

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CYCLONE—MARAK

St. Joseph, Cyclone & Sts. Cyril & Methodius, Marak

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Masses: Cyclone: Sat. 5:30PM & Sun. 8:15AM; Weekdays: Tue, Thurs & Friday: 7AM

Marak: Sundays: 10:15AM and Wednesday 5:30PM(unless otherwise stated)

The Sacraments:

Baptism: On Sundays 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: Before Mass on the weekend and anytime by appointment.

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

JULY 26, 2020—SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **“Parable of the Hidden Treasure”**

What is your new life in Christ worth to you?

Do you love His words more than gold and silver, as we sing in today's Psalm? Would you, like the characters in the Gospel today, sell all that you have in order to possess the kingdom He promises to us? If God were to grant any wish, would you follow Solomon's example in today's First Reading—asking not for a long life or riches, but for wisdom to know God's ways and to desire His will?

The background for today's Gospel, as it has been for the past several weeks, is the rejection of Jesus' preaching by Israel. The kingdom of heaven has come into their midst, yet many cannot see that Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promises, a gift of divine compassion given that they—and we—might live. We too must ever discover the kingdom anew, to find it as a treasure—a pearl of great price. By comparison with the kingdom, we must count all else as rubbish (see [Philippians 3:8](#)). And we must be willing to give up all that we have—all our priorities and plans—in order to gain it.

Jesus' Gospel discloses what Paul, in today's Epistle, calls the purpose of God's plan (see [Ephesians 1:4](#)). That purpose is that Jesus would be the firstborn of many brothers.

His words give understanding to the simple, the childlike. As Solomon does today, we must humble ourselves before God, giving ourselves to His service. Let our prayer be for an understanding heart, one that desires only to do His will.

We are called to love God, to delight in His law, and to forsake every false way. And we are to conform ourselves daily ever more closely to the image of His Son. If we do this, we can approach His altar as a pleasing sacrifice, confident that all things work for the good—that we whom He has justified will also one day be glorified.



7/19: Stewardship: Regular Offering: \$990.00

7/19: Building Fund Offering: \$50.00

7/19: Children's Offering: \$3.00 7/19 Picnic Donations: \$400.00 Thank you for Your Generosity!

Bulletin Information: MARAK: Patsy Gaines (254-482-0570) - Email—pagaines2002@yahoo.com

CYCLONE: Nancy Posvar (254-913-2696)

Bulletin deadline : Please call or e-mail info for the bulletin by Wednesday before the weekend!

Ministries for August 2

Rosary: Lynne Hornung

Eucharistic Minister: Jill Stermer

Offertory: Trey Richter Family

Lector: Rhonda Gelner

Ushers: Horace Smith & Lynwood Tatum

Altar Servers: Chase Hubnik, Cade Hubnik, Cutter Hubnik

Sanctuary Light: July 27th—August 2nd: John & Mary Hubnik by Katherine Hubnik



Prayer Chain...Please remember in your daily prayers the faithfully departed, those souls in purgatory, those of our community that are in special need of prayer, those who are homebound or in nursing homes, all those in the military and to all those who have been affected by the Covid-19 Virus and for the following: Monsignor Victor Goertz. Prayers are powerful! To be added to the prayer chain, please contact: **Merlene Slavik—254-697-1247 or email—Slavik@farm-market.net**

MARAK MASSES—July 26—August 2, 2020

Date	Time	Intentions
Today— 7/26	10:15am	The Feast of St. Anne—Living and Deceased members of St. Anne's Altar Society—Marak by St. Anne's Altar Society
7/29 —Wednesday	5:30pm	Communion Service
8/2—Sunday	10:15am	+ Julie Motyka Padgett by Julie & Tom Motyka + Cyril & Dorothy Vaculin by Alfred & Bernice Vrazel

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7/28—Tuesday	7:00am	Communion Service
7/30—Thursday	7:00am	Communion Service
7/31—Friday	7:00am	Communion Service
8/1—Saturday Vigil	5:30pm	+ Living & Deceased Members of Green/Smetana Families by Charlie & Jackie Green
8/2—Sunday	8:15am	+ Royella Roessler by Craig Green

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

- **AUGUST 2:** Father Enrique will be here for a Mission Appeal for the Franciscan Community.
- **ALTAR SOCIETY NAME BADGES:** If you would like to order a name badge, please contact Kay Moraw—254-482-1345. The name badges are \$12.00
- **PICNIC: NO PICNIC** due to the ongoing COVID 19 pandemic. Donations can be made as if we were having the picnic, whether it's the money you would have spent on cakes; or funds that you donated for meat; or the raffle; or even beer tickets! Just mail them in to the church office or leave it in the church basket and specify it is for the picnic.

We want everyone to stay safe and healthy so we can get back to doing normal activities as soon as we can. God Bless each and every one of you.

- **AUGUST 5TH:** Parish Council meeting after Mass.