

**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.

**SEPTEMBER 6, 2026 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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.

## MINISTRIES

### Saturday, September 12, 2026

Communion: Janie Walker  
Lector: Steve Walker  
Altar Servers: LaCoure Family  
Ushers: Volunteers

### Sunday, September 13, 2026

Communion: Lacy Jahns  
Lector: Moody Glasgow  
Altar Servers: L Schneider—R & C Jahns  
Ushers: Matt Jahns & John Jahns

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#### UPCOMING MASSES

9/6 Sunday 8:15 am: + Marietta Brenek by Michael Brenek  
+ Maxie Roessler by Becky Roessler-Mahan  
9/6 Tuesday 7:00 am: + Josephine Psencik by Charlie & Jackie Green  
+ Elsie Jez by Elizabeth O'Brien  
9/10 Thursday 7:00 am: + Monica Mikeska by Smetana Family  
+ Lucille Stock by Margaret Mikeska  
9/12 Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm: + Barbara Macek by Charlie Tischler  
+ Don & Monica Mikeska by Charlie & Jackie Green  
9/13 Sunday 8:15 am: + Lucille Stock by Margaret Abel  
+ Linda Hering by Family

#### WESTPHALIA MASSES

9/6 Sunday 10:15 am  
9/9 Wednesday 6:00 pm  
9/11 Friday 8:00 am  
9/12 Saturday Vigil 6:00 pm  
9/13 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—August 30—\$2223      Assumption of Mary—\$80

Sanctuary Light—September 6—12—In Memory of Leslie & Vertis Mesecke by Dewayne & Nancy Mesecke.

THERE ARE A FEW COPIES OF THE SEPTEMBER "THE WORD AMONG US" IN THE CHURCH ENTRY. PLEASE TAKE ONE.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

September 13—SS Cyril and Methodius Marak Annual Picnic—Fried chicken and sausage meal—\$15/plate—Serving begins at 11 am until sold out—Dine in or drive thru—Mass 9:30 am—Games 11:30 am—Auction—2:30 pm.

September 15—KC Meeting—7:00 pm.

September 15-17—Armor of God Catholic Radio Fall Live Pledge Drive—8:00 am—11:00 am and 3:00 pm—6:00 pm—Armor of God Catholic Radio encourages, enlightens, and strengthens listener's faith. Special guests will share their incredible and inspirational stories of how Catholic Radio has been an instrument of peace in their lives. For more info, to volunteer, to be a prayer warrior, or to share your story contact Tom at 254-371-7566 or tom@armorofgodradio.com.

September 20—Holy Trinity Corn Hill Annual Bazaar—BBQ & Fried Chicken—Adults \$15/Children \$5—Serving begins at 11:00 am—Adult drive thru plates available 11:00 am—12:30 pm—BBQ by the pound 8:am—noon at the pit—Auction 1:30 pm—Raffle—Grand prize \$2,000 Visa card.

September 20—St. Ann's—Rosebud—Festival—Beef tips and sausage plates—\$15 each—Service begins 10:30 am until sold out—Dine in or drive thru—Raffle drawing 1:00 pm.

#### Altar Society News

September 13—Next Altar Society meeting IN THE PARISH HALL following mass.