

**December 22, 2024**  
**4th Sunday of Advent**



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**Holy Cross Parish Office:**

Hours: Tuesday - Friday 9am - Noon  
Office Phone: 605-971-4556

**St. Augustine Office:**

No Office Hours

Please call 605-971-4556 to schedule appointments  
or if you need assistance

**Weekend Mass:**

Saturday: 5:00pm - St. Augustine, Bowdle

Sunday: 9:00am - St. Thomas, Roscoe

11:00am - Holy Cross, Ipswich

**Masses at other Parishes in Pastorate:**

Our Lady of Perpetual Help—Leola—Sunday 10:30am  
St Joseph—Mobridge—Sat 6pm & Sunday 10am  
St Joseph—Eureka—Sunday 8:30am  
St Michael—Herreid—Saturdays 7:30pm  
St Anthony—Selby—Saturday 4pm

**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. Call 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

Saint Francis of Assisi began the wonderful tradition of the Nativity Scene as a way for everyone to stand and feel as if they are there at the manger, receiving this gift.

And what a gift, as we approach the great feasts of Christmas, to know that when we enter into the mystery of God's presence at the Altar, that you are all with us as well.

It is such a joy to walk with you all, and to celebrate this great gift in the heart of the Pastorate of the Visitation. Please know of our joyful prayers for you all, and all you love, these holy days. May God bless you and grant you light in the darkness, and joy throughout the coming year.



*Rev. Michael L. Griffin*

*Rev. Mark Artmann*

*Rev. Timothy Cone*

### WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS: Dec 23-29

**MON:** Day of Rest—NO Public Mass

**TUES:** 5:00 PM Bowdle - + Donald Thomas  
7:00 PM Roscoe - + Leonard Schmidt

**WED:** 9 AM Ipswich - + Dan Lacher

**THURS:** 9 AM Bowdle - NO Mass

**FRI:** 9 AM Ipswich - NO Mass

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

**SUN:** 9 AM Roscoe - For the People  
11 AM Ipswich - + Frank D & Armella Braun

### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

#### Christmas Eve/Day & December 28 & 29

##### **BOWDLE —**

Lector: Pat Dewald  
Servers: Jaycee Reuer  
Rosary: Stacy Preszler  
Sacristan: Norbert & Cathy Thomas  
EMHC: Norbert Thomas  
\$\$ Counters: Lori D & Carmen R

##### **Christmas Eve—December 24th @ 5:00pm**

Lector: Norbert Thomas  
Servers: Isaiah & Jeremiah Heilman  
Sacristan: Margy Bobby & Mary Zimmer  
EMHC: Brooke Heilman  
\$\$ Counters: Gloria S & Stacy P

##### **ROSCOE—**

Lector: Zady Meier  
Servers: Adam Hettick & Nicholas Fuhrmann  
Ushers: Kevin Hoerner & Brad Heyne  
Rosary: Wendy Hoerner  
\$\$ Counters: Rose Heyne & Wendy Hoerner

##### **Christmas Eve—December 24th @ 7:00pm**

Lector: Lori Hettick  
Servers: Seth Hettick & Caleb Scherr  
Ushers: Michael Guthmiller & William Grismer  
Rosary: Choir Caroling  
\$\$ Counters: Mary Jo Grismer & Janet Fuhrmann

##### **IPSWICH —**

Lector: Hunter Schreter  
EMHC: Bryce Nash  
Servers: Jaxen Jager, Olivia Kadlec, Jalyssa Hutson  
Ushers: D Petersen, T Pietz, S Kulesa, S Heinz  
Rosary: Knights of Columbus  
\$\$ Counters: E&D Gillick & L&P Franck

##### **Christmas Day—December 25th @ 9:00am**

Lector: Tom Hammrich  
EMHC: Pam Holt  
Servers: Emri Braun, Kaden Weig, Gracyn Kadlec  
Ushers: R Petersen, G Braun, S Braun, T Braun  
Rosary: Kathy Thooft



### **Sacrificial Giving: Dec 14 & 15**

**Holy Cross:** Collection: \$3874.00  
Restoration: \$100.00

**St. Thomas:** Collection: \$2016.51

**St. Augustine:** Collection: \$1388.00

### **WEEKLY MASS READINGS: Dec 23-29**

**Mon:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66

**Tues:** 2Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79

**Wed:** Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18

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

**Fri:** 1Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

**Sat:** 1Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18

**Sun:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:41-52

### ***Undone:***

## ***A Healing Retreat*** **January 31 - February 2**



Under the patronage of Our Lady, Undoer of Knots, this retreat assists participants in becoming aware of Jesus' desire to bring restoration in their lives & creates a favorable environment for each person to encounter His healing grace.

Conferences focus on the power of Jesus to heal in mind, body and spirit, and offer participants practical ways to invite that grace into their own lives. This retreat is a collaboration of **Broom Tree Retreat Center and The Lourdes Center**. This grants each retreatant an opportunity not only for individual spiritual direction and prayer, but also one-on-one time with licensed counselors.

The retreat runs Friday evening thru Sunday lunch. It is open to men and women age 18 & older and is valued at \$300/person. We ask that you prayerfully consider your gift.

## *a God who knocks*

A four week series exploring God's power to heal and restore.

INCLUDES PRESENTATIONS, REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

MONDAYS FROM JANUARY 6 - JANUARY 27  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

St. Mary's Parish  
409 2nd Ave. NE  
ABERDEEN, SD 57401  
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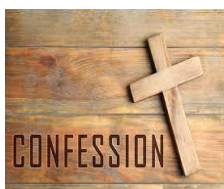
### ***A God Who Knocks***

The Lourdes Center in Aberdeen will be presenting a 4-week series exploring the impact of emotional wounds and opening the door to God's healing love. This series will be held at St. Mary's Parish - 409 2nd Ave. NE, Aberdeen on Mondays from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm beginning January 6, 2025.

To register for this series email [tlc@sfcatholic.org](mailto:tlc@sfcatholic.org) or call 605-988-3775.

### **Advent Confession Times:**

Holy Cross: Sun. Dec. 22—7-8pm;  
Tue. Dec. 24—12pm-1pm



### **Holy Cross Christmas Decorating**

Please join us in decorating the Church for Christmas after mass today. All hands are welcome and needed to get the church ready for the holiday. Thanks so much for your help.



### **Christmas Mass Schedule:**

#### **Christmas Eve**

5pm St Augustine / 7pm St Thomas  
4:30pm Leola / 6:30pm Eureka / 8:30pm Herreid  
4:00pm St Joseph / 6:30pm St. Anthony

#### **Christmas Day:**

9:00 am Holy Cross  
10:00am Herreid / 9:00am St. Joseph

#### **Solemnity of Mary:**

Dec 31st—5:30pm St Augustine  
Jan 1st—9:00am St Thomas / 11:00am Holy Cross  
9:00am St. Joseph



### **The Angel Tree Thanks You**

The Angel Tree Committee would like to sincerely thank everyone who took the time to purchase a gift from an ornament on the Christmas tree to be provided to the Department of Social Services/Child Protective Services in our area and who purchased food and other items for the local food pantry. We also want to acknowledge a huge thank you to the Knights of Columbus for providing approximately 20 coats to children in need for distribution through the Department of Social Services/Child Protective Services in our area and to the 4H Junior Leaders for the \$250 they donated and purchased gifts from ornaments on the tree. Your kindness and generosity are very much appreciated!



## 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)

If you need anything, please call 605-971-4556.

**Mass Intentions:** Please feel free to submit your requests in the collection baskets or mail them, we will do our best to get close to the date requested.

### December Church Cleaning Crew:

Travis & Stacy Preszler  
Bob & Judie Beadle  
James & Lisa Geier & family

*Wishing you and  
your families  
a very Merry  
Christmas.*



### Football Raffle Winners:

Here are the winners for this week:

Thursday—Deanne Hoyle  
Sunday—Teri Geditz  
Monday—Rebecca Achen

### Shower Christ's Little Ones

We invite you to participate in the annual advent baby shower beginning December 1 and continuing through January 1. Please bring **NEW gifts**, including clothing; sizes newborn to twelve months: sleepers, onesies, outfits, socks, hats and gloves. Diapers and wipes are also great, along with blankets, bath items, bottles, baby toys and books. Place them in the crib and after January 1 they will be delivered to Safe Harbor in Aberdeen (which also serves Edmunds County). Thank you for your donations.

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.

## Saint Thomas the Apostle—Roscoe

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

**Parish Hall Rental**—Please contact Wendy Hoerner at 605-281-9812 to reserve the Parish Hall.

**Coffee & Donuts** Please join us for fellowship after mass for coffee & donuts on the 1st Sunday of every Month. The next one will be this **Sunday, Jan 5th**. Free Will Offering

**Christmas Eve Social...** We will be having a Christmas Eve Social in the hall after mass. Come back and wish everyone Merry Christmas and have some refreshments. Everyone is welcomed.

**St. Thomas Altar Society**—Altar Society Dues are due, they are \$10 for 2025. Please put in an envelope with your name on it and place in the offering plate by end of January. Thank you Janet Fuhrman for accepting the Secretary position for another 3 years.

**Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA)** -  
Next meeting will be Monday, Jan 20th at 7:30pm



### Holy Cross Religious Education:

If questions about RE this year, please call the office at 605-971-4556 or

email Deidre at [holycrossre@sfcatholic.org](mailto:holycrossre@sfcatholic.org)

**Classes for K-5 are at 6-7pm in Hall/Office**

**6-12th are at 7-8:30pm - Meets every other week starting in the Church (Next Class is Wed 1/8)**



### PRAYER CORNER:

**Please remember in your prayers:**

Tom Kitchell, Helen Mae Hammrich,

Nancy Hammrich, Justin Donkin, Elaina Morales,

Kimber Downes, Dennis Heyne, Margaret Fought,

John Heinz, Logan Hoerner, Cash Henderson,

Diane Wilkinson, Bowdle Nursing Home Residents,

Men & Women serving in the military & peace on Earth.

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).

