

**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.

**JULY 31, 2022 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

“O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help: O Lord, do not delay.”

Trust in God—as the Rock of our salvation, as the Lord who made us His chosen people, as our shepherd and guide. This should be the mark of our following of Jesus. Like the Israelites we recall in this week’s Psalm Response, we have made an exodus, passing through the waters of Baptism, freeing us from our bondage to sin. We too are on a pilgrimage to a promised homeland, the Lord in our midst, feeding us heavenly bread, giving us living waters to drink (see 1 Corinthians 10:1-4). We must take care to guard against the folly that befell the Israelites, that led them to quarrel and test God’s goodness at Meribah and Massah.

We can harden our hearts in ways more subtle but no less ruinous. We can put our trust in possessions, squabble over earthly inheritances, kid ourselves that what we have we deserve, store up treasures and think they’ll afford us security and rest. All this is “vanity of vanities,” a false and deadly way of living, as this week’s First Reading tells us. This is the greed that Jesus warns against in this week’s Gospel. The rich man’s anxiety and toil expose his lack of faith in God’s care and provision. That’s why Paul calls greed “idolatry” in the Epistle this week. Mistaking having for being, possession for existence, we forget that God is the giver of all that we have, we exalt the things we can make or buy over our Maker (see Romans 1:25). Jesus calls the rich man a “fool”—a word used in the Old Testament for someone who rebels against God or has forgotten Him (see Psalm 14:1). We should treasure most the new life we have been given in Christ and seek what is above, the promised inheritance of heaven. We have to see all things in the light of eternity, mindful that He who gives us the breath of life could at any moment—this night even—demand it back from us.



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**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, August 6

Communion: Sue Havelka  
Lector : Lambert Havelka  
Altar Servers: LaCoure Family  
Ushers: Volunteers

### Sunday, August 7

Communion: Jason Hoelscher  
Lector: Cathy Bruggman  
Altar Servers: Stumbaugh Fam. & C. Pettyjohn  
Ushers: Michael Jahns & Jacob Jahns

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#### MASSES THIS WEEK: CYCLONE

7/31 Sunday 8:15 am: + Wilbert Mikeska by Mike & Nella Spurlin  
+ Darwin Bruggman by Bill & Lucille Stock  
8/2 Tues. 7:00 am: + Larry Bruggman by Pat Armstrong  
+ Naomi Green by Green Family  
8/4 Thurs. 7:00 am + Dean Mikeska by Monica Mikeska  
+ Linda Hering by Marvin Meyer  
8/5 Friday 7:00 am: + Peggy Bartek by Bill & Carol Smetana  
+ Erma Svajda by Katherine Hubnik  
8/6 Sat. Vigil 5:30 pm: + Marvin Wilde by Oleta Wilde  
+ Harley Cantu by Margaret Campbell  
8/7 Sunday 8:15 am: +Marvin Wilde by Monica Mikeska  
+ Randolph & Evelyn Green by Green Family

#### MASSES THIS WEEK: MARAK

7/31 Sunday 10:15 am: +Jerry Sipula Jr. by Lester  
& Glenda Hayes +Martha Tomek by Ronald &  
Irene Kaulfus +Eugene Marak by Richard & Janice  
Johnson  
8/3 Wednesday 5:30 pm: +Jerry Sipula, Jr. by  
Louis & Mary Frances Vansa +Eugene Marak by  
John & Theresa Duffy +Martha Tomek by David &  
Judy Pillote +Emma Jean Ribar by Alfred & Ber-  
nice Vrazel  
8/7 Sunday 10:15 am: +Henry J. Litzman, Jr. by  
Lynn Hornung +August & Mary Hubnik by Arvell  
& Liz Jungmann +James JuneK by Aline JuneK  
+John & Eleanor Motyka by Tom & Julie Motyka

In your charity, please pray for: Homebound: Leora Hering, Alice Stojanik, Jerome Schoppe.  
Good health: A. J. Stermer, Bill Stock, Lawrence Stermer, Viola Duskocil, Dorothy Haisler, Evelyn Richter, Deacon  
Bill Smetana, Buddy Roessler, Nick Schneider.

Sanctuary Light—July 17—30—In memory of Frank Lynn Jez by Evelyn Jez.

Stewardship—July 24—\$4000 Thank you for your generosity.

REP NEWS: We are looking for a few amazing people who are being led by our Lord to serve our youngest parishioners in our CCD Program. We need teachers AND helpers for teachers in various grades—First through Fifth grade. If you feel so led, please let me know and come to our next 2022-23 CCD planning meeting Wednesday August 3 at 6:30 pm in the parish hall. You could possibly be a teacher, co-teacher, substitute teacher, or teacher's helper. We NEED you! Thank you. Contact for info—Shirley Hoelscher, DRE—St. Joseph's Catholic Church.  
Registration news is coming soon. Please be on the lookout for info in the entryway of church, on our Facebook page, and St. Joseph's website. Your Child Is Always Welcome!  
EIM class news coming soon. A date will be set soon to register to get your Ethics in Ministry done and/or renewed. You have to re-new every three years. If you work with the youth in the church in any capacity, you are required to be EIM certified!

PICNIC NEWS: We are in need of picnic raffle donations. Please let Steve or Patricia Pechal know what you would like to donate by August 1 or leave a message at 254-217-6622. Thank you. Steve & Patricia Pechal

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

August 7, August 21—Jesus: The Way, The Truth, and The Life class following mass. Bring a breakfast "pot luck" dish to share with the class.

August 7—The KC's will be sponsoring a Summer Fun Day at Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church, Marak. There will be water slides, hog dogs, soft drinks, and water. Bring your own chairs and BYOB. Time 4:00—8:00 pm.

#### ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS:

- **MEETING DATE CHANGE**—The Altar Society meeting date has changed. The new date is Thursday, August 18 at 6:00 pm in the parish hall. Light refreshments will be served. We look forward to seeing you there.
- Clerical Endowment Fund Cards are available through the Altar Society. CEF sales help fund education for seminarians and make good gifts for special occasions. Recipients receive spiritual benefits of masses offered monthly and prayers from seminarians. If you would like to buy cards, contact Carla Kacir.