

**December 14, 2025**  
**3rd Sunday of Advent**



**Pastorate of the Visitation**

**HOLY CROSS  
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**OUR LADY OF  
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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



The beautiful season of Advent is marked by 2 stages.

The first is from the First Sunday of Advent to December 16. In these early Advent days, the Church continues its reflection on the Second Coming of Christ and our hopeful cry: Come, Lord Jesus.

From December 16 to sunset on December 24, we celebrate the late Advent Days, a time of preparation for the great Solemnity of the Nativity of Christ (Christmas). The readings and prayers lead us gently to Bethlehem, in a lovely way, we walk with Mary and Joseph on this pilgrimage of love and hope.

This is also the time of year when we have the longest nights and the shortest days, a time of darkness, illumined with our preparation for Christmas and our longing for the gift of "Light from Light."

So many details to get ready for the celebration, but these days are also an invitation for some gentle time, time to reflect, time to be at peace, time to find the gift of Christ in the quiet darkness.

We are a people of hope, and the journey of these last days is a gift to renew us in that virtue. Be at peace and walk with Mary and Joseph in love.

### WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS: Dec 15-21

**MON:** Day of Rest—NO Daily Mass  
**TUES:** 5:30 PM Ipswich - + Richard Marko  
**WED:** 9 AM Roscoe - Incarcerated Individuals  
 9 AM Bowdle - + Vivian Malsam  
**THURS:** 5:30 PM Leola -  
**FRI:** 9 AM Ipswich - + Kevin Holt  
**SAT:** 5 PM Bowdle - Incarcerated Individuals  
 5 PM Roscoe - + Joe & Ann Prisbe  
**SUN:** 9 AM Leola - For the Pastorate of the Visitation  
 11 AM Ipswich - + Cecelia Goodman

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

### December 20 & 21 & Christmas

#### **BOWDLE — Saturday 5PM**

Lector: Chad Holsworth  
 Servers: Kaden Reuer  
 Rosary: Norbert Thomas  
 Sacristan: M Bobby/M Zimmer  
 EMHC: Brooke Heilman  
 \$\$ Counters: Noah P / Susan H

#### **Wed, Dec 24 @ 5PM**

Norbert Thomas  
 Isaiah & Jeremiah Heilman  
 Choir  
 Norbert/Cathy Thomas  
 Norbert Thomas  
 Stacy P / Gloria S

#### **ROSCOE — Saturday 5PM**

Lector: Lori Hettick  
 Servers: Adam & Seth Hettick  
 Ushers: William Grismer & Brad Heyne  
 Rosary: Janet Fuhrmann  
 \$\$ Counters: R Heyne & W Hoerner

#### **Wed, Dec 24 @ 5PM**

Mary Jo Grismer  
 Emma & Jack Wesch  
 Choir  
 W Grismer & C Heinz

#### **IPSWICH — Sunday 11AM**

Lector: Cheryl Vogel  
 EMHC: Bryce Nash  
 Servers: O Kadlec, J Jager, B Holt — J Holt, I Galbraith, B Heintzman  
 Ushers: T Peitz, S Heinz, S Kulesa — R Petersen, S, G & T Braun  
 Rosary: Loretta Reinschmidt  
 \$\$ Counters: L&P Franck & G&K Braun

#### **Thur, Dec 25 @ 9AM**

Tom Hammrich  
 Suzanne Semmler

#### **LEOLA — Sunday 9AM**

Lector: Traci Kappes  
 Servers: Ethan Petrich  
 December Ushers: Chuck Schaunaman & Aaron Kappes  
 Sacristan: Mary Schaunaman  
 Rosary: Arden Sieh  
 \$\$ Counters: M Kessler & L Lux

#### **Thur, Dec 25 @ 9AM**

Kelli Millard  
 Ella Kallas  
 Melissa Lapka  
 Mary Schaunaman  
 J Kallas & C Feickert



### Sacrificial Giving: December 6 & 7

**Holy Cross:** 11/30 Collection: \$3518.00  
 12/7 Collection: \$4706.00  
 Restoration: \$530.00

**St. Thomas:** Collection: 11/29 \$902.00 12/6: \$959.00

**St. Augustine:** Collection: 11/29 \$782.00 12/6: \$1980.00

#### **Our Lady of Perpetual Help:**

Collection: 11/30 \$2384.00 12/7: \$800.00

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

### WEEKLY MASS READINGS: Dec 15-21

**Mon:** Num 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27

**Tues:** Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32

**Wed:** Gen 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17

**Thurs:** Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25

**Fri:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25

**Sat:** Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38-

**Sun:** Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24



### Advent Confession

#### Times

**Thursday, December 18th — 6pm-8pm**

St Augustine—Bowdle

Our Lady of Perpetual Help—Leola

**Friday, December 19th — 6pm-8pm**

Holy Cross—Ipswich

St Thomas—Roscoe



### Holiday Mass Times for Christmas & Mary, Mother of God:

**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



### **Knights of Columbus Football Raffle Winners:**

Here are the winners the past few weeks:

Thursday—Kyle Krueger - Dave Thares

Sunday—Lili Herman - Randall Geditz

Monday—Joey Langstraat - Rod Oschner

### **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

January 9 & 10, 2026

WINE: Catholic Women's Retreat

### *Wisdom from Women in Scripture*

**Speakers:**  
+ LeAnn Thieman  
+ Alyssa Barnes  
+ Kelly Wahlquist

### **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](http://www.broom-tree.org) for more info or to register.

### **Church Decorating—All Help is Welcome**

All Parishioners are invited to help us decorate the church. Join us **Next Sunday December 21st after mass** to prepare the church for Christmas.



### **Advent Baby Shower**

We invite you to participate in the annual Advent Baby Shower beginning December 1 through December 28.

Please bring NEW gifts including clothing sizes new born to 24 months, diapers, lotions etc. and place them in the cradle in the entry at Holy Cross. These gifts will be delivered to Safe Harbor in Aberdeen. Thank you!



### **Holy Cross Women's Foresters**

Plan now to attend the potluck Christmas party sponsored by the Women Foresters. December 14th @ 5:30 we'll gather in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Grace Center for our meal, followed by Bingo. Every family is asked to bring a dish to share. Beverage and rolls will be provided. Come and enjoy an opportunity to visit with your neighbors and maybe win Bingo or a door prize. All are welcome.

## 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.

Altar Society Meeting: The St Augustine Altar Society will be meeting on Monday, December 15th at 5:15pm in the church basement.

### December Church Cleaning:

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

## 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)

Next Meeting will be on January 19th.



## 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 for Daily and Sunday Masses 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.

## 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.**

**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, 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](mailto:ipswich.holycross@sfcatholic.org).

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