

**December 17, 2023**  
**3rd 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



*The Third Sunday of Advent is when a rose colored candle is lit, to remind us of the approaching joy. This is a remnant from the days when Advent was a fully penitential time with its own restrictions (like Lent) and this day was a little break in the penance; a time to ease up for a day to prepare.*

*These days I see the rose candle as an acknowledgment and an invitation. It is a realization that, for many, Christmas is already around us and we can spend our days surrounded with the decorations and music of Christmas. Yes, the rose candle reminds us to share in the nearness of the Lord and the joy that is around us.*

*It is also an invitation to not go too far. We are still in the Season of Advent (albeit, tinged with joy) and these are special days of quiet beauty, contemplation and inner-reflection. To run too quickly in the festivities of Christmas is to miss the chance to slow down a bit (yes, even with all the things which need to be done before Christmas) and simply be in the quiet of these long, dark nights.*

*We desire that peace, but we also have to allow that peace the space and the time to fill us. This beautiful rose candle reminds us to rejoice, and to slow down and let Christmas come as it will. These days are a gift; receive them with love and hope.*

*The world needs us to be renewed in love and hope.*

*Peace to you all this lovely week.*

### WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS: Dec 18-24

**MON:** Day of Rest—No Public Mass  
**TUES:** 5:30 PM Ipswich - + Loretta Thares  
**WED:** 9 AM Roscoe - Current Military & Veterans  
**THURS:** 9 AM Bowdle - + Christy Gross  
**FRI:** 9 AM Ipswich - + Kevin Holt  
**SAT:** 5 PM Bowdle - + For the People  
**SUN:** 11 AM Ipswich - + Frank and Armella Braun  
5 PM Bowdle - + Ann Thomsen  
7PM Roscoe - + Edward Feist

### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

#### December 23 & 24

#### BOWDLE — Saturday at 5:00 PM

Lector: Joshua Beiber  
Servers: Kaden & Jaycee Reuer  
Rosary: Norbert Thomas  
EMHC: Brooke Heilman  
Sacristan: Margy Bobby & Mary Zimmer

#### Christmas Eve—Sunday 5:00 PM

Lector: Pat Dewald  
Servers: Isaiah & Jeremiah Heilman  
EMHC: Norbert Thomas  
Sacristan: Norbert & Cathy Thomas

#### ROSCOE— Christmas Eve—Sunday at 7:00 PM

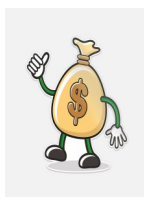
Lector: Mary Jo Grismer  
Servers: Krist Sauer & Nicholas Fuhrmann  
Ushers: William Grismer & Brad Heyne  
Money Counters: Blaine Goetz & Mary Jo Grismer  
Rosary: CAROLS

#### IPSWICH — Sunday at 11:00 AM

Lector: Tom Hammrich  
EMHC: Pam Holt  
Servers: L Braun, B Geditz, K Weisser  
Ushers: S Braun, S Heinz, T Kitchell, S Kulesa  
Money Counters: E&D Gillick & D&L Heinz  
Rosary: Koinonia

#### Christmas Day—Monday @ 9:00 AM

Lector: Cheryl Vogel  
EMHC: Suzanne Semmler  
Servers: O Kadle, J Hutson, A Neirman  
Ushers: S Braun, S Kulesa, P Franck, G Gauer  
Rosary: Loretta Reinschmidt



#### Sacrificial Giving: Dec 9 & 10

Holy Cross: Collection: \$3793.00  
Renovation: \$500.00

St. Thomas: Collection: \$2655.00

St. Augustine: Collection: \$0

Thank you for your Church Support!

### WEEKLY MASS READINGS: Dec 18-24

**Mon:** Jer 23: 5-8; Mt 1:18-25  
**Tues:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25  
**Wed:** Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38  
**Thurs:** Sg 2:8-14; Lk 1:39-45  
**Fri:** 1Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56  
**Sat:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66  
**Sun:** 2Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Rom 16:25-27;  
Lk 1:26-38

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

### **Frequently Asked Questions: What can be done to oppose the proposed abortion amendment?**

First, if you encounter someone in a public place seeking your signature on a measure concerning abortion, do not sign it. Please be aware that petition circulators may not use accurate language to describe the measure they are promoting. The petition may be described in a benign-sounding way, for example, as a measure to "protect women's health" or "guarantee reproductive freedom." Do not be deceived. Read the language at the top of the petition. If it says "Title: An Initiated Amendment Establishing a Right to Abortion in the State Constitution," then realize this is a radical proposal to create a right to abortion throughout pregnancy, and to repeal South Dakota's laws that protect preborn children and their mothers. 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/)

### **\*\*REMINDER:\*\***

There will be **NO 9 AM** Sunday Mass at St Thomas  
in Roscoe on Sunday, December 24th.

See Mass Schedule on the back page of the bulletin  
for the 4th Sunday of Advent & Christmas Schedule

### **Scholarships Available:**

The Diocese has a Bishop Hoch Deanery scholarship  
that awards \$1000 to new students, students al-  
ready 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 appli-  
cation if interested. Applications must be received  
by March 15, 2024.

### **Holy Cross Religious Education**

On Wednesday, Dec. 20th, there will be Confessions &  
Adoration starting from 6:00-8:00 PM for the RE stu-  
dents. Parishioners are welcome to attend for confes-  
sions following from 8:00pm on.

No Religious Education @ Holy Cross on  
December 27th or January 3rd.

May all families have a very Merry Christmas & Happy  
New Year. See you all in 2024.

### **Holy Cross Altar Society**

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

Saturday, December 23rd at 9AM

ALL BAND MEMBERS...please join us in decorating the  
church for Christmas.

### **Football Raffle Winners**



Thursday— Peter Franck

Sunday— Mitch Boesl

Monday— Brian Geditz

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 fami-  
lies and domestic shelters IN OUR AREA!!!!

### **Parish Confessions**

All Parishioners are welcome to come to confessions on  
Wednesday December 20th starting at 8:00PM.



### **2024 Contribution Envelopes & Calendars are HERE**

#### **Pick Up and Update Info!!!!**

Please come by THIS WEEKEND at ALL Parishes  
to pick up your new Envelopes.

Your 2024 Envelope #'s may have changed.  
Please also stop by the table to update your family  
information, specifically cell phone, physical &  
mailing addresses & email address. If you have  
questions, please call the parish offices.



## 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)

**Mass intentions** are always welcome from our parishioners at St. Augustine, if you have a Mass intention please contact Stacy at the parish office 605-285-6466. Thank you.

**Money counters** are still needed, please contact the parish office if this is something you can help with. It only takes about 15 minutes after Mass.

### December Church Cleaning Crew:

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



### **Blessed Jacopone da Todi**

Jacomo or James, was born a noble member of the Benedetti family in the northern Italian city of Todi. He became a successful lawyer and married a pious, generous lady named Vanna.

His young wife took it upon herself to do penance for the worldly excesses of her husband. One day Vanna, at the insistence of Jacomo, attended a public tournament. She was sitting in the stands with the other noble ladies when the stands collapsed. Vanna was killed. Her shaken husband was even more disturbed when he realized that the penitential girle she wore was for his sinfulness. On the spot, he vowed to radically change his life.

Jacomo divided his possessions among the poor and entered the Secular Franciscan Order. Often dressed in penitential rags, he was mocked as a fool and called Jacopone, or "Crazy Jim," by his former associates. The name became dear to him.

After 10 years of such humiliation, Jacopone asked to be received into the Order of Friars Minor. Because of his reputation, his request was initially refused. He composed a beautiful poem on the vanities of the world, an act that eventually led to his admission into the Order in 1278. He continued to lead a life of strict penance, declining to be ordained a priest. Meanwhile, he was writing popular hymns in the vernacular.

Jacopone suddenly found himself a leader in a disturbing religious movement among the Franciscans. The Spirituals, as they were called, wanted a return to the strict poverty of Francis. They had on their side two cardinals of the Church and Pope Celestine V. These two cardinals though, opposed Celestine's successor, Boniface VIII. At the age of 68, Jacopone was excommunicated and imprisoned. Although he acknowledged his mistake, Jacopone was not absolved and released until Benedict XI became pope five years later. He had accepted his imprisonment as penance. He spent the final three years of his life more spiritual than ever, weeping "because Love is not loved." During this time he wrote the famous Latin hymn, *Stabat Mater*.

On Christmas Eve in 1306, Jacopone felt that his end was near. He was in a convent of the Poor Clares with his friend, Blessed John of La Verna. Like Francis, Jacopone welcomed "Sister Death" with one of his favorite songs. It is said that he finished the song and died as the priest intoned the "Gloria" from the midnight Mass at Christmas. From the time of his death Brother Jacopone has been venerated as a saint.

## Saint Thomas the Apostle—Roscoe

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

CDA Court St. Katharine Drexel #2516 would like to thank everyone who helped support our annual bake sale and raffle. We met our financial goal which will be used to help support many charities such as Apostleship of the Sea, our national Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, the education of our seminarians as well as any local disaster needs. May you all have a Merry Christmas!



### Angel Tree Gifts

Please return ALL gifts for the Angel Tree by this Monday, December 18th. Please put your gifts under the tree.

### 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:**

Diane Wilkinson, Inez Hatley, Bridget Nelson,  
Rosie Hoerner, Frank Kadlec, Lori (Williams)

Miller, Bill Mower, Elaina Morales, Leota Goetz,  
Bowdle Nursing Home Residents, 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  
at 605-971-4556 or email [Ipswich.holycross@sfcatholic.org](mailto:Ipswich.holycross@sfcatholic.org).