

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.

AUGUST 9, 2020 NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.” Psalm 74

How do we find God in the storms and struggles of our lives, in the trials we encounter in trying to do His will? God commands Elijah in today’s First Reading to stand on the mountain and await His passing by. And in the Gospel, Jesus makes the disciples set out across the waters to meet Him. In each case, the Lord makes himself present amid frightening tumult—heavy winds and high waves, fire and earthquakes. Elijah hides his face. Perhaps he remembers Moses, who met God on the same mountain, also amid fire, thunder, and smoke (see [Deuteronomy 4:10–15](#); [Exodus 19:17–19](#)). God told Moses no one could see His face and live, and He sheltered Moses in the hollow of a rock, as He shelters Elijah in a cave (see [Exodus 33:18–23](#)).

The disciples, likewise, are too terrified to look on the face of God. Today’s Gospel is a revelation of Jesus’ divine identity. Only God treads across the crest of the sea (see [Job 9:8](#)) and rules the raging waters (see [Psalm 89:9–10](#)). And the words of assurance that Jesus speaks—“It is I”—are those God used to identify himself to Moses (see [Exodus 3:14](#); [Isaiah 43:10](#)). Even Peter is too overcome by fear to imitate his Lord. His fears, Jesus tells him, are a sign of his lack of faith. And so it often is with us. Our fears make us doubt, make it hard to see His glory dwelling in our midst. Yet, we should know, as we sing in today’s Psalm, that His salvation is near to those who hope in Him. By faith we should know, as Paul asserts in today’s Epistle, that we are heirs to the promises made to His children, Israel. We must trust that He whispers to us in the trials of our lives—that He who has called us to walk along the way of His steps. He will save us whenever we begin to sink.



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, August 15

Communion: Katherine Pechal
Lector : Kenneth Pechal
Altar Servers: Cook & Carpenter Families
Ushers: Volunteers

Sunday, August 16

Communion: Sherry Kosel
Lector: Carla Kacir
Altar Servers: Kosel/Landeros/Jahns Families
Ushers: Ricky Brenek & David Hejl

MASSES THIS WEEK: CYCLONE

8/9 Sunday 8:15 am: + Randolph Green by Joan Plumlee
8/11 Tuesday 7:00 am: + Lois Skala by Monica Mikeska
8/13 Thursday 7:00 am: + Douglas Daskocil by Nancy & Dale Pechal
8/14 Friday 7:00 am: + Robert Dach by Lillian Dach
8/15 Saturday 7:00 am: + Shirley Skala by Bill & Carol Smetana
8/15 Sat. Vigil 5:30 pm: + Alois & Rosa Pechal by Monica Mikeska
8/16 Sunday 8:15 am: + Jim & Joy Litzman by Lynne Hornung

MASSES THIS WEEK: MARAK

8/9 Sunday 10:15: + Henry Litzman, Jr.
by Lynn Hornung AND + Albert
Michalka by Arvell & Liz Jungmann
8/12 Wednesday 5:30: + Ann Morris
by Marilyn Gurecky AND + Lynette
Jochec by Genevieve & Robert Schoppe
8/14 Friday 5:30:
8/16 Sunday 10:15: + August & Mary
Hubnik by Arvell & Liz Jungmann AND
+ Daniel Hromcik by Joyce Vaculin

NOTE: Father Ranjan will have mass at Marak August 14 at 5:30 pm and at Cyclone August 15 at 7:00 am for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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 Daskocil, Barbara Johnson, Dorothy Haisler.

Sanctuary Light—August 2—15 —In memory of Lenora & Robert Hoelscher by Alice & Bobby Hoelscher.

Stewardship—August 2—\$2203 Building Fund—\$1496 Franciscan Community Special Collection—\$1037
Thank you for your generosity.

For anyone who was unable to make their donation to the Franciscan Community August 2, you may bring your donation through August 16. We will send the money to the diocese the following week.

Our fall picnic has been cancelled for this year. We pray for all those affected by COVID-19.

Upcoming Events:

August 9—Altar Society Meeting following mass.

August 9—REP Catechists/Teachers meeting in the Parish Hall at 4:00 pm. We are still in need of a couple more teachers. If you would be willing to share your time with our students, please come.

August 16—Annual Homecoming Festival—St. Monica's—Cameron—BBQ plate with all the trimmings—\$10/plate—Serving 10:30 am until sold out. Tamales and sweet shop also available. DRIVE THRU ONLY!

Everyone is invited to attend mass at 10:00 am and see the renovation of the church.

August 18—KC Meeting—7:30 pm.