

**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.

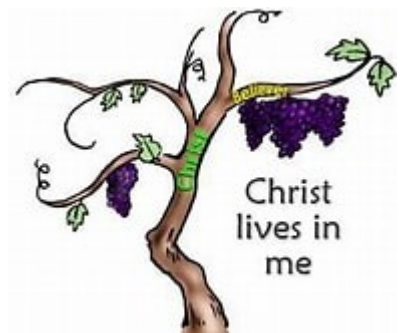
**APRIL 28, 2024 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

“I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty”

In today’s Gospel, Jesus tells us that He is the true vine that God intended Israel to be—the source of divine life and wisdom for the nations (see [Sirach 24:17-24](#)). In Baptism, each of us was joined to Him by the Holy Spirit. As a branch grows from a tree, our souls are to draw life from Him, nourished by His word and the Eucharist.

Paul in today’s First Reading seeks to be grafted onto the visible expression of Christ the true vine—His Church. Once the chief persecutor of the Church, Paul encounters initial resistance and suspicion. But he is known by his fruits, by his powerful witness to the Lord working in his life (see [Matthew 7:16-20](#)). We too are commanded today to bear good fruits as His disciples so that our lives give glory to God. Like Paul’s life, our lives must bear witness to His goodness.

Jesus cautions us, however, that if we’re bearing fruit, we can expect that God will “prune” us—as a gardener trims and cuts back a plant so that it will grow stronger and bear even more fruit. He is teaching us today how to look at our sufferings and trials with the eyes of faith. We need to see our struggles as pruning, by which we are being disciplined and trained so that we can grow in holiness and bear fruits of righteousness (see [Hebrews 12:4-11](#)). We need to always remain rooted in Him, as today’s Epistle tells us. We remain in Him by keeping His commandment of love, by pondering His words, letting them dwell richly in us (see [Colossians 3:16](#)), and by always seeking to do what pleases Him. In everything we must be guided by humility, remembering that apart from Him we can do nothing. As we sing in today’s Psalm, we must fulfill our vows, turning to the Lord in worship, proclaiming his praises, until all families come to know His justice in their lives.



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Bulletin Information: [Marak](#): Irene Kaulfus (254-248-2069) – [Cyclone](#): Nancy Posvar (254 913 696)

Bulletin Deadline: Please call or send by email all info for the bulletin by Wednesday before the weekend!

## MINISTRIES

### Saturday, May 4

Communion: Pat Armstrong  
Lector: John Hattemer  
Altar Servers: T Parker—G Simone—R J Cook  
Ushers: Volunteers

### Sunday, May 5

Communion: Cathy Bruggman  
Lector: Donna Poteet  
Altar Servers: H & E Cowen—A Glasgow—I Stumbaugh  
Ushers: John Jahns & Matt Jahns

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#### UPCOMING MASSES

4/28 Sunday 8:15 am: + Lucille Stock by Rose Marie Schoppe  
+ Jay Paul Jahns by Eugene & Barbara Brenek Family

4/30 Tuesday 7:00 am: + Louis & Barbara Maspero by Brita & Ricky McNeill  
+ Wilbert Mikeska by Wilde Family

5/2 Thursday 7:00 am: + Josie Kleypas by David & Janet Kasner  
+ Frank Lynn Jez by Evelyn Jez

5/3 Friday 7:00 am: + Lucille Stock by Roy & Debbie Buckholt  
+ Jerome Schoppe by Robert & Melissa Brenek

5/4 Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm: Sue Havelka—For Health—by Pat Armstrong  
+ Zachary Schneider by Pat Armstrong

5/5 Sunday 8:15 am: + Barbara Macek by Charlie Tischler  
+ Deceased Members Robert & Leona Brenek Family

#### MARAK MASSES

4/28 Sunday 10:15 am  
5/1 Wednesday 5:30 pm  
5/5 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.

Stewardship—April 21—\$2300      Seminarians & Priest Education Fund—\$598

Sanctuary Light—April 28—May 4—In memory of John Macha by David & Janet Kasner.

THE FAMILY OF GERALDINE DOSKOCIL wishes to thank Fr. Ranjan for officiating at her funeral mass on April 5. In addition, our sincere appreciation to the Altar Society for the delicious meal provided. The comfort food and fellowship nourished us in so many ways.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

April 28—Barclay Community Center Fundraiser 11:00 AM —TBA—BBQ beef with all the trimmings—Dine in or take out—Silent auction.

May 4—Cyclone—Marak KC's Fundraiser—Flag Hall—Tickets \$125—6:00 pm—Tickets can be purchased from Charles Green at Green's Sausage House.

May 5—CYO will be selling breakfast tacos after Mass. Please support our youth!

**EIM Compliance & Workshop Information**—The EIM (Ethics and Integrity in Ministry) Office has completed the conversion to VIRTUS. Active EIM accounts were transferred to VIRTUS Online and an email with login information and instructions was sent in January. New to the EIM process? Or have more questions? Visit [austindiocese.org/eim-instructions](http://austindiocese.org/eim-instructions) to learn how to create an account, sign up for a workshop (new applicants only) or update compliance. Contact us at [eim@austindiocese.org](mailto:eim@austindiocese.org) for further assistance or if you did not receive the welcome email from VIRTUS. St. Joseph Catholic Church is hosting an EIM Workshop on June 9 at 9:45am in the Parish Hall after Mass. Breakfast will be served. You must have an EIM account (complete and submit the EIM Application at [VIRTUS.org](http://VIRTUS.org)) and pre-register to attend this workshop. Contact Shirley Hoelscher, EIM Site Administrator, for assistance if needed... 254-541-7950 or [swwalace@hotmail.com](mailto:swwalace@hotmail.com) \*\*NOTES: 1) Plan to arrive promptly as late arrivals will not be admitted and 2) Do not bring children to the workshop. If you are a victim of sexual abuse and have concerns regarding your attendance at a workshop, contact Abby Turner at (512) 949-2447 to discuss an alternative workshop arrangement.

#### SCHOLARSHIPS

St. Mary's Altar Society is offering 2-\$1000 scholarships. Application forms in church entry. Deadline April 30.

Burlington—Cameron branch of Catholic Life Insurance is sponsoring a \$300 scholarship to graduating high school seniors. Please contact Charles Schneider or your CCD teacher for application.

KC 4th Degree 2024 Patriotism Scholarship for graduating seniors of St. Luke, Church of the Visitation, St. Joseph, and Sts. Cyril & Methodius Parishes—Due April 30—See bulletin board for more details.

#### ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS:

- May 9—6 pm—Next Altar Society Meeting in Parish Hall
- May 15—Killeen—Temple DCCW meeting—St. Cyril & Methodius—Marak—10:00 am.