

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 21, 2024 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.”

Jesus, in today’s Gospel, says that He is the good shepherd the prophets had promised to Israel. He is the shepherd-prince, the new David—who frees people from bondage to sin and gathers them into one flock, the Church, under a new covenant, made in His blood (see [Ezekiel 34:10–13, 23–31](#)). His flock includes other sheep, He says, far more than the dispersed children of Israel (see [Isaiah 56:8; John 11:52](#)). And He gave His Church the mission of shepherding all peoples to the Father.

In today’s First Reading, we see the beginnings of that mission in the testimony of Peter, whom the Lord appointed shepherd of His Church (see [John 21:15–17](#)). Peter tells Israel’s leaders that the Psalm we sing today is a prophecy of their rejection and crucifixion of Christ. He tells the “builders” of Israel’s temple that God has made the stone they rejected the cornerstone of a new spiritual temple, the Church (see [Mark 12:10–13; 1 Peter 2:4–7](#)).

Through the ministry of the Church, the shepherd still speaks (see [Luke 10:16](#)), and forgives sins (see [John 20:23](#)), and makes His body and blood present, that all may know Him in the breaking of the bread (see [Luke 24:35](#)). It is a mission that will continue until all the world is one flock under the one shepherd. In laying down His life and taking it up again, Jesus made it possible for us to know God as He did—as sons and daughters of the Father who loves us. As we hear in today’s Epistle, He calls us His children, as He called Israel His son when He led them out of Egypt and made His covenant with them (see [Exodus 4:22–23; Revelation 21:7](#)).

Today, let us listen for His voice as He speaks to us in the Scriptures, and vow again to be more faithful followers. And let us give thanks for the blessings He bestows from His altar.



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, April 27

Communion: Kristen Parker
Lector: Cathy Bruggman
Altar Servers: J Marek—L & S Jahns
Ushers: Volunteers

Sunday, April 28

Communion: Debbie Buckholt
Lector: Patty Glasgow
Altar Servers: D & R Jahns—C & A Glasgow
Ushers: Roy Buckholt & Eugene Brenek

UPCOMING MASSES

4/21 Sunday 8:15 am: + Linda Hering by Carolyn Buxkemper Dutton
+ Darwin Bruggman by Bartek Family

4/23 Tuesday 7:00 am: + Naomi Green by Family
+ Evelyn Kelarek by Bill & Carol Smetana

4/25 Thursday 7:00 am: + Nancy Hubnik by Louis & Louise Straka
+ Kenny Kasberg by Bill & Carol Smetana

4/26 Friday 7:00 am: + Ervin Ketterman by Robert Ketterman
+ Raymond Duskocil by Charlie & Jackie Green

4/27 Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm: + Viola Duskocil by Stanley May
+ Georgia Stermer by Nell Bartek

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

MARAK MASSES

4/21 Sunday 10:15 am
4/24 Wednesday 5:30 pm
4/28 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 14—\$2342 Building Fund—\$25

Sanctuary Light—April 21—27—In memory of Joseph & Regina Dach.

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 to learn how to create an account, sign up for a workshop (new applicants only) or update compliance. Contact us at 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) and pre-register to attend this workshop. Contact Shirley Hoelscher, EIM Site Administrator, for assistance if needed... 254-541-7950 or svwallace@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:

College Care Package donations due April 21. Monetary or snack foods. 7 college students. Give monetary donations to Carla Kacir. Leave snack foods in cry room.