

January 5, 2025
The Epiphany of the Lord



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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



The St. Matthew tells us in his Gospel account that the Magi declared, "We have seen the star at its rising, and have come to do him homage."

We are even told that the star traveled before them, leading them to Bethlehem.

Then we are told that the star miraculously stopped over the house where the child was to be found.

What are we NOT told?

We never hear about the star's setting.

I suspect that is because the star never set. It shines on and will shine on forever. It will always be there to lead people to the source of true "Light from Light."

When you are discouraged, alone, afraid, touched by doubt and darkness this year, look again for the star. It is there, it will lead you to Him.

To Him who shines brighter than all the stars in the heavens, be glory and praise, forever and ever.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS: Jan 6—12

MON: Day of Rest—NO Public Mass

TUES: 5:30 PM Ipswich - + Steven Geditz

WED: 9 AM Roscoe - + Jeffrey Meier

THURS: 9 AM Bowdle - + Donald Thomas

FRI: 9 AM Ipswich - + Loel Penfield

SAT: 5 PM Bowdle - For the People

SUN: 9 AM Roscoe - + Anthony & Albert Heilman
11 AM Ipswich - + Doug Bain

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

January 11 & 12

BOWDLE —

Lector: Joshua Bieber

Servers: Jaycee Reuer

Rosary: Norbert Thomas

Sacristan: Norbert & Cathy Thomas

EMHC: Norbert Thomas

\$\$ Counters: Rosemary S & Mary Z

ROSCOE —

Lector: Mary Jo Grismer

Servers: Lindsey Hoerner & Emma Wesch

Ushers: Loren Schmidt & Kevin Hoerner

Rosary: Marian Scherr

\$\$ Counters: Wendy Hoerner & Janet Fuhrmann

IPSWICH —

Lector: Tom Hammrich

EMHC: Bryce Nash

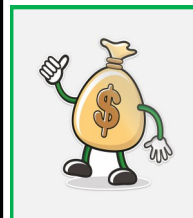
Servers: Kaden Weig, Jaxon Holt, Jalyssa Hutson

Ushers: S Heinz, H Schreter, S Kulesa, T Braun

Rosary: Koinonia

\$\$ Counters: R&L Ochsner & R Braun

Sacrificial Giving: Dec 24/25 & 28/29



Holy Cross: Collection: \$4872.00
Restoration: \$515.00
Christmas: \$5610.00

St. Thomas: Collection: \$921.00
Christmas: \$1669.00

St. Augustine: Collection: \$874.00
Christmas: \$1035.00

Thank you for your Church Support!

WEEKLY MASS READINGS: Jan 6—12

Mon: 1Jn 3:22-4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tues: 1Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44

Wed: 1Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52

Thurs: 1Jn 4:19-5:4; Lk 4:14-22a

Fri: 1Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16

Sat: 1Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30

Sun: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Act 10:34-38;
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

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.

January 25, 2025

Oils of the Bible

Presented by Michelle Moberg



Learn the historical, spiritual and sacramental uses of oils from both the Old & New Testament and how they are still used in the church today. You will also learn how oils have been used prophetically throughout the Bible.

The day begins at 9am and concludes at 3pm.

Lunch is provided. Free Will Offering.

Deadline to register is January 20, 2025.

COST: Due to a grant – there is **NO CHARGE**.

Free will offering would be gratefully accepted but not necessary.

REGISTRATION: Registration is required for meal planning purposes. Please visit the website at <http://www.abbeyofthehills.org> or call 605-398-9200 email: events@abbeyofthehills.org

The Solemnity of the Epiphany / Three Kings Day

Today we celebrate Epiphany, one of the oldest Christian feast days, which remembers the magi's journey as they followed the star of Bethlehem in search of the foretold King of Kings. It's also known as the "Three Kings Day". Epiphany means "appearance" or "manifestation," aptly describing what the magi would find once the star "stopped over the place where the child was" and refers, generally, to Jesus being manifested to the gentile visitors from the East.

Here is the visit in the Gospel according to Matthew, Chapter 2: ***"When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, ... behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, 'Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.' And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."***

As it happens, Magi are not kings – they were astrologers and possibly Zoroastrian priests. The identification of the Magi as kings is linked to Old Testament prophecies that have the Messiah being worshipped by kings in Isaiah 60:3, Psalm 72:10, and Psalm 68:29. Early readers reinterpreted Matthew in light of these prophecies and elevated the Magi to kings. By AD 500 all commentators adopted the prevalent tradition that the three were kings. And the text never says there are three – we just infer that from the number of gifts. But in any case, we are celebrating the visit of the first Gentile worshippers of the Savior.

Three gifts are explicitly identified in Matthew: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Many different theories of the meaning and symbolism of the gifts have been brought forward. While gold is fairly obviously explained, frankincense, and particularly myrrh, are much more obscure. The theories generally break down into two groups:

- All three gifts are ordinary offerings and gifts given to a king. Myrrh being commonly used as an anointing oil, frankincense as a perfume, and gold as a valuable.
- The three gifts had a spiritual meaning: gold as a symbol of kingship on earth, frankincense (an incense) as a symbol of deity, and myrrh (an embalming oil) as a symbol of death.

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.

January Church Cleaning Crew:

Pat & Lori Dewald
Tammy Lunders & family
Carmen Rohrbach

Holy Cross Volunteers Needed:

Please stay after mass on Sunday, January 12th to help take down Christmas decorations. The more that can help the better. We appreciate all extra hands.



Football Raffle Winners:

Here are the winners for this week:

Thursday—Craig McQuarie
Sunday—Josh Moet
Monday—Diane Geditz



*Join us for an Open House Party at
Abbey of the Hills! On January 16, 2025*

3:30 PM - 5:30 PM

*Come celebrate as we welcome our new Executive Director,
Dave Vetch, and thank Deacon Paul Treinen for his
years of service as Director. Your presence will be
appreciated at this special occasion! Invite a friend, all
are welcome! For more information, call the Abbey at
605-398-9200. We hope to see you there!*

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.

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

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

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.

