

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.

MARCH 22, 2020— FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

God's ways of seeing are not our ways, we hear in today's First Reading. Jesus illustrates this in the Gospel—as the blind man comes to see and the Pharisees are made blind. The blind man stands for all humanity. "Born totally in sin" he is made a new creation by the saving power of Christ. As God fashioned the first man from the clay of the earth (see [Genesis 2:7](#)), Jesus gives the blind man new life by anointing his eyes with clay (see [John 9:11](#)). As God breathed the spirit of life into the first man, the blind man is not healed until he washes in the waters of Siloam, a name that means "sent."

Jesus is the One "sent" by the Father to do the Father's will (see [John 9:4](#); [12:44](#)). He is the new source of life-giving water—the Holy Spirit who rushes upon us in Baptism (see [John 4:10](#); [7:38–39](#)). This is the Spirit that rushes upon God's chosen king David in today's First Reading. A shepherd like Moses before him (see [Exodus 3:1](#); [Psalm 78:70–71](#)), David is also a sign pointing to the good shepherd and king to come—Jesus (see [John 10:11](#)).

The Lord is our shepherd, as we sing in today's Psalm. By His death and Resurrection He has made a path for us through the dark valley of sin and death, leading us to the verdant pastures of the kingdom of life, the Church. In the restful waters of Baptism He has refreshed our souls. He has anointed our heads with the oil of Confirmation and spread the Eucharistic table before us, filling our cups to overflowing. With the once-blind man we enter His house to give God the praise, to renew our vow: "I do believe, Lord."

The Lord looks into the heart," we hear today. Let Him find us, as Paul advises in today's Epistle, living as "children of light"—trying always to learn what is pleasing to our Father.



Ministries for March 29

Rosary: Veronica Hrozek

Eucharistic Minister: Kayla Laurence

Offertory: Charles Teague Family

Lector: Johnny Winkler

Ushers: Richard Brenek & Robert Plachy

Altar Servers: Chase Hubnik, Cade Hubnik, Cutter Hubnik

Sanctuary Light: March 23rd-29th: Edward Motyka by Glenn & Kelly Laurence



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: JoLeen Cayhill. Prayers are powerful! To be added to the prayer chain, please contact:

Contact Merlene Slavik—254-697-1247 or email—Slavik@farm-market.net

MARAK MASSES—March 22-29, 2020

Date	Time	Intentions
Today– 3/22	10:15am	+ John Dohnalik by James & Jeannine Dohnalik + Albert Michalka by Tom & Julie Motyka
3/25—Wednesday—Mass & Stations of the Cross	5:30pm	+ Annie Mae Jochec by Tony & Debbie Dohnalik + Cyril Vaculin by Mildred Dornak
3/29—Sunday	10:15am	+ Albina Vrazel by Doris Matocha Family + Joseph Andrew Tomek by Mike & Jane Simon

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Date	Time	Intentions
Today – 3/22	8:15am	+ Dolores Motl by Donna McEntire
3/24—Tuesday	7:00am	+ Mary Ann Harris by Viola Doskocil
3/26—Thursday	7:00am	+ James Sula by Gene & Betty Engbrock
3/27—Friday	7:00am	+ Robert Dach by Donald & Delores Zipperlin
3/28—Saturday Vigil	5:30pm	+ Lucille Bruggman by Leon & Shirley Hoelscher
3/29—Sunday	8:15am	+ William Schneider by Bill & Lucille Stock

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

- **ALL MASSES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED PER THE DIOCESE OF AUSTIN UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**
- **ALL BOOKED EVENTS AT THE PARISH HALL HAVE BEEN CANCELLED UNTIL THE END OF APRIL.**
- **CANCELLED—STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Mass and Stations of the Cross will be held every Wednesday at 5:30pm during the Lenten season.
- **CANCELLED—SHRIMP & FISH FRY in Westphalia.**
- **CANCELLATION:** St. Monica's Ladies Society Spring Festival for March 29th in Cameron. The raffle will still be going on and the drawing will be held after Easter. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Tickets are available at St. Monica's parish office.

LET US ALL PRAY FOR HEALING OF THE SICK AND FOR THE WELL BEING OF OUR NATION,. ALSO TO ALL THOSE WHO ARE IN FEAR AND ANXIETY THAT THEY MAY BE FREE FROM FEAR. BLESS OUR DOCTORS, NURSES, AND MEDICAL STAFF AS THEY WORK DURING THIS TIME OF THE CORONAVIRUS TO HEAL THE SICK. LET US PRAY EVERY DAY FOR GOD'S BLESSINGS AND KNOW THAT PRAYER IS POWERFUL.

3/15 Stewardship: Regular Offering: \$929.00

3/15: Children's Offering: \$5.00

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!