

**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.

**MARCH 24, 2024 PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

“Who is this king of glory He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory. Hosanna in the highest!” Psalm 24:10

Crowned with thorns, our Lord is lifted up on the Cross, where He dies as “King of the Jews.” Notice how many times He is called “king” in today’s Gospel—mostly in scorn and mockery. As we hear the long accounts of His Passion, at every turn we must remind ourselves—He suffered this cruel and unusual violence for us.

He is the Suffering Servant foretold by Isaiah in today’s First Reading. He reenacts the agony described in today’s Psalm, and even dies with the first words of that Psalm on His lips (see [Psalm 22:1](#)). Listen carefully for the echoes of this Psalm throughout today’s Gospel—as Jesus is beaten, His hands and feet are pierced; as His enemies gamble for His clothes, wagging their heads, mocking His faith in God’s love, His faith that God will deliver Him. Are we that much different from our Lord’s tormentors? Often, don’t we deny that He is King, refusing to obey His only commands that we love Him and one another? Don’t we render Him mock tribute, pay Him lip service with our half-hearted devotions?

In the dark noon of Calvary, the veil in Jerusalem’s temple was torn. It was a sign that by His death Jesus destroyed forever the barrier separating us from the presence of God. He was God and yet humbled Himself to come among us, we’re reminded in today’s Epistle. And despite our repeated failures, our frailty, Jesus still humbles Himself to come to us, offering us His body and blood in the Eucharist. His enemies never understood: His kingship isn’t of this world (see [John 18:36](#)). He wants to write His law, His rule of life on our hearts and minds.

As we enter Holy Week, let us once more resolve to give Him dominion in our lives. Let us take up the cross He gives to us—and confess with all our hearts, minds, and strength that truly this is the Son of God.



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Bulletin Information: Marak: Irene Kaulfus (254-248-2069) – 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, March 30

Communion: Katherine Pechal  
Lector: Kenneth Pechal  
Altar Servers: T Parker—L & S Jahns—J Marek  
Ushers: Volunteers

### Sunday, March 31

Communion: Cathy Bruggman  
Lector: Meagan Cook  
Altar Servers J Dolgener—J & J Stumbaugh—S Glasgow  
Ushers: Tim Cowen & Steve Bruggman

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#### HOLY THURSDAY MARCH 28 5:30 PM

Eucharistic Minister: Pat Balz Lector: Kristen Parker  
Altar Servers: J Hoelscher—H Cowen—A Novosad Ushers: Volunteer

#### GOOD FRIDAY MARCH 29 5:30 PM

Eucharistic Minister: Jason Hoelscher Lector: Andrew Brenek & Moody Glasgow  
Altar Servers: R J Cook—K Hejl—I Stumbaugh Ushers: Volunteer

#### UPCOMING MASSES

3/24 Sunday 8:15 am: + Jay Paul Jahns by Helen & Carson Wallace  
+ Wilbert Mikeska by Anton & Merlene Bravenec  
3/26 Tuesday NO MASS  
3/28 Holy Thursday 5:30 pm: + Linda Hering by Bernice & Harold Helpert  
+ Randolph & Evelyn Green by Family  
3/29 Good Friday 3:00 pm Stations of the Cross  
Good Friday 5:30 pm Veneration of the Cross  
3/30 Holy Saturday Vigil 8:30 pm: + Georgia Stermer by David & Janet Kasner  
+ Naomi Green by Family  
3/31 Sunday 8:15 am: + Josie Kleypas by David & Janet Kasner  
+ Jerome Schoppe by Louis & Louise Straka

#### MARAK MASSES

3/24 Sunday 10:15 am  
3/27 Wednesday 5:30 pm  
3/28 Holy Thursday 7:00 pm  
3/29 Good Friday 7:00 pm  
(Veneration of the Cross)  
3/31 Easter 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, Lucille Stock, Al & Lou Buckholt, Mary Jane Underwood, Lindsey Pierce, Barbara Macek, Billy Roessler, Monica Mikeska.

Stewardship—March 17—\$2103

Sanctuary Light—March 24—30 —In memory of Jerome Schoppe by Family.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

GRIEVING WITH GREAT HOPE is a 5-session grief support series to be held at St. Luke Catholic Church, Temple in the John Paul II Room of the Religious Ed Building. Each 2-hour session begins at 6:30 pm. The first session is April 2 continuing each Tuesday through April 30. Cost \$10 to cover workbook. For more information or to register, call St. Luke Catholic Church at 254-773-1561.

April 14—St. Mary's Church—Temple—Parish Festival—BBQ plates, hotdog and hamburger baskets, music—11:00 am—8:00 pm.

April 15 (Monday)—Pet Vaccination—Parish Hall—5:00—7:00 pm—Youth will be selling hamburgers.

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.

#### SCHOLARSHIPS

KC 10186 is offering 4-\$500 scholarships to graduating seniors. Please contact Michael Brenek or Ricky Brenek for application. Deadline is April 16.

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:

- Next Meeting—April 14 following mass.