THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CYCLONE-MARAK

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

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The Sacraments

Baptism: Saturday 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 wedding. Completion of required paperwork and a preparation program needed.

MAY 17, 2020 SIXTH SUNDAY IN EASTER

"If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord."

Jesus will not leave us alone. He won't make us children of God in Baptism only to leave us "orphans," He assures us in today's Gospel (see Romans 8:14–17). He asks the Father to give us His Spirit, to dwell with us and keep us united in the life He shares with the Father. We see the promised gift of His Spirit being conferred in today's First Reading. The scene from Acts apparently depicts a primitive Confirmation rite. Philip, one of the first deacons (see Acts 6:5), proclaims the Gospel in the non-Jewish city of Samaria. The Samaritans accept the Word of God (see

Acts 17:11; 1 Thessalonians 2:13) and are baptized. It remains for the Apostles to send their representatives, Peter and John, to pray and lay hands on the newly baptized—that they might receive the Holy Spirit. This is the origin of our sacrament of Confirmation (see Acts 19:5-6), by which the grace of Baptism is completed and believers are sealed with the Spirit promised by the Lord. We remain in this grace so long as we love Christ and keep His commandments. And strengthened in the Spirit whom Jesus said would be our Advocate, we are called to bear witness to our salvation—to the tremendous deeds that God has done for us in the name of His Son.

In today's Psalm, we celebrate our liberation. As He changed the sea into dry land to free the captive Israelites, Christ suffered that He might lead us to God, as we hear in The Advocate, the Holy Spirit. today's Epistle. This is the reason for our hope—the hope that sustains us in the face of a world that cannot accept His truth, the hope that sustains us when we are maligned and defamed for His name's sake. Put to death in the flesh, He was brought to life in the Spirit, Paul tells us today. And as He himself promises: "Because I live, you will live."

whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.

John 14.26

MINISTRIES

Saturday, May 23 Sunday, May 24 8:15 am

Communion: Jackie Green Communion: Christian Brenek
Lector: Kristen Parker Lector: Andrew Brenek

Altar Servers: Parker Family

Ushers: Volunteers

Altar Servers: C. Andel & A. Sifuentes

Ushers: John Jahns & Matt Jahns

Sunday, May 24 10:15 am

Communion: Carla Kacir Lector: Carla Kacir
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

MASSES THIS WEEK: CYCLONE

5/17 Sunday 8:15 am Valerie Ledford—For Health—by Pat
Armstrong
5/19 Tuesday 7:00 am: + Beatrice Arnold by Charles & Jackie
Green
5/21 Thursday 7:00 am: + Randolph Green by Family
5/22 Friday 7:00 am: + Wayman Richter by Evelyn Richter

5/17 Sunday: In Honor of Paul & Albina Krenek 100th Anniversary by Family
AND + Albert Michalka by St. Isidore KC Council #10186
5/20 Wednesday: +Joe Vansa by Kevin & Anna Givens AND + John David Thompson by Robert & Debbie Vansa

MASSES THIS WEEK: MARAK

5/22 Friday 7:00 am: + Wayman Richter by Evelyn Richter
5/23 Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm: Living & Deceased Members of
Green & Smetana Families by Charles & Jackie Green

Thompson by Robert & Debbie Vansa
5/24 Sunday: In Honor of Clem & Martha Tomek's 65th Anniversary AND

Green & Smetana Families by Charles & Jackie Green

5/24 Sunday 8:15 am: + William Schneider by David & Janet + Robert Moraw by Ed & Kay Moraw

Kasner

5/24 Sunday 10:15 am: (Marak Mass Intentions)

In your charity, please pray for: Homebound: Naomi Green, Leora Hering, Alice Stojanik, Edward Zavodny. Good health: A. J. Stermer, Darwin Bruggman, Bill Stock, Lawrence Stermer, Patrick Geistman, Viola Doskocil, Pauline Marek, Valerie Ledford.

Sanctuary Light—May 10—23—In memory of Helen Roessler and Lee Roessler by Becky & Elden Zavodny.

Stewardship—May 10—\$7434 Good Friday—\$5 Seminarian and Priest Education and Formation—\$142 Building Fund—\$555 Thank you for your generosity.

Upcoming Events

May 17—Altar Society Meeting following 8:15 am mass.

May 23—Pet Vaccination—Westphalia Parish Hall—Sponsored by Westphalia KC's—8:00—11:00 am—for information contact Dr. Jared Ranly, DVM, at 254-760-4316 or Ken Jezisek at 512-927-6581.

NOTE: Anyone who enjoys singing, plays an instrument, or is interested in our parish music ministry, please contact Eric Landeros at 254-721-1282. He is going to try to expand our music at mass this summer and needs your help and input.

REP News:

No classes for remainder of the school year.