

**WELCOME VISITORS !**

**THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CYCLONE—MARAK**

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

**Pastor:** Rev. Darrell Kostiha

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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

**SEPTEMBER 8, 2019 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

*“Let your face shine upon your servant; and teach me your laws.” Psalm 119*

Like a king making ready for battle or a contractor about to build a tower, we have to count the cost as we set out to follow Jesus. Our Lord today is telling us up front the sacrifice it will take. His words aren't addressed to His chosen few, the Twelve, but rather to the “great crowds”—to anyone, to whoever wishes to be His disciple. That only makes His call all the more stark and uncompromising. We are to “hate” our old lives, to renounce all the earthly things we rely upon, to choose Him above every person and possession. Again He tells us that the things we have—even our family ties and obligations—can become an excuse, an obstacle that keeps us from giving ourselves completely to Him (see [Luke 9:23–26, 57–62](#)).

Jesus brings us the saving wisdom we are promised in today's First Reading. He is that saving Wisdom. Weighed down by many earthly concerns, the burdens of our body and its needs, we could never see beyond the things of this world; we could never detect God's heavenly design and intention. So in His mercy He sent us His Spirit, His Wisdom from on high, to make straight our path to Him. Jesus Himself paid the price to free us from the sentence imposed on Adam, which we recall in today's Psalm (see [Genesis 2:7; 2:19](#)). No more will the work of our hands be an affliction; no more are we destined to turn back to dust. Like Onesimus in today's Epistle, we have been redeemed. We have been given a new family and a new inheritance, made children of the Father, brothers and sisters in the Lord. We are free now to come after Him, to serve Him—no longer slaves to the ties of our past lives. In Christ, all our yesterdays have passed. We live in what the Psalm today beautifully describes as the daybreak, ready to be filled with His kindness. For He has given us wisdom of heart and taught us to number our days aright.



**9/1 Stewardship: Regular Offering: \$1,579.00**

**9/1 Children's Offering: \$3.00**

**9/1 Building Fund: \$480.00**

**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 September 15**

**Rosary:** Volunteers

**Eucharistic Minister:** Bernice Vrazel

**Offertory:** Clay Barton Family

**Lector:** Brad Vaculin

**Ushers:** John Marek & James Marek

**Altar Servers:** Chase Hubnik, Cade Hubnik, Cutter Hubnik

**Sanctuary Light:** September 9th-15th —Stefina Vansa By Alfred & Bernice Vrazel



**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: Gerald Beach, Andrea Enga( Cousin of Ethel Marak), 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—September 8-15, 2019**

Date	Time	Intentions
Today— 9/8	10:15am	+ Lawrence Vrazel, Jr. by Albert Vrazel + Joe Vansa by Alfred & Bernice Vrazel
9/11- Wednesday	5:30pm	+ Cyril Vaculin by Kevin & Anna Givens + Dorothy Vaculin by Laddie & Edith Vaculin
9/15—Sunday	10:15am	+ Albina Vrazel by Mary Ann Ring + Joseph Andrew Tomek by Kevin & Anna Givens

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Today – 9/8	8:15am	+ Royella Roessler by Nelda & Larry Fritz & Louise Thompson
9/10– Tuesday	7:00am	+ Teresa Holy by Chuck Bunny Felderhoff
9/12— Thursday	7:00am	+ Douglas Daskocil by Dale & Nancy Pechal
9/13—Friday	7:00am	+ Lucille Bruggman by Ken & Jeanette Driska
9/14– Saturday Vigil	5:30pm	+ Clarence Bartek by Richard & Mary Helen Schigut
9/15— Sunday	8:15am	+ Dolores Motl by Raymond & Gayle Schmiedekamp

**UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION**

- **TODAY:** Laura Brenek will be selling wristbands to raise money for the Church of the Visitation.
- **RCIA CLASSES:** Beginning September 11 at 6:15 pm at St. Cyril & Methodius Parish. Monica Marek, Director; Phone 254-541-6350 Email: monicamarek@icloud.com. Kristen Parker, Assistant. St. Joseph's phone #254-985-2280 Email: cyclone.marak@gmail.com.
- **ATTENTION: EIM CLASSES:** EIM classes will be held at Sts. Cyril & Methodius Parish Hall on Saturday, September 28th from 9am-11am. If you plan to attend, please register before the class. If you have any questions, please contact Patsy Gaines. Please consider taking the class especially those who took it 2 years ago at Marak because we will not offer another class until 3 years later.
- **PLACE OF HOPE:** 8 Weeks of bible study for “Healing the heartbreak of Abortion” will be held in Rockdale at the Place of Hope building starting September 24th—6-8pm. See bulletin board for more information.
- **CHURCH DIRECTORY:** Please mark on your calendar that Lifetouch Company will be taking family portraits to provide a new church directory for our Parish. The dates are October 14, 15, & 16. After Mass on September 22nd and 29th, we will be making appointments for the photography session.