

**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.

**SEPTEMBER 10, 2023 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

“Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God.” Psalm 42:2

As Ezekiel is appointed watchman over the house of Israel in today’s first Reading, so Jesus in the Gospel today establishes His disciples as guardians of the new Israel of God, the Church (see [Galatians 6:16](#)). He also puts in place procedures for dealing with sin and breaches of the faith, building on rules of discipline prescribed by Moses for Israel (see [Leviticus 19:17-20](#); [Deuteronomy 19:13](#)). The heads of the new Israel, however, receive extraordinary powers—similar to those given to Peter (see [Matthew 16:19](#)). They have the power to bind and loose, to forgive sins and to reconcile sinners in His name (see [John 20:21-23](#)).

But the powers He gives the Apostles and their successors depend on their communion with Him. As Ezekiel is only to teach what he hears God saying, so the disciples are to gather in His name and to pray and seek the will of our heavenly Father. But today’s readings are more than a lesson in Church order. They also suggest how we’re to deal with those who trespass against us, a theme that we’ll hear in next week’s readings as well. Notice that both the Gospel and the First Reading presume that believers have a duty to correct sinners in our midst. Ezekiel is even told that he will be held accountable for their souls if he fails to speak out and try to correct them.

This is the love that Paul in today’s Epistle says we owe to our neighbors. To love our neighbors as ourselves is to be vitally concerned for their salvation. We must make every effort, as Jesus says, to win our brothers and sisters back, to turn them from the false paths. We should never correct out of anger or a desire to punish. Instead, our message must be that of today’s Psalm—urging the sinner to hear God’s voice, not to harden their hearts, and to remember that He is the one who made us, the rock of our salvation.



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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, September 16

Communion: Pauline Marek  
Lector : Letha Novosad  
Altar Servers: Novosad Family  
Ushers: Volunteers

### Sunday, September 17

Communion: Ricky Brenek  
Lector: REP  
Altar Servers: K. Hejl—H & E Cowen—E Hicks  
Ushers: REP

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#### MASSES THIS WEEK

9/10 Sunday 8:15 am: + Linda Hering by Danny & Jane Bruggman  
+ Leslie Mesecke by Mesecke Family  
9/12 Tuesday 7:00 AM: + Arlene Wilde by Monia Mikeska  
+ Harold Schneider by James & Cynthia Krenek  
9/14 Thursday 7:00 am: + Alice Stojanik by Fred Dach  
+ Josie Kleypas by Charlie & Jackie Green  
9/15 Friday 7:00 am: + Viola Duskocil by David & Janet Kasner  
+ Bill Reid by Bill & Carol Smetana  
9/16 Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm: + Albina Vrazel by Daniel & Linda Wilde  
+ Gilbert & Pauline Wilde by Daniel & Linda Wilde  
9/17 Sunday 8:15 am: + Darwin Bruggman by Bartek Family  
+ Zachary Schneider by Danny & Jane Bruggman

#### MARAK MASSES

9/10 Sunday 10:15 am  
9/13 Wednesday 5:30 pm  
9/17 Sunday 10:15 am

In your charity, please pray for: Homebound: Leora Hering.  
Good health: A. J. Stermer, Bill Stock, Lawrence Stermer, Dorothy Haisler, Evelyn Richter, Deacon Bill Smetana, Buddy Roessler, Georgina Stermer, Madeline Lambert, Lucille Stock, Al & Lou Buckholt.

Stewardship—September 3—\$4487 Building Fund—\$783

September 9 & 10—Rosalie Stluka will be visiting our parishes and making an appeal on behalf of the Assumption Sisters of Nairobi, Kenya. THE SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR THE ASSUMPTION SISTERS' WORK.

BIBLE TIMELINE STUDY GROUP WILL MEET SEPTEMBER 17, OCTOBER 1, OCTOBER 15, AND OCTOBER 29 FOLLOWING MASS.

PICNIC NEWS—PICNIC FLYERS ARE IN THE CHURCH ENTRANCE. PLEASE TAKE ONE TO SPREAD THE WORD!

Our Parish picnic will be September 24, 2023. We will need each family to donate the following:  
\$25 for meat                      Homemade items for the ladies booth  
2 Pantry items                    1 hardware item for Country Store booth  
1 Auction item (at least)      2 Bingo prizes—new, not used      Any amount of 2-liter sodas  
You can bring any of these items and leave them in the cry room except the meat money.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

September 10—Marak Picnic—Home fried chicken & sausage—Serving begins at 11:00—\$15 plates—Music by Praha Brothers—Auction 2:30 pm

September 10—St. Joseph's in Marlin—Chicken fajita dinner—\$13/plate—Serving from 11:00 am—1:00 pm

September 17—Holy Trinity of Corn Hill Annual Bazaar—BBQ & fried chicken 11 am—1 pm—\$15 adults—\$7 children—Music, games silent and live auctions

September 19—KC Meeting—7:00 pm

“This is My Body” books are available in the church entry . Please take one for your family if you were unable to get one from the first order.

#### ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS:

Next Meeting—September 10 following mass.