

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.

NOVEMBER 27, 2022 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.” Psalm 85:13

Jesus exaggerates in today’s Gospel when He claims not to know the day or the hour when He will come again. Christ occasionally makes such overstatements to drive home a point we might otherwise miss (see [Matthew 5:34; 23:9; Luke 14:26](#)). His point here is that the exact “hour” is not important. What is crucial is that we not postpone our repentance, that we be ready for Him—spiritually and morally—when He comes. For He will surely come, He tells us—like a thief in the night, like the flood in the time of Noah.

In today’s Epistle, Paul too compares the present age to a time of advancing darkness and night. Though we sit in the darkness, overshadowed by death, we have seen arise the great light of our Lord who has come into our midst (see [Matthew 4:16; John 1:9; 8:12](#)). He is the true light, the life of the world. And His light continues to shine in His Church, the new Jerusalem promised by Isaiah in today’s First Reading. In the Church, all nations stream to the God of Jacob, to worship and seek wisdom in the House of David. From the Church goes forth His word of instruction, the light of the Lord—that all might walk in His paths toward that eternal day when night will be no more (see [Revelation 22:5](#)).

By our Baptism we have been made children of the light and day (see [Ephesians 5:8; 1 Thessalonians 5:5-7](#)). It is time we start living like it: throwing off the fruitless works of darkness, rejecting the desires of the flesh, and walking by the light of His grace. The hour is late as we begin a new Advent. Let us begin again in this Eucharist. As we sing in today’s Psalm, “let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.” Let us give thanks to His name, keeping watch for His coming, knowing that our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.



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, December 3

Communion: Kristen Parker
Lector : Kim Campbell
Altar Servers: LaCoure Family
Ushers: Volunteers

Sunday, December 4

Communion: Christina Brenek
Lector: Donna Poteet
Altar Servers: C. Landeros—E. & A. Glasgow
Ushers: Roy Buckholt & Kyle Kacir

MASSES THIS WEEK: CYCLONE

11/27 Sunday 8:15 am: + Harold Schneider by Bill & Carol Smetana
+ Linda Hering by James Kasberg
11/29 Tues. 7:00 am: + Edward Zavodny by Niekamp Family
+ Deloris Gilbert by Charlie & Jackie Green
12/1 Thurs. 7:00 am: + Leon & Vallie Zavodny by Charlie & Jackie Green
+ Larry Joe Nohra by Larry & Margie Nohra
12/2 Friday 7:00 am: + Edward Brenek by Bill & Carol Smetana
+ Genny Bartek by Bernadette Bruggman
12/3 Sat. Vigil 5:30 pm: + Justin Everett by Daniel & Linda Wilde
+ Morris & Mary Marburger by John & Janie Hattermer
12/4 Sunday 8:15 am: + Randolph & Evelyn Green by Family
+ Nancy Hubnik by Dewayne & Nancy Mesecke

MASSES THIS WEEK: MARAK

11/27 Sunday 10:15 am: +Joe Vansa by Alfred & Bernice Vrazel Laddie & Edith Vaculin 70th Anniversary +Eva & Joe David by Laddie & Edith Vaculin +Joe & Elizabeth Vaculin by Laddie & Edith Vaculin
11/30 Wednesday 5:30 pm: +Jerry Wade by Robert & Debbie Vansa +Martha Tomek by Bill & Georgia Kincer +Jerry Sipula by Arvell & Liz Jungmann
12/4 Sunday 10:15 am: +Deceased members Henry Litzman Sr. & Frank Plachy Sr. Families by Lynne Hornung +Jerry Sipula

In your charity, please pray for: Homebound: Leora Hering, Alice Stojanik, Jerome Schoppe.
Good health: A. J. Stermer, Bill Stock, Lawrence Stermer, Viola Duskocil, Dorothy Haisler, Evelyn Richter, Deacon Bill Smetana, Buddy Roessler, Nick Schneider, Josie Kleypas.

Sanctuary Light—November 20—December 3—In memory of Marcus Wilde by Monica Mikeska.

NOTE: Beginning in 2023 the Sanctuary Light will be reserved in one-week increments.

Stewardship—November 20—\$1511 Campaign for Human Development—\$401 Thank you for your generosity.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: There is a sign-up sheet in church entrance for KC Members Christmas Party. Widows of past members are welcome to attend.

NEW BIBLE STUDY—The Mystery of the Eucharist. Learn about the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and her members. Class will meet January 8 and 22 and February 5 and 19. Sign up sheet in church entrance. Please sign up as soon as possible so materials can be ordered.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 4—Special Collection—Building Fund

December 12—Advent Penance Service—Marak—6:00 pm

December 16—Advent Penance Service—Cyclone—6:00 pm

January 25, 2023—Women's Retreat—St. Luke's—Optional Mass 8:30 am—Session 9:45 am—2:30 pm—

Complimentary breakfast & lunch included. Altar Society will pay registration for any Altar Society member who wishes to attend. Please contact Carla Kacir by January 2, 2023 if you want to attend.

NOTE: If there is anything you want brought up at the January Parish Council meeting, please contact a Parish Council Member. Members: Pat Balz, Moody Glasgow, Jason Hoelscher, Cheyenne Jahns, Jake Jahns, & Kyle Kacir.

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS:

- Ladies Christmas Brunch—an invitation to all St. Joseph Parish ladies. A Christmas Brunch December 10 at 10:00 am in the Parish Hall. Join us for a special morning of great food, drinks, games and fellowship. RSVP to Pat Balz by December 3 at 254-718-9660.
- December 3 & 4, December 10 & 11—Collection for Christmas flowers.
- December 11—Next Altar Society Meeting following mass. Meeting will be in Parish Hall.