

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.

OCTOBER 4, 2026 TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In today's Gospel Jesus returns to the Old Testament symbol of the vineyard to teach about Israel, the Church, and the kingdom of God. And the symbolism of today's First Reading and Psalm is readily understood.

God is the owner, and the house of Israel is the vineyard. A cherished vine, Israel was plucked from Egypt and transplanted in a fertile land specially spaded and prepared by God, hedged about by the city walls of Jerusalem, and watched over by the towering Temple. But the vineyard produced no good grapes for the wine, a symbol for the holy lives God wanted for His people. So God allowed His vineyard to be overrun by foreign invaders, as Isaiah foresees in the First Reading.

Jesus picks up the story where Isaiah leaves off, even using Isaiah's words to describe the vineyard's wine press, hedge, and watchtower. Israel's religious leaders, the tenants in His parable, have learned nothing from Isaiah or Israel's past. Instead of producing good fruits, they've killed the owner's servants, the prophets sent to gather the harvest of faithful souls.

In a dark foreshadowing of His own crucifixion outside Jerusalem, Jesus says the tenants' final outrage will be to seize the owner's son and to kill him outside the vineyard walls.

For this, the vineyard, which Jesus calls the kingdom of God, will be taken away and given to new tenants—the leaders of the Church, who will produce its fruit. We are each a vine in the Lord's vineyard, grafted onto the true vine of Christ (see John 15:1–8), called to bear fruits of the righteousness in Him (see Philippians 1:11) and to be the “first fruits” of a new creation (see James 1:18).

We need to take care that we don't let ourselves be overgrown with the thorns and briars of worldly anxiety. As today's Epistle advises, we need to fill our hearts and minds with noble intentions and virtuous deeds, rejoicing always that the Lord is near.

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, October 10, 2026

Communion: Pat Armstrong
Lector: John Hattemer
Altar Servers: LaCoure Family
Ushers: Volunteers

Sunday, October 11, 2026

Communion: Sherry Kosel
Lector: Kayley Hejl
Altar Servers: E Cowen—Glasgow Family
Ushers: Jason Hoelscher & Charles Castillo

UPCOMING MASSES

10/4 Sunday 8:15 am: + Darwin Bruggman by Family
+ Edward & Lucy Mihatsch by Michael Brenek
10/6 Tuesday 7:00 am: Communion Service
10/8 Thursday 7:00 am: Communion Service
10/10 Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm: + Monica Mikeska by Justin Hering
+ Albina & Anton Vrazel by Daniel & Linda Wilde
10/11 Sunday 8:15 am: + Linda Hering by Family
+ Jerome Schoppe by Family

WESTPHALIA MASSES

10/4 Sunday 10:15 am
10/7 Communion Service
Wednesday 6:00 pm
10/9 Communion Service
Friday 8:00 am
10/10 Saturday Vigil 6:00 pm
10/11 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—September 27—\$1825

Sanctuary Light—October 4—10—In Memory of Klint Kasberg by Oleta Wilde.

There are a few Word Among Us Scripture booklets for October in the church entry. Take one.

PICNIC INFO—3216 PLATES SOLD

RAFFLE WINNERS

1. Queen Size Quilt-Charlie Tischler
2. \$1000 Amazon Gift Card-Oleta Wilde
3. \$500 Gift Card-Ginny Tepera
4. \$350 Gift Card Basket-Susan Allamon
5. \$300 Gift Card-Andy Machicek
6. \$250 Greens Gift Card-Brian Hoelscher
7. \$250 Gift Card-Mike Gasper
8. \$250 Gift Card-Gladys Jimenez
9. \$250 Gift Card-Andrew Lambert
10. \$100 Gift Card-Margie Hoelscher
11. \$100 Buc-ee's Gift Card-Wendy Barnfield

AUCTION RESULTS ARE AVAILABLE IN CHURCH ENTRY. PICNIC REPORT WILL BE PROVIDED LATER.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 4—St. Matthew—Rogers—Fall Festival—Pulled Pork Plate—\$15—Dine in or drive thru—Serving starts at 11:00 am—Raffle—Silent Auction—Plant & Bake Sale—Games.

October 18—St. LukeFest—Temple—St. Luke Church Grounds—10 A—4 P—Food, music, children's games, silent auction, bingo, & more.

October 27—Parish Council meeting—6 pm in Parish Hall.

Altar Society News

October 11—Altar Society meeting following mass IN THE PARISH HALL.