

The Catholic Communities of Cherokee and Holstein

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March 21, 2021 Fifth Sunday of Lent

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR:

Today is the Fifth [5th] Sunday of Lent. God established a covenant with us to make us His people and show us His love. Christ came to usher in a new covenant – one that would reconcile us to God and draw all people to Himself. With hearts remade, we follow and serve Christ.

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

[\[https://cherokeecountycatholics.org/mass-attendance-reservations\]](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 cherokeecountycatholics.org.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Noon on Wednesday.

STEWARDSHIP

IC **March 14**

Weekly Total: \$6,662 – Adult Envelopes \$4,107, General – Online \$385, Major Repair - Envelopes \$1,467, Major Repair - Online \$50, Loose \$62, CAP \$585, Votives \$6. **TAO Goal:** \$41,385, Pledged \$28,392.50, Paid \$26,412.50; Cards to be returned: 464, Cards returned 207.

OLGC **March 14**

Weekly Total: \$449 - Envelopes \$420, Loose \$20, Votives \$4, Blessed Candles \$5. **Capital campaign:** Goal \$350,000, Pledges: \$442,562, Amount received: \$414,943.08. **TAO Goal:** \$9,735, Pledged \$6,026, Paid \$5,536; Cards to be returned: 110, Cards returned 47.

MASS MINISTERS

Sat., March 27 – 5 p.m. **Cherokee**

Readers – Cindy Haselhoff, Warren Mitchell

Ushers – Lori Fordyce, Bob Haselhoff, Joe Immele, Darla Immele

Sun., March 28 – 8:30 a.m. **Holstein**

Cantor – JoLynn Madsen

Organ – Tyler Schnuckel

Altar Server – Jacob Friedmann

Readers – Mark Cronin, Paul Ahlers

Ushers – Melissa Friedrichsen, Andy Cronin, Pat Friedmann

Sun., March 28 – 10:30 a.m. **Cherokee**

Altar Server – Jacob Kohn

Readers – Judy Carlson, Laurie Dreier

Ushers – Alan Johnson, Denise Mendt, Tony Steward, Mark Wilson

OF INTEREST TO BOTH PARISHES

For the Masses for Passion [Palm] Sunday and Easter Sunday, as these Masses are popular Masses to attend, often packed to standing room only, with the current protocols with limited seating, Bishop Nickless and his COVID Task Force is highly recommending all parishes to conduct ‘hard reservations’ for these Masses so only

those who register may attend these Masses, for which the obligation to attend has been dispensed. **Registration is REQUIRED to attend** and will be taken on a first come-first served basis with preference being given to those who have been regularly attending Saturday/Sunday and weekday Masses and assigned ministers for the Mass. Registrants will be given assigned seating to accommodate as many people as possible at each Mass within the Diocesan and parish protocols. **DEADLINE** to sign up for Passion [Palm] Sunday Mass is Wednesday March 24th, 10:00 p.m. **DEADLINE** to sign up for Easter Sunday Mass is Wednesday March 31st, 10:00 p.m. Signup is available at [Mass Attendance Reservations - Catholic Communities of Cherokee County - Cherokee, IA \(cherokeecountycatholics.org\)](http://Mass Attendance Reservations - Catholic Communities of Cherokee County - Cherokee, IA (cherokeecountycatholics.org)), under the Weekend/Sunday Masses section. Persons without internet access may submit their reservation by calling the parish office or sending a note in writing to the parish office. Persons who have not registered to attend, will not be admitted, unless there is room before the start of Mass.

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.

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.

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Another of the Keys to Marriage:

1. Marriage is mutual, healing, giving.

The married relationship is fueled by the grace of the Holy Spirit. With the help of God, then, the “spouses become willing to do the acts and courtesies of love toward each other, regardless of the feelings of the moment.” Those acts and courtesies are nurtured by the self-giving life of Christ for his Church; this spills over into the spouses’ relationship, into their families, into the broader Church. No sacrament is given for its own sake, teach the bishops; marriage is a sacrament, “directed toward the salvation of others” (see Catechism, #1534). Marriage, in imitation of Christ, is a healing relationship.

The love of Christ for his Church calls for a “healing relationship between man and woman.” That in no way allows for one-sided subjection of wife to husband; rather, there should be a “mutual subjection of husband and wife.” Of course Ephesians 5 says it a bit differently, directing wives to be subordinate to husbands, yet for husbands to honor their wives. (When that reading is proclaimed at Mass, there are more than a few nudges among wives and husbands in the pews!) Pope John Paul II took up this passage in his 1998 encyclical, *On the Dignity and Vocation of Women*, saying it “must be understood and carried out in a new way.”



Joke for the Week.....

Do you know why ants don't get Covid?
Because they have small “anti” bodies!

IC PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Congratulations to these recent KC Calendar winners: **March 15** Noelle Puffit, **March 16** Sherry Wilchester, **March 17** Michael Niemeir, **March 18** First Abstract & Loan, **March 19** Dale Lunders, **March 20** Mick Bakker.

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.

~ IC Birthdays ~

- March 22** Alan Julius
- March 23** Kyle Carey
- March 24** Gionie Cervantes, Sheila Zauhar
- March 25** Cindy Davis, Teri Perrin, Kelly Wiese
- March 26** Kamryn Riley, Dennis Thomas, Ashley Wells
- March 27** Tom Wilson

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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He Made His Dwelling Among Us

The Annunciation and the Gospel of Life

The Annunciation celebrates the visit of the angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary to inform her that she was to be the

mother of Jesus. On this great feast day, we not only recall Mary’s courageous “yes” to God, we also celebrate the Incarnation of Christ, our Savior. For it was there, in the womb of a woman, nine months before the celebration of the manger, that “the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us” (John 1:14).

The celebration of the Annunciation coincides with the anniversary of the papal encyclical *Evangelium vitae* (*The Gospel of Life*). This prophetic document on the dignity and inviolability of every human life was put forth by Pope John Paul II on the Solemnity of the Annunciation in 1995. The intimate connection of these two events highlights a profound reality about the identity and value of every human person.

Luke’s Gospel tells us that by the power of the Holy Spirit, Christ would be conceived within the womb of Mary. It was there, in the womb of the Blessed Mother, that Christ first took on human flesh and made his dwelling among us. Like us, the unborn child Jesus grew and developed beneath the shelter of his mother’s loving heart. Through Christ’s Incarnation, God chose to share fully and intimately in our humanity and bridge all distance between God and man, so that we may dwell together.

The Church teaches us that “by His incarnation the Son of God has united Himself in some fashion with every man.”¹ God desired to dwell among us, as one of us, in order to bring us salvation. This truth “reveals to humanity not only the boundless love of God... but also the incomparable value of every human person.”²

Each of us is made in the image and likeness of our Creator, to share in the very life of God himself. This reality “reveals the greatness and the inestimable value of human life.”³ The human person is “a manifestation of God in the world, a sign of his presence, a trace of his glory.”⁴ Created through the love of the Father, each one of us bears “an indelible imprint of God.”⁵ By sharing in our humanity, Christ invites us to share in his divinity, that we might dwell with him for eternity.

Therefore, “the Gospel of God’s love for man, the Gospel of the dignity of the person and the Gospel of life are a single and indivisible Gospel.”⁶ Through Christ’s descent to earth God desires to raise each one of us to the heights of heaven. May we recognize that to proclaim the Gospel of Life is to proclaim Christ, the one who *made his dwelling among us*.

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¹ Pope Paul VI, *Gaudium et spes: Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World*, (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 1965), 22.
² Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 1995), 2.

³ *Ibid.*
⁴ Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, 34.
⁵ Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, 35.
⁶ Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, 2.

Please Pray For Those Who Are Remembered Here...

In Memory of...
Barbara Rupp

In Memory of...
Del Ament and Jill Ament

In Memory of...
Bud & Marjorie Brandt

In Memory of...
Owen & Eileen Hiniker

In Memory of...
Tom Murphy

In Memory of...
Wayne & Rosemary
Roepke

In Memory of...
Chuck & Joyce Perrin,
Dan & Mike Perrin &
Mike Gates

In Memory of...
Bud Perrin

In Memory of...
Ralph, Herta
and Sharon Rupp

In Memory of...
Jim Schallau

In Memory of...
Kay Chettinger

In Memory of...
Dick & Darlene
Hirschman

In Memory of...
Joy Lynn Larson &
Douglas Stephen Larson

In Memory of...
Max D. Martinsen

In Memory of...
August "Gus" Erickson

In Memory of...
Lori Sokolowski and
Aaron Sokolowski

In Memory of...
Jerry & Steven Madsen

In Memory of...
Roger, Marilyn & Karen
Immele and Sy Rodgers

In Memory of...

In Memory of...
Paul & Matt George
and John Storbeck

In Memory of...
Jim Karhoff & Dan Karhoff

In Memory of...

In Memory of...
Shannon & Stacy Goth,
Roger Goth,
Adrian & Helen Goth
and Margaret Healy

In Memory of...
Pat Bakker,
Dale Bakker Jr.
and Barb Timmins

In Memory of...
Emil & Helen Mendt

In Memory of...
John Berigan

In Memory of...

In Memory of...

In Memory of ...
Richard & Sally Henke

In Memory of ...
Kenneth & Elva Johnson

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