

March 2, 2025
8th 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



The light goes before us,
truth goes before us,
beauty precedes us.
God goes before us.

The prophet Isaiah said that
God is like the flower of the
almond tree. Why? Because in
that region the almond is the
first to flower. And God goes
ever before, he is always the
first to seek us, he takes the first step.

God goes ever before. His grace precedes us and
this grace appeared in Jesus. He is the Epiphany. He,
Jesus Christ, is the manifestation of God's love.

He is with us.

Pope Francis, Angelus:
6 January 2014

We often think that we have to make the first
move, take the first step and then God responds to our
actions. What a gift it is to remember that God always
has the first word, and takes the first step towards us.

We are called to simply respond in love to the
invitation to step from darkness into beauty; to
discover the wonder of being loved into life again.

When we make that response, we discover that
He was always there...always. He is with us.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS: March 3 - 9

MON: Day of Rest—NO Public Mass
TUES: 5:30 PM Ipswich - + Andrew & Katherine Thares family
WED: 7:00 PM Ipswich - + David Braun
THURS: 10 AM Bowdle BNH - + Steve Barbera
FRI: 9 AM Ipswich - + Peter Geditz
SAT: 5 PM Bowdle - For the People
SUN: 9 AM Roscoe - + Leonard Schmidt
11 AM Ipswich - + Bob & Lilly Geditz

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

March 8 & 9

BOWDLE —

Lector: Pat Dewald
Servers: Isaiah & Jeremiah Heilman
Rosary: Stacy Preszler
Sacristan: Margy Bobby & Mary Zimmer
EMHC: Brooke Heilman
\$\$ Counters: Lori D & Carmen R

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE — March 5th 12:15PM

Lector: Norbert Thomas

ROSCOE—

Lector: Mary Jo Grismer
Servers: Seth Hettick
Ushers: Nicholas Fuhrmann
Rosary: Marian Scherr
\$\$ Counters: Wendy Hoerner & William Grismer

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE — March 5th 5:30PM

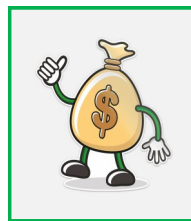
Lector: Zady Meier

IPSWICH —

Lector: Gracyn Kadlec
EMHC: Suzanne Semmler
Servers: Bentley Geditz, Brianna Geditz, Bailey Heintzman
Ushers: D Petersen, G Gauer, P Franck, H Schreter
Rosary: Koinonia
\$\$ Counters: J Thooft & R Braun & D&E Gillick

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS — March 5th 7:00PM

Lector: Cheryl Vogel
EMHC: Pam Holt
Servers: Braelynn Holt & Jaxen Jager
Ushers: G Braun, T Braun, S Braun & S Kulesa
Rosary: Jessie Lacher



Sacrificial Giving: Feb 22 & 23

Holy Cross: Collection: \$2525.00
Restoration: \$550.00

St. Thomas: Collection: \$1651.00

St. Augustine: Collection: \$405.00

Thank you for your Church Support!

WEEKLY MASS READINGS: March 3 - 9

Mon: Sir 17:20-24; Mk 10:17-27

Tues: Sir 35:1-12; Mk 10:28-31

Wed: Ash Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18; 2Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thurs: Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25

Fri: Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15

Sat: Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32

Sun: Dt 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

Lenten Preparation

Have you started thinking of things to give up or add to your daily life for Lent? Here are some ideas...

- **Give up something:** Specifically ask the Lord in prayer "What is something that I could give up to grow closer to You!" ie: TV, Games on Phone, Social Media, Coffee, Candy, Alcohol, Swearing, Gossip, Spending \$, procrastinating.
- **Add/Do Something:** Add an additional practice to your prayer life—attend a weekly mass, read scripture, attend/pray Stations of the Cross, etc; Spend 5 minutes before bed with a gratitude journal to the Lord; Say a rosary daily or on Sundays with your family or by yourself; Donate to Charity



Gift of Hope Concert - 25th Annual Tuesday, March, 18 at 7:00 pm

Established in 2001, this annual live concert event features inspiring music from national talent and stories of hope and healing. All proceeds benefit the important and ever-expanding healing work of The Lourdes Center.

This year, we're thrilled to welcome back emerging Christian artist Seph Schlueter, who will join us for a special candlelight event. This unique candlelit performance will combine beautiful live music, the warm glow of candles and a peaceful atmosphere to create an experience both intimate and immersive.

Tickets can be purchased by going to www.cfesd.org or calling 605-988-3701

Event takes place at:
Bishop O'Gorman Performing Arts Center
3100 W 41st St. (Kiwanis Ave.), Sioux Falls

Bowls & Dishes

We have a bunch of bowls and dishes leftover that have not been picked up yet in the Parish Center. Please swing by after Mass today and pick up yours, Parish Center Doors will be open.



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

Lenten Fish Fry's

@ Holy Cross from 5-6:30pm
with **Stations of the Cross** following at 7pm
March 7 March 21 April 4th

Stations of the Cross 7:00pm

followed by confessions

March 7 - Holy Cross	March 14 - St Thomas
March 21 - Holy Cross	March 28 - St Augustine
April 4 - Holy Cross	April 11 - St Thomas

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.

March Church Cleaning Crew:

Jeanne Bieber
Margy Bobby
Travis & Stacy Preszler

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

Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA) -
Next meeting will be Monday, March 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 2/26)

March 5th is Ash Wednesday—No Class

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Class will still meet in the morning.



PRAYER CORNER:

Please remember in your prayers:

Mary Kay Geditz, Megan H, Stacey Goetz,

Mayla Bengs, Sandy Jung, Bettie Ellwein, Tom Kitchell,

John Heinz, Helen Mae Hammrich, Nancy Hammrich,

Justin Donkin, Elaina Morales, Kimber Downes, 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.