

December 7, 2025
2nd Sunday of Advent



Pastorate of the Visitation

**HOLY CROSS
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**OUR LADY OF
PERPETUAL HELP**

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**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

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.

Father Michael's Musings

*A maiden flower stands lonesome on a vast and
desolate plain, in trembling fear that
her longings for life and love prove vain.
But the passing breeze takes pity, it embraces
some flowering plant and carries its golden
riches to the bride of the desolate land.
Windstirred she tosses her clustering hair to the
dust of golden glow, and flower-starred with
the waxing morn the desolate meadows grow.*
-Sadakichi Hartmann



*When the Catholic Church was
formally instituted in the
United States, our nation was
placed under the patronage of
Mary, Our Lady of the
Immaculate Conception.*

*This makes her Solemnity on
Monday a special time of
prayer for our nation.*

*It is a gift as we approach the 250th anniversary of our
founding and declared independence. What a gift it is
for us to offer to her gentle care the nation we love.*

May her mantle of peace rest upon us all.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS: Dec 8-14

MON: 5:30 PM Ipswich & Roscoe - Pregnant Mothers
7:00 PM Bowdle & Leola—Pregnant Mothers
TUES: 5:30 PM Ipswich - + Jerry Markovetz
WED: 9 AM Roscoe - + AnnaMary & Simon Ehnes
9 AM Bowdle - + Donald Thomas
THURS: 5:30 PM Leola -
FRI: 9:00 AM Ipswich - Marie "Diane" Hammrich & Family
SAT: 5 PM Bowdle - + Kristi Vaupel
5 PM Roscoe - + Harvey Hoffer
SUN: 11 AM Ipswich - + Jacob Hammrich

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

Immaculate Conception on Dec 8th & December 13 & 14

BOWDLE — Saturday 5PM

Lector: Carrie Beadle
Servers: Isaiah & Jeremiah Heilman
Rosary: Margy Bobby
Sacristan: Doug & Mary Turner
EMHC: Doug Turner
\$\$ Counters: Rosemary S & Mary Z

Mon, Dec 8th @ 7PM

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

ROSCOE — Saturday 5PM

Lector: Melissa Sauer
Servers: Caleb & Kendra Scherr
Ushers: K Hoerner & L Schmidt
Rosary: Marian Scherr
\$\$ Counters: W Grismer & C Heinz

Mon, Dec 8th @ 5:30

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

IPSWICH — Sunday 11AM

Lector: Peter Franck
EMHC: Tami Schumacher
Servers: B & B Geditz, B Heintzman
Ushers: T Braun, S Braun, G Braun, D Petersen
Rosary: Kathy Thooft
\$\$ Counters: R&L Ochsner & L&J Gillick

Mon, Dec 8th @ 5:30

Cheryl Vogel
Lynn Thares
Volunteers Needed

LEOLA — Sunday 9AM

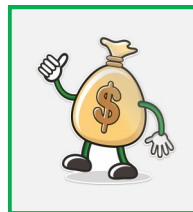
Lector: Troy Millard
Servers: Anyka & Gavin Sanborn
December Ushers: Chuck Schaunaman & Aaron Kappes
Sacristan: Nancy Berreth
Rosary: Mary Schaunaman
\$\$ Counters: LeAnn Lux & Denise Brandner

Mon, Dec 8th @ 7pm

Kelli Millard
Volunteer Needed
Mary Schaunaman

Sacrificial Giving: November 29 & 30

Totals will be provided next week.



Holy Cross: Collection: \$TBD

St. Thomas: Collection: \$TBD

St. Augustine: Collection: \$TBD

Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Collection: \$TBD

Thank you for your continued Church Support!

WEEKLY MASS READINGS: Dec 8-14

Mon: Immaculate Conception

Gen 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Tues: Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14

Wed: Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

Thurs: Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15

Fri: *Our Lady of Guadalupe* Zec 2:14-17; Lk 1:26-38

Sat: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sun: Is 35:1-6, 10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11



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.

Holy Cross, Ipswich—Now thru December 6th
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Leola—December 7th-13th

Along with the display, there will be 11 X 14 Portraits in the back of the church that families can take home and perform a Home Enthronement. Booklets that explain this 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.



D-Camp Retreat High School—July 12-15 Jr High—July 16-19

Every year Broomtree hosts Junior and Senior High camps where our young people gather for teaching, prayer, activities and team challenges. This hidden gem in our diocese is called Discipleship Camp (D-Camp). So, if you've ever been interested in spending a few days of your summer to grow closer to God, then this is your time! You can get the Registration info and the Early Access Code by calling the parish office 605-971-4556 or emailing Fr. Andy at frandrewthuringer@sfcatholic.org



Women in the New Evangelization (WINE)

would like to invite women to join them on Saturday, January 10th starting at 9am with Mass for this presentation at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Aberdeen.

Cost is \$45 for Saturday ONLY or

\$65 for Friday Social & Saturday

Call Brenda at 605-380-5177 for more information

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

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online?
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GoFundMe



Jerron Kappes Benefit:

Thank you to all those that came out this weekend to support Jerron. If you haven't donated and would still like to, please send to the following...

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
NO CCD December 17th thru Christmas Break

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



Please contact Deidre Kadlec at 605-290-4593 if you have any questions about RE at Holy Cross.

Reminder....We will be having a Potluck on December 17th for all classes before the Christmas Break.

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

MS/HS (6th-12th) from 7:00-8:30pm
Next MS/HS Class is December 17th Potluck

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.