

February 25, 2024
2nd Sunday of Lent



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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



***"To you will I offer sacrifice of thanksgiving,
and I will call upon the name of the LORD."***

These beautiful words from Psalm 116, which we prayed today at Mass, are a lovely reminder of one of the great gifts of the Lenten Season, and that is to refocus our hearts and minds in our relationship with the Lord.

We take the time to think honestly about our prayer lives and how we live the gift of faith in the world. Is our time with the Lord focused solely on our own sinfulness and unworthiness, our fear of judgement? If so, we will soon lose the desire to be in God's presence with vulnerable honesty.

Do we tend to just kneel down, make some quick requests and get on with our day? Then we may wonder why our prayer rarely brings us joy and hope.

These words from the Psalms show us a path to life in prayer again. We are invited to look at our lives, and to be touched each day by the blessings of beauty, strength, love and joy we have received, we acknowledge these gifts as an expression of love from God.

This moves our heart, we long to come into his presence and offer our thanks for his gifts for us.

We are invited this Lent to allow Thanksgiving (the very name of the Eucharist) to become the life-giving foundation of our spiritual lives. In this we slowly learn to see the world through the eyes of gratitude, and the presence of God filling our day.

How can we not then offer our lives to him as a "sacrifice of thanksgiving?"

What a gift it is to make this Lenten journey with you all, may you be renewed in love this week!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS: Feb 26–March 3

MON: Day of Rest—NO Public Mass

TUES: 5:30 PM Ipswich - + Frank D & Armella Braun

WED: 9 AM Roscoe - + Leora Prisbe

THURS: 9 AM Bowdle - + Christy Gross

FRI: 9 AM Ipswich - + Bernard Thares

SAT: 5 PM Bowdle - John Karst+

SUN: 9 AM Roscoe - + Linda Mitzel

11 AM Ipswich - + Fr Roger Geditz

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

March 2 & 3

BOWDLE — Saturday at 5:00 PM

Lector: Carrie Beadle

Servers: Isaiah & Jeremiah Heilman

Rosary: Norbert Thomas

Sacristan: Doug & Mary Turner

EMHC: Doug Turner

\$\$ Counters: Rosemary S & Mary Z

ROSCOE — Sunday at 9:00 AM

Lector: Lori Hettick

Servers: Emma Wesch & Seth Hettick

Ushers: William Grismer & Krist Sauer

\$\$ Counters: Wendy Hoerner & William Grismer

Rosary: Rose Heyne

IPSWICH — Sunday at 11:00 AM

Lector: Gracyn Kadlec

EMHC: Tami Schumacher

Servers: Jaxen Jager, Jalyssa Hutson, Jaxon Holt

Ushers: T Braun, S Braun, R Braun, G Braun

\$\$ Counters: G&K Braun & J Markovetz

Rosary: Jessie Lacher



Sacrificial Giving: Feb 17 & 18

Holy Cross: Collection: \$3452.65

Renovation: \$0

St. Thomas: Collection: \$1380.00

St. Augustine: Collection: \$1993.00

Thank you for your Church Support!

WEEKLY MASS READINGS: Feb 26–March 3

Mon: Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38

Tues: Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12

Wed: Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28

Thurs: Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31

Fri: Gen 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a;
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Sat: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sun: Ex 20:1-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

SOUTH DAKOTA'S EXTREME ABORTION AMENDMENT

“Life is literally hanging in the balance, and Catholics should embrace this opportunity to boldly advocate for the defense of preborn children. Many notable cultural leaders have expressed the truth that societies will be judged based on how they treat their most vulnerable citizens. How will we be judged?”

(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/

Lenten Weekly Challenge

Every week we are going to list a couple items for you and/or your family to challenge yourselves to grow deeper in your Lenten Journey.

- * Attend Stations of the Cross
- * Pray the Rosary at least once this week (by yourself &/or with your family)

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Court St. Katharine Drexel #2516 has selected as its Lenten Branch Project the Watertown Pregnancy Resource Center, Haven Center. Haven Center is a non-profit medical pregnancy resource center. Every service they offer is 100% free and 100% confidential. A judgement-free space to become educated about abortion, parenting, and adoption. They can confirm pregnancy with a free lab-quality pregnancy test and ultrasound. They also offer ongoing support to those choosing to continue their pregnancy. Current wish list supply items for kitchen, bathroom, reception area and office supplies are hanging on the Lenten branches to be collected.

Rice Bowls 2024

Rice Bowls are available at the front of ALL the parishes. Please take one and return the filled Rice Bowls by April 7th back to the original box.

CAN YOU HELP US????

HOLY CROSS PARISH LIVE AUCTION—JUNE 2024

Our parish is in need of several remodel/repair projects. We are considering having a live auction sale at the end of June 2024 to raise funds. Some of these projects include:

- * Handicap bathroom in the parish center/hall
- * Motorized handicap entry door systems
- * New concrete for the outside west entry of the church.

We are looking for good new/used usable items to be donated. Please contact Monica Petersen (605-216-7559) or Russell Braun (605-216-3448) or email (otispete@valleytel.net) if you have something to donate by April 1st. This would give us time to see if we have enough items for an auction sale.

Be creative – we need everyone's support to make this auction sale a successful event!



Holy Cross Schedule of Events:



Sisters in Christ Group—Monday, Feb 26, 7pm Library

Religious Education— Classes are Wednesdays
K-5: 6-7 PM & 6-12: 7:30-8:30 PM

Grief Bible Study—Thursday, Feb 29th @ 10 am

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry—Friday, March 1st
5-6:30pm

Stations of the Cross—Friday, March 1st 7pm
with confessions following

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)

It's time for our Lenten Branch again. All the items collected are sent to Haven Center, a Right to Life facility. Please take a tag or two and put your purchases in the box provided.

- Catholic Daughters of America

Lenten Rice Bowls are available for you and your families. Please pick up & return by April 7th.

February Church Cleaning Crew:

Francis and Sandy Heilman;
Lyle and Brooke Heilman and family;
Rachel Rohrbach



Football Raffle Winners

Thursday— Colton Mohr

Sunday— Jesse Knittle

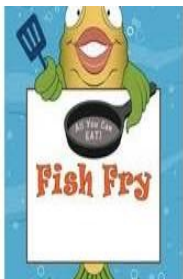
Monday— Miranda Mohr

Congratulations to this past weeks winners.

"Jesus & the Eucharist" Lenten Study

During the year of the parish, the USCCB is encouraging us to use their new seven-week study, Jesus and the Eucharist. They have made it so easy!

If you are interested, check out the webpage
<https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/formation-resources> for more information.



Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry

The dates for our Lenten Fish Fry at Holy Cross will be:

Mar. 1st, Mar. 15th.

Serving times from 5:00 pm-6:30 pm,
with Stations of the Cross at 7 pm.

Free will offering.

Menu includes: Fish, Cheesy Potatoes, Corn,
Buns, Bars and Coffee/Punch.

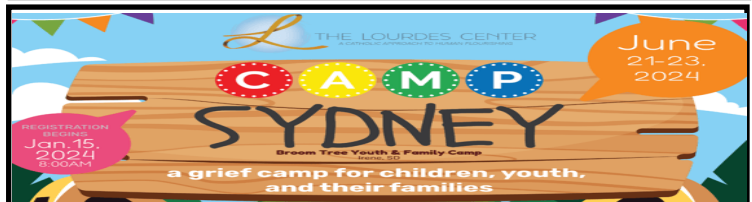


Saint Thomas the Apostle—Roscoe

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, **March 18th at 7:30pm** at St Thomas in Roscoe.

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 Lourdes Center will be offering a grief camp for youth ages 6-17 & their families at Broom Tree Retreat Center, June 21-23, 2024. This two-day camp will include fun activities and support, designed for coping with the death of a loved one. The grief camp is offered FREE of charge. SPACE IS LIMITED. Please register at www.thelourdescenter.com or call The Lourdes Center at 605-988-3775 for more info.



Stations of the Cross at 7pm

(Confessions following Stations)

Holy Cross, Ipswich—3/1; 3/15

(with Fish Fry prior to Stations)

St Augustine, Bowdle—3/22

St Thomas, Roscoe—3/8

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:

Cash Henderson, 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.