

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CYCLONE-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 29, 2024 TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope.” Psalm 119:49

In today’s First Reading, it’s like we have our ears pressed to the wall and can hear the murderous grumbings 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.



Bulletin Information: Cyclone: Nancy Posvar (254 913-2696) Marak: Anna Givens (512-809-9889)

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

MINISTRIES

Saturday, October 5

Communion: Pat Armstrong
Lector: Kristen Parker
Altar Servers: K & H Hejl & T Parker
Ushers: Volunteers

Sunday, October 6

Communion: Lacy Jahns
Lector: Monica Jahns
Altar Servers: I & A Stumbaugh—C & E Glasgow
Ushers: David Kasner & Kyle Kacir

UPCOMING MASSES

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

10/1 Tuesday 7:00 am: + Lucille Stock by Tammie Sundin
+ John Macha by Glenn & Kelly Lawrence

10/3 Thursday 7:00 am: + Jim Madeley by Charlie & Jackie Green
+ Dean Mikeska by Charlie & Jackie Green

10/4 Friday 7:00 am: + Walter Greener by Monica Mikeska
+ Jay Paul Jahns by Carson & Helen Wallace

10/5 Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm: + Alice Stojanik by Cynthia Myher
+ Glenda Hess by Brita & Ricky McNeill

10/6 Sunday 8:15 am: + Larry Posvar by Family
+ Jerome Schoppe by Mark & Monica Guenat

MARAK MASSES

9/29 Sunday 10:15 am
10/2 Wednesday 5:30 pm
10/6 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 22 —\$1547

Sanctuary Light—September 29—October 5—In Memory of Don Mikeska by Monica Mikeska.

THE FAMILY OF GEORGIA STERMER WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE ANONYMOUS DONOR FOR THE STATUE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY GIVEN IN HER MEMORY.

PICNIC RAFFLE RESULTS

1-Queen Size quilt-Jim Muzny
2-\$500 VISA Card-Melissa Brenek
3-\$500 Amazon Card-Loretta Grisham
4-\$300 Gift Card basket-Richard Schigut
5-\$250 Visa Gift Card-Nicole Campos
6-\$250 Gift Card-Nancy Mesecke
7-\$200 Greens Gift Card-Sam Skrhak
8-\$200 Gift Card-Bernard Lenart
9-\$100 HEB Gift Card-Linda Kamenicky
10-\$100 Gift Card-Kenneth Schneider
11-\$100 HEB Gift Card-Marty Solomon
12-\$100 Visa Gift Card-Loretta Grisham
13-\$100 HEB Gift Card-Pam Belyeu

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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.

October is the recognition month for National Council of Catholic Women. On October 13 Father Ranjan will have a Special Intention Mass for the Altar Society Ladies. All ladies of our Parish are members of the Altar Society.