

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

JANUARY 20, 2019 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“You shall be a glorious crown in the hand of the Lord.” Isaiah 62

Think of these first weeks after Christmas as a season of “epiphanies.” The liturgy is showing us who Jesus is and what He has revealed about our relationship with God. Last week and the week before, the imagery was royal and filial—Jesus is the newborn king of the Jews who makes us co-heirs of Israel’s promise, beloved children of God. Last week in the liturgy we went to a baptism. This week we’re at a wedding. We’re being shown another dimension of our relationship with God. If we’re sons and daughters of God, it’s because we’ve married into the family. Have you ever wondered why the Bible begins and ends with a wedding—Adam and Eve’s in the garden and the marriage supper of the Lamb (compare Genesis 2:23–24 and Revelation 19:9; 21:9; 22:17)? Throughout the Bible, marriage is the symbol of the covenant relationship God desires with His chosen people. He is the groom, humanity His beloved and sought-after bride. We see this reflected beautifully in today’s First Reading. When Israel breaks the covenant, she is compared to an unfaithful spouse (see Jeremiah 2:20–36; 3:1–13). But God promises to take her back, to “espouse” her to Him forever in an everlasting covenant (see Hosea 2:18–22). That’s why in today’s Gospel Jesus performs His first public “sign” at a wedding feast. Jesus is the divine bridegroom (see John 3:29), calling us to His royal wedding feast (see Matthew 22:1–14). By His New Covenant, He will become “one flesh” with all humanity in the Church (see Ephesians 5:21–33). By our baptism, each of us has been betrothed to Christ as a bride to a husband (see 2 Corinthians 11:2). The new wine that Jesus pours out at today’s feast is the gift of the Holy Spirit given to His bride and body, as today’s Epistle says. This is the “salvation” announced to the “families of nations” in today’s Psalm.



Ministries for January 27

Rosary: Adolph & Dorothy Vansa

Eucharistic Minister: Merlene Slavik

Offertory: Greg Hoelscher Family

Lector: Greg Hoelscher

Ushers: James Teague & Charles Teague

Altar Servers:

Sanctuary Light : January 21st –27th—Robert & Leona Brenek by Monica & Dennis Marek



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: Seth Litzman (nephew of Lynne Hornung), 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—January 20– 27, 2019		
Date	Time	Intentions
Today– 1/20	10:15am	+ Deceased Members of Henry Litzman, Sr. & Frank Plachy Families by Lynne Hornung
1/23—Wednesday	5:30pm	+ Joe Vansa by Albert Vrazel Family
1/27—Sunday	10:15am	+ George Michalka by Chester & Margaret Hays

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Today – 1/20	8:15am	+ Dolores Motl by Raymond & Gayle Schmiiedekamp
1/22– Tuesday	7:00am	+ Alfons Wilde by Michael & Sylvia Heise
1/24— Thursday	7:00am	+ Alton Moraw by Bernard & Netsie Hoelscher
1/25—Friday	7:00am	+ Robert Dach by Helen & Carson Wallace
1/26– Saturday Vigil	5:30pm	+ Herbert F. & Helen Hoelscher by Ken & Jeanette Driska
1/27— Sunday	8:15am	+ Lucille Bruggman by Jerry & Darlene Fikes

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

- **WELCOME:** Sts. Cyril & Methodius Parish would like to welcome Henry, Claire and Barrett Hilscher into our parish family. A very big thank you for joining our parish. May God bless you!
- **JANUARY 23:** Parish Council Meeting at Parish Hall after Mass.
- **JANUARY 27:** Catholic Services Appeal collection will begin.
- **JANUARY 27:** 42 Domino Tournament—Westphalia Parish Hall—Registration 11:30am—12:30pm. Play begins at 12:30pm. \$5.00 per entry. Sponsored by Westphalia KC #13902. Prizes awarded. Food available at 11am.
- **FEBRUARY 3:** K.J.Z.T. Jr’s will be sponsoring their Annual Super Bowl Chip-N-Dip Bake Sale before and after Mass. Let’s support our KJZT Jrs.
- **MARRIED COUPLES:** You deserve some time to reconnect and rekindle the spark of your honeymoon days. How about giving a weekend away to your spouse as a Valentine gift? Upcoming weekends will be at the diocesan Cedarbrake Retreat Center on Feb 8-10, and the Wingate Hotel in Round Rock on March 29-31. More info, additional dates, gift cards and applications are at www.austinme.org or contact Michael and Shani Cowart: 512-677-WWME (9963) or email wwmeaustin@gmail.com. Call early to ensure a

1/13 Stewardship: Regular Offering: \$1,448.00 1/13 Children’s Offering: \$10.00
1/13 First Offering: \$58.00 1/13 Building Fund: \$20.00 1/13 Solemnity of Mary \$5.00
1/13 Feast of Holy Family: \$30.00 Thank you for Your Generosity!

Bulletin Information: **MARAK:** Patsy Gaines (254-482-0570) - Email—pagaines2002@yahoo.com
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Bulletin deadline : Please call or e-mail info for the bulletin by Wednesday before the weekend!