

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.

NOVEMBER 19, 2023 THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord." Psalm 73:28

The day of the Lord is coming, Paul warns in today's Epistle. What matters isn't the time or the season but what the Lord finds us doing with the new life, the graces He has given to us. This is at the heart of Jesus' parable in today's Gospel. Jesus is the Master. Having died, risen, and ascended into heaven, He appears to have gone away for a long time. By our Baptism, He has entrusted to each of us a portion of His "possessions," a share in His divine life (see 2 Peter 1:4). He has given us talents and responsibilities according to the measure of our faith (see Romans 12:3-8).

We are to be like the worthy wife in today's First Reading and the faithful man we sing of in today's Psalm. Like them, we should walk in the "fear of the Lord"—in reverence, awe, and thanksgiving for His marvelous gifts. This is the beginning of wisdom (see Acts 9:31; Proverbs 1:7). This is not the "fear" of the useless servant in today's parable. His is the fear of a slave cowering before a cruel master, the fear of one who refuses the relationship that God calls us to. God has called us to be trusted servants, fellow workers (see 1 Corinthians 3:9), using our talents to serve one another and His kingdom as good stewards of His grace (see 1 Peter 4:10). In this, we each have a different part to play.

Though the good servants in today's parable were given different numbers of talents, each "doubled" what he was given. And each earned the same reward for his faithfulness—greater responsibilities and a share of the Master's joy. So let us resolve again in this Eucharist to make much of what we've been given, to do all for the glory of God (see 1 Corinthians 10:31). That we, too, may approach our Master with confidence and love when He comes to settle accounts.



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, November 25

Communion: Sue Havelka
Lector: Lambert Havelka
Altar Servers: J Marek & S Jahns
Ushers: Volunteers

Sunday, November 26

Communion: Debbie Buckholt
Lector: REP
Altar Servers A & E Glasgow—I & A Stumbaugh
Ushers: REP

THANKSGIVING DAY 7:00 AM NOVEMBER 23

Communion: Carla Kacir Lector: Meagan Cook
Altar Servers: J Hoelscher—L Jahns—K Anderson—A Ledford Ushers: Volunteers

MARAK MASSES

11/19 Sunday 10:15 am
11/22 Wednesday 5:30 pm
11/26 Sunday 10:15 am

MASSES THIS WEEK

11/19 Sunday 8:15 am: + Joe & Martha Dubcak by Bill & Carol Smetana
+ Larry & Denise Posvar by Family
11/21 Tuesday 7:00 am: + Jerome Schoppe by Arnold & Frances Pechal
+ Josie Kleypas by Roy & Debbie Buckholt
11/23 Thursday 7:00 am: + Jay Paul Jahns by Carson & Helen Wallace
+ Kenneth Halfmann by Justin Hering
11/24 Friday 7:00 am: + Arlene Wilde by Monica Mikeska
+ Harold Schneider by David & Lenice Krenek
11/25 Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm: + Albina Vrazel by Daniel & Linda Wilde
+ Pauline & Gilbert Wilde by Daniel & Linda Wilde
11/26 Sunday 8:15 am: + Viola Duskocil by David & Janet Kasner
+ Naomi Green by Family

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, Lucille Stock, Al & Lou Buckholt, Mary Jane Underwood, Christy Marek Dill, Pattie Kalmbach.

Stewardship—November 12—\$2374 All Saints—\$50 Building Fund—\$20

Sanctuary Light—November 19-25—In memory of Jerome Schoppe by Family.

St. Mary's Altar Society would like to thank everyone who gave diapers and monetary donations toward our diaper drive for the Our Lady of Angels Pregnancy Center in Temple.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 19—Confirmation Class is in charge of mass. We will distribute Prayer Partner Cards for Confirmation candidates today.

November 19—Second Collection—Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

November 19—Bible Timeline Study Group will meet following mass.

November 21—KC Meeting—7:00 pm.

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS:

- CEF Christmas cards are available by contacting Pat Balz—\$2/ea.
- College care package donations due November 18-19. There are 10 students.