

November 30, 2025

1st Sunday of Advent



Pastorate of the Visitation

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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
 5:00pm - St. Thomas, Roscoe

Sunday: 9:00am - Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Leola
 11:00am - Holy Cross, Ipswich

Daily Mass:

Tuesday: 5:30pm - Holy Cross, Ipswich

Wednesday: 9:00am - St. Thomas, Roscoe
 9:00am - St. Augustine, Bowdle
 (1st Wed. at 10am @ Nursing Home)

Thursday: 5:30pm - Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Leola

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

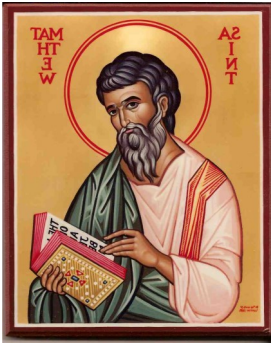
Saturdays:

Selby—4:00 pm
 Bowdle—5:00 pm
 Roscoe—5:00 pm
 Mobridge—6:00 pm

Sundays:

Herreid—8:30 am
 Leola—9:00 am
 Mobridge—10:00 am
 Eureka—10:30 am
 Ipswich—11:00 am

Father Michael's Musings



With this weekend, we begin a new Church Liturgical year, and with it, we move into Year A in the Church's cycle of Scripture readings at Sunday Mass.

This year, we will hear from the Gospel according to Matthew.

We will hear the words written by a man, strong in his Jewish faith, tested by the rejection of the Gospel by his Jewish brothers and sisters who have thrown him, and his companions, out of the synagogues.

His Gospel bristles with words meant to show us that the gift of Jesus is not a contradiction to the covenant God made with his people on Sinai, but its fulfillment.

It is about hope realized, and God with us, not just in the Temple or the Tent of Meeting (tabernacle), but God with us every moment, every step of our journey.

It is the first Gospel in the Bible and a great gift God has given to us.

I invite you to take some time this Advent Season and receive the blessing of it. Read the whole Gospel, from beginning to end (trust me, it doesn't take as long as you would think) and hear the whole story of this wonderful Gospel.

Then, as the weeks of the Liturgical year go by, you will hear the Gospel proclaimed and rejoice to receive it as a part of the whole; the Gospel of the Lord.

Because, again, the word Gospel still means "Good News."

Have a blessed Advent Season.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS: Dec 1-7

MON: Day of Rest—NO Public Mass
TUES: 5:30 PM Ipswich - + Marie Baer
WED: 9 AM Roscoe - + Allan Malsam
 9 AM Bowdle -
THURS: 10:00 AM Leola -
FRI: 9:00 AM Ipswich - + Shelia Schauer
SAT: 5 PM Bowdle - + Kristi Vaupel
 5 PM Roscoe - + Angelus Mitzel
SUN: 9:00 AM Leola - + Edwin & Doris Schaunaman
 11 AM Ipswich - + Hazel Fought

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

December 6 & 7 &

Immaculate Conception on Dec 8th

BOWDLE — Saturday 5PM

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

Mon, Dec 8th @ 7PM

Norbert Thomas
 Volunteer Needed
 Stacy Preszler
 Cathy Thomas
 Norbert Thomas
 Stacy P & Mary Z

ROSCOE — Saturday 5PM

Lector: Zady Meier
 Servers: C Ellwein & T Ellwein
 Ushers: B Heyne & K Hoerner
 Rosary: Rose Heyne
 \$\$ Counters: J Fuhrmann & MJ Grismer

Mon, Dec 8th @ 5:30

Lori Hettick
 J Schmidt & S Hettick
 K Hoerner & L Schmidt
 P Guthmiller
 C Heinz & MJ Grismer

IPSWICH — Sunday 11AM

Lector: Gracyn Kadlec
 EMHC: Suzanne Semmler
 Servers: L Braun, K Weig, E Unser
 Ushers: R Braun, R Petersen, B Wagner, S Kulesa
 Rosary: Jessie Lacher
 \$\$ Counters: P Petersen & M&M Petersen

Mon, Dec 8th @ 5:30

Cheryl Vogel
 Lynn Thares
 Volunteers Needed
 Kathy Thooft

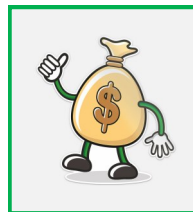
LEOLA — Sunday 9AM

Lector: Kelli Millard
 Servers: Fin Sieh
 December Ushers: Chuck Schaunaman & Aaron Kappes
 Sacristan: Melissa Lapka
 Rosary: Arden Sieh
 \$\$ Counters: Sid Feickert & Candice Kappes

Mon, Dec 8th @ 7pm

Kelli Millard
 Volunteer
 Mary Schaunaman

Sacrificial Giving: November 22 & 23



Holy Cross: Collection: \$4131.83

St. Thomas: Collection: \$2199.00

St. Augustine: Collection: \$780.00

Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Collection: \$978.00

Thank you for your continued Church Support!

WEEKLY MASS READINGS: Dec 1-7

Mon: Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11

Tues: Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

Wed: Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37

Thurs: Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Fri: Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

Sat: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sun: Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

"Christmas on the Prairie"



*Christmas
on the Prairie*

The 2025 Christmas on the Prairie concert is scheduled for Sunday, December 7th, at 3:00 pm. Tickets are now available for purchase. Please contact Noreen Glosdt at 605-948-2451 for tickets and other information.

This concert will be held on Sunday, December 7th at 3 PM at **St. Anthony's Church, Hoven.**

The concert will feature the South Dakota Symphony Orchestra,
soloist Adam Henning,
narrator Fr. Michael Griffin,
Northern State University Chamber Singers and an All-Faiths Festival Choir.
For tickets or information, call Noreen at 605-948-2451.



Knights of Columbus with Sacred Heart Icon

The parishes are blessed to receive the Knights of Columbus traveling icon of the Sacred Heart these next few weeks. Come to these parishes, to see and pray with us on what a powerful reminder of the love God poured forth upon us.

St Thomas—Now till Nov 30th
Holy Cross, Ipswich—December 1st
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Leola—December 7th

Along with the display, there will be 11 X 14 Portraits for families to take home & perform a Home Enthronement.

Booklets are also available in back of church.



Holiday Mass Times:

Immaculate Conception— Monday, December 8th

5:30 PM—Holy Cross, Ipswich & St Thomas, Roscoe

7:00 PM—St Augustine, Bowdle & OLPH, Leola

Christmas Eve - December 24th 5:00 PM

Mary, Mother of God - December 31st @ 5:00 PM

St Augustine, Bowdle & St Thomas, Roscoe

Christmas Day – December 25th, 9:00 AM

Mary, Mother of God - January 1st @ 9:00 AM

Holy Cross, Ipswich & OLPH, Leola

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) Sundays @ 6pm @ Holy Cross Parish Center

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic or you'd like to just learn more about our Catholic faith, please join us on Sundays at 6pm in the Parish Office. For more information, please call the office at 605-971-4556.



Knights of Columbus Football Raffle Winners:

Here are the winners this week:

Thursday—Randall Geditz

Sunday—Jaycee Herman

Monday—Michele Eisenbeisz

Men's Silent Retreat January 15-18, 2026

Father Timothy Smith will be leading a Men's 3-Day Silent Retreat at Broomtree Retreat & Conference Center in Irene SD on January 15-18. This retreat, based on The Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, is intended to help you find God more deeply in the world in which you live by becoming completely aware of God's presence in your life through reflection, prayer, and contemplation. Call 605-263-1040 or visit the website www.broom-tree.org to register for the retreat and for more details.



Annual KC Tootsie Roll Drive

The Knights of Columbus will be doing their Annual Tootsie Roll Drive after all weekend masses on December 6th/7th and 13th/14th.

Annual Prison Christmas Sack Program

The SD Prison Chaplains Assoc. is once again asking for donations for those incarcerated. Donations can be sent to SD Prison Chaplains Assoc., Christmas Sacks, 601 W 57th St., Sioux Falls SD 57108. Please write Christmas Sacks in the memo line or give electronically by visiting <https://www.convergeheartland.org/donate>

and choose the SDPCA Christmas Sacks tab or by using the QR code provided.



Saint Augustine Parish—Bowdle

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

Time Change!!!! Wednesday Night Prayer Hour:

An opportunity for silent prayer will be offered every Wednesday night at St Augustine from 6:30-7:30pm to pray for an increase in vocations and conversions.

All parishes are welcome.

Ministry Schedules: The New Ministry schedules are ready to be picked up in the entrance of the church.

December Church Cleaning:

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



Our Lady of Perpetual Help—Leola

Mass times: Thursday 5:30 PM & Sunday 9:00AM

Mass Intentions: Please mail your intentions to PO Box 67, Ipswich, SD 57451 or put in the collection basket. There are many openings available.

Religious Education/CCD:

Please join us Sundays after the 9am Mass (10:15-11:15). If you have any questions, please call Traci at 605-520-2969. Join us on **Dec 7th after Mass, for our RE Christmas program and Parish Potluck.** Hope to see you there.

Donations can also be dropped off at the Leola Municipal Building during business hours or left with any of the following benefit coordinators. Please reach out with any questions.

ReEtta Sieh- 605-216-2408
Brenda Merkel-605-380-7015
Kayla Arlien- 605-252-0401
Traci Kappes- 605-520-2969

Rather donate
online?
Scan the code for
GoFundMe



Jerron Kappes Benefit:

Saturday, Dec 6th @ Leola School
Doors Open at 4:30pm...
Live/Silent Auction and
Soup & Sandwich Supper.

Donations can also be mailed to
CorTrust Bank
“Jerron Kappes Medical Fund”
PO Box 140;
Leola, SD 57456

Do you have an event or announcement for the Parish Bulletin? Please send to Tami by Wednesday 5PM to ipswich.holycross@sfcatholic.org

Saint Thomas the Apostle—Roscoe

Mass Times: Wednesday 9:00 AM & Saturday at 5:00 PM

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

Religious Education/CCD: Classes have begun, but it's not too late to join. Join us!!!

Reach out to Wendy Hoerner if you have any questions at 605-281-9812

K-5th Grade—3:30-5:15

6th-12th—7-8:30

Catholic Daughters of America (CDA)

Bake Sale and Raffle
December 5, 2025 from 10 am - 2pm
at Knuckleheads Bar & Grill Garage Room
Next Meeting will be on January 19th.



HOLY CROSS RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Registration for RE Classes:

Classes have begun, but it's never too late to register. Please contact Deidre Kadlec at 605-290-4593 if you have any question or need to register your child.

Elementary (K-5th) from 6-7pm

MS/HS (6th-12th) from 7:00-8:30pm

Next MS/HS Class is December 3rd

PRAYER CORNER:

Please remember in your prayers:



Roger DeRouchey, Cecilia & Isaac Malsom, Mary Kay Geditz, Mary Habek Geditz, Mel Heinz, Lisa Rye, Nancy Hammrich, Jerron Justin Kappas, Tim Geier, 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.