

The Catholic Communities of Cherokee and Holstein

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December 27, 2020 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR:

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family and God's Incarnation into a human family who loved, protected, and taught him. They were holy because they were perfect in obedience and virtue; blessed because they feared the Lord and walked in his ways. We, too, may strive to attain this holiness, in our imitation of the Holy Family's example and through the grace of Christ.

Thank you to everyone for the cards and gifts for Christmas, to all who gave to the annual Catholic Charities collection, for all who have supported our annual TOGETHER AS ONE campaign to help support our parishes and our Diocese, to everyone who visits our parish website and Facebook page to stay in touch with the latest news and information and/or 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., and to for all parishioners who continue to mail in their parish contributions and/or go online to do this.

Merry Christmas!!!

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.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Noon on Wednesday.

STEWARDSHIP

IC **Dec. 20**

Weekly Total: \$9,421 – Adult Envelopes \$5,701, General – Online \$1,030, Major Repair - Envelopes \$537, Major Repair - Online \$120, Loose \$56, Votives \$7, CAP \$960, CAP – Online \$200, Mt. Calvary Cemetery \$55, Catholic Charities \$755. **TAO Goal:** \$41,385, Pledged \$25,967.50, Paid \$21,742.50; Cards to be returned: 464, Cards returned 182.

OLGC **Dec. 20**

Weekly Total: \$3,565 - Envelopes \$1,585, Loose \$1,830, Cemetery \$150. **Capital campaign:** Goal \$350,000, Pledges: \$445,312, Amount received: \$391,739.81. **TAO Goal:** \$9,735, Pledged \$4,956, Paid \$4,766; Cards to be returned: 110, Cards returned 42.

MASS MINISTERS

Sat., Jan. 2 – 5 p.m. **Cherokee**

Ushers – Bill Anderson, Darla Immele, Joe Immele

Sun., Jan. 3 – 8:30 a.m. **Holstein**

Ushers – Shawn Flanagan, Jensen Flanagan, Judy Wagoner

Sun., Jan. 3 – 10:30 a.m. **Cherokee**

Ushers – Alan Johnson, Tony Steward, Mark Wilson

OF INTEREST TO BOTH PARISHES

The Solemnity of the Mother of God, January 1st, is a HOLY DAY [but not of obligation this year due to the current COVID-19 pandemic dispensation from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days]. Masses will be celebrated December 31st, 4:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception and 5:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Good Counsel. There is no Masses on January 1st due to the typically poor attendance in normal years and the decreased attendance during this time of the pandemic.

Donations and contributions for 2020 are due December 31st 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!

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 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.

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>.

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.

Christmas: To become a child in relation to God is the condition for entering the kingdom. For this, we must humble ourselves and become little. Even more: to become "children of God" we must be "born from above" or "born of God." Only when Christ is formed in us will the mystery of Christmas be fulfilled in us. Christmas is the mystery of this "marvelous exchange": O marvelous exchange! Man's Creator has become man, born of the Virgin. We have been made sharers in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share our humanity. [CCC 526]

Laudato Si Series – Collective action can save the world. Pope Francis writes: "The emptier a person's heart is, the more he or she needs things to buy, own and consume. In this horizon, a genuine sense of the common good also disappears... Obsession with a consumerist lifestyle... can only lead to violence and mutual destruction" (204). **Reflect** on how learning about the environment can change you. **Act:** Take some of the actions that Pope Francis recommends: "Education in environmental responsibility...affects the world around us, such as avoiding the use of plastic and paper, reducing water consumption, separating refuse, cooking

only what can reasonably be consumed, showing care for other living beings, using public transport or car-pooling, planting trees, turning off unnecessary lights" (211). **Read:** Chapter 6, Sections 1 & 2 of Laudato Si found under PARISH DOCUMENTS on the parish website. **Source:** <https://www.ncronline.org/news/earth-beat/collective-action-can-save-world>

IC PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Congratulations to Derek Nixon and Lauren Maddox, who were united in the sacred bonds of Matrimony on December 19th at Immaculate Conception.

Card Shower: On January 2nd, Bill Pigott will turn 91 years young. Happy Birthday Bill! Send Bill best wishes at 5240 M Ave., Cherokee, IA 51012.

Card Shower: On January 3rd, Margaret Petrucka will be 95. Happy Birthday Margaret! Send Margaret a card at 1125 W. Cherry St., Cherokee, IA 51012.

Card Shower: On January 5th, Mary Gravenish-Blair will turn 92. Happy Birthday Mary! Send Mary birthday wishes at PO Box 53, Meriden, IA 51037.

~ IC Birthdays ~

- Dec. 28** Weston Johnson, Madalynn Moore
- Dec. 29** Susan Jensen, Margie Mesler, Jerry Roethler
- Dec. 30** Carol Gerjets, Randy, Kane, Drew Spooner, Justin Thompson
- Dec. 31** Deb Bush
- Jan. 1** Tammy Baker, Ron Honsbruch, Alice Murphy
- Jan. 2** Janet Eberly, Brian Freed, Connie Nelson, Bill Pigott, Madelyn Rosewell, Matthew Wilson
- Jan. 3** Lisa Perrin, Margaret Petrucka, Mike Scott, Richard Swain

* 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.

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

Community Basket donations for January:
Paper products – toilet paper, paper towels, napkins, garbage bags.



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.

Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, we beg you for an increase in religious vocations. Help our people offer their lives in service to You. Let them hear Your Spirit's invitation, and awaken in their hearts a desire to respond with courage, generosity, and joy. Raise up from our families faithful leaders, who will serve as deacons, priests, and consecrated religious, as we entrust to Your care all who seek to do Your will.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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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 <p>ANDERSON PROFESSIONAL SERVICES Your Tax Specialists 221 East Main Street Cherokee 225-9027 www.apssiouxland.com Owned by Parishioners Bill & Angie Anderson</p>		 <p>LOUGHLIN LAW FIRM ATTORNEYS AT LAW 231 W. Maple St. Cherokee, IA, 225-2514</p>	
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