

**August 17, 2025**  
**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!*

Luke 12:49-53

**Pastorate of the Visitation**

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CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**OUR LADY OF  
PERPETUAL HELP**

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**Holy Cross Parish Office:**

**Hours: Tuesday - Friday 9am - Noon**

**Office Phone: 605-971-4556**

**Weekend Mass:**

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

Sunday: 9:00am - St. Thomas, Roscoe  
10:30am—Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Leola  
11:00am - Holy Cross, Ipswich

**Daily Mass:**

Tuesday: 5:30pm - Holy Cross, Ipswich  
7:00pm - Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Leola

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:**

Confessions are available 30 minutes prior to all Masses  
\*Confessions are 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, Contact Father to schedule your meeting.

**\*Must meet with father before scheduling wedding date\***

**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 are held Sept-May. Contact the parish office.

**Weekend Mass Times for the  
PASTORATE OF THE VISITATION**

**Saturdays:**

Selby—4:00 pm

Bowdle—5:00 pm

Mobridge—6:00 pm

Herreid—7:00 pm

**Sundays:**

Eureka—8:30 am

Roscoe—9:00 am

Mobridge—10:00 am

Leola—10:30 am

Ipswich—11:00 am

### Father Michael's Musings



It always seems to sneak up on us, but here it is... back to school time again.

Years ago when I was the director of the Newman Center at SDSU, someone asked me if it was intimidating to preach with so many professors in the assembly.

I smiled and said, "Not really. They may have several degrees, but I suspect most of them haven't had any religious education since 9th grade."

It is a tragedy that we think of the great Sacrament of Confirmation as being "graduation from religious education;" because it is exactly the opposite. It is supposed to be the beginning of it...you remember the 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit? Wisdom and Understanding are 2 of them.

As our younger brothers and sisters begin to make their way back to school these days, recommit to learning as well. There is a rich treasury of learning that will make us better Catholics, better Christians, better human beings.

Now, be cautious as well...don't just go reading any old "Catholic" stuff you find on the internet. Check it out, ask about it, ask your priest about it, be prudent & thoughtful.

Check out books available at the entrance to your church, find some good spiritual books to help you grow in prayer and your relationship with the Lord, and spend time with the Blessed Sacrament that the Lord present there might teach and guide you as well.

This is the time for all of us to go back to school...and we will all be better for it. Have a holy and joyful week!!

### WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS: August 18-24

**MON:** Day of Rest—NO Public Mass

**TUES:** 5:30 PM Ipswich - + Jerry Markovetz  
7:00 PM Leola -

**WED:** 9 AM Roscoe -

**THURS:** 9 AM Bowdle - + John Bennett

**FRI:** 9:00 AM Ipswich - + Fr Roger Geditz

**SAT:** 5 PM Bowdle - + Donald Thomas

**SUN:** 9 AM Roscoe -  
10:30 AM Leola -  
11 AM Ipswich - + Fr William Osborn

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

August 23 & 24, 2025

### **BOWDLE — Saturday 5PM**

Lector: Pat Dewald  
Servers: Isaiah & Jeremiah Heilman  
Rosary: Margy Bobby  
Sacristan: Norbert & Cathy Thomas  
EMHC: Norbert Thomas  
\$\$ Counters: Lori D & Carmen R

### **ROSCOE — Sunday 9AM**

Lector: Melissa Sauer  
Servers: Lindsey Hoerner & Emma Wesch  
Ushers: William Grismer & Kevin Hoerner  
Rosary: Marian Scherr  
\$\$ Counters: Janet Fuhrmann & William Grismer

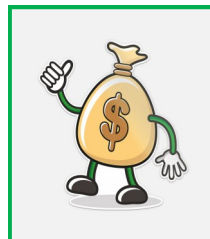
### **IPSWICH — Sunday 11AM**

Lector: Donna Wagner  
EMHC: Peter Franck  
Servers: Olivia Kadlec, Jaxen Jager, Braelynn Holt  
Ushers: R Braun, S Heinz, T Pietz, S Braun  
Rosary: Suzanne Semmler  
\$\$ Counters: J Thooft, M&M Petersen, D Petersen

### **LEOLA — Sunday 10:30AM**

Lector: Deb Weiszhaar  
Servers: Anyka & Gavin Sanborn  
August Ushers: Layne Lux & Jerome Mack  
Sacristan: Melissa Lapka  
Rosary: Arden Sieh  
\$\$ Counters: Kayla Daly & Kelli Millard

### Sacrificial Giving: August 9 & 10



**Holy Cross:** Collection: \$3164.00  
Restoration: \$0.00

**St. Thomas:** Collection: \$1143.00

**St. Augustine:** Collection: \$806.00

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help:**  
Collection: \$3167.00

**Thank you for your continued Church Support!**

### WEEKLY MASS READINGS: August 18-24

**Mon:** Jgs 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22

**Tues:** Jgs 6:11-24a; Mt 19:23-30

**Wed:** Jgs 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16

**Thurs:** Jgs 11:29-39a; Mt 22:1-14

**Fri:** Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Mt 22:34-40

**Sat:** Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Mt 23:1-12

**Sun:** Is 66:18-21; Heb 12:5--7, 11-13;  
Lk 13:22-30



### Pilgrimage to England & Scotland:

Come along April 20-30, 2026, as we visit some beautiful and historical places in all of Europe. We will visit the prehistoric Stonehenge, Stratford, the home of William Shakespeare, Edinburgh and its famous Scottish Castle, Big Ben in London, Buckingham Palace and so much more! We will have Mass each day in great Churches and Cathedrals along the way. Cost is \$5,169 with departure from Omaha.

For a brochure and more information, contact Fr. Dan Guenther, 276 Country Club Drive, Lake Park, Iowa 51347 or call 712-899-6870 or email frdanguenther@gmail.com

Consider sponsoring a priest to play in this year's tournament and help support a great cause!

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### Football Raffle Books Available

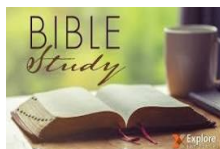
Knights of Columbus are selling their football raffle books again.

Purchase your raffle book from any Knights of Columbus Member or Bob Geditz.

Books are available for \$20 each  
3 Sets; Monday, Thursday & Sunday Nights

### Bible Study Resumes

Bible Study will resume again on Friday's after morning mass about 9:30am. Please join us at the Parish Center Library.



YOU ARE INVITED to the Abbey of the Hills for a self-guided Pilgrimage! Families, friends, and church groups of all ages are welcome to enjoy the peaceful outdoor spaces— enjoy the serene lake, walk the scenic trail, or reflect along the outdoor Stations of the Cross.

Prefer to stay indoors? Spend time in prayer and adoration in the main church with the Blessed Sacrament or in the smaller chapel.

Both provide beautiful settings for meditation and prayer.

For more information and to register, call us at 605-398-9200 or visit [www.abbeyofthehills.org](http://www.abbeyofthehills.org). We look forward to welcoming you!

**Abbey Mission: Foster the Rediscovery of Peace!**

Ipswich Knights of Columbus

## Golf Tournament

Split Rock Country Club – Ipswich, SD  
Sunday, August 17, 2025



Format: 4 Person  
9 Hole Scramble  
Registration  
1:15 – 1:45 PM  
Shotgun Start: 2:00 PM

Cost \$40 / Golfer, Includes Meal

Pin Prizes: Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin, & Longest Putt Contest



To Pre-Register Call: Mike 605-380-3626

Carts Available to Rent, Proceeds to benefit the Knights of Columbus, Knights of Columbus Membership is Not Required to Participate. Everyone is Welcome



### MEAL Train for Fr Cone

Fr Cone is recovering from surgery and many have asked how they can help, so here is one way you can help...by providing meals for Father Cone while he is laid up or if you'd like to sign up to provide father rides while he cant drive. Please call Tami in Office to be added to car ride list or sign up below to provide a meal. The link has now been corrected, my apologies. Please sign up to help with meal in August.

<https://mealtrain.com/73kqlm>



## Saint Augustine Parish—Bowdle

Mass times: Thursday 9:00 AM & Saturday at 5:00 PM  
(1st Thurs. Daily Mass is 10AM at Nursing Home)

**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.

**Wednesday Night Prayer Hour:** An opportunity for silent prayer will be offered every Wednesday night at St Augustine from 7-8pm to pray for an increase in vocations and conversions. All parishes are welcome.

### August Church Cleaning:

Makena Vocu & Family  
Doug & Mary Turner  
Pauline Mertz

## 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.

**Still Needing Help with RE**—We are desperately seeking a teacher for 1 class of 3rd/4th/5th graders for this coming year. If you are interested in helping, please contact Wendy @ 605-281-9812.

**Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA) -**  
Next Meeting is September 15th

**Reminder Mass is now back to Sundays**  
Mass is now moved back to **Sundays at 9am**  
till Fr Cone is better.



## Our Lady of Perpetual Help—Leola

Mass times: Tuesday 7:00 PM & Sunday 10:30 AM

**Mass Intentions:** Please feel free to submit your requests in the collection baskets or mail them to PO Box 67, Ipswich, SD 57451. We will do our best to get close to the date requested.

There are many openings available currently.

### Reminder Mass Time Changes

Mass will now be back to **Sundays at 10:30am**  
starting July 27th till Fr Cone is better.



May you have many great memories and experiences this new school year.

We will begin RE Classes in September, watch the bulletin for more information coming soon.

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.

### Sacred Heart Fall Bazaar

502 2nd Ave SE, Aberdeen

**Sunday, September 7th from 11-6pm**

Concessions—Sweet Shop—Books & Blooms Room—Cake Walk—Chance & Silent Auction—Games & Bingo—etc...

Join us for the **Roast Pork Dinner** from 4-6:30pm

Cost is \$13 Adults / \$8 Kids 6-12



### PRAYER CORNER:

Please remember in your prayers:



Nancy Hammrich, Jerron Justin Kappas, Tim Geier, MG, BG, Roger DeRouchey, Brandi Holt, Mary Kay Geditz, Megan H, Stacey Goetz, 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).