

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.

MAY 14, 2023 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord.” John 14:15

Jesus will not leave us alone. He won't make us children of God in Baptism only to leave us “orphans,” He assures us in today's Gospel (see [Romans 8:14–17](#)). He asks the Father to give us His Spirit, to dwell with us and keep us united in the life He shares with the Father. We see the promised gift of His Spirit being conferred in today's First Reading.

The scene from Acts apparently depicts a primitive Confirmation rite. Philip, one of the first deacons (see [Acts 6:5](#)), proclaims the Gospel in the non-Jewish city of Samaria. The Samaritans accept the Word of God (see [Acts 17:11](#); [1 Thessalonians 2:13](#)) and are baptized. It remains for the Apostles to send their representatives, Peter and John, to pray and lay hands on the newly baptized—that they might receive the Holy Spirit. This is the origin of our Sacrament of Confirmation (see [Acts 19:5–6](#)), by which the grace of Baptism is completed and believers are sealed with the Spirit promised by the Lord. We remain in this grace so long as we love Christ and keep His commandments. And, strengthened in the Spirit whom Jesus said would be our Advocate, we are called to bear witness to our salvation—to the tremendous deeds that God has done for us in the name of His Son.

In today's Psalm, we celebrate our liberation. As He changed the sea into dry land to free the captive Israelites, Christ suffered that He might lead us to God, as we hear in today's Epistle. This is the reason for our hope—the hope that sustains us in the face of a world that cannot accept His truth, the hope that sustains us when we are maligned and defamed for His name's sake. Put to death in the flesh, He was brought to life in the Spirit, Paul tells us today. And as He himself promises: “Because I live, . . . you will live.”



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, May 20

Communion: Pauline Marek
Lector : Kristen Parker
Altar Servers: LaCoure Family
Ushers: Volunteers

Sunday, May 21

Communion: Debbie Buckholt
Lector: REP
Altar Servers: R. J. Cook—J. Dolgener—D. Jahns
Ushers: REP

MASSES THIS WEEK

5/14 Sunday 8:15 am: + Royella Roessler by Maxie Roessler
+ Barbara Eixman by Joan Moeller
5/16 Tuesday 7:00 am: + Erma Svajda by Frankie Volek Family
+ Morris & Mary Marburger by John & Janie Hattemer
5/18 Thursday 7:00 am: + Randolph & Evelyn Green by Family
+ Kenneth Halfmann by Larry & Pauline Hoelscher
5/19 Friday 7:00 am: + Joe & Martha Dubcak by Bill & Carol Smetana
+ Good Health for All by Charlie & Jackie Green
5/20 Vigil Mass 5:30 pm: + Bernadine Goonan by Marilyn Wilde Coffee
+ Don Mikeska by Evelyn Jez
5/21 Sunday 8:15 am: + Vertis Mesecke by Family
+ Darwin Bruggman by Bill & Carol Smetana

MARAK MASSES

5/14 Sunday 10:15 am:
5/17 Wednesday 5:30 pm
5/21 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, Madeline Lambert, Lucille Stock.

Stewardship—May 7—\$3409 Catholic Relief Services—\$25 Seminarians & Priest Education & Formation—\$65
Building Fund—\$741

Sanctuary Light—May 14-20—In memory of Joe & Martha Dubcak by Nancy Posvar.

JUNE 17—STELLAR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL! Registration link is <https://bit.ly/StJoeSTELLAR2023>. Please register by May 26. We will be learning about our Lord and Savior. His coming into the world as a human baby, accepting Zacchaeus, caring for His mother during the Crucifixion, and many other miracles! Shine Jesus' Light!

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 16—KC Meeting—7:00 pm Parish Hall.

May 20—Pet Vaccination Clinic—Westphalia Parish Hall—7:00 am—11:00 am—Sponsored by Westphalia KC's—Dr. Johnnie Richter, DVM.

May 28—Senior Sunday—Breakfast to follow in Parish Hall.

June 3—Garage Sale—Westphalia Parish Hall—7:00 am—12:00 noon—Sponsored by Westphalia KC's—To reserve a space, contact Brian Wilde at 254-718-6764.

June 4—Holy Trinity Catholic Church—Corn Hill—Fried Chicken & Sausage Lunch—11:00 am—1:00 pm in the PAC—Adults \$15—Children \$7—Drive thru plates until 12:30—\$15—Afternoon dance featuring Jodi Mikula Orchestra—Mass at 10:30 am.

PLEASE JOIN US THIS SUMMER FOR A BOOK STUDY CALLED "WHO AM I TO JUDGE?" WE WILL MEET ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS FROM 7:00—9:00 PM IN THE PARISH HALL. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE CHURCH ENTRANCE SO BOOKS CAN BE ORDERED.

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS:

- Officers elected at May 7 meeting are: President—Pat Balz Vice President—Sara Hejl
Secretary—Christina Brenek Treasurer—Carla Kacir
- MAY 17—Killeen-Temple DCCW meeting—St. Monica's—Cameron—10:00 am