

**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

**MARCH 31, 2019 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**“Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.” Ephesians 5**

In today’s First Reading, God forgives “the reproach” of the generations who grumbled against Him after the Exodus. On the threshold of the promised land, Israel can with a clean heart celebrate the Passover, the feast of God’s firstborn son (see Joshua 5:6–7; Exodus 4:22; 12:12–13). Reconciliation is also at the heart of the story Jesus tells in today’s Gospel. The story of the Prodigal Son is the story of Israel and of the human race. But it is also the story of every believer. In Baptism, we’re given a divine birthright, made “a new creation,” as Paul puts it in today’s Epistle. But when we sin, we’re like the Prodigal Son, quitting our Father’s house, squandering our inheritance in trying to live without Him. Lost in sin, we cut ourselves off from the grace of sonship lavished upon us in Baptism. It is still possible for us to come to our senses, make our way back to the Father, as the prodigal does. But only He can remove the reproach and restore the divine sonship we have spurned. Only He can free us from the slavery to sin that causes us—like the Prodigal Son—to see God not as our Father but as our master, One we serve as slaves. God wants not slaves but children. Like the father in today’s Gospel, He longs to call each of us “My son,” to share His life with us, to tell us: “Everything I have is yours.” The Father’s words of longing and compassion still come to His prodigal children in the Sacrament of Penance. This is part of what Paul today calls “the ministry of reconciliation” entrusted by Jesus to the Apostles and the Church. Reconciled like Israel, we take our place at the table of the Eucharist, the homecoming banquet the Father calls for His lost sons, the new Passover we celebrate this side of heaven. We taste the goodness of the Lord, as we sing in today’s Psalm, rejoicing that we who were dead are found alive again.



**3/24 Stewardship: Regular Offering: \$1,047.00      3/24 Children’s Offering: \$8.00**

**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 April 7**

**Rosary:** Lynne Hornung

**Eucharistic Minister:** Johnny Winkler

**Offertory:** Johnny & Kathy Winkler

**Lector:** Johnny Winkler

**Ushers:** Louis Vansa & Leroy Vansa

**Altar Servers:** Camryn Green, Colby Green & Garrison Prcin

**Sanctuary Light:** April 1st– 7th —Vicki Collins 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: Gerald Beach, Andrea Enga( Cousin of Ethel Marak), Seth Litzman (nephew of Lynne Hornung), Albina Vrazel, 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—March 31– April 7, 2019**

Date	Time	Intentions
Today– 3/31	10:15am	+ Frank & Helen Hubnik by Barbara & Richard Vansa
4/3– Wed.—Mass & Stations of the Cross	5:30pm	+ John David Thompson by Mike Marek Family
4/7—Sunday	10:15am	+ Daniel Hromcik by Kevin & Anna Givens

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Today – 3/31	8:15am	+ Lucille Bruggman by Kenneth & Jeanette Driska
4/2– Tuesday	7:00am	+ Robert Dach by Lillian Dach
4/4– Thursday	7:00am	+ Susan Clowers by Michael & Kim Dach & Family
4/5—Friday—Stations of the Cross & Mass	6:00pm	+ Della Green & Vinny Kasa by Charlie & Jackie Green
4/6– Saturday Vigil	5:30pm	+ Royella Roessler by Clyde & Judy Gottschalk
4/7– Sunday	8:15am	+ Denise Posvar by Family

**UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION**

- **TODAY: SECOND COLLECTION:** Catholic Relief Services—Proceeds will benefit relief activities of the United States Council of Catholic Bishops.
- **TODAY—MARCH 31:** St. Monica’s Ladies Festival—BBQ Chicken and Sausage—11:00am—\$10/plate—Silent Auction, Cake Wheel, Country Store.
- **APRIL 7:** Second Collection –Building and Maintenance Fund.
- **FISH FRY:** KC Council #13902—every Friday thru April 12th—Westphalia Parish Hall Pit—3:30pm—7:15pm (or until sold out). \$10/plate. Fried shrimp, fish, beans, coleslaw & fries.
- **APRIL 7:** KC Council #10186—Cyclone-Marak will be having a blood drive at St. Joseph’s Hall in Cyclone from 8:00am till 11:30am. Knights of Columbus will be serving breakfast. Sign up sheet in church entry.
- **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.
- **From Ashes to Easter :** We are blessed by the gracious gift of Jesus Christ, who transformed human history with his infinite and compassionate love. Through his Spirit, his grace has been poured into our hearts. With open and merciful hearts, we are invited to share our blessings. As we add coins to our Ashes to Easter box each day, we together will bring hope to struggling missions. Please pray a Hail Mary for the missions. Lent boxes can be picked up after Mass today. All boxes should be returned on Easter Sunday or the week after.