

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 24, 2023 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.”

The house of Israel is the vine of God, who planted and watered it, preparing the Israelites to bear fruits of righteousness (see [Isaiah 5:7; 27:2-5](#)). Israel failed to yield good fruits, and the Lord allowed His vineyard, Israel's kingdom, to be overrun by conquerors (see [Psalm 80:9-20](#)). But God promised that one day He would replant His vineyard and its shoots would blossom to the ends of the earth (see [Amos 9:15; Hosea 14:5-10](#)).

This is the biblical backdrop to Jesus' parable of salvation history in today's Gospel. The landowner is God. The vineyard is the kingdom. The workers hired at dawn are the Israelites, to whom He first offered His covenant. Those hired later in the day are the Gentiles, the non-Israelites, who, until the coming of Christ, were strangers to the covenants of promise (see [Ephesians 2:11-13](#)). In the Lord's great generosity, the same wages, the same blessings promised to the first-called, the Israelites, will be paid to those called last, the rest of the nations. This provokes grumbling in today's parable. Doesn't the complaint of those first laborers sound like that of the older brother in Jesus' prodigal son parable (see [Luke 15:29-30](#))? God's ways, however, are far from our ways, as we hear in today's First Reading. And today's readings should caution us against the temptation to resent God's lavish mercy.

Like the Gentiles, many will be allowed to enter the kingdom late—after having spent most of their days idling in sin. But even these can call upon Him and find Him near, as we sing in today's Psalm. We should rejoice that God has compassion on all whom He has created. This should console us, too, especially if we have loved ones who remain far from the vineyard. Our task is to continue laboring in His vineyard. As Paul says in today's Epistle, let us conduct ourselves worthily, struggling to bring all men and women to the praise of His name.



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 30

Communion: Monica Mikeska
Lector : Kristen Parker
Altar Servers: T Parker & RJ Cook
Ushers: Volunteers

Sunday, October 1

Communion: Carla Kacir
Lector: Becky Dolgener
Altar Servers: A & E Glasgow—I & A Stumbaugh
Ushers: Dolgener Family

MASSES THIS WEEK

9/24 Sunday 8:15 am: + Larry Posvar by Family
+ Jerome Schoppe by Mark & Monica Guenat

9/26 Tuesday 7:00 AM: + Arlene Wilde by Monica Mikeska
+ Harold Schneider by Bill & Carol Smetana

9/28 Thursday 7:00 am: + Vertis Mesecke by Family
+ Bill Reid by Bill & Carol Smetana

9/29 Friday 7:00 am: + Rita Willberg Matkovich by Rose Marie Schoppe
+ Frank Lynn Jez by Elizabeth O'Brien

9/30 Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm: + Royella Roessler by Maxie Roessler
+ Richard Green by Monica Mikeska

10/1 Sunday 8:15 am: + Barbara Eixman by Joan Moeller
+ Josie Kleypas by David & Janet Kasner

MARAK MASSES

9/24 Sunday 10:15 am
9/27 Wednesday 5:30 pm
10/1 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, Al & Lou Buckholt.

Stewardship—September 17—\$2555 Building Fund—\$50 Assumption Sisters—\$250

Sanctuary Light—September 24—30—In memory of Don Mikeska by Monica Mikeska.

BIBLE TIMELINE STUDY GROUP WILL MEET OCTOBER 1, OCTOBER 15, AND OCTOBER 29 FOLLOWING MASS.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 1—St. Matthew Fall Festival—BBQ pulled pork & sausage—\$15/plate—Serving begins at 11:00 am until sold out—Raffle, games, bake sale, plant sale.

****There is a variety of books available in the church entry on the shelf next to the glass doors. Please take whatever books you would be interested in reading. There are also greeting cards available. Please take what you can use.**

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS:

Next Meeting—October 8 following mass.