

**January 7, 2024**  
**The Epiphany of the Lord**



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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**

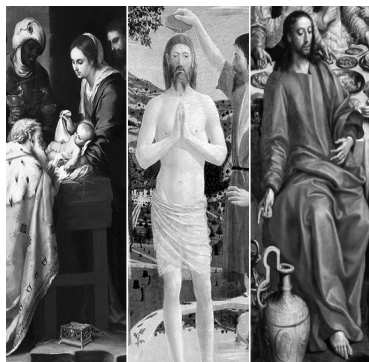
**Baptism:** A pre-baptism meeting with Father must be completed before the baptism of a child. Contact Father to schedule.

**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



*Today's Solemnity of the Epiphany has many meanings. We tend to focus on the Adoration of the Magi in the Scripture readings and prayers at Mass today, but this celebration honors three events of Christ revealing Himself to the world.*

*The Adoration of the Magi, His Baptism by John and the Wedding Feast in Cana are all epiphanies of Christ's presence and love.*

*Today, and in the week ahead, take time to honor all three events as they empower you in your life.*

*\* Make time to come to the Church and simply be in Christ's presence given to us in love, adore Him as did the Magi, and be renewed in the wonder of His presence.*

*\* Spend some time this week reflecting on your baptism, ponder the meaning of that gift in your life, and then solemnly renew that gift with Holy Water and a prayer of thanksgiving.*

*\* Spend some time reflecting on how the many expressions of love in your life, through immediate family, extended family and friends bring joy and meaning to your life.*

*In these days when we honor the gift of Christ's revealed love for us, we make these holy days a gift we can rejoice in all the year!*

### **LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES**

**January 13 & 14**

#### **BOWDLE — Saturday at 5:00 PM**

Lector: Carrie Beadle  
Servers: Jaycee Reuer  
Rosary: Margy Bobby  
EMHC: Norbert Thomas  
Sacristan: Norbert & Cathy Thomas

#### **ROSCOE— Sunday at 9:00 AM**

Lector: Zady Meier  
Servers: Lindsey Hoerner & Emma Wesch  
Ushers: Brad Heyne & Loren Schmidt  
Money Counters: William Grismer  
Wendy Hoerner  
Rosary: Marian Scherr

#### **IPSWICH — Sunday at 11:00 AM**

Lector: Tom Hammrich  
EMHC: Bryce Nash  
Servers: Brianna Geditz, Chloe Geditz,  
Bailey Heintzman  
Ushers: P Franck, G Gauer, S Heinz, T Kitchell  
Money Counters: P Petersen, J&K Thooft  
Rosary: Jessie Lacher



**Sacrificial Giving: Dec 30 & 31**

**Holy Cross: Collection: \$4586.00  
Renovation: \$305.00**

**St. Thomas: Collection: \$2370.00**

**St. Augustine: Collection: \$5953.00**

**Thank you for your Church Support!**

### **WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS: Jan 8-14**

**MON:** Day of Rest—NO Public Mass

**TUES:** 5:30 PM Ipswich - + Roy J Hauck

**WED:** 9 AM Roscoe - + Joe Spielmann

**THURS:** 9 AM Bowdle - + Steve Barbera

**FRI:** 9 AM Ipswich - + Jake Hammrich

**SAT:** 5 PM Bowdle - For the People

**SUN:** 9 AM Roscoe -

11 AM Ipswich - + Carmelita Sauer

### **WEEKLY MASS READINGS: Jan 8-14**

**Mon:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Mk 1:7-11

**Tues:** 1Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28

**Wed:** 1Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39

**Thurs:** 1Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45

**Fri:** 1Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12

**Sat:** 1Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1a; Mk 2:13-17

**Sun:** 1Sm 3:3b-10, 19; 1Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20;  
Jn 1:35-42

## SOUTH DAKOTA'S EXTREME ABORTION AMENDMENT

"Perhaps you've already seen them: activists standing outside the post office or grocery store, asking you to sign a petition that would amend South Dakota's Constitution. Many people are confused about what the issue is—and for good reason. At one signature-gathering location, a sign proclaimed: 'Pro-Life, Pro-Family, Pro-Choice: Please sign the petition.'

"But what does the petition actually propose? The official petition title—as written by the South Dakota Attorney General, not the sponsors—is 'An Initiated Amendment Establishing a Right to Abortion in the State Constitution.' That's a far more candid description of what the sponsors intend to do.

"This abortion amendment isn't pro-life or pro-family, and for many of South Dakota's most vulnerable residents, it isn't even 'pro-choice.' Preborn girls and boys obviously don't get to 'choose' whether their lives will be ended through abortion.

"The group supporting the abortion amendment, which calls itself Dakotans for Health, says their goal is to 'place a *Roe v. Wade* constitutional amendment on the ballot.' Yet the amendment, if adopted, would enshrine a right to abortion in the state constitution that is far more radical than what was imposed under *Roe*."

(Excerpt from *Life Hangs in the Balance*, by Michael Pauley, Executive Director of the South Dakota Catholic Conference).

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/](https://sdcatholicconference.org/abortion-amendment/)



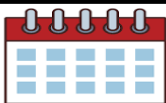
### Football Raffle Winners

Thursday— Colton Mohr

Sunday— Dan Glodt

Monday— Tyler Paulson

Congratulations to this weeks winners.



### Holy Cross Schedule for the Week:



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

**Religious Education**—Classes Begin Wednesday 10th  
K-5: 6-7 PM & 6-12: 7:30-8:30 PM

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

### Containers to be Picked Up:

**If you gave Father any food over the holidays,  
please pick up your containers in the kitchen/  
lunchroom. This also goes for Altar Society  
bowls too. They will be available on a cart in  
the kitchen/lunchroom area.**

### 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 Christmas Décor

**Altar Society Members and Parishioners, please  
stay after mass TODAY Sunday Jan 7th, to help  
take Christmas decorations down.**

**Families/Members.....please come and take a  
poinsettia home with you today**



### Please discard your 2023 Envelopes....

### 2024 Contribution Envelopes in Office for pickup.

Please call the office to pick up your envelopes or if  
you never received your envelopes. Please return  
your updated information sheets at your earliest  
convenience.

### Advent Baby Cradle

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the  
Advent Cradle. They were very much appreciated.  
We will be taking the donations to Safe Harbor.



## 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.

The next St. Augustine Altar Society meeting is Tuesday, Jan 9, 2024 at 5:15 PM in the church basement.

### January Church Cleaning Crew:

Pat & Lori Dewald, Tammy Lunders & Family  
Carmen Rohrbach

## 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.

### Walk for Life & Hour of Reflections

South Dakota Right to Life is hosting its annual Walk for Life & Hour of Reflection. Join SD Rep. John Hansen and SD Pregnancy Resource Centers for a walk around the State Capitol grounds (in Pierre) from noon to 1 p.m. Then gather at the Capitol Rotunda for the Hour of Reflection featuring keynote speaker Bishop Donald DeGrood at 2 p.m. For more info call 605-220-8678 or visit the SD Right to Life webpage.

### Seasons of Hope Grief Bible Series

This 8-week Grief Series will begin Thursday January 18th thru March 28th from 10am-Noon. The series will blend education and faith surrounding the loss of a loved one through death. \$20 per person, includes the workbook (but don't let cost deter you from coming). Contact Tami at 605-971-4556 to sign up.

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:

Diane Wilkinson, Inez Hatley, Bridget Nelson,  
Rosie Hoerner, 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.



**Last Collar Standing** – Our very own Fr Tim Cone will be participating....Plan Your Watch Party!!!

Our 5th Annual Last Collar Standing event will be on February 4 live on our YouTube page. Mark your calendars and start planning your watch parties now! Keep an eye on our social media for updates, announcements of the contestants and promotional opportunities. Pick a priest to sponsor and help them win advantages in the games! Visit [www.sfcatholic.org/lcs](http://www.sfcatholic.org/lcs) for more information or Text **LASTCOLLAR to 84576** to join our text/email list for updates.

