

February 9, 2025
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Pastorate of the Visitation

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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

Before we approach the altar of God, we are, as the Lord asks, reconciled with one another. We are given the Lord's peace and then share it with one another, in anticipation of our sharing it with the world.

Now, I have for decades invited the People of God at Mass to share the gift of the Lord's peace, but I have never once said how that should be done.

In short, you don't have to shake hands, or kiss. You can bow your head to one another, bump fists, whatever you are most comfortable with; the point is the sincerity of the peace offered, from the heart.

As most of you know, I am a fist bumper, I'm not overly concerned about getting sick, but I am very concerned about passing something on to someone who might get sick and may not be able to handle it (and there are many in every parish in this situation).

If you are uncomfortable shaking hands, then choose a way with which you are comfortable.

If someone around you chooses not to shake your hand, receive their peace gently and lovingly as they offer it. That is what matters.

Then, united in heart and mind and in peace, together we approach the altar of God.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS: Feb 10-16

MON: Day of Rest—NO Public Mass

TUES: 5:30 PM Ipswich - + Steven Geditz

WED: 9 AM Roscoe - + Patricia Uhrich Fuegen

THURS: 10 AM Bowdle @ NH - + Patty Uhrich Fuegen

FRI: 9 AM Ipswich - + Cecelia Goodman

SAT: 5 PM Bowdle - + Erv & LaVerne Gross

SUN: 9 AM Roscoe - + Janice & A Allan Malsam
11 AM Ipswich - + Frank D & Armella Braun

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

February 15 & 16

BOWDLE —

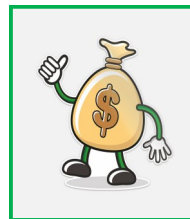
Lector: Chad Holsworth
Servers: Kaden Reuer
Rosary: Stacy Preszler
Sacristan: Doug & Mary Turner
EMHC: Doug Turner
\$\$ Counters: Susan H & Stacy P

ROSCOE —

Lector: Mary Jo Grismer
Servers: Nicholas Fuhrmann & Carter Ellwein
Ushers: Kevin Hoerner & William Grismer
Rosary: Janet Fuhrmann
\$\$ Counters: Janet Fuhrmann & Mary Jo Grismer

IPSWICH —

Lector: Gracyn Kadlec
EMHC: Suzanne Semmler
Servers: Maxwell Kulesa, Braelynn Holt, Bailey Heintzman
Ushers: S Kulesa, D Petersen, R Braun, R Petersen
Rosary: Jessie Lacher
\$\$ Counters: E&D Gillick & D&L Heinz



Sacrificial Giving: Feb 1 & 2

Holy Cross: Collection: \$2445.00
Restoration: \$50.00

St. Thomas: Collection: \$1469.00

St. Augustine: Collection: \$901.00

Thank you for your Church Support!

WEEKLY MASS READINGS: Feb 10-16

Mon: Gen 1:1-19; Mk 6:53-56

Tues: Gen 1:20-2:4a; Mk 7:1-13

Wed: Gen 2:4b-9, 15-17; Mk 7:14-23

Thurs: Gen 2:18-25; Mk 7:24-30

Fri: Gen 3:1-8; Mk 7:31-37

Sat: Gen 3:9-24; Mk 8:1-10

Sun: Jer 17:5-8; 1Cor 15:12, 16-20;
Lk 6:17, 20-26

2025 Contribution Statements

Parish Contribution Statements for 2025
were mailed out for all parishes.

Please review and if any questions, please
call the parish office at 605-971-4556.

Holy Cross Ministry Schedules

The Holy Cross Ministry Schedules were
emailed out, please check your
emails. There are some printed schedules
in the back of the church, on the bulletin
board; please grab one if you need a
physical copy of it.



Saint Blaise's Story

We know more about the devotion to
Saint Blaise by Christians around the
world than we know about the saint
himself. His feast is observed as a holy
day in some Eastern Churches. For
decades many United States Catholics have sought the
annual Saint Blaise blessing for their throats.

We know that Bishop Blaise was martyred in his episcopal
city of Sebastea, Armenia, in 316. The legendary Acts of St.
Blaise were written 400 years later. According to them Blaise
was a good bishop, working hard to encourage the spiritual
and physical health of his people. Blaise was apparently
forced to flee to the back country. There he lived as a hermit
in solitude and prayer, but he made friends with the wild ani-
mals. One day a group of hunters seeking wild animals for
the amphitheater stumbled upon Blaise's cave. They were
first surprised and then frightened. The bishop was kneeling
in prayer surrounded by patiently waiting wolves, lions and
bears.

The legend has it that as the hunters hauled Blaise off to pris-
on, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone
lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command the child was able
to cough up the bone.

The governor of Cappadocia, tried to persuade Blaise to sac-
rifice to pagan idols. The first time Blaise refused, he was
beaten. The next time he was suspended from a tree & his
flesh torn with iron combs/rakes. Finally, he was beheaded.



Real Presence Radio invites you to
attend the fundraising banquet in
Aberdeen on

Tuesday, February 25th

at the Dakota Event Center.

This year's keynote speaker is
Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers.

Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers is an internationally renowned
speaker, author, and preacher. He holds a Bachelor of Arts
Degree in Economics and Business Administration from the
University of Notre Dame, and a Master of Theological Studies
Degree from the University of Dallas.

He has appeared as a guest on numerous international Catholic
radio and television programs and is the host or co-host of
several popular series on the Eternal Word Television Network.

Deacon Harold, a Benedictine Oblate, is the author of five books,
including, "Father Augustus Tolton: The Slave Who Became the
First African American Priest" and the acclaimed new book "Our
Life of Service: The Handbook for Catholic Deacons." He is a
member of the Fellowship of Catholic Scholars and the
Confraternity of Catholic Clergy.

For more information about the event or to register as a guest,
visit our website or scan the QR code. To become a table host or
event sponsor call Doug Weingardt at 605-951-2707 or email
at doug@realpresenceradio.com.



Ash Wednesday Services

Wednesday, March 5th.

Ash Wednesday Services will be as follows:

12:15pm Ash Service @ St Augustine, Bowdle

5:30pm Ash Service @ St Thomas, Roscoe

7:00pm Mass @ Holy Cross, Ipswich

Office will be Closed

The office will be closed on Tuesday, February 18th
for an all-day training in-service.

Mass @ 5:30pm is still scheduled.

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.

Mass on Thursday, Feb 13th is at the Nursing Home this week.

February Church Cleaning Crew:

Francis & Sandy Heilman
Lyle & Brooke Heilman & family
Rachel Rohrbach



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, March 2nd.**

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, Feb 17th at 7:30pm

Jubilee Pilgrimage to Italy



We celebrate this year as a Year of Jubilee. Join Chris Uhler and Kim Kovash, along with Father Scott Traynor as our pilgrimage chaplain, on a Jubilee

Pilgrimage to Italy, June 13-23, 2025. This Catholic journey features six nights in Rome and three nights in Assisi, with a day-trip to Orvieto and Siena along the way. Daily Mass and time for personal prayer will be the cornerstone of each day. Includes: Roundtrip airfare from Minneapolis, hotel accommodations, tours, tickets, daily breakfast and daily dinner or lunch are included in the price.

Total Package Including Airfare: \$5135 per person

For more information feel free to reach out:

Chris Uhler: 701-425-7466

Kim Kovash: 402-990-3581

Holy Cross Religious Education:



If questions about RE this year, please call the office at 605-971-4556 or email Deidre at holycross-re@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 2/12)

There will be **NO Class** on Feb 5th



PRAYER CORNER:

Please remember in your prayers:

Mayla Bengs, Blake Braun, Sandy Jung,

Bettie Ellwein, Tom Kitchell, John Heinz,

Helen Mae Hammrich, Nancy Hammrich, Justin Donkin,

Elaina Morales, Kimber Downes, Margaret Fought,

Logan Hoerner, 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.



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.