

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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.

DECEMBER 23, 2018 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“He shall stand firm and shepherd his flock by the strength of the Lord.” Micah 5

On this last Sunday before Christmas, the Church’s Liturgy reveals the true identity of our Redeemer: He is, as today’s First Reading says, the “ruler...whose origin is from...ancient times.” He will come from Bethlehem, where David was born of Jesse the Ephrathite and anointed king (see Ruth 4:11–17; 1 Samuel 16:1–13; 17:1; Matthew 2:6). God promised that an heir of David would reign on his throne forever (see 2 Samuel 7:12–13; Psalm 89; Psalm 132:11–12). Jesus is that heir, the One the prophets promised would restore the scattered tribes of Israel into a new kingdom (see Isaiah 9:5–6; Ezekiel 34:23–25, 30; 37:35). He is “the shepherd of Israel,” sung of in today’s Psalm. From His throne in heaven, He has “come to save us.” Today’s Epistle tells us that He is both the Son of David and the only “begotten” Son of God, come “in the flesh” (see also Psalm 2:7). He is also our “high priest,” from the mold of the mysterious Melchisedek, “priest of God Most High,” who blessed Abraham at the dawn of salvation history (see Psalm 110:4; Genesis 14:18–20).

All this is recognized by John when he leaps for joy in his mother’s womb. Elizabeth, too, is filled with joy and the Holy Spirit. She recognizes that in Mary “the mother of my Lord” has come to her. We hear in her words another echo of the Psalm quoted in today’s Epistle (see Psalm 2:7). Elizabeth blesses Mary for her faith that God’s Word would be fulfilled in her. Mary marks the fulfillment not only of the angel’s promise to her, but of all God’s promises down through history. Mary is the one they await in today’s First Reading—“she who is to give birth.” She will give birth this week, at Christmas. And the fruit of her womb should bring us joy—she is the mother of our Lord.



12/16 Stewardship: Regular Offering: \$993.00

12/16 Children’s Offering: \$7.00

Thank you for Your Generosity!

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

CYCLONE: Nancy Posvar (254-869-2511)

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

Ministries for December 30

Rosary: Veronica Hrozek

Eucharistic Minister: Misty Green

Offertory: Tony & Debbie Dohnalik

Lector: Kelly Laurence

Ushers: George Dohnalik & Johnny Winkler

Altar Servers: Lilly Brunson & Gracen Dach & Sam Richter

Sanctuary Light : Dec. 24th– 30th —Jerry Plachy by Robert & Vickie Plachy



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 the following: Albina Vrazel, Julius Dubcak, JoLeen Cayhill, and Ethel Marak. Prayers are powerful and with God nothing shall be impossible.

Contact Merlene Slavik—254-697-1247 or email—Slavik@farm-market.net to be put on the prayer chain.

MARAK MASSES—December 23-30, 2018

Date	Time	Intentions
Today– 12/23	10:15am	+ Johnnie Slavik by Merlene Slavik & Family
12/24—Christmas Eve	9:00pm	+ Joe Vansa by Billy & Evelyn Vansa
12/26– Wednesday	5:30pm	+ Annie Jochech by Gen & Robert Schoppe
12/30—Sunday	10:15am	+ Martha Hertenberger by Robert & Vickie Plachy

CYCLONE MASSES— December 23-30, 2018

Date	Time	Intentions
Today – 12/23	8:15am	+ Dolores Motl by Howard & Connie Hall
12/24—Vigil Mass	5:30pm	+ Marietta Brenek by Alfred & Bernice Vrazel
12/24—Christmas Eve—Midnight	12:00am	+ Logan Balz by Pat & Terry Balz Family
12/25– Tuesday—Christmas Day	9:00am	+ Douglas Dorskocil by Nancy & Dale Pechal
12/27—Thursday	7:00am	+ Alton Moraw by Dennis Hoelscher
12/28—Friday	7:00am	+ Robert Dach by Carol Stermer
12/29– Saturday Vigil	5:30pm	+ Dolores Motl by Donna McEntire
12/30— Sunday	8:15am	+ Larry Posvar by Family

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

- **DECEMBER 24:** Adult Choir will begin singing at 8:25pm and Children’s Choir will sing next. Children participating in Choir and Nativity, please be at the church by 8:25pm.
- **DECEMBER 24:** Vigil Mass @ St. Joseph’s—5:30pm— Sts. Cyril & Methodius—Mass 9pm— St. Joseph’s Mass 12:00am (Midnight).
- **THANK YOU:** A big thank you to Bush’s Chicken for donating 7 gallons of tea, 100 cups, and 50 rolls for the Church Christmas Party. May God bless their generosity.
- **THANK YOU:** A special thank you to the KJZT Jrs. for providing the Christmas Play and also a special thank you to the REP class for the caroling. Thanks for the participation by the Jrs. and the REP class.
- **THANK YOU:** The family of Mary Ann Plachy wants to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, food, masses and kindness shown during their time of loss of their mother. May God bless the Plachy Family.
- **CONGRATULATIONS:** Congratulations to Jeannine Dohnalik, Dennis Marek and Garrey Prcin for being elected to serve on the Parish Council. May God guide you with wisdom and hard work in serving for the parish of Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church.
- **SYMPATHY:** Our deepest sympathy to the family of John David Thompson.