

**THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CYCLONE-MARAK**  
**St. Joseph, Cyclone & Sts. Cyril & Methodius, Marak.**

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**Mass schedule:** Cyclone: Sat. 5.30 pm and Sun. 8.15 am; Weekdays: Tue, Thu, & Fri: 7 am....

Marak: Sundays: 10.15 am and Wed 5:30 pm.

**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.

**JANUARY 12, 2020 FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

**“Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased.” Isiah 42**

Jesus presents himself for baptism in today’s Gospel not because He is a sinner, but to fulfill the word of God proclaimed by His prophets. He must be baptized to reveal that He is the Christ (“anointed one”)—the Spirit-endowed Servant promised by Isaiah in today’s First Reading. His baptism marks the start of a new world, a new creation. As Isaiah prophesied, the Spirit descends upon Jesus like a dove—as the Spirit hovered over the face of the deep in the beginning (see [Genesis 1:2](#)). As it was in the beginning, at the Jordan also the majestic voice of the Lord thunders above the waters. The Father opens the heavens and declares Jesus to be His “beloved son.” God had long prepared the Israelites for His coming, as Peter preaches in today’s Second Reading. Jesus was anticipated in the “beloved son” given to Abraham (see [Genesis 22:2, 12, 26](#)), and in the calling of Israel as His “first-born son” (see [Exodus 4:22–23](#)). Jesus is the divine son begotten by God, the everlasting heir promised to King David (see [Psalm 2:7; 2 Samuel 7:14](#)). He is “a covenant of the people [Israel]” and “a light to the nations,” Isaiah says. By the new covenant made in His blood (see [1 Corinthians 11:25](#)), God has gathered the lost sheep of Israel together with whoever fears Him in every nation.

Christ has become the source from which God pours out His Spirit on Israelites and Gentiles alike (see [Acts 10:45](#)). In Baptism, all are anointed with that same Spirit, made beloved sons and daughters of God. Indeed, we are Christians—literally “anointed ones.” We are the “sons of God” in today’s Psalm—called to give glory to His name in His temple. Let us pray that we remain faithful to our calling as His children, that our Father might call us what he calls His Son—“my beloved . . . in whom I am well pleased.”



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**Bulletin Information:** Marak: Patsy Gaines (254 482 0570) – Cyclone: Nancy Posvar (254 913 2696)  
**Bulletin deadline:** Please call or send by email all info for the bulletin by Wednesday before the weekend!

## MINISTRIES

### Saturday, January 18

Communion: Monica Mikeska  
Lector : Kristen Parker  
Altar Servers: Parker Family  
Ushers: Volunteers

### Sunday, January 19

Communion: Sherry Kosel  
Lector: REP Teachers  
Altar Servers: Bruggman/Stumbaugh Families  
Ushers: REP

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### MASSES THIS WEEK: CYCLONE

1/12 Sunday 8:15 am: + William Schneider by Margaret & Wilbert Mikeska  
1/14 Tuesday 7:00 am: + Charles Holy by Bunny & Chuck Felderhoff  
1/16 Thursday 7:00 am: + James Sula by Irlene & Virgil Schneider  
1/17 Friday 7:00 am: + Alice Gerngross by Viola Doscocil  
1/18 Sat. Vigil 5:30 pm: + Lucille Bruggman by Harold & Jane Kosel  
1/19 Sunday 8:15 am: + Randolph Green by Family

### MASSES THIS WEEK: MARAK

1/12 Sunday 10:15 am: + Steve Simecek by Carolyn Talafuse AND + Albyn Simecek by Carolyn Talafuse  
1/15 Wednesday: 5:30 pm: + Annie Mae Jochec by Tony & Debbie Dohnalik and Jane & Johnnie Marek  
1/19 Sunday 10:15 am: + Martha Hertenberger by Jane & Johnny Marek AND + John Thompson by Tony & Debbie Dohnalik

In your charity, please pray for: Homebound: Naomi Green, Leora Hering, Alice Stojanik, Edward Zavodny.  
Good health: Rosa Pechal, A. J. Stermer, Darwin Bruggman, Bill Stock, Lawrence Stermer, Patrick Geistman, Viola Doscocil.

Stewardship:—January 5—\$2044 Building Fund—\$772 Solemnity of Mary—\$42 Thank you for your generosity.

2020 Contribution Envelopes are in the church entrance. Please pick yours up.  
2020 Ministry Lists are in church entrance.

### Upcoming Events

January 11—Welcome Party for Father Ranjan following 5:30 pm mass—Cyclone Parish Hall. Meat will be provided. Please bring a side dish or a dessert.

January 12—Altar Society meeting following mass.

January 14—Parish Council Meeting—6:00 pm—Parish Hall. (Note time change).

January 16—Finance Committee Meeting—6:00 pm—Parish Hall. (Note time change).

January 19—Knights of Columbus Council #13902—Blood Drive—Westphalia Parish Hall—9:00 am—12:30 pm—All donors will receive a limited edition t-shirt and blood donor lapel pin. For appointments contact Ken Jezisek at 512-927-6581.

January 21—KC meeting—7:30 pm.

January 26—Westphalia KC's 42 Domino Tournament at the Westphalia Community Parish Hall. Registration 11:30 am—12:30 pm. Playing will begin shortly after registration ends. Each player will draw for a partner between rounds and will play four 30-minute rounds. Cost \$5/player. Prizes. Food and drinks available at nominal cost starting at 11:00 am. For more information call James Kahlig at 254-721-4443 or Don Frei at 254-985-2510. Come join the fun!

### REP News:

January 15—Regular classes—6:45 pm.