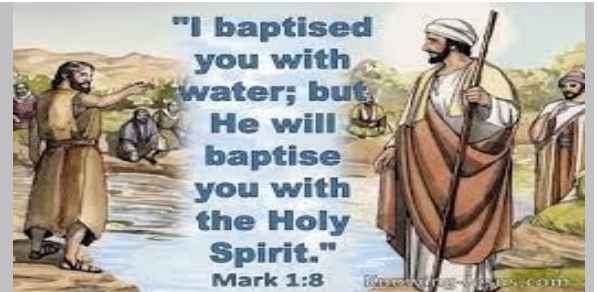


**December 10, 2023**  
**2nd Sunday of Advent**



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Hours: Tuesday - Thursday 9am - Noon  
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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



*On 27 November, a decree was issued by our Bishop, Donald DeGrood, formally naming our pastorate "The Pastorate of the Visitation."*

*As a pastorate, we are invited to imitate the gift of the Mother of God, making her journey from Nazareth to Ein Karim to visit his kinswoman Elizabeth.*

*We have embraced this beautiful moment because the distance between Nazareth and Ein Karim is equal to the distance of our pastorate.*

*Mary traveled in haste, filled with the Holy Spirit, filled with the presence of Jesus, she is the Theotokos, the God-Bearer.*

*As she traveled, she was surrounded by angels (as seen in this mosaic adorning the wall of the Basilica of John the Baptist in Ein Karim), she was filled with God and surrounded by angels.*

*This is our image, this is ultimately who we are in this beautiful pastorate, traveling into the world in haste, bringing with us the wonderful gift of God we have received, surrounded by angels, alive in love and unafraid.*

*I give thanks to God for this image to bless and inspire us, from one end of our pastorate to the other, we are bound in love, as is the Mother of God. As the Bishop wrote to us: May God bless you all and Mary watch over you." He does, she will!*

### WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS: Dec 11-17

**MON:** Day of Rest—No Public Mass

**TUES:** 5:30 PM Ipswich - + Bob & + Lillian Geditz

**WED:** 9 AM Roscoe - + A Allan Malsam

**THURS:** 9 AM Bowdle - + Cate Dominicak

**FRI:** 9 AM Ipswich - + Carmelita Sauer

**SAT:** 5 PM Bowdle - + Erv and LaVerne Gross+

**SUN:** 9 AM Roscoe - For the People

11 AM Ipswich - + Cecelia Goodman

### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

December 16 & 17

#### **BOWDLE** — Saturday at 5:00 PM

Lector: Chad Holsworth

Servers: Isaiah & Jeremiah Heilman

Rosary: Stacy Preszler

EMHC: Mary Turner

Sacristan: Doug & Mary Turner

#### **ROSCOE** — Sunday at 9:00 AM

Lector: Zady Meier

Servers: Nicholas Fuhrmann & Caleb Scherr

Ushers: Krist Sauer & Kevin Hoerner

Money Counters: Janet Fuhrmann & Kathy Goetz

Rosary: Wendy Hoerner

#### **IPSWICH** — Sunday at 11:00 AM

Lector: Gracyn Kadlec

EMHC: Lynn Thares

Servers: Kaden Weig, Jaxon Holt, Edison Unser

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

Money Counters: D Petersen & P&L Franck

Rosary: Jessie Lacher



#### **Sacrificial Giving: Dec 2 & 3**

**Holy Cross:** Collection: \$3667.00  
Renovation: \$50.00

**St. Thomas:** Collection: \$2235.00

**St. Augustine:** Collection: \$1201.00

**Thank you for your Church Support!**

### WEEKLY MASS READINGS: Dec 11-17

**Mon:** Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26

**Tues:** Our Lady of Guadalupe—  
Zec 2:14-17; Lk 1:26-38

**Wed:** Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

**Thurs:** Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15

**Fri:** Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

**Sat:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

**Sun:** Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1Thes 5:16-24;  
Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

## **SOUTH DAKOTA'S EXTREME ABORTION AMENDMENT**

### **Frequently Asked Questions: Can the Governor veto this proposed amendment?**

No. Constitutional amendments cannot be vetoed by the Governor, either before or after the amendment is ratified by voters. Can the Legislature override or change this proposed amendment? No. The legislature cannot override or change a proposed amendment prior to its ratification by voters. After an amendment has been ratified and added to the constitution, the legislature could propose a repeal or modification of the amendment, but this likewise would have to be ratified by a majority of voters at a subsequent election. The legislature has no unilateral authority to repeal or modify provisions of the state constitution. Stay tuned for further information about the abortion amendment.

### **DECLINE TO SIGN SOUTH DAKOTA'S RADICAL ABORTION PETITION.**



Learn more by visiting the  
South Dakota Catholic Conference:  
[sdcatholicconference.org/abortion-amendment/](http://sdcatholicconference.org/abortion-amendment/)



### **Football Raffle Winners**

Thursday— TBD

Sunday— TBD

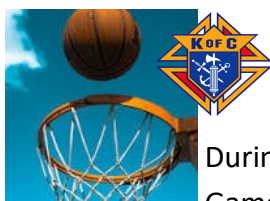
Monday— TBD

Congratulations to this weeks winners.



### **ADVENT BABY SHOWER**

The crib is set up and ready for you to Shower Christ's Little Ones. You may bring NEW gifts, including clothing (sizes newborn to 12 months), diapers and other baby needs. These can all be placed in the crib. These gifts help fill the needs of people in our parish, foster families and domestic shelters IN OUR AREA!!!!



### **Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest**

During the Double Header Basketball Game on **December 12th**, we will be hosting the local Free Throw Competition at the HS Gymnasium between Basketball Games. Please join us...There is no cost to participate and is open for ALL Boys & Girls ages 9-14 years of age. More information to come or call John Gillick @ 605-228-2269.

### **THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS ENTRUSTED TO HIS WORLDWIDE PRAYER NETWORK FOR DECEMBER 2023**

For persons with disabilities: We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation."

### **Scholarships Available:**

The Diocese has a Bishop Hoch Deanery scholarship that awards \$1000 to new students, students already in college and non-traditional students who are/will be attending Mount Marty University in Yankton. Call/Stop by the office to pick up an application if interested. Applications must be received by March 15, 2024.

### **Holy Cross Religious Education**

On Wednesday, Dec. 13, all grades K-12 will meet from 7:00-8:00 for RE/CCD to have a fun night. We ask families to bring cookies if possible.

### **Holy Cross Altar Society**

#### **Christmas Church Decorating:**

Saturday, December 23rd at 9AM  
ALL BAND MEMBERS...please join us in decorating the church for Christmas.

### **Knights of Columbus Annual Tootsie Roll Drive**

December 10th After Mass  
At Holy Cross, St Thomas & Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
All Proceeds go to help those with Disabilities.

### **2024 Contribution Envelopes are HERE & 2024 Calendars....Pick Up and Update Info!!!!**

Please come by TODAY & next Sunday Dec 17th St Thomas & Holy Cross (@ St Augustine Sat, Dec 16) to pick up your new Envelopes.

Your 2024 Envelope #'s may have changed. Please also stop by the table to update your family information with Tami after mass or call her in the office at 605-971-4556.



## 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)

### St. Augustine Altar Society

The Altar Society will again be hosting the Advent Baby Shower. Donated items for babies ages 0-24 months can be left on the table or in the crib at the back of the church.

Items will be taken to Bridges in Mobridge. Donations will be accepted until Jan 7, 2024. Thank you for your generosity to those in need!

### Confessions for Youth & Adults:

On December 13th, there will be Confessions @ 3:30pm for the CCD students & then @ 7:30pm for the Youth Group. Parishioners are welcome to come during these times as well.

### December Church Cleaning Crew:

Chad & Susan Holsworth, Bob & Judie Beadle, James & Lisa Greier & Family

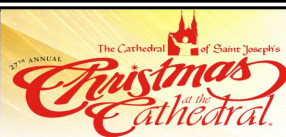


### Angel Tree Luncheon

Join us **\*\*TODAY\*\* Sunday, December 10th** following mass at Holy Cross, Noon-1:30pm.

Spaghetti, salad, garlic toast & dessert.

This will be a free will offering, with all proceeds going towards the Angel Tree recipients.



### **"The Heavens Declare"**

The 27th annual Christmas at The Cathedral will be performed with six concerts, December 14-17, 2023 at the Cathedral of St Joseph. This year's theme, "The Heavens Declare," is a firsthand account of the monumental events surrounding Jesus' birth and His miraculous mission and impact through the experience of one of the magi.

This inspiring production features actor, Mark Christopher Lawrence, best known for his role as Big Mike on the NBC series Chuck. The script will come alive through the inspiring musical compositions and arrangements of Christmas at The Cathedral music director and conductor, Dan Goeller; and our featured soloists, Nashville recording artists, Shelley Jennings and Carlos Santiago; along with the Christmas at The Cathedral Orchestra and Choir.

Purchase your tickets online at [www.ccfesd.org](http://www.ccfesd.org) or call 605-988-3765.

## Saint Thomas the Apostle—Roscoe

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

May you have a blessed Advent Season

### Forester's Christmas Potluck:

All parishioners are invited to join us for our Christmas potluck TONIGHT, Sunday Dec 10th, at Holy Cross beginning at 5:30pm. All are welcome, please bring a dish to pass. Foresters will provide the beverages and buns. Please join us for an evening of good food, fellowship and Bingo.

### Christmas Mass Schedule:

**Saturday December 23rd**—5pm St Augustine, Bowdle

**Sunday December 24th—Regular Sunday Mass**

@ 11:00 AM Holy Cross, Ipswich

(NO 9am mass at St Thomas, Roscoe)

**Sunday, December 24th—Christmas Eve Mass**

5:00 pm St Augustine, Bowdle

7:00pm St Thomas, Roscoe

**Monday, December 25th—Christmas Day Mass**

9:00am Holy Cross, Ipswich

**Monday, January 1st—Solemnity of Mary—**

**NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION** this year

Parish Offices will closed December 26th.

There will be NO Daily masses Tuesday—Thursday, daily mass will resume Friday December 29th.

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

**[Ipswich.holycross@sfcatholic.org](mailto:Ipswich.holycross@sfcatholic.org)**

by 5:00 PM on Wednesdays to Tami in the Office.

### **PRAYER CORNER:**

**Please remember in your prayers:**

Inez Hatley, Bridget Nelson, Rosie Hoerner, Frank Kadlec, Fr. Roger Geditz, Lori (Williams) Miller, Bill Mower, Elaina

Morales, Leota Goetz, Bowdle Nursing Home Residents, Duane Karst, Bernice Dewald,

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

