

**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.

**DECEMBER 27, 2020— FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**

“The Shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger. Luke 2:16

Why did Jesus choose to become a baby born of a mother and father and to spend all but His last years living in an ordinary human family? In part, to reveal God’s plan to make all people live as one “holy family” in His Church (see **2 Corinthians 6:16-18**).

In the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, God reveals our true home. We’re to live as His children, “chosen ones, holy and beloved,” as the First Reading puts it. The family advice we hear in today’s readings—for mothers, fathers, and children—is all solid and practical. Happy homes are the fruit of our faithfulness to the Lord, we sing in today’s Psalm. But the Liturgy is inviting us to see more, to see how, through our family obligations and relationships, our families become heralds of the family of God that He wants to create on earth.

Jesus shows us this in today’s Gospel. His obedience to His earthly parents flows directly from His obedience to the will of His heavenly Father. Joseph and Mary aren’t identified by name, but three times are called “his parents” and are referred to separately as his “mother” and “father.” The emphasis is all on their familial ties to Jesus. But these ties are emphasized only so that Jesus, in the first words He speaks in Luke’s Gospel, can point us beyond that earthly relationship to the Fatherhood of God.

In what Jesus calls “My Father’s house,” every family finds its true meaning and purpose (see **Ephesians 3:15**). The Temple we read about in the Gospel today is God’s house, His dwelling (see **Luke 19:46**). But it’s also an image of the family of God, the Church (see **Ephesians 2:19-22; Hebrews 3:3-6; 10:21**).

In our families we’re to build up this household, this family, this living temple of God. Until He reveals His new dwelling among us and says of every person: “I shall be his God and he will be My son” (see **Revelation 21:3, 7**).



**12/20: Stewardship: Regular Offering: \$1,270.00**      **12/20: Retired Clergy: \$20.00**

**12/20: Building Fund: \$520.00**      **12/20: Immaculate Conception: \$10.00**

**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!

**Ministries for December 31**

**Eucharistic Minister:** Volunteer

**Offertory:** John Anderle Family

**Lector:** Jeannine Dohnalik

**Ushers:** Volunteers

**Ministries for January 3, 2021**

**Rosary:** Lynne Hornung

**Eucharistic Minister:** Bernice Vrazel

**Offertory:** Clay Barton Family

**Lector:** Rhonda Gelner

**Ushers:** Adam Dohnalik & Travis Dohnalik

**Vigil Sanctuary Light: Dec. 21st—27th: John Slavik by Family**

**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 to all those who have been affected by the Covid-19 Virus and for the following: Marilyn Junek Gonzalez, Jordan Young, Doris Matocha, and Monsignor Victor Goertz. Prayers are powerful! To be added to the prayer chain: Please contact: **Merlene Slavik—254-697-1247 or email—Slavik@farm-market.net**

**MARAK MASSES — December 27, 2020— January 3, 2021**

Date	Time	Mass Intentions
Today— 12/27	10:15am	+ Martha Hertenberger by Jane & Johnnie Marek + Doris Bruggman by Eileen Schneider
12/31—New Year’s Eve	6:00pm	+ Dorothy Vaculin by Leon Hollas + Cyril Vaculin by Christa Konderla
1/3/2021—Sunday	10:15am	+ Daniel Hromcik by Joyce Vaculin + John & Eleanor Motyka by Tom & Julie Motyka

**CYCLONE MASSES —December 27, 2020—January 3, 2021**

Date	Time	Mass Intentions
Today – 12/27	8:15am	+ Rosa Pechal by Monica Mikeska
12/29—Tuesday	7:00am	+ Helen Hoelscher by Ken & Jeanette Driska
12/31—Thursday	8:00am	+ Clarence Bartek by Cheryl Arldt
1/1/2021—Friday	9:00am	+ Sharon Fletcher by Charles & Renae Willberg
1/2/2021—Saturday Vigil	5:30pm	+ Royella Roessler by Craig Green
1/3/2021—Sunday	8:15am	+ Scot Eixman by Monica Mikeska

**UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION**

- **OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:** Please pick up your 2021 Envelopes in the church entry.
- **OFFERINGS:** The money counting team would appreciate if you could please place a separate check in each different offerings, such as holy days, regular offering, building fund and etc., due to financial record keeping. Also, please place your name on the envelope. Thank you so much for your understanding in making these changes to make a smoother money counting process.
- **SECOND COLLECTION:** Today is the second collection for the Feast of the Holy Family.
- **JANUARY 3RD:** Second Collection for Building and Maintenance Fund.
- **ALTAR SOCIETY:** 2021 Altar Society dues of \$5.00 are due in January. All ladies of the parish are encouraged to join. 2021 Vigil Candle Memorials for Loved ones are being scheduled now. Cost is \$5.00 for the week. Please contact Merlene Slavik for more information. Make checks payable to St. Ann’s Altar Society.
- **CHURCH OFFERINGS:** If you would like to have a statement regarding the yearly offerings that you made for 2020, please call or text Patsy Gaines at 254-482-0570.
- **THANK YOU:** A very special thank you to RVOS Lodge #13—Marak for donating \$500.00 to the Building Fund.