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.

NOVEMBER 1, 2026 SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS DAY

On November 1 we celebrate Solemnity of All Saints. All Saints is an ancient feast born in the earliest age of the Church, in an age of persecution, of confessors and martyrs. In the West, we've celebrated this feast on November 1 since at least the eighth century; before then, it was celebrated in the spring. Such saints, martyrs and confessors, were innumerable, more than could be remembered or even named. On the feast of All Saints the Church celebrates every one of them. At All Saints we rejoice in all those who bore witness to Christ, especially in those who "loved not their lives even unto death" (Rv 12:11). But in this feast, we rejoice also in the truth of the Church, that she is also a communion of saints. The communion of saints is simply synonymous with the Church; yet the term underlines the breadth of the Church. That is, as the Body of Christ, the Church's members include all who believe in Christ whether living or dead, believers on earth and in heaven, even angels. St. Augustine called it the "City of God." The Missal on the Sunday of All Saints will call it "your city," that is, God's city, a city full of angels and saints and pilgrims like us. To this belongs the "great multitude" which John saw, what "no one could count from every nation, race, people, and tongue" (Rv 7:9). "Sion's daughters! Sons of Jerusalem! All ye hosts of heavenly chivalry!" goes the ancient hymn. "O blest communion, fellowship divine!" goes another famous hymn. This is what we celebrate today, what is truest of all those who belong to Christ: that they belong to a Church that in fact includes heaven.

Which is the first lesson of All Saints, what Paul taught: that no matter what our citizenship on earth may be, our true citizenship transcends it. Because very simply, as he wrote, our "citizenship is in heaven" (Phil 3:20). All Saints reminds us that we belong to something bigger than our earthly families, our communities, our nations. Which in turn points to the moral lesson of All Saints, the lesson of the Beatitudes. The Beatitudes show forth the universal way of the saints, God's invitation to happiness. The clean of heart, the peacemakers, those persecuted for the sake of righteousness: These are what the saints look like. These are they who truly learned that their homeland was in heaven and who acted accordingly. That is, the saints don't act like any other people in this world; rather, they act like those who've been changed by Jesus' teaching found in the Sermon on the Mount. Which brings us perhaps to the last lesson of All Saints, and that is the lesson about the seen and unseen nature of sanctity. "Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed," writes John (1 Jn 3:2). That is, what is truest about us is something not immediately visible; it must be revealed. The saints are people who believe in Christ and in the kingdom of heaven which Jesus inaugurated; the saints believe the Church opens into this kingdom. They believe it so fully that they live their lives first according to that law of that kingdom instead of the laws of the kingdoms of the earth. But living that way sometimes makes for conflict; and in such conflict, they are revealed to be saints. Loving instead of hating, forgiving instead of cursing: The saints of God are revealed to be the children of God in their sacrifices which they unite to Christ's sacrifice. For on the cross the son was revealed as well. And here we come to the deepest mystery of All Saints, how it invites us to discover ourselves in taking up our cross. And that's how we can become saints and not merely celebrate them. By seeing what made saints into saints, we see the path of our own sanctity. With a like faith and a like courage, open to sacrifice just like them, we too can become saints, those who on that glorious day will rise in bright array.

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, November 7, 2026

Communion:	**Katherine Pechal**
Lector:	**Kenneth Pechal**
Altar Servers:	**LaCoure Family**
Ushers:	**Volunteers**

Sunday, November 8, 2026

Communion:	**Andrew Brenek**
Lector:	**Becky Dolgener**
Altar Servers:	**K & H Hejl—Schneider Family**
Ushers:	**Landeros Family**

UPCOMIING MASSES

11/1	**Sunday 8:15 am:**	**+ Linda Hering by Family** **+ Lucille Stock by Harold & Margie Stock**
11/3	**Tuesday 7:00 am:**	**+ Elsie Jez by Elizabeth O'Brien** **+ Special Intention for Fr. Ranjan by Marie Macha**
11/5	**Thursday 7:00 am:**	**+ Lucille Stock by Margaret Abel** **+ Jerome Schoppe by Family**
11/7	**Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm:**	**+ Monica Mikeska by Smetana Family** **+ Edward Mihatsch by Michael Brenek**
11/8	**Sunday 8:15 am:**	**+ Jerome Brenek by Michael Brenek** **+ Maxie Roessler by Becky Roessler—Mahan**

WESTPHALIA MASSES

11/1	**Sunday 10:15 am**
11/4	**Wednesday 6:00 pm**
11/6	**Friday 8:00 am**
11/7	**Saturday Vigil 6:00 pm**
11/8	**Sunday 10:15 am**

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

Stewardship—October 25—$22,055 Building Fund—$13,694

Sanctuary Light—November 1—7—In Memory of Marcus Wilde by Oleta Wilde.

EXTRA PARISH T-SHIRTS in various sizes are available for purchase. If interested, contact Kristen Parker at 254-258-7618.

REP NEWS—THANK YOU to all who came and supported our annual Trunk or Treat, especially the Knights of Columbus for providing the meal. Thank you!

THANK YOU to all CYO students, teachers, and families for helping cleanup our cemetery and placing flowers and flags to honor All Soul's Day and for our deceased Veterans for Veteran's Day.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 1—Turkey & Dressing Dinner—St. Joseph Church—Marlin—311 Oaks St—$15/plate—Serving 11:00 am—1:00 pm or sold out—Dine in or Drive thru—Homemade peach cobbler for dessert.

November 6 & 7—Bell County Extension Education Association Garage Sale—Seaton Community Center—November 6 11:00 am—6:00 pm November 7 8:00 am—4:00 pm—Proceeds benefit 4-H Scholarships.

November 7—Seaton Church Christian Sisters Annual Bake Sale—9:00 am—2:00 pm—Kolaches, cakes, pies, breads, homemade canned goods—Inside garage sale—Sandwiches & soup available for lunch—Free Admission—Cash & checks.

November 13—RED-C Ministries Family Banquet—7:00 pm—West KC Hall—Meal will be served as well as beer & wine. Guest speaker Dr. Ray Guarendi, host of "The Doctor is In" on EWTN, will speak on topic "Standing Strong as a Parent or Grandparent." Tables & individual tickets for sale. Get your ticket at redcradio.org/familybanquet.

November 15—19—Holy Trinity Parish in Corn Hill will present a Parish Mission entitled "Work Out Your Salvation! The Theology of Faithfulness to Daily Duty" November 15 - 19. Father of Mercy Wade L.J. Menezes will speak about Being Faithful to Your Daily Duty, Be Other-Centered, Understanding the Reality of Vice and Virtue, Practicing and Living the Sacraments and Live a Trinitarian Spiritually. Sunday will begin with confessions at 5:00 pm, Book signing at 6:00 pm, with Holy Hour & Mission at 6:30 p.m. Monday - Thursday will begin with confessions and a light meal at 5:30 p.m., then the mission at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call the parish office at (512) 863-3020.

Altar Society News

November 8—Altar Society Meeting following mass in the Parish Hall.

We are collecting food items for college care packages—6 students—Donations due at church by November 14 & 15.

November 18—Killeen—Temple Deanery Meeting—St. Joseph's in Killeen—10 A—Please bring school supplies & snacks for St. Joseph Catholic School.