

The Catholic Communities of Cherokee and Holstein

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March 14, 2021 Fourth Sunday of Lent

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR:

Today is the Fourth (4th) Sunday of Lent. Throughout history, humans have had a tendency to choose what is the easier – but not necessarily the better – path. The easier path often leads away from God and into the darkness of sin. Christ’s way is the way of light. We are called to be His disciples, to let go of preferences and actions which keep us in the dark, and to take the path which leads to truth and goodness.

There is still time for parishioners who have not supported our annual TOGETHER AS ONE campaign to help support our parishes and our Diocese. Please return your pledge card today.

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

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Noon on Wednesday.

STEWARDSHIP

IC **March 7**

Weekly Total: \$4,535 – Adult Envelopes \$3,120, General – Online \$285, Major Repair - Envelopes \$565, Major Repair - Online \$70, Loose \$173, CAP \$310, Votives \$2, Aid to Global Churches \$10. **TAO Goal:** \$41,385, Pledged \$28,392.50, Paid \$26,412.50; Cards to be returned: 464, Cards returned 207.

OLGC **March 7**

Weekly Total: 2,707 - Envelopes \$1,445, General – ACH \$700, Loose \$430, Votives \$2, Blessed Candles \$5, Future Maintenance \$125. **Capital campaign:** Goal \$350,000, Pledges: \$442,562, Amount received: \$414,923.08. **TAO Goal:** \$9,735, Pledged \$6,026, Paid \$5,536; Cards to be returned: 110, Cards returned 47.

MASS MINISTERS

Sat., March 20 – 5 p.m. **Cherokee**

Ushers – David Fordyce, Joe Immele, Judy Slota

Sun., March 21 – 8:30 a.m. **Holstein**

Cantor – JoLynn Madsen

Ushers – Amber Friedmann, Jensen Flanigan, Shawn Flanigan

Sun., March 21 – 10:30 a.m. **Cherokee**

Ushers – John Schwarz, Tony Steward, Mark Wilson

OF INTEREST TO BOTH PARISHES

Together As One 2020: There is still time to donate to our annual appeal for the parish and for the Diocese. If you have not yet given and cannot locate your pledge card, no worries. Just send your donation to the IC parish office (PO Box 658) and we will make sure it gets to the Diocese with the proper paperwork. Thank you!

Bulletin Memorials for 2021: There are open memorial spaces on the back of the bulletin for 2021. If you would like a space, please contact the parish office.

Cherokee KC Fish Fry: March 26th from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. or while supplies last. Carry out only. Drive thru at the Cherokee Golf Course Clubhouse, 800 N 11th Street. Free will offering.

Ida Grove Knights will be having a fish sandwich drive thru at Sacred Heart Church on March 19th from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. serving fish sandwich, tartar sauce, coleslaw, chips and cookie for \$10.

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

It's Not What You Give Up: It's Who You Become.

Join in A Life-Changing Lenten Experience. Embrace a deeper, more spiritually rewarding life, and lose yourself in God this Lent. Visit BestLentEver.com to take the first step toward unlocking your God-given potential. This Lent join Matthew Kelly and the Dynamic Catholic team for BEST LENT EVER - a free series of emails and video reflections that will help you to discover or rediscover God through prayer.

Walk for Water: Between March 12-22, walk 3.1 miles outside, inside, or on a treadmill. This is the distance that people in many parts of the world have to walk daily to obtain water. Consider donating to Sister Water Project, 3390 Windsor Ave, Dubuque, IA 52001 or online at <https://www.osfdbq.org/swpdonate>. From March 12-22, follow the Sisters of St. Francis on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/dubuquefranciscans/>) and Twitter (@DBQFranciscans) to see why others are walking and how villagers in Honduras and Tanzania have been helped by the Sister Water Project. Take photos of yourself walking and post on social media with #WalkForSisterWater.

Knights of Columbus: Change a life, become a Knight today! kofc.org/joinus Use code MCGIVNEY2020 for free 1st year online membership dues. \$30 savings, offer good until 6/30/2021.

2 More of the Keys to Marriage:

1. Marriage has two purposes. The Church has long seen the purpose of marriage as being more than conceiving and raising children. The other key dimension of marriage, connected closely, of course, to raising children, is the bond of love. The Church has spoken of these two purposes as the unitive and procreative goals. In plain talk, married couples love one another and, when the gift is given, raise children, in Church and society. These two purposes, or ends, of marriage are intimately related. There is a long tradition

of Catholic teaching about marriage, one that Vatican Council II clarified for modern times in the 1960s. The Council taught that marriage is “the intimate partnership of life and the love,” founded by God and “endowed by him with its own proper laws....For God himself is the author of marriage.” What are those “proper laws”? One was most obvious perhaps until recently: “The Church has taught through the ages that marriage is the exclusive relationship between one man and one woman.” Properly committed to at the outset, it is a lifelong bond that couples must remain committed to, a “faithful, privileged sphere of intimacy between spouses that lasts until death.” That intimacy is expressed, of course, in “conjugal love,” the sexual intimacy shared between woman and man in marriage, a “complete and total gift” of one to the other. Those of us who are married know that this self-giving goes through many seasons over the course of the couples’ lives: the thrill of first love, the beauty of children, the sharing of good times and challenging times, the stuff of a loving relationship “until death do us part.” Sexual intimacy is a key part of it all, leading to, in the words of Vatican II’s *Gaudium et Spes*, “free and mutual self-giving, experienced in tenderness and action, and permeating their entire lives; this love is developed and increased by its generous exercise.”

2. Marriage is a sacrament in the words of the U.S. bishops, “crucial to the Church on a supernatural level.” This sacramental nature of marriage was explained most clearly at Vatican II, which the bishops quote: “Spouses, therefore, are fortified and, as it were, consecrated for the duties and dignity of their state by [this] special sacrament; fulfilling their conjugal and family role by virtue of this sacrament, spouses are penetrated with the spirit of Christ and their whole life is suffused by faith, hope and charity; thus they increasingly further their own perfection and their mutual sanctification, and together they render glory to God” (*Church in the Modern World*, #48). “The Holy Spirit binds the spouses together through their exchange of promises in a bond of love and fidelity unto death,” say the bishops. Their covenant is joined to the covenant between Christ and his Church; as Vatican II taught, “directed and enriched” by Christ and his Church.

IC PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Congratulations to Aiden Comstock, who was confirmed as Christopher on March 6.

Congratulations to these recent KC Calendar winners: **March 8** Damon Busse, **March 9** Lisa Fitzgerald, **March 10** Jeremy Jensen, **March 11** CAP Food Pantry, **March 12** Nissa Renken, **March 13** Gayle George.

Easter Lilies have been ordered. If you would like to make a donation, place a check in an envelope marked “Flowers” and put it in the collection box, or it to the church office.

Catechists needed for grades 1, 5, 6, 8, 9, and 10.

~ **IC Birthdays** ~

March 15 Daniel Kennedy

March 18 Angie Anderson, Deb Zanfes

March 19 John Ahlers, Phil Wright

March 21 Louis Corzilius

OLGC PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

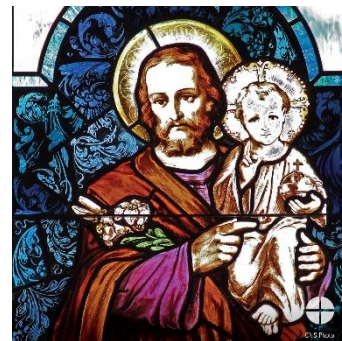
Community Basket donations for March: Pasta – macaroni & cheese, spaghetti and other related items.

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The Fourth Sunday of Lent

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is the midpoint and known as Laetare Sunday. Laetare means “rejoice” and the Church expresses hope and joy in the middle of our penitential Lenten practices.

Solemnity of Saint Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary



In celebration of the Year of St. Joseph, we pray today for all fathers, that through the example of St. Joseph, they may fully embrace their vocation and accept the privilege and responsibility of caring for their children as St. Joseph cared for Jesus.

The Year of the Family

Today marks the fifth anniversary of the Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris laetitia*, on the joy and beauty of familial love. Pope Francis announced the Year of Amoris Laetitia, which will conclude on with the X World Meeting of Families in Rome on June 26, 2022. We pray for each of you and your families!

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> Pat Bakker, Dale Bakker Jr. and Barb Timmins
<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>	<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>
<i>In Memory of...</i> Tom Murphy	<i>In Memory of...</i>	<i>In Memory of...</i> Jim Karhoff & Dan Karhoff	<i>In Memory of...</i>
<i>In Memory of...</i> Wayne & Rosemary Roepke	<i>In Memory of...</i> Max D. Martinsen	<i>In Memory of...</i>	<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> Shannon & Stacy Goth, Roger Goth, Adrian & Helen Goth and Margaret Healy	<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>Drs. Dan, Al & Ramona Kennedy</p>	 <p>LOUGHLIN LAW FIRM ATTORNEYS AT LAW 231 W. Maple St. Cherokee, IA, 225-2514</p>
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