

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Weekend Mass:

Saturday: 5:00pm - St. Augustine, Bowdle
Sunday: 9:00am - St. Thomas, Roscoe
11:00am - Holy Cross, Ipswich

Daily Mass:

Tuesday: 5:30pm - Holy Cross, Ipswich
Wednesday: 9:00am - St. Thomas, Roscoe
Thursday: 9:00am - St. Augustine, Bowdle
(1st Thursday at 10am @ Nursing Home)
Friday: 9:00am - Holy Cross, Ipswich
(1st Friday Holy Hour after Mass)

Confessions:

Tuesday: 5:00pm - Holy Cross, Ipswich
Saturday: 4:30pm - St. Augustine, Bowdle
Sunday: 8:30am - St. Thomas, Roscoe
10:30am - Holy Cross, Ipswich

*Confessions also available by appointment *

Sacramental Preparation

Baptism: A pre-baptism meeting with Father must be completed before the baptism of a child. Contact Father to schedule.

Marriage Preparation: Must begin at least 6 months before the wedding. ***Must meet with father before scheduling wedding date*** Contact Father to schedule meeting.

Anointing of the Sick & Last Rites: Contact Father to make arrangements: 605-971-4556 option 3.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults: Want to join the Church? Classes held Sept-May. Contact the parish office.

Father Michael's Musings



Oh the news...it can be so brutal. It can seem like the world is utterly shrouded in darkness, in catastrophes, in hatred, in anger, in division and pain.

I don't know, maybe it is. I do know that it is easy to give in and let this brutal darkness fill our lives. We may give in, and perhaps even give up.

Yet, we are filled with something amazing, something wonderful; we are filled with Christian joy. Now, this isn't just happiness, or simply pretending that things aren't as bad as they seem, Christian joy is a virtue, and a grace of the Holy Spirit.

It is simply remembering the truth. We are loved, we are empowered, we have dignity as Christians, we are forgiven, we are given the fullness of Christ in the Eucharist, we are destined for eternal life. We believe that God's love can overcome all darkness and despair.

How can we not rise from bed in the morning filled with the wonder of our lives, and share that gift with all we meet, in good times and in bad.

Evangelization isn't just preaching and words, it is also the silent, joyful witness of how we live our lives.

Joy is born in those who have heard the Lord say, "Be not afraid," and have chosen to listen to him. So, as St. Paul says,

"Rejoice in the Lord, always. I say it again, Rejoice!"

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

September 23 & 24

BOWDLE — Saturday at 5:00 PM

Lector: Teresa Geier

Servers: Kaden & Jaycee Reuer

Rosary: Stacy Preszler

Sacristan: Norbert & Cathy Thomas

ROSCOE— Sunday at 9:00 AM

Lector: Zady Meier

Servers: Nicholas Fuhrmann & Krist Sauer

Ushers: Loren Schmidt & William Grismer

Money Counters: William Grismer & Cindy Heinz

Rosary: Wendy Hoerner

IPSWICH — Sunday at 11:00 AM

Lector: Cheryl Vogel

EMHC: Lynn Thares

Servers: Karlie Weisser, Brianna Geditz,
Braelynn Holt

Ushers: D Petersen, R Petersen, G Braun, T Braun

Money Counters: P Petersen & J&K Thooft

Rosary: Koinonia

Sacrificial Giving: Sept 9 & 10

**Holy Cross: Collection: \$3533.00
Renovation: \$0.00**

St. Thomas: Collection: \$1545.00

St. Augustine: Collection: \$769.00



Thank you for your Church Support!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS: Sept 18--24

MON: Day of Rest—No Public Mass

TUES: 5:30 PM Ipswich - NO Mass

WED: 9 AM Roscoe - CDA Bowdle Members Living
& Deceased

THURS: 9 AM Bowdle - + Cate Dominicak

FRI: 9 AM Ipswich - + Franklin Hammrich

SAT: 5 PM Bowdle - + Jean Oster

SUN: 9 AM Roscoe - For the People
11 AM Ipswich - + Anton Schumacher

WEEKLY MASS READINGS: Sept 18-24

Mon: 1 Tim 2:1-8; Lk 7:1-10

Tues: 1 Tim 3:1-13; Lk 7:11-17

Wed: 1 Tim 3:14-16; Lk 7:31-35

Thurs: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13

Fri: 1 Tim 6:2c-12; Lk 8:1-3

Sat: 1 Tim 6:13-16; Lk 8:4-15

Sun: Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16

The Heart of Gratitude Retreat

Take a day away this Fall to steep yourself in gratitude. Receive God's Gracious Gifts, Cultivate Grateful Hearts, & Share Generous Blessings in the beauty of God's Creation.



Saturday October 21, 2023

9 a.m.–3:30 p.m. (8:30 a.m. Check-In & Fellowship)

Creighton University Retreat Center, in Griswold, IA
(one hour east of Omaha)

Facilitated by Retreat Leaders & Spiritual Directors
Brenda Stalbaum Martin & Kathy Kemler.
\$60 includes lunch

To register email CURC@Creighton.edu
or call 712-778-2466.

**THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS
FOR SEPT 2023**

For people living on the margins.

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society,
in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by
institutions and never considered of lesser importance."

Local Events

Sacred Heart Fall Bazaar—THIS Sunday Sept 17th

11AM-6PM Games, Concessions, Silent Auction &
Roast Pork Dinner starting at 4pm (\$12 Adults)
502 2nd Ave SE; Aberdeen

St Mary's Fall Festival & Dinner—October 15th

Noon-7pm at Roncalli Primary Gym & St Mary's Parish Hall
Concessions, Silent Auction, Country Store, Games &
Roast Beef Dinner starting at 4pm (\$15 Adults)
409 2nd Ave NE; Aberdeen

No Mass—Tuesday, September 19th—Holy Cross, Ipswich
No Masses—Oct 2-6th—All Parishes, Priest Retreat/Meeting

Mass Intentions will be rescheduled.
Sorry for the inconvenience.



Football Raffle Winners

Thursday—Knights of Columbus

Sunday—Jillian Petersen

Monday—Gordie Gauer

Congratulations to this weeks winners.

Books are still available, if interested.

Holy Cross Religious Education

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RE Class Schedule:

9:30-11am—Preschool & Jr K

6:00-7:00pm—K-5th Grade

7:30-8:30pm—6th-12th Grade

Classes Begin this Wednesday

September 20th

If you weren't able to attend the potluck/
registration night this past week, you can register
your child/children, on Wednesday
at the start of class.

Looking forward to a great year with our youth!!!

Refocus | Reconnect | Recommit

Tighten the Knot

COUPLE'S CONFERENCE
sponsored by: MISSION BLUEPRINT

September 22-23, 2023
Old Sanctuary | Brookings, SD

Register at MISSION-BLUEPRINT.ORG



KEYNOTES: Jonathan & Amanda Teixeira

Jonathan and Amanda Teixeira served as FOCUS missionaries for almost 9 years. After retiring from staff, they launched WalletWin in 2017 to help Catholics live intentionally with their finances. They are authors of the book *How To Attack Debt, Build Savings, and Change the World Through Generosity: A Catholic Guide to Managing Money* as well as hosts of The Catholic Money Show podcast. They enjoy RV adventures, dancing, and cooking. The Teixeiras have been married almost 12 years and reside in Omaha, NE with their three daughters.

Keep up with us! @missionblueprint

Saint Augustine Parish—Bowdle

Mass times: Thursday 9:00 AM & Saturday at 5:00 PM
(1st Thursday Daily Mass is at 10AM at Nursing Home)

On this Catechetical Sunday please pray for our CCD and Youth Group teachers: Belle Lunders, Ryan Drake and Stacy Preszler and pray for all teachers of our faith that they may bring others closer to God.

On Saturday, Sept 30 at 9am several flower beds will be removed on the North side of the church. We are in need of people to help load these greens after being dug out and people with trailers who can transport the discarded greens to the dump. All help will be greatly appreciated!

September Church Cleaning Crew:

Travis & Stacy Preszler and family, Richard and Susan Mitzel and Ryan & Amber Drake and family

PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND & NORTHERN IRELAND:

Come along April 15-25, 2024, to some of the most enjoyable places in all of Europe! We'll visit Belfast, Knock, Galway, Dublin and so much more. Mass each day in great Churches. Cost is \$4,399 with departure from Omaha. For more information, contact Fr. Dan Guenther at 712-899-6870 or email frdanguenther@gmail.com



Saint Pio of Pietrelcina's Story

Pope John Paul II canonized Padre Pio of Pietrelcina on June 16, 2002.

Many people have turned to the Italian Capuchin Franciscan to intercede with God on their behalf; among them was the future Pope John Paul II. In 1962, when he was still an archbishop in Poland, he wrote to Padre Pio and asked him to pray for a Polish woman with throat cancer. Within two weeks, she had been cured of her life-threatening disease.

Born Francesco Forgione, Padre Pio grew up in a family of farmers in southern Italy. Twice his father worked in Jamaica, New York, to provide the family income. At the age of 15, Francesco joined the Capuchins and took the name of Pio. He was ordained in 1910 and was drafted during World War I. After he was discovered to have tuberculosis, he was discharged. In 1917, he was assigned to the friary in San Giovanni Rotondo, 75 miles from the city of Bari on the Adriatic.

On September 20, 1918, as he was making his thanksgiving after Mass, Padre Pio had a vision of Jesus. When the vision ended, he had the stigmata in his hands, feet, and side. Life became more complicated after that. In 1924, and again in 1931, the authenticity of the stigmata was questioned; Padre Pio was not permitted to celebrate Mass publicly or to hear confessions. He did not complain of these decisions, which were soon reversed. However, he wrote no letters after 1924. His only other writing, a pamphlet on the agony of Jesus, was done before 1924.

Padre Pio saw Jesus in all the sick and suffering. At his urging, a fine hospital was built on nearby Mount Gargano. A number of people have reported cures they believe were received through the intercession of Padre Pio. Those who assisted at his Masses came away edified; several curiosity seekers were deeply moved.

He never made prophecies about world events and never gave an opinion on matters that he felt belonged to Church authorities. He died on September 23, 1968, and was beatified in 1999.

Saint Thomas the Apostle—Roscoe

Mass Times: Wednesday 9:00 AM & Sunday at 9:00 AM

CCD classes began Wednesday, September 6th. Grades Kindergarten - 5th grade are 3:30-5:15pm.

Grades 6th -12th grade is 7-8:30pm.

Anyone who would like to register, please contact Wendy Hoerner at stthomasre@sfcatholic.org or 605-281-9812

CDA (Catholic Daughters of the Americas) is meeting Monday, September 18th at 7:30pm at St Thomas in Roscoe.

52nd Annual SD Right to Life Convention

September 22 & 23, 2023 in Aberdeen

This is a two-day event aimed at further educating the public on the sanctity of human life, from conception to natural death. We have four wonderful keynote speakers to share information with us on the state of the pro-life movement, both locally and nationally. There are free and registration-only options and a youth session.

You can view more convention information and registration at www.sdrightrighttolife.org/sdrtl-convention-2023

Ways for you to support the convention: Attend convention, be a volunteer, donate a raffle basket, advertise on the program or be an exhibitor.

Do you have an event or announcement for the Parish Bulletin? Please send it to

ipswich.holycross@sfcatholic.org

The deadline for bulletin items is 5:00 PM on Wednesdays to Tami in the Office.

**PRAYER CORNER: Please remember
in your prayers:**

Frank Kadlec, Leota Goetz, Bowdle
Nursing Home Residents, Duane Karst,
Bernice Dewald, Elaine Geier, Rose
Schmaltz,

Men and Women serving in the military & peace on Earth.

Names will remain in Prayer Corner for 30 days...
to add or remove someone, please call Holy Cross Parish Office
at 605-971-4556 or email ipswich.holycross@sfcatholic.org.

**REMEMBER TO NEVER GIVE PERSONAL INFORMATION OR
MONEY TO ANYONE THROUGH COMPUTER OR TEXT. IT IS BEST**

