

**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.

**MARCH 9, 2025 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**“One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.” Matthew 4:4**

In today's epic Gospel scene, Jesus relives in His flesh the history of Israel. We've already seen that, like Israel, Jesus has passed through water and been called God's beloved Son (see Luke 3:22; Exodus 4:22). Now, as Israel was tested for forty years in the wilderness, Jesus is led into the desert to be tested for forty days and nights (see Exodus 15:25).

He faces the temptations put to Israel: Hungry, He's tempted to grumble against God for food (see Exodus 16:1–13). As Israel quarreled at Massah, He's tempted to doubt God's care (see Exodus 17:1–6). When the Devil asks for His homage, He's tempted to do what Israel did in creating the golden calf (see Exodus 32). Jesus fights the Devil with the Word of God, three times quoting from Moses' lecture about the lessons Israel was supposed to learn from its wilderness wanderings (see Deuteronomy 8:3; 6:16, 12–15).

Why do we read this story on the first Sunday of Lent? Because like the biblical sign of forty (see Genesis 7:12; Exodus 24:18; 34:28; 1 Kings 19:8; Jonah 3:4), the forty days of Lent are a time of trial and purification. Lent is to teach us what we hear over and over in today's readings. “Call upon me, and I will answer,” the Lord promises in today's Psalm. Paul promises the same thing in today's Epistle (quoting Deuteronomy 30:14; Isaiah 28:16; Joel 2:32).

This was Israel's experience, as Moses reminds his people in today's First Reading: “We cried to the Lord . . . and He heard.” But each of us is tempted, as Israel was, to forget the great deeds He works in our lives, to neglect our birthright as His beloved sons and daughters. Like the litany of remembrance Moses prescribes for Israel, we should see in the Mass a memorial of our salvation, and “bow down in His presence,” offering ourselves in thanksgiving for all He has given us.



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**Bulletin Information: Cyclone: Nancy Posvar (254 913-2696) Marak: Anna Givens 512 809-9889) Bulletin Deadline: Please call or send by email all info for the bulletin by Wednesday before the weekend!**

## MINISTRIES

### Saturday, March 15

Communion: Jackie Green  
Lector: Kim Campbell  
Altar Servers: Novosad Family  
Ushers: Volunteers

### Sunday, March 16

Communion: Christina Brenek—Debbie Buckholt—  
Carla Kacir  
Lector: REP  
Altar Servers: K & H Hejl—S & L Jahns

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### UPCOMING MASSES

3/9 Sunday 8:15 am: + Alice Stojanik by Fred Dach  
+ Lucille Stock by Justin Hering  
3/11 Tuesday 7:00 am: + Eugene Haisler by Monica Mikeska  
+ Elmer Hoelscher by Monica Mikeska  
3/13 Thursday 7:00 am: + Amy Psencik by Marie Macha  
+ Jerome Orsag by Smetana Family  
3/14 Friday 6:00 pm: + Linda Hering by Marvin Meyer  
+ Jerome Schoppe by Dennis & Monica Marek  
3/15 Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm: + Barbara Macek by David & Lois Skala  
+ Darwin Bruggman by Family  
3/16 Sunday 8:15 am: + Alice Stojanik by Brian & Joan Vanicek  
+ Wilbert Mikeska by Helen & Carson Wallace

### MARAK MASSES

3/9 Sunday 10:15 am  
3/12 Wednesday 5:30 pm  
3/16 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, Monica Mikeska, Amanda Beltran, Holly Knecht, Rebecca Marek, Margaret Campbell, Barbara Johnson.

Stewardship—March 2 —\$3003      Building Fund—\$976

Sanctuary Light—March 9—15—In Memory of Ann Green by Monica Mikeska.

**CELEBRATING 125 YEARS**—In 2027 St. Joseph's Church will celebrate 125 years of worship, faith, devotion, and memories! To commemorate this occasion, we will update our 100th anniversary booklet. If you have a story to tell about our history or are interested in helping compose the new commemorative book, please contact Pat Balz at 254-718-9660.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

March 14—Way of the Cross following 6:00 pm mass.

March 14—April 11—Westphalia KC's Fish Fry—3:00 pm—7:00 pm—\$15/plate—To go only—Plates can be picked up in drive-thru lane behind Parish Hall.

March 14—April 11—Fish Fry—Holy Trinity Corn Hill—5:30—7:00 pm or until sold out. Dine-in or drive thru at the PAC—Adults—\$15/Child \$8—Drive thru adult plates only—Catfish, potato salad, cole slaw, pinto beans, hush puppies, pickles and tartar sauce.

March 22—Confirmation will be celebrated here at St. Joseph at 3:00 pm by Father James Misko, Vicar General of the Diocese. We have eleven candidates and Marak has seven. Please remember them in your prayers.

March 26—The youth will present their annual program "Shadow Stations" at 7:15 pm. Everyone is welcome to come and watch.

April 26—Middle School Rally—If your child is interested in going, please let Michael Brenek or Cheyenne Jahns know.

### ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

Note date change—March 23—Next Altar Society Meeting following mass.