

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.

SEPTEMBER 22, 2024 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me." John 10:14.

In today's First Reading, it's like we have our ears pressed to the wall and can hear the murderous grumblings of the elders, chief priests, and scribes—who last week Jesus predicted would torture and kill Him (see [Mark 8:31; 10:33-34](#)). The liturgy invites us to see this passage from the Book of Wisdom as a prophecy of the Lord's Passion. We hear His enemies complain that "the Just One" has challenged their authority, reproached them for breaking the law of Moses, for betraying their training as leaders and teachers. And we hear chilling words that foreshadow how they will mock Him as He hangs on the Cross: "For if the Just One be the Son of God, He will . . . deliver Him . . ." (compare [Matthew 27:41-43](#)).

Today's Gospel and Psalm give us the flip side of the First Reading. In both, we hear of Jesus' sufferings from His point of view. Though His enemies surround Him, He offers Himself freely in sacrifice, trusting that God will sustain Him. But the Apostles today don't understand this second announcement of Christ's Passion. They begin arguing over issues of succession—over who among them is greatest, who will be chosen to lead after Christ is killed. Again they are thinking not as God but as human beings (see [Mark 8:33](#)). And again Jesus teaches the Twelve—the chosen leaders of His Church—that they must lead by imitating His example of love and self-sacrifice. They must be "servants of all," especially the weak and the helpless—symbolized by the child He embraces and places in their midst.

This is a lesson for us, too. We must have the mind of Christ, who humbled Himself to come among us (see [Philippians 2:5-11](#)). We must freely offer ourselves, making everything we do a sacrifice in praise of His name. As James says in today's Epistle, we must seek wisdom from above, desiring humility, not glory, and in all things be gentle and full of mercy.



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

MINISTRIES

Saturday, September 28

Communion: Lacy Jahns
Lector: John Hattemer
Altar Servers: L & S Jans
Ushers: Volunteers

Sunday, September 29

Communion: Cathy Bruggman
Lector: Donna Poteet
Altar Servers: J Dolgener—J & J Stumbaugh—S Glasgow
Ushers: Eric & Jackson Landeros

UPCOMING MASSES

9/22 Sunday 8:15 am: + Larry Posvar by Family
+ Jerome Schoppe by Mark & Monica Guenat

9/24 Tuesday 7:00 am: + Darwin Bruggman by Bruggman Family
+ Bubba Atkins by Smetana Family

9/26 Thursday 7:00 am: + Rubin & Leona Gottschalk by Clyde Gottschalk
+ Raymond Sehon by Smetana Family

9/27 Friday 7:00 am: + Nancy Hubnik by David & Janet Kasner
+ Kenneth Halfmann by Lyn Dukatnik

9/28 Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm: + Naomi Green by Family
+ Georgia Stermer by Charlie & Jackie Green

9/29 Sunday 8:15 am: + Don Mikeska by Monica Mikeska
+ Wilbert Mikeska by Daniel & Linda Wilde

MARAK MASSES

9/22 Sunday 10:15 am
9/25 Wednesday 5:30 pm
9/29 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, Amanda Beltran.

Stewardship—September 15 —\$1667 Building Fund—\$25 REP Donation—\$80

Sanctuary Light—September 15-21—In Memory of Larry Posvar by Family.

THANK YOU AND CONGRATULATIONS to our Catechists who were installed last Sunday. Our Catechists come together to help serve our youth and help them grow up in the Catholic faith. "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 6—St. Matthew Church—Rogers—Fall Festival Pulled Pork & Sausage—\$15/plate—Dine-In 11:00 am until Sold Out—To Go 11:00 am—1:00 pm.

November 15-17—Grief Retreat—Cedarbrake—\$295 for Private Room, \$225 for Shared Room, \$150 for Commuters—To register visit CEDARBRAKE.ORG—More info on bulletin board.

NEW BIBLE STUDY will be starting in October called "The Bible—The Virgin Mary: Mary as You've Never Seen Her Before." Please sign up in the church entrance if you are interested so materials can be ordered. Class will meet 2 Sundays a month after mass.
