

# The Catholic Communities of Cherokee and Holstein

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## December 13, 2020 Third Sunday of Advent

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### CALENDAR

<b>Mon. Dec. 14</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. Public at OLG</b> [Dennis Dose <sup>+</sup> ]
<b>Tues. Dec. 15</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. Public at IC &amp; Online</b> [Msgr. Thomas Donahoe <sup>+</sup> ]
<b>Wed. Dec. 16</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. Public at OLG</b> [Lillian Leonard <sup>+</sup> ] 7:00 p.m. Faith Formation via Zoom
<b>Thur. Dec. 17</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. Public at IC &amp; Online</b> [Svea Marion Ida Tate <sup>+</sup> ]
<b>Fri. Dec. 18</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. Public at OLG</b> [Merle Woolworth <sup>+</sup> ]
<b>Sat. Dec. 19</b>	<b>5:00 p.m. Public at IC &amp; Online</b> [Arlene Nesby <sup>+</sup> ]
<b>Sun. Dec. 20</b>	<b>8:30 a.m. Public at OLG</b> [Parish Families] <b>10:30 a.m. Public at IC</b> [Ricky O. Monroe <sup>+</sup> ]

### FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR:

Today is the Third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Sunday of Advent, *Gaudete* Sunday, which means “to rejoice.” *Gaudete* Sunday affirms the value of rejoicing and gives reasons for our rejoicing: God has given hope to his people waiting for redemption. We wait with rejoicing for what God has already accomplished and will yet accomplish through Christ.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our annual TOGETHER AS ONE campaign to help support our parishes and our Diocese, 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 [\[https://cherokeecountycatholics.org/mass-attendance-reservations\]](https://cherokeecountycatholics.org/mass-attendance-reservations) [under the Liturgy menu]] to reserve your spot by Saturdays 3:00 p.m., to 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:** 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

**IC** **Dec 6**

**Weekly Total:** \$6,387 – Adult Envelopes \$3,443, General – Online \$205, Major Repair - Envelopes \$747, Major Repair - Online \$50, Loose \$60, Votives \$7, Religious Ed. \$ 25, Guild \$20, CAP \$40, CAP – Online \$100, Mt. Calvary Cemetery \$225, Mt. Calvary Cemetery – Online \$50, Maryhill Cemetery \$1,295, Catholic Charities \$120. **TAO Goal:** \$41,385, Pledged \$23,797.50, Paid \$19,572.50; Cards to be returned: 464, Cards returned 151.

**OLGC** **Dec 6**

**Weekly Total:** \$1,740 - Envelopes \$1,035, General – Bank ACH \$700, Votives \$5. **Capital campaign:** Goal \$350,000, Pledges: \$445,312, Amount received: \$365,060. **TAO Goal:** \$9,735, Pledged \$3,901, Paid \$3,711; Cards to be returned: 110, Cards returned 31.

## USHER SCHEDULE

**IC:**

**Dec. 19** David Fordyce, Darla Immele, Judy Slota

**Dec. 20** Alan Johnson, Jim Peterson, Julie Peterson

**OLCG:**

**Dec. 20** Tom Galvin, Andy Cronin,  
Melissa Friedrichsen

## OF INTEREST TO BOTH PARISHES

**Reminder:** During this time Diocesan Protocols forbid persons of different households being seated with each other at Mass, that is with those that do not normally reside in your house even if the person[s] is related or visiting for the weekend. The CDC recommends that families do NOT get together with members of their families for Christmas gatherings. Rather, households ought to celebrate with only those who live in their household and not allow relatives who do not live with them to gather with them. Thus, it is highly discouraged for households to travel to visit relatives. Persons attending Masses on Christmas Eve and Day ought to be registered members of the parish at which Mass they attend. Please refer to the Diocesan and parish protocols issued in May 2020.

**Dynamic Catholic** believes in the power of prayer! It seems like just yesterday we were ringing in 2020, and oh what a year it's been. No matter the highs and lows we've all experienced, Dynamic Catholic wants to pray for all of us. Did you know you can submit prayer requests to Dynamic Catholic anytime on their website? They add these prayer requests to their book of intentions and pray for them each week at Mass in their office. Simply click on this link to be added to their book of intentions: [dynamiccatholic.com/prayer-request](http://dynamiccatholic.com/prayer-request) and find comfort in knowing your prayers are being heard.

**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. Your generous support makes the vital work of the Church possible.

**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.

**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](mailto:info@cathchar.com), (712) 252-4547, or visit <https://cathchar.com>.

**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.

**Advent:** Since Advent looks forward to Christ's birth and Incarnation, it is an appropriate way to begin the Church Year. However, Advent is *not* part of the Christmas season itself, but a preparation for it. Thus, Catholics do not sing Christmas hymns, or use Christmas readings, in Mass until December 25<sup>th</sup>, the first day of the Christmas season.

**Laudato Si Series – Better safe than sorry.** Pope Francis recognizes that not everyone agrees on the seriousness of the environment. However, he says, "Where there are threats of serious or irreversible damage, lack of full scientific certainty shall not be used as a pretext for postponing cost-effective measures." We

need to protect those who are most vulnerable and who have little ability to defend their interests, even in the absence of indisputable proof" (186). **Reflect** on which way you lean: 1) prioritize the health of the planet we all rely on, since there are no jobs on a dead planet, or 2) choose short-term gain over long-term sustainability. **Act:** When in a debate about climate change, summarize the other person's argument and ask them to summarize yours. This can help you empathize with each other, soften opinions, and possibly change minds. **Read:** Chapter 5, Section 3 of Laudato Si found under PARISH DOCUMENTS on the parish website. **Source:** <https://www.ncronline.org/news/earth/beat/better-safe-sorry>

## IC PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**Card Shower:** On December 18<sup>th</sup>, Viola Nelson will turn 98 years young. Happy Birthday Viola! Send Viola best wishes at 921 Riverview Drive, Cherokee, IA.

**Wedding Banns:** Derek Nixon and Lauren Maddox, December 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Christmas Poinsettias:** Poinsettia plants have been ordered for Christmas. If you would like to make a donation, place a check in an envelope marked "Flowers" and put it in the collection box, or send it by mail to the church office.

**Please donate to this worthy fundraiser!**

**What:** Diaper drive or \$\$ towards diapers.

**Who:** Nash Pigott on behalf of Mary's Choice Pregnancy Resource Center in Sioux City.

**When:** Now until Christmas.

**Where:** Donations can be mailed/shipped to 5318 K Ave., Cherokee, IA 51012 and we will deliver them to Mary's Choice once we have a full van load. You can call 712-221-0115 to arrange a drop-off or pick-up if local.

~ IC Birthdays ~

**Dec. 14** Christopher Balgos

**Dec. 15** Patsy Day, Conner Mahnke, Julie Peterson, Danny Steward

**Dec. 16** Christopher Balgos, Renee Conley, Abigail James, Adeline Shuberg

**Dec. 17** Bob Bush, Cohen James

**Dec. 18** Tucker Burch, Mary Haselhoff, Viola Nelson, Rhonda Reinholdt

**Dec. 19** Cathy Eischen

**Dec. 20** Tanya Pritts, Bev Reinholdt, Colette Sivinski

\* Faith Formation News \*

Catechists needed for Grades 6, 8, 9, and 10.

## OLGC PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**Please remember** Homer "Pete" Stines (83), who died on December 6<sup>th</sup>, in your prayers as well as his family.

**The Christmas "Adopt a Family"** serves families and senior citizens in need from Holstein and the surrounding area during the Christmas season. Through your generosity, gifts are selected for households. A big warm thank you to our many participants already. If you have not been able to "adopt a family" this year and would like to contribute, please consider a cash donation to help with purchases of food or gas gift cards. Monetary donations may be made online or through your envelope at Church. Thank you for supporting families in our community this Christmas Season.

**2020 Holstein Area Community Chest Fund Drive:**

The Holstein Area Community Chest Fund Drive has officially begun. Through the generous support of many Holstein area citizens and business donors, \$12,390 was raised last year and \$12,730 was disbursed to many worthwhile organizations. Thank you for your support in the past and we hope you will consider making a donation again this year. Donations may be mailed or dropped off at Availa Bank, United Bank of Iowa or the City Hall. Donations qualify as charitable contributions for income tax purposes.

**Community Basket donations** for December:

Baking items – flour, cane sugar, cake mixes, baking powder/soda, brown sugar, chips, vanilla, etc.

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**Prayer in Times of Seeking God's Will**

**PSALM 27:7-9, 13-14**

**Hear, O Lord, the sound of my call;**

have pity on me, and answer me.

Of you my heart speaks; you my glance seeks;

your presence, O Lord, I seek.

Hide not your face from me;

do not in anger repel your servant.

You are my helper: cast me not off;

forsake me not, O God my savior.

**I believe that I shall see the bounty of the Lord**

in the land of the living.

Wait for the Lord with courage;

be stouthearted, and wait for the Lord.

—*From Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers*

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# 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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