

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CYCLONE-WESTPHALIA
St. Joseph, Cyclone & Church of the Visitation, Westphalia.

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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 Church of the Visitation, Westphalia and there is required paperwork to be completed.

CONFESSIONS: SATURDAYS 3:00-4:00 PM OR BY APPOINTMENT.

MARRIAGE: Couples planning to be married should contact the pastor at least six months in advance before date of wedding. Completion of required paperwork and a preparation program needed.

OCTOBER 11, 2026 TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Our Lord's parable in today's Gospel is again a fairly straightforward outline of salvation history.

God is the king (see Matthew 5:35), Jesus the bridegroom (see Matthew 9:15), the feast is the salvation and eternal life that Isaiah prophesies in today's First Reading. The Israelites are those first invited to the feast by God's servants, the prophets (see Isaiah 25:6). For refusing repeated invitations and even killing His prophets, Israel has been punished, its city conquered by foreign armies.

Now, Jesus makes clear, God is sending new servants, His Apostles, to call not only Israelites, but all people—good and bad alike—to the feast of His kingdom. This an image of the Church, which Jesus elsewhere compares to a field sown with both wheat and weeds, and a fishing net that catches good fish and bad (see Matthew 13:24–43, 47–50).

We have all been called to this great feast of love in the Church, where, as Isaiah foretold, the veil that once separated the nations from the covenants of Israel has been destroyed, where the dividing wall of enmity has been torn down by the blood of Christ (see Ephesians 2:11–14).

As we sing in today's Psalm, the Lord has led us to this feast, refreshing our souls in the waters of Baptism, spreading the table before us in the Eucharist. As Paul tells us in today's Epistle, in the glorious riches of Christ we will find supplied whatever we need.

In the rich food of His body and the choice wine of His blood, we have a foretaste of the eternal banquet in the heavenly Jerusalem, when God will destroy death forever (see Hebrews 12:22–24).

But are we dressed for the feast? Are we clothed in the garment of righteousness (see Revelation 19:7–8)? Not all who have been called will be chosen for eternal life, Jesus warns. Let us be sure that we're living in a manner worthy of the invitation we've received (see Ephesians 4:1).

MINISTRIES

Saturday, October 17, 2026

Communion: Jackie Green
Lector: Letha Novosad
Altar Servers: Novosad & Souhrada Families
Ushers: Volunteers

Sunday, October 18, 2026

Communion: D Buckholt—L Jahns—R Brenek
Lector: REP
Altar Servers: L Schneider—R & C Jahns
Ushers: REP

UPCOMING MASSES

10/11 Sunday 8:15 am: + Linda Hering by Family
+ Jerome Schoppe by Family
10/13 Tuesday 7:00 am: Communion Service
10/15 Thursday 7:00 am: Communion Service
10/17 Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm: + Gilbert & Pauline Wilde by Daniel & Linda Wilde
+ Maxie Roessler by Becky Roessler-Mahan
10/18 Sunday 8:15 am: + Lucille Stock by Betty Smith
+ Josie Kleypas by Bill & Carol Smetana

WESTPHALIA MASSES

10/11 Sunday 8:00 am
10/14 Communion Service
Wednesday 6:00 pm
10/16 Communion Service
Friday 8:00 am
10/17 Saturday Vigil 6:00 pm
10/18 Sunday 10:15 am

In your charity, please pray for: Homebound: Leora Hering. Good health: A. J. Stermer, Bill Stock, Dorothy Haisler, Evelyn Richter, Al & Lou Buckholt, Mary Jane Underwood, Lindsey Pierce, Rebecca Marek, Margaret Campbell, Barbara Johnson, Fr. Tom Chamberlain, Theresa Klecka, Faye Kolek.

Stewardship—October 4—\$2471

Sanctuary Light—October 11-17—In Memory of Jerome Schoppe by Family.

There are a few Word Among Us Scripture booklets for October in the church entry. Take one.

AUCTION RESULTS ARE AVAILABLE IN CHURCH ENTRY. PICNIC REPORT WILL BE PROVIDED LATER.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 11—Westphalia Picnic—Fried chicken & sausage—Drive thru 10:00 am—3:00 pm—Inside dining 10:30 am—3:00 pm—\$15/plate—Games begin 11:00 am—Old Friends Band 10:30 am—1:00 pm—Auction 1:00 pm.

October 14—Rosary of Lights—The REP would like to invite all parishioners to attend at 7:15 pm. It is the month of the Holy Rosary. See everyone there.

October 18—St. LukeFest—Temple—St. Luke Church Grounds—10 A—4 P—Food, music, children's games, silent auction, bingo, & more.

October 19—Post picnic meeting—Parish Hall—6:30 pm.

October 20—KC Meeting—7:00 pm.

October 27—Parish Council meeting—6 pm in Parish Hall.

October 28—REP Trunk or Treat—6:00—8:00 —pm—Come dressed up saintly or a little spooky. Please come volunteer to bring your vehicle/trunk to give out candy & treats and play games. Nachos, Frito pie and hot dogs with dessert available. We will need dessert donations, please! Come out for a great time and shine Jesus' light.

Altar Society News

October 11—Altar Society meeting following mass IN THE PARISH HALL.

We are collecting food items for college care packages—6 students—Donations due at church by November 14 & 15.