

December 25, 2023
Christmas/Nativity of the Lord



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Holy Cross Parish Office:

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St. Augustine Office:

Hours: Tuesday - Thursday 9am - Noon
Office Phone: 605-285-6466

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

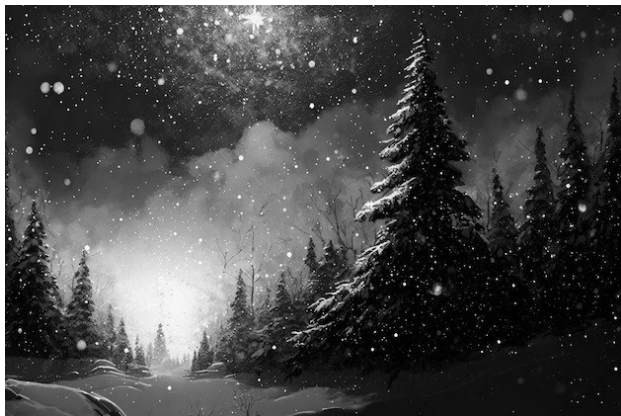
Baptism: A pre-baptism meeting with Father must be completed before the baptism of a child. Contact Father to schedule.

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



*ALL IS CALM
ALL IS BRIGHT*

There are so many traditions attached to this day, food, songs, gifts, trees, decorations, cards, Santa, laughter, tears, wreaths, the list goes on.

All of them are attached in a wonderful way to the central gift we celebrate, the Child of Bethlehem and God's love poured into our world, then, today, forever!

In each of the traditions you hold dear, find the deep meaning that connects it to that love, so that this gift might fill your family, your home, your life.

It is Christmas, in the darkest hour, in the gentle quiet, it is Christmas!

To all the people of the eight amazing parishes of this beautiful pastorate, my deepest longing is that you are all touched by the wonder of this time.

Be Christmas for one another and for the world.

*With all my love!
Fr. Michael Griffin*

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS: Dec 25-31

MON: Christmas - 9 AM - Ipswich
+ Franklin & Dana Hammrich
TUES: 5:30 PM Ipswich - No Mass
WED: 9 AM Roscoe - NO Mass
THURS: 9 AM Bowdle - NO Mass
FRI: 9 AM Ipswich - + Ken & + Ronna Weber
SAT: 5 PM Bowdle - + John Bennett Sr
SUN: 9 AM Roscoe - St Thomas Altar Society
Honorary Members
11 AM Ipswich - For the People

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

December 30 & 31

BOWDLE — Saturday at 5:00 PM

Lector: Teresa Geier
Servers: Kaden Reuer
Rosary: Margy Bobby
EMHC: Doug Turner
Sacristan: Doug & Mary Turner

ROSCOE — Sunday at 9:00 AM

Lector: Melissa Sauer
Servers: Seth Hettick & Caleb Scherr
Ushers: Loren Schmidt & Michael Guthmiller
Money Counters: Cindy Heinz & Rose Heyne
Rosary: Janet Fuhrmann

IPSWICH — Sunday at 11:00 AM

Lector: Mary Geditz
EMHC: Lynn Thares
Servers: K Weisser, B Geditz, B Heintzman
Ushers: G Braun, T Braun, S Braun, R Braun
Money Counters: D&K Bauer & M&J Heinz
Rosary: Knights of Columbus



Sacrificial Giving: Dec 16 & 17

Holy Cross: Collection: \$4149.00
Renovation: \$0

St. Thomas: Collection: \$3930.00

St. Augustine: Collection: \$2808.00
Thank you for your Church Support!



WEEKLY MASS READINGS: Dec 25-Dec 31

Mon: Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; John 1:1-18

Tues: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22

Wed: 1Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-9

Thurs: 1Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18

Fri: 1Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

Sat: 1Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40

Sun: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:22-40

SOUTH DAKOTA'S EXTREME ABORTION AMENDMENT

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

You should take time to educate your family members, friends, parishioners, and co-workers about the proposed amendment. Urge them not to sign the petition. Also, consider making a personal commitment to join the campaign to stop this harmful measure. The South Dakota Catholic Conference (SDCC) will send out updates and alert you to opportunities where you can make a difference that will save lives. Please visit the SDCC website at www.sdcatholicconference.org. At the top right of the home page, click on "SIGN UP" to be added to the SDCC list. 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/



Football Raffle Winners

Thursday— Knights of Columbus

Sunday— Suzanne Semmler

Monday— Ryan Denholm

Congratulations to this weeks winners.

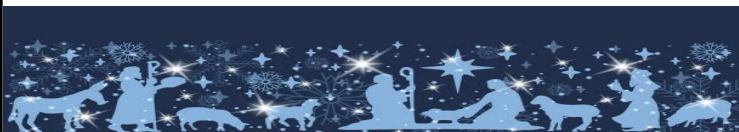


ADVENT BABY SHOWER

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!!!!

Koinonia—Next meeting will be Sunday, January 7th at 2pm in Multi Purpose Room.

Women Foresters—Next Meeting will be Monday, January 8th at 1pm in Multi-Purpose Room.



Merry Christmas

"The joy of the Gospel
fills the hearts and lives of
all who encounter Jesus"
— Pope Francis



Merry Christmas

May you and your
family be blessed this
Christmas season!

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

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

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

*Unto Us
a Child is Born*



2024 Contribution Envelopes

Pick Up and Update Info!!!!

Please pick up your new Envelopes or those you know who you can deliver to them.
Your 2024 Envelope #'s may have changed.
Please also update your family information; specifically cell phone #'s, physical & mailing addresses & email addresses. 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 Geier & Family

Saint Thomas the Apostle—Roscoe

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

CDA (Catholic Daughters of the Americas) Court St. Katharine Drexel #2516 will be meeting Monday, January 8th at 7:30pm at St Thomas in Roscoe. Again, we want wish you all a very Merry Christmas.

Parish Hall Rental—If you desire to use the parish hall, please contact Fr. Tim or Tami Schumacher at the parish office in Ipswich: 605-971-4556 or Ipswich.holycross@sfcatholic.org.



"The Heavens Declare"

27th Annual Christmas at the Cathedral
KELOLAND Air Dates:

If you were unable to attend the 27th Annual Christmas at the Cathedral or wish to watch it from the comfort of your home once again, please tune into KELO TV December 24th at 11:30am CST and again on December 25th at 6:30pm CST.

We hope you enjoy this year's performance of "The Heavens Declare!"



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

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

Seasons of Hope

A BIBLE STUDY FOR THOSE GRIEVING

Join the grief group study for six sessions, every other week, beginning 10 am, Thursday, January 18-March 28.

RSVP to Tami, 971-4556

Presented by The Lourdes Center



THE LOURDES CENTER

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.