

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

JUNE 2, 2019 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

“I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord. I will come back for you, and your hearts will rejoice.”

In today's First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, St. Luke gives the surprising news that there is more of the story to be told. The story did not end with the empty tomb, or with Jesus' appearances to the Apostles over the course of forty days. Jesus' saving work will have a liturgical consummation. He is the great high priest, and He has still to ascend to the heavenly Jerusalem, there to celebrate the feast in the true Holy of Holies. The truth of this feast shines forth from the Letter to the Hebrews, where we read of the great high priest's passing through the heavens, the sinless intercessor's sacrifice on our behalf (see [Hebrews 4:14-15](#)). Indeed, His intercession will lead to the Holy Spirit's descent in fire upon the Church. Luke spells out that promise in the First Reading for the feast of the Ascension: "in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit" ([Acts 1:5](#)). The Ascension is the preliminary feast that directs the Church's attention forward to Pentecost. On that day, salvation will be complete; for salvation is not simply expiation for sins (that would be wonder enough), but it is something even greater than that. Expiation is itself a necessary precondition of our adoption as God's children. To live that divine life we must receive the Holy Spirit. To receive the Holy Spirit we must be purified through Baptism.

The Responsorial Psalm presents the Ascension in terms familiar from the worship of the Jerusalem Temple in the days of King Solomon: "God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord" (Psalm 47). The priest-king takes his place at the head of the people, ruling over the nations, establishing peace. The Epistle strikes a distinctively Paschal note. In the early Church, as today, Easter was the normal time for the baptism of adult converts. The sacrament was often called "illumination" or "enlightenment" because of the light that came with God's saving grace (see, for example, [Hebrews 10:32](#)). Saint Paul, in his Letter to the Ephesians, speaks in terms of glory that leads to greater glories still, as Ascension leads to Pentecost: "May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened," he writes, as he looks to the divinization of the believers. Their "hope" is "his inheritance among the holy ones," the saints who have been adopted into God's family and now rule with Him at the Father's right hand. This is the "good news" the Apostles are commissioned to spread—to the whole world, to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem—at the Ascension. It's the good news we must spread today. "illumination" or "enlightenment" because of the light that came with God's saving grace (see, for example, [Hebrews 10:32](#)). Saint Paul, in his Letter to the Ephesians, speaks in terms of glory that leads to greater glories still, as Ascension leads to Pentecost: "May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened," he writes, as he looks to the divinization of the believers. Their "hope" is "his inheritance among the holy ones," the saints who have been adopted into God's family and now rule with Him at the Father's right hand. This is the "good news" the Apostles are commissioned to spread—to the whole world, to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem—at the Ascension. It's the good news we must spread today.



5/26 Stewardship: Regular Offering: \$977.00

5/19 Children's Offering: \$5.00

5/26 Archdiocese for the Military Services: \$171.00

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 June 9

Rosary: Raymond Tomek

Eucharistic Minister: Kelly Laurence

Offertory: Shawn Higgins Family

Lector: Kelly Laurence

Ushers: Raymond Tomek & George Tomek

Altar Servers: Lily Brunson, Adison Dach, Bailey Anderle

Sanctuary Light: June 3—9th— Martha Hertenberger by Pat Thompson



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: Steve Simecek, Gerald Beach, Andrea Enga(Cousin of Ethel Marak), Seth Litzman (nephew of Lynne Hornung), Albina Vrazel, JoLeen Cayhill, and Ethel Marak. Prayers are powerful!
Contact Merlene Slavik—254-697-1247 or email—Slavik@farm-market.net to be put on the prayer chain.

MARAK MASSES—June 2-9, 2019		
Date	Time	Intentions
Today— 6/2	10:15am	+ Daniel Hromcik by Anna & Kevin Givens + Dorothy Vaculin by Mary Stanislaw & Laddie & Edith Vaculin
6/5- Wednesday	5:30pm	+ Rita Mikulec by Mr. & Mrs. Frank Krenek and + Martha Hertenberger by Alfred & Bernice Vrazel
6/9—Sunday	10:15am	+ Mary Ann Plachy by Laddie & Edith Vaculin and George Tomek Family

CYCLONE MASSES— June 2-9, 2019		
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Today – 6/2	8:15am	Green, Geistman, Kessler Families by Evelyn Green
6/4– Tuesday	7:00am	+ Grace Hoelscher by Donnie Hoelscher
6/6— Thursday	7:00am	+ Clarence Bartek by Mar Helen & Richard Schigut
6/7—Friday	7:00am	+ Lucille Bruggman by Leon & Shirley Hoelscher
6/8– Saturday Vigil	5:30pm	A. C. & Annie Beach Family by Evelyn Green
6/9— Sunday	8:15am	+ Royella Roessler by Denise & Edmond Garza

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

- **THANK YOU:** The KJZT Jrs. would like to thank Father Darrell for his nice prayer service and blessing of the crosses that were placed on the Veteran's graves for Memorial Day. Also, a big Thank You to the parish members for their support of attending and helping to put the crosses on the Veteran's Graves.
- **TODAY:** Confirmation at St. Joseph's—Cyclone—5:00PM—Meal following—Knights of Columbus Presentation. There are 4 confirmation candidates from Cyclone and 5 from Marak.
- **TODAY:** Picnic meeting after Mass. Everyone please attend for ideas and input.
- **TODAY:** Holy Trinity Catholic Church—Corn Hill—Mass with traditional Czech hymns—10:30am—Fried Chicken & Sausage Dinner 11am-1pm. Afternoon dance—1-5pm— Music by Jodie Mikula Orchestra.
- **JUNE 9:** KJZT Jrs. will be selling raffle tickets after Mass. Please help support our Jrs. in going to camp.
- **JUNE 9:** Special second Collection for the picnic raffle prize.
- **JUNE 10:** Jack Brooks of the Milam County Historical Commission will present a program on the history of Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church at the Parish Hall, beginning at 10am till 12:30pm. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is invited to attend.
- **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** Registration forms are at the entrance of the church for Bible School on Saturday, June 29th in Cyclone from 8am till 6:30pm. Return them to Patsy Gaines by June 9th.
- **IDEAS OR INPUT:** The cemetery board is in the planning phase of erecting a graveside directory at the cemetery. If anyone has any ideas or input on this project or would like to contribute in anyway, please let us know. Contact any board member or attend the June 9th meeting after mass.