

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY “FATHER DARRELL”

### **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

### **DECEMBER 2, 2018 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**“Show us, Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation.” Psalm 85:8**

Every Advent, the Liturgy of the Word gives our sense of time a reorientation. There’s a deliberate tension in the next four weeks’ readings—between promise and fulfillment, expectation and deliverance, between looking forward and looking back. In today’s First Reading, the prophet Jeremiah focuses our gaze on the promise God made to David, some 1,000 years before Christ. God says through the prophet that He will fulfill this promise by raising up a “just shoot,” a righteous offspring of David, who will rule Israel in justice (see 2 Samuel 7:16; Jeremiah 33:17; Psalm 89:4–5; 27–38). Today’s Psalm, too, sounds the theme of Israel’s ancient expectation: “Guide me in Your truth and teach Me. For You are God my Savior and for You I will wait all day.” We look back on Israel’s desire and anticipation knowing that God has already made good on those promises by sending His only Son into the world. Jesus is the “just shoot,” the God and Savior for Whom Israel was waiting.

Knowing that He is a God who keeps His promises lends grave urgency to the words of Jesus in today’s Gospel. Urging us to keep watch for His return in glory, He draws on Old Testament images of chaos and instability—turmoil in the heavens (see Isaiah 13:11,13; Ezekiel 32:7–8; Joel 2:10); roaring seas (see Isaiah 5:30; 17:12); distress among the nations (see Isaiah 8:22/14:25) and terrified people (see Isaiah 13:6–11). He evokes the prophet Daniel’s image of the Son of Man coming on a cloud of glory to describe His return as a “theophany,” a manifestation of God (see Daniel 7:13–14). Many will cower and be literally scared to death. But Jesus says we should greet the end-times with heads raised high, confident that God keeps His promises, that our “redemption is at hand,” that “the kingdom of God is near” (see Luke 21:31).



**11/25 Stewardship: Regular Offering: \$1,038.00**

**11/25 Children’s Offering: \$7.00**

**11/25/2018 Building Fund: \$100.00**

**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 9**

**Rosary:** Raymond Tomek

**Eucharistic Minister:** Albert Michalka

**Offertory:** REP

**Lector:** REP

**Ushers:** REP

**Altar Servers:** Camryn Green & Colby Green & Brady Barton

**Sanctuary Light :** November 26th —Dec. 2nd—Joe Vansa by Robert & Debbie



**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: Julius Dubcak, JoLeen Cayhill, John David Thompson 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 2—9, 2018**

Date	Time	Intentions
Today– 12/2	10:15am	+ Deceased Members of Henry Litzmann & Frank Plachy, Sr. Families by Lynne Hornung
12/5– Wednesday	5:30pm	+ Lawrence Michalka & Joseph & Mary Michalka by Albert & Marguerite Michalka
12/7— Friday - Holy Day	6:00pm	+ Larry Green by Tom & Julie Motyka
12/9—Sunday	10:15am	In Honor of Laddie & Edith Vaculin - 66th Wedding Ann.

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Today – 12/2	8:15am	+ Larry Posvar by Family
12/4– Tuesday	7:00am	+ Robert Dach by Carol Stermer
12/6—Thursday	7:00am	+ Alton Moraw by Bernard & Netsie Hoelscher
12/7—Friday	7:00am	+ Marietta Brenek by Albert Vrazel
12/8– Saturday—Holy Day	9:00am	+ Dolores Motl by Raymond & Gayle Schmiedekamp
12/8—Saturday Vigil	5:30pm	+ Pauline Wilde by Bea Brenek & Daniel Wilde
12/9— Sunday	8:15am	+ Joycelyn Litzman by Jim Litzman

### **UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION**

- **TODAY—DECEMBER 2:** Parish Council Election ballots will be passed out today and next Sunday.
- **TODAY—DECEMBER 2:** Father Darrell’s 50th Birthday party at the Cyclone Parish Hall at 12 noon.
- **DECEMBER 7:** Mass at 6pm. Holy day of Obligation. Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- **DECEMBER 9:** Second Collection for the Retired Clergy and Religious.
- **DECEMBER 9:** REP Bake Sale—Please support our Religious Education Program.
- **REMINDER:** Contact Mary Frances Vansa—254-482-1853 to enroll your deceased loved ones or for an anniversary/birthday gift to the clerical endowment fund for only ***\$1.00 per person***. Masses will be offered each month for the living or deceased persons who are enrolled as well as the benefactors.
- **DECEMBER 10:** Domino social—6-9pm. Marak Parish Hall. Please bring a covered dish. Also, there will be a Christmas gift exchange. Bring a \$15 value gift and join in the fun.
- **DECEMBER 12:** Cyclone—7PM—Advent Penance Service
- **DECEMBER 19:** Marak—7PM—Advent Penance Service