

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 24, 2020 ASCENSION OF THE LORD

“This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.” Acts 1:11

In today's First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, St. Luke gives the surprising news that there is more of the story to be told. The story did not end with the empty tomb, or with Jesus' appearances to the Apostles over the course of forty days. Jesus' saving work will have a liturgical consummation. He is the great high priest, and He has still to ascend to the heavenly Jerusalem, there to celebrate the feast in the true Holy of Holies. The truth of this feast shines forth from the Letter to the Hebrews, where we read of the great high priest's passing through the heavens, the sinless intercessor's sacrifice on our behalf (see [Hebrews 4:14–15](#)). Indeed, His intercession will lead to the Holy Spirit's descent in fire upon the Church. Luke spells out that promise in the First Reading for the feast of the Ascension: “in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit” ([Acts 1:5](#)). The Ascension is the preliminary feast that directs the Church's attention forward to Pentecost. On that day, salvation will be complete; for salvation is not simply expiation for sins (that would be wonder enough), but it is something even greater than that. Expiation is itself a necessary precondition of our adoption as God's children. To live that divine life we must receive the Holy Spirit. To receive the Holy Spirit we must be purified through Baptism. The Responsorial Psalm presents the Ascension in terms familiar from the worship of the Jerusalem Temple in the days of King Solomon: “God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord” (Psalm 47). The priest-king takes his place at the head of the people, ruling over the nations, establishing peace. The Epistle strikes a distinctively Paschal note. In the early Church, as today, Easter was the normal time for the baptism of adult converts. The sacrament was often called “illumination” or “enlightenment” because of the light that came with God's saving grace (see, for example, [Hebrews 10:32](#)). Saint Paul, in his Letter to the Ephesians, speaks in terms of glory that leads to greater glories still, as Ascension leads to Pentecost: “May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened,” he writes, as he looks to the divinization of the believers. Their “hope” is “his inheritance among the holy ones,” the saints who have been adopted into God's family and now rule with Him at the Father's right hand. This is the “good news” the Apostles are commissioned to spread—to the whole world, to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem—at the Ascension. It's the good news we must spread today.



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, May 30

Communion: Monica Mikeska
Lector : Linda Wilde
Altar Servers: R.J. Cook, C. Cook, A. Carpenter
Ushers: Volunteers

Sunday, May 31

Communion: Margaret Mikeska
Lector: Cathy Bruggman
Altar Servers: Stumbaugh Family
Ushers: Lewis Moeller & Kenneth Halfmann

MASSES THIS WEEK: CYCLONE

5/24 Sunday 8:15 am: + William Schneider by David & Janet Kasner
5/26 Tuesday 7:00 am: + Michelle Crews by Charlie & Jackie Green
5/28 Thursday 7:00 am: + Lucille Bruggman by Larry & Pauline Hoelscher
5/29 Friday 7:00 am: + Royella Roessler by Bill & Carol Smetana
5/30 Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm: + Albina Vrazel by Beatrice Mallory
5/31 Sunday 8:15 am: + Dolores Motl by Donna McEntire

MASSES THIS WEEK: MARAK

5/24 Sunday: In Honor of Clem & Martha Tomek's 65th Anniversary AND + Robert Moraw by Ed & Kay Moraw
5/27 Wednesday: + Ethel Moraw by Marilyn Ejem AND + Martha Hertenberger by Alfred & Bernice Vrazel
5/31 Sunday: + Albina Vrazel by Terry & Barbara McNeill AND + Daniel Hromcik by Joyce Vaculin

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 Doscocil, Pauline Marek, Valerie Ledford.

Sanctuary Light—May 24—June 6 —In memory of E. J. and Laveda Geistman by Pat Armstrong.

Stewardship—May 17—\$2121 Seminarian and Priest Education and Formation—\$25
Thank you for your generosity.

Upcoming Events

May 31—There will be a breakfast at the Parish Hall to celebrate the Seniors after the Senior mass. We will have seating in the hall and outside under the pavilion for those who choose to join us.

June 7—Annual June Fundraiser—Holy Trinity Church—Corn Hill—Fried chicken, sausage, dressing, noodles, and green beans—Served 11:00 am—1:00 pm at the PAC—\$10/plate—DRIVE-THRU ONLY!

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.