

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 12, 2023 THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.” Psalm 23:1

According to marriage customs of Jesus’ day, a bride was first “betrothed” to her husband but continued for a time to live with her family. Then, at the appointed hour some months later, the groom would come to claim her, leading her family and bridal party to the wedding feast that would celebrate and inaugurate their new life together. This is the background to the parable of the last judgment we hear in today’s Gospel. In the parable’s symbolism, Jesus is the Bridegroom (see [Mark 2:19](#)). In this, He fulfills God’s ancient promise to join Himself forever to His chosen people as a husband cleaves to his bride (see [Hosea 2:16-20](#)). The virgins of the bridal party represent us, the members of the Church.

We were “betrothed” to Jesus in Baptism (see [2 Corinthians 11:2](#); [Ephesians 5:25-27](#)) and are called to lives of holiness and devotion until He comes again to lead us to the heavenly wedding feast at the end of time (see [Revelation 19:7-9](#); [21:1-4](#)). As St. Paul warns in today’s Epistle, Jesus is coming again, though we know not the day nor the hour. We need to keep vigil throughout the dark night of this time in which our Bridegroom seems long delayed. We need to keep our souls’ lamps filled with the oil of perseverance and desire for God— virtues that are extolled in today’s First Reading and Psalm.

We are to seek Him in love, meditating upon His kindness, calling upon His name, striving to be ever more worthy of Him, to be found without spot or blemish when He comes. If we do this, we will be counted as wise and the oil for our lamps will not run dry (see [1 Kings 17:16](#)). We will perceive the Bridegroom, the Wisdom of God (see [Proverbs 8:12-21, 35](#); [9:1-6](#)), hastening toward us, beckoning us to the table He has prepared, the rich banquet which will satisfy our souls.



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, November 18

Communion: Sue Havelka
Lector: Lambert Havelka
Altar Servers: J Marek & S Jahns
Ushers: Volunteers

Sunday, November 19

Communion: Debbie Buckholt
Lector: REP
Altar Servers A & E Glasgow—I & A Stumbaugh
Ushers: REP

MASSES THIS WEEK

11/12 Sunday 8:15 am: + Alice Stojanik by Bernadette Bruggman
+ Wilbert Mikeska by Arlene Wilde Family
11/14 Tuesday 7:00 am: + Marcus Wilde by Oleta Wilde
+ Dean Mikeska by Charlie & Jackie Green
11/16 Thursday 7:00 am: Good Health for All by Charlie & Jackie Green
+ Darwin Bruggman by Family
11/17 Friday 7:00 am: + Nancy Hubnik by Louis & Louise Straka
+ Ervin Ketterman by Robert Ketterman
11/18 Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm: + Marcus Wilde by Monica Mikeska
+ Don Mikeska by Monica Mikeska
11/19 Sunday 8:15 am: + Joe & Martha Dubcak by Bill & Carol Smetana
+ Larry & Denise Posvar by Family

MARAK MASSES

11/12 Sunday 10:15 am
11/15 Wednesday 5:30 pm
11/19 Sunday 10:15 am

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, Georgia Stermer, Lucille Stock, Al & Lou Buckholt, Mary Jane Underwood, Christy Marek Dill, Pattie Kalmbach.

Stewardship—November 5—\$3352 All Saints—\$593 Building Fund—\$850
Sanctuary Light—November 12-18—In memory of Marcus Wilde by Monica Mikeska.

NOTE: TO ENSURE PROPER CREDIT TO YOUR OFFERATORY DONATION ACCOUNT, PLEASE USE YOUR NUMBERED OFFERATORY ENVELOPES. YOUR ACCOUNT IS TIED TO YOUR NAME AND ENVELOPE NUMBER. ENVELOPES ARE COSTLY. IF YOU WOULD PREFER TO BE REMOVED FROM THE OFFERATORY ENVELOPE LIST, PLEASE CONTACT NANCY POSVAR. THANK YOU.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 5-11—National Vocation Awareness Week—As we celebrate this week of awareness, please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons, and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of vocation.

November 11-12—Plans are being made for Sister Anita Brenek to be here to talk to us about building a Culture of Vocations, speaking at both the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses. With her will be Sister Madelaine Zimmerer and Hermana Maricruz De La Cruz. All three are members of the Congregation of Divine Providence in San Antonio. We will have a "Meet and Greet The Sisters" with donuts and coffee served at the parish hall immediately after Mass on Sunday, November 12.

November 19—Bible Timeline Study Group will meet following mass.

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS:

- CEF Christmas cards are available by contacting Pat Balz—\$2/ea.
- College care package donations due November 18-19. There are 10 students.