

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.

JANUARY 12, 2025 BAPTISM OF THE LORD

“Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.” John 1: 32, 34

The Liturgy last week revealed the mystery of God’s plan—that in Jesus all peoples, symbolized by the Magi, have been made “coheirs” to the blessings promised to Israel. This week, we’re shown how we claim our inheritance. Jesus doesn’t submit to John’s baptism as a sinner in need of purification. He humbles Himself to pass through Jordan’s waters in order to lead a new “exodus”—opening up the promised land of heaven so that all peoples can hear the words pronounced over Jesus today, words once reserved only for Israel and its king: that each of us is a beloved son or daughter of God (see [Genesis 22:2](#); [Exodus 4:22](#); [Psalm 2:7](#)).

Jesus is the chosen servant Isaiah prophesies in today’s First Reading, anointed with the Spirit to make things right and just on earth. God puts His Spirit upon Jesus to make Him “a covenant of the people,” the liberator of the captives, the light to the nations. Jesus, today’s Second Reading tells us, is the One long expected in Israel, “anointed . . . with the Holy Spirit and power.” The word messiah means “one anointed” with God’s Spirit. King David was “the anointed of the God of Jacob” (see [2 Samuel 23:1-17](#); [Psalm 18:51](#); [132:10, 17](#)). The prophets taught Israel to await a royal offshoot of David, upon whom the Spirit would rest (see [Isaiah 11:1-2](#); [Daniel 9:25](#)). That’s why the crowds are so anxious at the start of today’s Gospel. But it isn’t John they’re looking for. God confirms with His own voice what the angel earlier told Mary: Jesus is the Son of the Most High, come to claim the throne of David forever (see [Luke 1:32-33](#)).

In the Baptism that He brings, the voice of God will hover over the waters as a fiery flame, as we sing in today’s Psalm. He has sanctified the waters, made them a passageway to healing and freedom—a fountain of new birth and everlasting life.

Bulletin Information: Cyclone: Nancy Posvar (254 913-2696) Marak: Anna Givens 512 809-9889)

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

MINISTRIES

Saturday, January 18

Communion: Katherine Pechal
Lector: Kenneth Pechal
Altar Servers: LaCoure Family
Ushers: Volunteers

Sunday, January 19

Communion: Lacy Jahns
Lector: REP
Altar Servers: C & E Glasgow—H & S Stumbaugh
Ushers: REP

UPCOMING MASSES

1/12 Sunday 8:15 am: + Shirley Schneider by Family
+ Linda Hering by Francis Ranly Reese

1/14 Tuesday 7:00 am: + Susan Clowers by Marie Macha
+ Jerome Schoppe by Family

1/16 Thursday 7:00 am: + Josie Kleypas by Janet & David Kasner
+ Wilbert Mikeska by Anton & Merlene Bravenec

1/17 Friday 7:00 am: + Naomi Green by Family
+ Stanley Motl by Katherine Hubnik

1/18 Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm: + Glenda Hesse by Doris Hoelscher
+ Darwin Bruggman by Family

1/19 Sunday 8:15 am: + Barbara Macek by David & Lois Skala
+ Maxie Roessler by Dennis & Carol Maurer

MARAK MASSES

1/12 Sunday 10:15 am
1/15 Wednesday 5:30 pm
1/19 Sunday 10:15 am

In your charity, please pray for: Homebound: Leora Hering.

Good health: A. J. Stermer, Bill Stock, Dorothy Haisler, Evelyn Richter, Buddy Roessler, Al & Lou Buckholt, Mary Jane Underwood, Lindsey Pierce, Monica Mikeska, Amanda Beltran, Holly Knecht, Rebecca Marek.

Stewardship—January 5 —\$2508

Building Fund—\$703

Solemnity of Mary—\$1092

Holy Family—\$15

Sanctuary Light—January 5—11—In Honor of Finn Shipman's Birthday by Beatrice Mallory.

2025 Offertory Envelopes and Calendars are available in the church entry.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 19—CYO will be selling breakfast tacos following mass. Please support our youth!

January 19—Bible Study group will meet following mass.

January 21—KC Meeting—7 pm.

February 1—Holy Trinity Catholic High School Annual Gala fundraiser with a Masquerade theme—Christ the King Catholic Church—Belton—6:00 pm—Live and silent auction, delicious dinner, and the highly anticipated Golden Ticket drawing—<https://give.hellofund.com/HTGala2025> to purchase tickets. For questions, contact Renee Morales at 254-771-0787 x 1114.

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

January 12—Altar Society Meeting following mass.

St. Mary's Altar Society has copies of the original cookbook edition for sale. These are great for wedding, hostess, birthday, or Christmas gifts. They are \$10 each. Contact Linda Machicek at 254-718-2909 for your gifting needs.