—Festival—Beef tips and sausage plates—\$15 each—Service begins 10:30 am until sold out—Dine in or drive thru—Raffle drawing 1:00 pm.

September 25—FIRST CLASS OF RCIA—PARISH HALL—6:00 PM.

Altar Society News

September 13—Next Altar Society meeting IN THE PARISH HALL following mass.

September 15—We will be mixing dressing at Green's at 8:00 am. Have your cornbread at Green's by 5:00 pm Monday. All help welcome.