

December 3, 2023
1st Sunday of Advent



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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



Long before the coming of Christ, this has been a unique time of year. The ancients in the Northern Hemisphere would actively prepare for the approach of winter, a dangerous time, a dark time, with celebrations of light, feasting and bonfires. It was a way to be renewed in hope that the warmth of the sun would return.

It was a time of inner reflection and quiet, seeking warmth and what generations in Norway call koselig (coziness).

There is a natural tendency, written in our DNA to enter this time in rhythm with the world, ancient and natural.

Sometimes we may ask how to celebrate Advent when Christmas is already all around us.

Advent is about the quiet inner work of finding things to let go so we do not have to carry them through the winter, of finding quiet peace and koselig in our own homes and lives. We light lights and burn candles and prepare; this we have always done.

This is Advent as well; learning to not be afraid of what will come, but rejoicing that the Lord is always near, even in the darkness, even in the quiet, even in winter.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS: Dec 4-10

MON: Day of Rest—No Public Mass

TUES: 5:30 PM Ipswich - + Glenn Williams

WED: 9 AM Roscoe - + A Allan Malsam

THURS: 5:30 PM Bowdle - + Norman & Marge Gross

FRI: 9 AM Ipswich - Kris & Steve Scherr

SAT: 5 PM Bowdle - Fallen Away Catholics

SUN: 9 AM Roscoe - + Erma Meier
11 AM Ipswich - For the People

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

December 9 & 10

BOWDLE — Saturday at 5:00 PM

Lector: Teresa Geier

Servers: Kaden & Jaycee Reuer

Rosary: Margy Bobby

EMHC: Norbert Thomas

Sacristan: Norbert & Cathy Thomas

Immaculate Conception—Thurs Dec 7th @ 5:30pm

Lector: Norbert Thomas

Servers: Isaiah & Jeremiah Heilman

EMHC: Brooke Heilman

Sacristan: Margy Bobby & Mary Zimmer

ROSCOE— Sunday at 9:00 AM

Lector: Lori Hettick

Servers: Carter Ellwein & Krist Sauer

Ushers: Brad Heyne & William Grismer

Money Counters: Cindy Heinz & Rose Heyne

Rosary: Marian Scherr

Immaculate Conception—Fri Dec 8th @ 7:30pm

Lector: Melissa Sauer

Servers: Caleb Scherr & Seth Hettick

Rosary: Phyllis Guthmiller

IPSWICH — Sunday at 11:00 AM

Lector: Donna Wagner

EMHC: Lynn Thares

Servers: Tye Pietz, Maxwell Kulesa, Riley Pietz

Ushers: R Braun, G Gauer, P Franck, B Wagner

Money Counters: M&M Petersen, A Malsam

Rosary: Loretta Reinschmidt

Immaculate Conception—Fri Dec 8th @ 5:30pm

Lector: Tami Schumacher

EMHC: Pam Holt

Servers: Chloe Geditz, Emri Braun, Gracyn Kadlec

Ushers: T Kitchell, S Kulesa, D Petersen, R Petersen

Rosary: Koinonia



Sacrificial Giving: Nov 25 & 26

Holy Cross: Collection: \$8032.00

Renovation: \$435.00

St. Thomas: Collection: \$2710.00

St. Augustine: Collection: \$1520.00

Thank you for your Church Support!

WEEKLY MASS READINGS: Dec 4-10

Mon: Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11

Tues: Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

Wed: Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37

Thurs: Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Fri: Gen 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Sat: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sun: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

SOUTH DAKOTA'S EXTREME ABORTION AMENDMENT

Frequently Asked Questions: Does this amendment put *Roe v. Wade* into our state constitution?

The sponsors claim their proposal would “place a *Roe v. Wade* Constitutional Amendment on the ballot.” If true, this would be reason enough to oppose it. However, the amendment would impose an abortion policy even more radical and dangerous than what existed under *Roe v. Wade*. For example, states were allowed under *Roe* to require that women be provided counseling on the risks of abortion, and to establish a waiting period prior to undergoing an abortion. The proposed amendment in South Dakota would prohibit even these types of common-sense precautions. 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—Ron Gauer

Sunday—Deb Davis

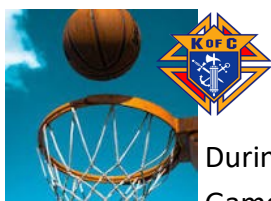
Monday—Donna Blahovec

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."



Immaculate Conception—Holy Day

Mass Schedule (No Daily Masses)

Thursday, Dec 7th—5:30pm

St Augustine. Bowdle

Friday, Dec 8th—5:30pm Holy Cross, Ipswich
—7:30pm St Thomas, Roscoe

Holy Cross Altar Society

Church Cleaning:

Saturday, December 9th starting at 9AM

All band members, please join us in cleaning the church for the holidays. The more volunteers we can get to help, the quicker we finish. Bring your buckets and rags.

Christmas Church Decorating:

Saturday, December 23rd at 9AM

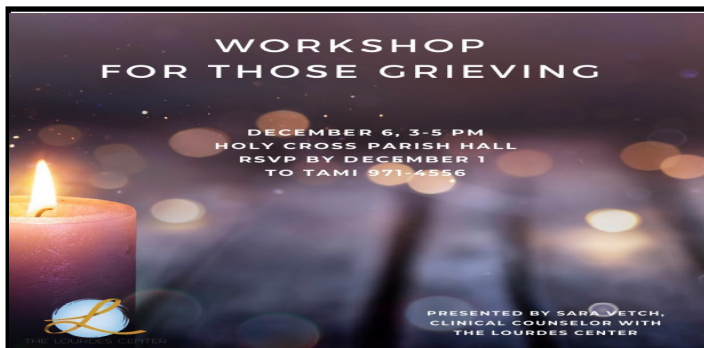
ALL BAND MEMBERS...please join us in decorating the church for Christmas.

Knights of Columbus Annual Tootsie Roll Drive

December 3rd & 10th After Mass

At Holy Cross, St Thomas & Our Lady of Perpetual Help

All Proceeds go to help those with Disabilities.



December 6th 3-5 PM

Multi Purpose Room at Holy Cross

RSVP to Tami 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

We will meet on Tuesday, Dec 5 at 5:15PM in the church basement, all parish ladies are welcome to attend.

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!

December Church Cleaning Crew:

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

Saint Thomas the Apostle—Roscoe

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

St. Thomas Altar Society will be having their meeting on Tuesday, December 5th at 7pm. We are in need of a president as Wendy's term is up. If anyone is interested, please let Wendy know or come to the meeting!!

Forester's Christmas Potluck:

There will not be a meeting in December, instead we will be having a Parish Christmas potluck Sunday Dec 10th beginning at 5:30pm. All are welcome, please bring a dish to pass. Foresters will provide the beverages. Hope to see you there.

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.

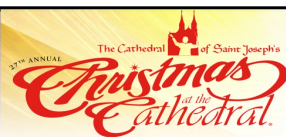


Angel Tree Luncheon

Join us **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 or call 605-988-3765.

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.

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