

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF CHEROKEE and HOLSTEIN

27 September 2020 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

‘COVID Light Bulletin due to closed parish office this past week’

Calendar

Monday September 28	8:00 a.m.	Eucharist* - Holstein	[Eleanor Sokolowski+]
Tuesday September 29	8:00 a.m.	Eucharist*/Online – Cherokee	[Rev. Robert Leiting+]
	7:00 p.m.	RCIA Session* – Cherokee	
	7:00 p.m.	OLGC Building Addition Cmte Mtg - Holstein	
Wednesday September 30	8:00 a.m.	Eucharist* - Holstein	[Paul Higgins+]
	6:00 p.m.	Faith Formation: K-6 @ OLGC*	
	6:30 p.m.	Faith Formation: K-4 @ IC*	
	7:15 p.m.	Faith Formation: 7-10 @ OLGC*	
Thursday October 1	8:00 a.m.	Eucharist*/Online – Cherokee	[Jack & June Perrin+]
Friday October 2	8:00 a.m.	Eucharist* - Holstein	[Lillian Leonard+]
Saturday October 3	5:30 p.m.	Eucharist*/Online – Cherokee	[Shannon Goth+]
Sunday October 4	8:30 a.m.	Eucharist* - Holstein	[Parish Families]
Sunday October 5	10:30 a.m.	Eucharist* - Cherokee	[Bartolo Bustos+]

*IF we do not need to close [see Fr. Mark’s column for more information].

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR: Today is the Twenty-sixth (26th) Sunday in Ordinary Time. God calls each of us, daughters and sons, to participate in His work. Will we go to His vineyard? Even if we have said “no” 10 times, we can turn around! With the Father’s help, we can turn from disobedience to obedience – from sinfulness to grace. The Father waits patiently and is always welcoming.

Last weekend we began TOGETHER AS ONE help support our future. Hopefully, your pledge request arrived in your mailbox this past week. Please consider a gift to strengthen our Catholic community. The goals [monetary and pledge card return] for each parish are listed below. When our parishes goes over its diocesan support goal, 100% of that overage amount is returned to our parishes for our use. Last year, over \$407,783 was given back to parishes across the Diocese including to the parishes of IC and OLGC. We want and need 100% participation from our parishioners. 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, 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

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. Everyone's support and cooperation are needed to make this a successful campaign.

USHERS NEEDED to assist with greeting, taking attendance, seating, and dismissing Mass attendees. Volunteers need to be under age 65 and in general good health and able to do this challenging task. To volunteer, please contact Fr. Mark. Thank you to our current ushers who are doing a great job under challenging circumstances.

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 for Faith Formation at Cherokee on September 16 and 23.

PERSONS WISHING TO JOIN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, whether baptized in another faith or unbaptized and over the age of seven [7], may contact the pastor 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-November 1 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. You may visit the 40 days for life website for Sioux City: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/sioux-city> for more information and to sign up.

THE LUMEN [formally known as **THE CATHOLIC GLOBE**] is our comprehensive news source for The Diocese of Sioux City. Subscribers will receive the bimonthly printed newspaper and/or digital version. Current subscribers recently received a renewal notice in the mail. Please complete this and mail it back to Lumen Media, PO Box 5079, Sioux City, IA 51102 Office or visit <https://www.lumenmedia.org/> to subscribe through their website before another year another reminder is mailed out in August.

Remember only paying subscribers will receive **The Lumen**.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES is offering services, including Zoom sessions, for parents/family specific to the impacts of COVID-19 on children regarding masks, anxiety, isolation, etc. For more information you may contact the Sioux City office at: info@cathchar.com, (712) 252-4547, or visit <https://cathchar.com/>

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.

ONLINE GIVING is available on our parish website. Simply lick the ONLINE GIVING box, follow the instructions, and give one-time, weekly, or monthly to the funds provided. There are funds set up for each parish.

REGULAR GIVING is still available by mailing your contribution to your parish's PO Box address.

MASS OFFERINGS are gifts given to priests to offer the Eucharist for particular intentions. The Eucharist is always offered for the intention of all the faithful. But at the same time a particular intention can be added for any person[s], living or deceased, or groups, events, etc. Most often, when a relative or friend

dies, people often submit intentions to a priest. Offerings are accepted for any \$ amount with the typical amount in our Diocese being \$10. When these offerings are assigned, they are noted in our bulletin after each assigned Eucharist in brackets (i.e. [Joe Smith+] with a "+" to designate that the person is deceased.) Many years ago, these offerings were the sole income for priests. Today, this income is supplemental. A priest can only accept one offering per day and must always offer one Eucharist on Sunday for the "People of the Parish." Offerings are made by presenting to the priest the names of the person[s], etc. and a donation. Checks are to be made out to the parish. These donations are deposited into the "Mass Offering Fund" and paid out after the intention is offered.

IC PARISH ANNOUCEMENTS

IC COLLECTION-9/20/20: collection taken but not counted due to office being closed for COVID. Report will be in next week.

TAO GOAL: \$41,385.00; cards to be returned: 464

CONGRATULATIONS TO GAVEN FITZGERALD, son of Ross, who made his First Holy Communion on Sunday September 20.

GUILD DUES are due. For your convenience, a pink "Ladies Guild Dues" envelope may be found in your October-November contribution envelope packet. All registered parish women over the age of 18 are automatic members of the Guild. Single men and teens may disregard this envelope.

CATECHISTS NEEDED for grades 5, 6, 8, 9, and 10.

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION is due now. If you have not registered your children, please visit <https://cherokeecountycatholics.org/immaculate-conception>, print, completed, and return to the parish office from under 'Faith Formation Documents': Registration Form 2020-2021, Faith Formation Fee Agreement 2020-2021, and Waiver Form. Thank you.

OLGC PARISH ANNOUCEMENTS

OLGC COLLECTION-9/20/20

General Fund-adult envelopes:	\$2,705.00
General Fund-Bank ACH:	\$35.00
Votives:	\$4.00
Building Addition/Campaign:	\$1040.00
TOTAL:	\$3,784.00

TAO GOAL: \$9,735.00; cards to be returned: 112

KC TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE will be held at OLGC Sunday October 4 and 11, outside after Mass. Funds raise goes to Special Olympics of Iowa and local programs with persons with disabilities.

MAILING ADDRESS: Please use our new mailing address: PO Box 380 when sending us mail. Thank you.