

# The Catholic Communities of Cherokee and Holstein

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September 20, 2020 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR:

Today is the Twenty-fifth (25th) Sunday in Ordinary Time and Catechetical Sunday. We are to seek the Lord. This activity might seem to be complete as soon as we come to believe in Him. But really, this is an invitation to grace – a grace that is constant, always available, and generous in its forgiveness. It is a promise of deep and perpetual care by a God who is completely different from us in His thoughts and ways, and yet never-ending in his love and mercy.

This weekend we began TOGETHER AS ONE help support our future. Please check your mailboxes this week and make a gift to strengthen our Catholic community. The goals for each parish are listed below. Please remember, when our parish goes over its diocesan support goal, 100% of that overage amount is returned to our parish for our use. Last year, over \$407,783 was given back to parishes across the Diocese. We also want to reach the goal of 100% participation. That is, we need every parish family who received a TAO pledge card to return it, no matter what amount you give [\$0-\$1,000,000+]. Thank you for your assistance.

Again, thank you to everyone who visits our parish website and Facebook page to stay in touch with the latest news and information, and to utilize our weekend Mass reservation system [<https://cherokeecountycatholics.org/mass-attendance-reservations>] [under the Liturgy menu]] to reserve your spot by Saturdays 3:00 p.m.

And again, if we have any spikes in COVID cases in our communities, we will need to close our buildings to public Masses and private prayer. The churches will remain locked except for half hour before Mass times and private prayer times [two hours after each daily Mass]. Saturday evening and daily Masses at Cherokee are live streamed on our website.

And thank you for all parishioners who continue to mail in their parish contributions and/or go online to do this.

**Please remember your parish in your will.....Your bequest is a testimony to your faith in our future. Fr. Mark**

## SACRAMENT & PARISH INFORMATION

**RECONCILIATION:** Before Mass and by appointment.

**BAPTISM:** Parents must attend Baptism Class. Register with Michelle Wilson at 712-229-0299.

**MARRIAGE:** Contact the parish office 9 months in advance.

**COMMUNION and ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Please call your parish office or contact Fr. Mark.

**PARISH MEMBERSHIP:** Contact the parish office or go to [cherokeecounty Catholics.org](http://cherokeecounty Catholics.org).

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Noon on Wednesday.

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

**IC** **Sept 13**

**Weekly Total:** \$7,498 – Adult Envelopes \$5,640, General – Online \$415, Major Repair - Envelopes \$1,170, Major Repair - Online \$100, Loose \$80, CAP \$20, Votives \$23, Retirement Fund for Religious \$50. **TAO Goal:** \$41,385; cards to be returned: 464.

**OLGC** **Sept 13**

**Weekly Total:** \$1,040 - Envelopes \$945, General - Bank ACH \$35, Loose \$60. **Capital campaign:** Goal \$350,000, Pledges: \$445,312, Amount received: \$357,140. **TAO Goal:** \$9,735; cards to be returned: 112.

## OF INTEREST TO BOTH PARISHES

**Together As One [TAO] 2020**, our annual appeal for the parish and for the Diocese assists with supporting Catholic ministries in the parish and the diocese, including pastoral, educational, spiritual and human services that benefit thousands of families throughout the 24 counties in the Diocese of Sioux City, including helping to advance the work of parishes with financial assistance and support services. Without your generous support the vital work of the Church would not be possible. Our annual appeal begins this weekend! Everyone's support and cooperation is needed to make this a successful campaign.

**Faith Formation** and other parish events will be postponed or cancelled if staff, catechists, or others exhibit symptoms of COVID-19. Please stay tuned to the parish website, Facebook page, and email for any updates and announcements as we did last week to postpone the start of Faith Formation at Cherokee.

**Persons Wishing to Join the Catholic Church**, whether baptized in another faith or unbaptized and over the age of seven [7], may contact Fr. Mark at any time of the year to begin the process known as RCIA [Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults]/RCIC [Rite of Christian Initiation of Children]. Preparation classes normally begin in September.

**Forty Days For Life** in Sioux City has been reactivated because the Planned Parenthood site in Sioux City has opened again and is providing chemical abortions at their location each Wednesday. The Sioux City Diocese will be leading a 40 Days for Life campaign again this year in the hope of saving innocent babies and the eventual closure of this facility again. Please consider signing up for vigil hours during the upcoming 40 Days for Life campaign: September 23<sup>rd</sup> - November 1<sup>st</sup> at the Planned Parenthood site (4409 Stone Ave) from 6:00 am to 7:00 pm Sunday through Saturday. Volunteers will need to wear masks and observe appropriate social distancing while volunteering on site. To sign up, go to:

<https://www.40daysforlife.com/sioux city>.

**Parish Teams** are being formed as part of our Ministry 2025 plan. These Teams will assist each parish's Pastoral Council. Teams for each parish being formed are: **Liturgy, Faith Formation, Buildings/Grounds, Parish Life, and Cemetery**. All of these teams assist the pastor and the Pastoral Council with the pastoral care of the parish including spiritual, faith formation, and care of the facilities and property. If you would like to be a part of one of these teams, please contact Fr. Mark.

**In talking with your children**, have you neglected to raise the call to Church ministry? The process of answering God's call begins in childhood. Throughout adolescence and adulthood, the attitudes assumed in childhood begin to influence the course of one's life. A vocation or a talent will not grow to fruition unless it is nurtured in childhood and adolescence by a parent. Often children talk about what they want to be "when they grow up": doctors, lawyers, athletes, nurses, movie stars, teachers, carpenters. They may talk about these roles, but do they ever talk about being a priest, sister, or brother? You are the hand of God — encourage your children to consider Church ministry.

**Laudato Si Series – Loss of Biodiversity.** Pope Francis says, "Each year sees the disappearance of thousands of plant and animal species which we will never know, which our children will never see. Because of us, thousands of species will no longer give glory to God by their very existence, nor convey their message to us" (33). He points out that the oceans face compounded threats by absorbing pollution from human activity on land and in waters from "deforestation, agricultural monocultures, industrial waste, and destructive fishing methods." Reflect on the fact that our living ocean produces more than half the oxygen we breathe (41). Act: Cut down on the use of plastics. Read: Chapter 1, Section 3 of Laudato Si found under PARISH DOCUMENTS on the parish website. Source: <https://www.ncronline.org/news/earthbeat/oceans-are-our-planets-true-lungs>.

**Racism:** When life goes wrong, people tend to look for someone to blame, even when there is no evidence. This is “scapegoating.” Racists use the situation to promote fear and divide people. As a result, people become blind to the sufferings of others. They make excuses for the way others are treated. They put the blame on innocent people.

“**Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship**” from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, found under PARISH DOCUMENTS on the parish website, offers important principles and related themes from the Catholic social teaching to provide a moral framework for making decisions. This is not a partisan document that provides a good reflection on fundamental ethical principles. For example, pp. 20-25, explains Catholic social teaching and pp. 26-36, explains in detail the many issues that Catholics need to consider including human life, promoting peace, marriage and family life, religious freedom, preferential option for the poor and economic justice, health care, migration, Catholic education, promoting justice and countering violence, combatting unjust discrimination, care for creation, communications/media/culture, and global solidarity. And pp. 36-37, offer policy goals that our bishops hope will guide Catholics as they form their consciences and reflect on the moral dimensions of their public choices, especially when voting.

### IC PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**IC Parish Prayer Chain:** Call Gert Selk 712-229-1756 to put prayers (illness/other) on prayer chain.

**KC News:** KC social meeting is Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at Danny’s Sport Spot, with social at 6:30 p.m., meeting at 7:00.

**Please remember** Linda Hughes (73), Mary Bofenkamp’s sister, who died on September 13<sup>th</sup> in your prayers as well as her family.

**Thank you note:** A big Thank You to everyone who sent cards for my 91<sup>st</sup> birthday. ~ LeRoy Rupp

**Card Shower:** On September 23<sup>rd</sup>, Shirley Anderson will turn 92 years young. Happy Birthday Shirley! Shirley recently moved to South Dakota. Send Shirley best wishes at 3008 E Aspen Blvd. #103, Brandon, SD 57005.

**Pray the Rosary:** Join fellow parishioners in praying the rosary on Monday mornings at 9 a.m. in front of the IC church (inside the parish hall if raining - use the south door). Social distancing and masks required. Bring your lawn chair if wanted. If you have any questions, call Vicki 229-1789 or Sue 229-5808.

**Face Masks:** Jackie Frantum and Julie Luken will make them for parishioners who do not have access to getting one. If you need a mask, contact Jackie at 712-261-3510 or Julie at 712-221-9595.

### ~ IC Birthdays ~

- Sept 21** Margaret Carlson
- Sept 22** Janet Lux, Mary Pigott
- Sept 23** Don Pitts, Payton Slaughter
- Sept 24** Aiden Comstock, Jeff Wilson
- Sept 26** Fred Fondroy, Ann Gries, Alan Kellen, Matt Lugar
- Sept 27** Mick Bakker, Andy Carlson, Jodi Schlichting

### \* Faith Formation News \*

**Faith Formation's** start has been postponed a week. The new start date will be the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September. Stay tuned for more information.

**If you have not** registered your children, please do so as soon as possible. Even if you will have in home Faith learning, you still need to register your students.

**Since we do not** have a catechist for 5<sup>th</sup> grade, 6<sup>th</sup> grade, 7<sup>th</sup> grade or 8<sup>th</sup> grade, these grades will have to have in-home Faith Formation. Their lessons will be posted on our parish webpage under the Faith Formation tab and the appropriate grade level. Please search your heart to help grow our young parishioners’ faith. If you are willing to help, please call Michele at 225-4606.

**Faith Formation fees** at IC are the same as last year K-9<sup>th</sup> grades \$50/student with a family maximum of \$150, 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades \$25/student.

**If you need** to contact Michele, please send her an email or call her. Emailing is primarily used, instead of texting.

### OLGC PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Prayer Line:** Contact Joyce Galvin at 251-1687 or Diane Gardalen at 229-1486.

**Face Masks:** Pat Cronin has some face masks for anyone in Holstein who is in need of one. Contact Pat at 712-251-8328.

### \* Faith Formation News \*

**On this Catechetical Sunday** please pray for a successful and healthy year for our catechists. These are the catechists at Our Lady of Good Counsel: Hilary Grundmeier, Amanda Heitmann, Amber Friedmann, Amanda Schnuckel, Savanna Snyder, Paul Ahlers, Melissa Friedrichsen, Mary Kay Todd, Michelle Degen and Joyce Galvin.

# Please Pray For Those Who Are Remembered Here...

<i>In Memory of...</i> Barbara Rupp	<i>In Memory of...</i> Ralph, Herta and Sharon Rupp	<i>In Memory of...</i> Jerry & Steven Madsen	<i>In Memory of...</i> Stacy Goth, Roger Goth, Adrian & Helen Goth and Margaret Healy
<i>In Memory of...</i> Del Ament and Jill Ament	<i>In Memory of...</i> Jim Schallau	<i>In Memory of...</i> Roger, Marilyn & Karen Immele and Sy Rodgers	<i>In Memory of...</i> Emil & Helen Mendt
<i>In Memory of...</i> Bud & Marjorie Brandt	<i>In Memory of...</i> Kay Chettinger	<i>In Memory of...</i> Dale & Ann Wright and Floyd & Mark Courtright	<i>In Memory of...</i> John Berigan
<i>In Memory of...</i> Owen & Eileen Hiniker	<i>In Memory of...</i> Dick & Darlene Hirschman	<i>In Memory of...</i> Paul & Matt George and John Storbeck	<i>In Memory of...</i> Nancy Wright, Justin & Corey Nicolaisen And Richard Wych
<i>In Memory of...</i> Tom Murphy	<i>In Memory of...</i> Romaine & Joanne Ryan	<i>In Memory of...</i> Jim Karhoff & Dan Karhoff	<i>In Memory of...</i> Lester & Mary Ann Bush, Mike Bush, Sharon Geary and Sandy Tuttle
<i>In Memory of...</i> Wayne & Rosemary Roepke	<i>In Memory of...</i> Max D. Martinsen	<i>In Memory of...</i> JoAnn Bartlett	<i>In Memory of ...</i> Richard & Sally Henke
<i>In Memory of...</i> Chuck & Joyce Perrin, Dan & Mike Perrin & Mike Gates	<i>In Memory of...</i> August "Gus" Erickson	<i>In Memory of...</i> Pat Bakker, Dale Bakker Jr. and Barb Timmins	<i>In Memory of ...</i> Kenneth & Elva Johnson
<i>In Memory of...</i> Bud Perrin	<i>In Memory of...</i> Lori Sokolowski and Aaron Sokolowski		

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