

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.

JULY 19, 2026 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

God is always teaching His people, as we hear in today's First Reading. And what does He want us to know? That He has care for all of us; that though He is a God of justice, even those who defy and disbelieve Him may hope for His mercy if they turn to Him in repentance. This divine teaching continues in the three parables that Jesus tells in the Gospel today. Each describes the emergence of the kingdom of God from the seeds sown by His works and preaching. The kingdom's growth is hidden like the working of yeast in bread; it's improbable, unexpected, as in the way the tall mustard tree grows from the smallest of seeds.

Again, this week's readings sound a note of questioning: Why does God permit the evil to grow alongside the good? Why does He permit some to reject the Word of His kingdom? Because, as we sing in today's Psalm, God is slow to anger and abounding in kindness. He is just, Jesus assures us—evildoers and those who cause others to sin will be thrown into the fiery furnace at the end of the age. But by His patience God is teaching us that above all He desires repentance and the gathering of all nations to worship Him and to glorify His name.

Even though we don't know how to pray as we ought, the Spirit will intercede for us, Paul promises in today's Epistle. But first, we must turn and call upon Him. We must commit ourselves to letting the good seed of His Word bear fruit in our lives. So, we should not be deceived or lose heart when we see weeds among the wheat—truth and holiness mixed with error, injustice, and sin. For now, He makes His sun rise on the good and the bad (see Matthew 5:45). But the harvest draws near. Let's work so that we might be numbered among the righteous children—who will shine like the sun in the kingdom of the Father.

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, July 25, 2026

Communion: Janie Walker
Lector: Steve Walker
Altar Servers: Novosad & Souhrada Families
Ushers: Volunteers

Sunday, July 26, 2026

Communion: Jason Hoelscher
Lector: Kayley Hejl
Altar Servers: D Jahns—C & E Vrana—H Cowen
Ushers: David Kasner & Kyle Kacir

UPCOMING MASSES

7/19 Sunday 8:15 am: + Lucille Stock by Anton & Merlene Bravenec
+ Rubin & Leona Gottschalk by Clyde Gottschalk
7/21 Tuesday 7:00 am: + Josephine Psencik by Roy & Debbie Buckholt
+ Dean Mikeska by Charlie & Jackie Green
7/23 Thursday 7:00 am: + Monica Mikeska by Kenneth & Katherine Pechal
+ Elsie Jez by James Sladeczek
7/25 Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm: + Glenda Hesse by B J & Kay Nan Ledger
+ Gilbert & Pauline Wilde by Daniel & Linda Wilde
7/26 Sunday 8:15 am: + Nancy Hubnik by Rogers HS Class of 1955
+ Jerome Schoppe by Family

WESTPHALIA MASSES

7/19 Sunday 10:15 am
7/22 Wednesday 6:00 pm
7/24 Friday 8:00 am
7/25 Saturday Vigil 6:00 pm
7/26 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—July 12—\$2068 Building Fund—\$100

Sanctuary Light—July 19-25—In Memory of Jerome Schoppe by Family.

HELP KEEP THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNING! To be the light in memory of your loved ones for a week is \$10.

Picnic News: Picnic Raffle donation items are being accepted by Steve & Patricia Pechal or leave a message at 254-217-6622.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY – Thank you to those who have booked their picture appointments. July 28 and 29 are fully booked. We have been given another day (Thursday July 30) which already has half of the appointments taken. If you have not booked, please contact Carla Kacir at 254-721-2980 or Rose Marie Schoppe at 254-718-6462.

REP News—If you feel so led, we will be needing a few teachers for the upcoming year. We will need a Kindergarten teacher and helpers for the second and third grades. REP on-line registration will be available July 25-26.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 18 & 19—Sisters of Mary Immaculate of Nyeri (a Religious Women's Community founded on the slopes of Mt. Kenya in 1918) will be speaking to us about their work caring for the poor, needy, and those who are suffering. A second collection will be taken up for their benefit.

July 19—Westphalia KC's Blood Drive—Westphalia Parish Hall—10:00 am—2:00 pm—Carter Blood Care will receive donations—All donors will get to enjoy a free lunch of ham, sausage, noodles, green beans, and dessert free of charge served starting at 11:30 am. The blood bank is in desperate need of donations. Your donation could save a life.

July 21—KC Meeting—7:00 pm.

August 2—You are invited to join us for "Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come", an 11-session Bible study. Sign-up sheet in church entry. Begins August 2 following mass.

August 9—St. Joseph Church—Marlin—Fried chicken dinner—11:00 am until sold out—\$15/plate—311 Oaks St—For more info call 254-803-8888.

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

The Annual Rural Life Mass, sponsored by the Austin Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, will be held in Westphalia at the Church of the Visitation on Wednesday, July 22, 2026 and will be celebrated by Bishop Daniel Garcia and all attending priests. We hope that you can join us as we appreciate farmers and ranchers in our diocese and recognize an outstanding rural life priest and couple who have contributed to agriculture. Mass will begin at 6:00 pm, followed by a social and dinner in the parish Hall. Everyone is invited. If you need further info, email dccwaustin@gmail.com.