

# The Catholic Communities of Cherokee and Holstein

cherokeecountycatholics.org

## December 20, 2020 Fourth Sunday of Advent

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### FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR:

Today is the Fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Sunday of Advent. King David worried that the Ark of God dwelt in a tent. Yet, Mary did not hesitate to allow the ark of God to dwell within her. God is not bound by human constraints, and yet God asks us to participate with Him, and cooperate with His grace, that the ark of the covenant – and the arc of salvation history – may be made available to all.

Thank you to everyone who utilized our RESERVATION SYSTEM to register for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. I apologize for those not able to make it to Mass on Christmas Eve or Day due to limited seating capacity of our church facilities during this time. Please join me on the parishes' website at <https://cherokeecountycatholics.org/> for the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass via YouTube. We pray the live stream will be free of technical issues.

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> [under the Liturgy menu]] to reserve your spot by Saturdays 3:00 p.m., and 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. 13**

**Weekly Total:** \$8,415 – Adult Envelopes \$5,140, General – Online \$285, Major Repair - Envelopes \$898, Major Repair - Online \$50, Loose \$32, Votives \$5, CAP \$1,470, Mt. Calvary Cemetery \$160, Catholic Charities \$365, Briar Cliff \$10. **TAO Goal:** \$41,385, Pledged \$25,497.50, Paid \$21,272.50; Cards to be returned: 464, Cards returned 175.

**OLGC** **Dec. 13**

**Weekly Total:** \$1,733 - Envelopes \$645, Youth Envelopes \$2, Loose \$500, Votives \$6, Norma Kofmehl Memorial \$60, Christmas Baskets \$520. **Capital campaign:** Goal \$350,000, Pledges: \$445,312, Amount received: \$376,330. **TAO Goal:** \$9,735, Pledged \$4,806, Paid \$4,616; Cards to be returned: 110, Cards returned 39.

## MASS MINISTERS

**Thurs., Dec. 24 – 4 p.m.** **Cherokee**

**Lector** – Cindy Haselhoff

**Cantor** – Dennis Bush

**Ushers** – Bill Anderson, Darla Immele, Joe Immele

**Thurs., Dec. 24 – 6 p.m.** **Holstein**

**Lector** – Mark Cronin

**Cantor** – Joyce Galvin

**Usher** – Patrick & Amber Friedmann Family

**Fri., Dec. 25 – 8:30 a.m.** **Holstein**

**Lector** – Morgan Todd

**Cantor** – JoLynn Madsen

**Ushers** – TBA

**Fri., Dec. 25 – 10:30 a.m.** **Cherokee**

**Lector** – Mary Meyers

**Cantor** – Dennis Bush

**Ushers** – Alan Johnson, Denise Mendt, John Schwarz

**Sat., Dec. 26 – 5 p.m.** **Cherokee**

**Ushers** – Bill Anderson, Lori Fordyce, Joe Immele

**Sun., Dec. 27 – 8:30 a.m.** **Holstein**

**Usher** – Jim Peterson, Julie Peterson, Tony Steward

**Sun., Dec. 27 – 10:30 a.m.** **Cherokee**

**Ushers** – Dale Friedrichsen, Tom Kofmehl, Joyce Galvin

## 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.

**Donations and contributions for 2020** are due December 31<sup>st</sup> if received or postmarked by 12/31/20. Donations received or postmarked 1/1/21 and after will be recorded as a 2021 donation to comply with federal law. We cannot accept donations in 2020 for 2021 or in 2021 for 2020. Thank you for your understanding and generosity!

**Christmas Collection for Catholic Charities:** Last year, Catholic Charities served over 3500 families and individuals in need. Anyone who may be experiencing anxiety or depression, difficulties in marriage, any form of trauma or loss, or a child in difficulty or in need of help, can turn to or be referred to Catholic Charities for assistance. These are, of course, very common aspects of our human condition, and no one needs to bear such a burden alone. Please remember to pray for the good work of our Catholic Charities. Please also consider making a generous donation, if you are able, to help keep the welcoming doors open to all. Every prayer and gift helps to bring the light of Christ, and His hope, healing, and understanding, to another of God's beloved children.

**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.

**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.

**ADVENT:** The liturgical color for Advent is violet (except for the Third Week of Advent, often called *Gaudete Sunday*, in which rose may be used), and the season is somewhat penitential, similar to Lent, although not so explicit and emphatic. The character of worship during Advent is more solemn, quiet, and less festive than during other times of the year. In the Catholic Church, for example, the *Gloria in Excelsis* is not used. The use of violet reflects the general themes of Advent: penitence (generally expressed more in terms of expectant hope) and royalty. Some prominent feasts fall within the Season of Advent, including the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

**Laudato Si Series – Sustainable living in a greedy world.** Pope Francis recognizes that production often becomes more important than the cost of future resources or the health of the environment. “As long as the clearing of a forest increases production, no one calculates the losses entailed in the desertification of the land, the harm done to biodiversity or the increased pollution. (195) **Reflect** on how people of faith are especially called to use faith to motivate themselves to make sacrifices in service of the common good. **Act:** Vote with your wallet. Do business with companies that meet rigorous environmental and social standards or buy secondhand. **Read:** Chapter 5, Sections 4 & 5 of *Laudato Si* found under PARISH DOCUMENTS on the parish website. **Source:** <https://www.ncronline.org/news/earthbeat/sustainable-living-greedy-world>

## IC PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**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.

~ IC Birthdays ~

**Dec. 21** Natalie Madsen

**Dec. 22** Deborah Erpelding

**Dec. 23** Steve Hirschman, Darla Immele, Denny Rupp

**Dec. 27** Christopher Balgos, Kelsee Kohn, Mary Meyers

\* 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.

**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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**Merry Christmas!**  
All of us at  
**Immaculate Conception**  
and  
**Our Lady of Good Counsel**  
wish you and your families a wonderful day of  
rejoicing in the birth of Christ.

# 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		

## Please Patronize the Business Community Who Support Our Efforts

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