

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 5, 2023 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” Mathew 17:5

Today’s Gospel portrays Jesus as a new and greater Moses. Moses also took three companions up a mountain and on the seventh day was overshadowed by the shining cloud of God’s presence. He too spoke with God and his face and clothing were made radiant in the encounter (see Exodus 24, 34).

But in today’s Lenten Liturgy, the Church wants us to look back past Moses. Indeed, we are asked to contemplate what today’s Epistle calls God’s “design . . . from before time began.” With His promises to Abram in today’s First Reading, God formed the people through whom He would reveal Himself and bestow His blessings on all humanity. He later elevated these promises to eternal covenants and changed Abram’s name to Abraham, promising that he would be father of a host nations (see [Genesis 17:5](#)). In remembrance of His covenant with Abraham, He raised up Moses (see [Exodus 2:24; 3:8](#)), and later swore an everlasting kingdom to David’s sons (see [Jeremiah 33:26](#)).

In Jesus’ transfiguration today, He is revealed as the One through whom God fulfills His divine plan from of old. Not only a new Moses, Jesus is also the “beloved son” promised to Abraham and again to David (see [Genesis 22:15-18; Psalm 2:7; Matthew 1:1](#)). Moses foretold a prophet like him to whom Israel would listen (see [Deuteronomy 18:15, 18](#)), and Isaiah foretold an anointed servant in whom God would be well pleased (see [Isaiah 42:1](#)). Jesus is this prophet and this servant, as the Voice on the mountain tells us today. By faith we have been made children of the covenant with Abraham (see [Galatians 3:7-9; Acts 3:25](#)). He calls us, too, to a holy life, to follow His Son to the heavenly homeland He has promised. We know, as we sing in today’s Psalm, that we who hope in Him will be delivered from death. So like our father in faith, we go forth as the Lord directs us: “Listen to Him!”



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, March 11

Communion: Pauline Marek
Lector : John Hattemer
Altar Servers: T. Parker & R. J. Cook
Ushers: Volunteers

Sunday, March 12

Communion: Andrew Brenek
Lector: Moody Glasgow
Altar Servers: J. Hoelscher—H. & E. Cowen
Ushers: Steve Bruggman & Tim Cowen

MASSES THIS WEEK

- 3/5 Sunday 8:15 am: + Vertis Mesecke by Mesecke Family
+ Barbara Eixman by Joan Moeller
- 3/7 Tues. 7:00 am: + Naomi Green by Green Family
+ Larry Joe Nohra by Family
- 3/9 Thurs. 7:00 am: + Dean Mikeska by Bill & Carol Smetana
+ Edward Brenek by Bill & Carol Smetana
- 3/10 Fri. 6:00 pm: + Jerome Schoppe by Louis & Louise Straka
Stations of the Cross + Nancy Hubnik by Mary Ann & Billy Seaton
- 3/11 Sat. Vigil 5:30 pm: + Zachary Schneider by Danny & Jane Bruggman
+ Darwin Bruggman by Bernard & Netsie Hoelscher
- 3/12 Sunday 8:15 am: + Alice Stojanik by Monica Mikeska
+ Linda Hering by James Kasberg

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, Josie Kleypas, Georgia Stermer.

Stewardship—February 26—\$2066 American Home Missions—\$543

Sanctuary Light—March 5-11—In memory of Jerome Schoppe by Family.

Sanctuary Light reservations are available. If you would like to schedule a week(s) for the Sanctuary Light and have not already done so, please contact Nancy Posvar at 254-913-2696. Cost is \$10/week.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Altar Society Scholarship applications are available in the church entry. Deadline for submission is April 30.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 10, 17, 24, 31—Westphalia KC Shrimp & Fish Fry—3:30 pm—7:15 pm or until sold out. Cost \$12/plate.

March 26—Salem Lutheran Church Relay for Life BBQ fundraiser—Seaton Star Hall—\$12/plate.

April 2—Spring Fest.

No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion Study—Fridays following Stations of the Cross—February 24, March 3, March 17, March 24, and March 31—Parish Hall—Bring potluck (meatless) supper to share.

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS:

- If you would like to serve as an Altar Society officer, please contact Pat Balz at 254-718-9660 by March 31.
- March 12—Next Altar Society Meeting following mass.
- March 18-19, March 25-26, April 1-2—Easter Flower donation collection.