

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: SATURDAYS 4:00-5:00 PM OR 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.

NOVEMBER 28, 2021 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"To you I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted." Psalm 25:

Every Advent, the Liturgy of the Word gives our sense of time a reorientation. There's a deliberate tension in the next four weeks' readings—between promise and fulfillment, expectation and deliverance, between looking forward and looking back.

In today's First Reading, the prophet Jeremiah focuses our gaze on the promise God made to David, some 1,000 years before Christ. God says through the prophet that He will fulfill this promise by raising up a "just shoot," a righteous offspring of David, who will rule Israel in justice (see [2 Samuel 7:16](#); [Jeremiah 33:17](#); [Psalm 89:4-5](#); [27-38](#)). Today's Psalm, too, sounds the theme of Israel's ancient expectation: "Guide me in your truth and teach me. For you are God my savior and for you I will wait all day." We look back on Israel's desire and anticipation knowing that God has already made good on those promises by sending His only Son into the world. Jesus is the "just shoot," the God and Savior for Whom Israel was waiting.

Knowing that He is a God who keeps His promises lends grave urgency to the words of Jesus in today's Gospel. Urging us to keep watch for His return in glory, He draws on Old Testament images of chaos and instability—turmoil in the heavens (see [Isaiah 13:11, 13](#); [Ezekiel 32:7-8](#); [Joel 2:10](#)); roaring seas (see [Isaiah 5:30](#); [17:12](#)); distress among the nations (see [Isaiah 8:22](#); [14:25](#)) and terrified people (see [Isaiah 13:6-11](#)). He evokes the prophet Daniel's image of the Son of Man coming on a cloud of glory to describe His return as a "theophany," a manifestation of God (see [Daniel 7:13-14](#)). Many will cower and be literally scared to death. But Jesus says we should greet the end-times with heads raised high, confident that God keeps His promises, that our "redemption is at hand," that "the kingdom of God is near" (see [Luke 21:31](#)).



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Bulletin deadline: Please call or send by email all info for the bulletin by Wednesday before the weekend!

MINISTRIES

Saturday, December 4

Communion: Kristen Parker
Lector : Linda Wilde
Altar Servers: LaCoure Family
Ushers: Volunteers

Sunday, December 5

Communion: Ricky Brenek
Lector: Donna Poteet
Altar Servers: Dolgener Family & C. Glasgow
Ushers: Eugene Brenek & Jeff Posvar

MASSES THIS WEEK: CYCLONE

11/28 Sunday 8:15 am: + Naomi Green by Bernard Hoelscher
+ Wilbert Mikeska by Carol & Georgia Stermer
11/30 Tuesday 7:00 am: + Clarence Bartek by Family
+ Melvin Tyroch by Bill & Carol Smetana
12/2 Thursday 7:00 am: + Frank & Doris Zabcik by Monica Mikeska
+ Rosa Pechal by Charles & Emilie Tischler
12/3 Friday 7:00 am : + Robert Dach by David & Cindy Kahlig
+ Kenneth Halfmann by Monica Mikeska
12/4 Sat. Vigil 5:30 pm: + Dean Mikeska by Skip & Ann Cockrell
+ Royella Roessler by Nelda & Larry Fritz &
Louise Thompson
12/5 Sun. 8:15 am: + Barbara Eixman by Joan Moeller
+ Scot Eixman by Joan Moeller

MASSES THIS WEEK: MARAK

11/28 Sunday 10:15 am: +Albert Michalka
by Alma Simecek +Mary Ann Plachy by
Georgia & Carol Stermer +Eugene Vaculin
by Joe & Christa Konderla +Valeria Kostih
by Johnny Dohnalik Family
12/1 Wednesday 5:30 pm: +Martha
Tomek by Merlene Slavik +Annie Mae
Hubnik by Katherine Hubnik +Eugene Vac-
ulin by Frankie & Janice Klecka +Dorothy
Vaculin by Mary Ann & Billy Seaton
12/5 Sunday 10:15 am: Living & Deceased
Members of KJZT #21 by KJZT Society #21
+Martha Tomek by Katherine Hubnik
+Maria Kolarova by Alfred & Bernice Vrazel
+Albina Vrazel by Richard & Betty Brenek

In your charity, please pray for: Homebound: Leora Hering, Alice Stojanik, Edward Zavodny, Jerome Schoppe.
Good health: A. J. Stermer, Darwin Bruggman, Bill Stock, Lawrence Stermer, Viola Daskocil, Dorothy Haisler, Evelyn Richter.

Stewardship—November 14—\$2417 Building Fund—\$600 All Saints Day—\$30
November 21—\$2675 Building Fund—\$530 Campaign for Human Development—\$522

Sanctuary Light—November 21—December 4—In memory of Marcus Wilde by Monica Mikeska.

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS are in the church entrance. Please take one for your family.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

December 5—Building Fund Collection.

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS:

- **Christmas Party**—Altar Society is hosting a Christmas party for all ladies and their spouse or guest on Friday, December 3. In order to make catering arrangements, please RSVP to Linda Hering via text or call 254-718-1858 to complete the sign-in sheet in church entry no later than Sunday November 28. More details coming soon.
- **Christmas Flowers**—Collection for Christmas flowers will be November 27 and 28, December 4 and 5, and December 11 & 12. Thank you for your generosity.
- **Clerical Endowment Fund Cards** are available through the Altar Society. CEF sales help fund education for seminarians and make good gifts for special occasions. Recipients receive spiritual benefits of masses offered monthly by the bishop and CEF director, and prayers from seminarians. If you would like to buy cards, please contact Carla Kacir.
- **Next Altar Society Meeting**—January 9 following 8:15 am mass.