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 18, 2022 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them."

The steward in today's Gospel confronts the reality that he can't go on living the way he has been. He is under judgment. He must give account for what he has done. The exploiters of the poor in today's First Reading are also about to be pulled down, to be thrust from their stations (see Isaiah 22:19). Servants of mammon, or money, they're so in love with wealth that they reduce the poor to objects; they despise the new moons and sabbaths—the observances and holy days of God (see Leviticus 23:24; Exodus 20:8). Their only hope is to follow the steward's path. He is no model of repentance. But he makes a prudent calculation—to use his last hours in charge of his master's property to show mercy to others, to relieve their debts. He is a child of this world, driven by a purely selfish motive—to make friends and be welcomed into the homes of

his master's debtors. Yet his prudence is commended as an example to us, the children of light (see <u>1 Thessalonians 5:5</u>; <u>Ephesians 5:8</u>). We too must realize, as the steward does, that what we have is not honestly ours, but in truth belongs to another, our Master.

All the mammon in the world could not have paid the debt we owe our Master. So He paid it for us. He gave His life as a ransom for all, as we hear in today's Epistle. God wants everyone to be saved, even kings and princes, even the lovers of money (see <u>Luke 16:14</u>). But we cannot serve two Masters. By His grace, we should choose to be, as we sing in today's Psalm, "servants of the Lord." We serve Him by using what He has entrusted us with to give alms, to lift the lowly from the dust and dunghills of this world. By this we will gain what is ours and be welcomed into eternal dwellings, the many mansions of the Father's house (see <u>John 14:2</u>).



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, September 24 Sunday, September 25

Communion: Jason Hoelscher Communion: Katherine Pechal **Monica Jahns** Lector: Lector: **Kenneth Pechal**

Altar Servers: L. & S. Jahns & A. Glasgow Altar Servers: Marek Family **Ushers:** Ricky Brenek & David Hejl **Ushers: Volunteers**

MASSES THIS WEEK: CYCLONE

+ Linda Hering by Dewayne & Nancy Mesecke 9/18 Sunday 8:15 am:

+ Royella Roessler by Maxie Roessler

+ Naomi Green by Family 9/20 Tues. 7:00 am:

+ Barbara Eixman by Joan Moeller

9/22 Thurs. 7:00 am: + Mary Marburger by Bill & Carol Smetana

+ Larry Posvar by Family 9/23 Friday 7:00 am: + Robert Dach by Lillian Dach

+ Wilbert Mikeska by Geraldine Mayer 9/24 Sat. Vigil 5:30 pm: + Albina Vrazel by Daniel & Linda Wilde

+ Rosa Pechal by John & Judy Stoebner

9/25 Sunday 8:15 am: + Larry Posvar by Family

For the Special Intention of Andrew & Ashley Stock

MASSES THIS WEEK: MARAK

9/18 Sunday 10:15 am: John & Hattie Tomek by Ronald & Irene Kaulfus +Delia Vansa by Louis & Mary Frances Vansa +Charles Chandler by Rhetta Chandler +Marilyn Kemp by Rebecca Barton 9/21 Wednesday 5:30 pm: +Emma Jean Ribar by Robert & Debbie Vansa +Eugene Vaculin by Joe & Christa Konderla +Martha Tomek by Bill &

Georgia Kincer

9/25 Sunday 10:15 am: +Angeline Sipula by Chester & Margaret Hays +Sister Genevieve Zavrel by Louis & Mary Frances Vansa +Jerry Paul Sipula by

Kevin & Anna Givens

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

Sanctuary Light—September 11—24—In memory of Leslie Mesecke by Mesecke Family.

Stewardship—September 4—\$3474 Building Fund—\$1013 September 11—\$2133 Building Fund—\$10

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY OF ALOYSIUS CLETUS—FATHER RANJAN'S BROTHER—WHO PASSED AWAY THIS WEEK.

If you know of anyone who is interested in becoming Catholic, please have them call Sue Havelka at 254-230-3384.

PICNIC INFO—Worklists are in the church entry.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 18—Catechetical Sunday—We will honor our catechists for the new REP school year and give a short report on the status of the program. A light reception will follow in the Parish Hall with coffee, juice, & doughnuts.

September 18 & October 2—Jesus: The Way, The Truth, and The Life class following mass. Bring a breakfast "pot luck" dish to share with the class.

September 18—Holy Trinity of Corn Hill Annual Bazaar—Mass 10:30 am followed by BBQ & fried chicken dinner— 11:00 am to 1:00 pm —Adults \$13/Children \$6—Drive thru adult plates available 11:00 am—12:30 pm.—Games, music, auction, & more.

September 20—KC Meeting—7:00 pm.

September 24 & 25—John & Kathy Tucker, founders of New Hope for Cambodian Children, will give a short mission support talk during mass. Second collection will be for the Cambodian children.

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS:

Box of Joy ministry will be running September 17—October 31. See inserts in bulletin for details. Contact Christina Brenek, Project Leader, at 254-721-0161 or Pat Balz at 254-718-9660.