

**December 21, 2025**  
**4th Sunday of Advent**



***Pastorate of the Visitation***

**HOLY CROSS  
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**ST AUGUSTINE  
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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



Grant, we pray, Almighty God,  
that, as we are bathed in the new radiance of your  
incarnate Word, that light of faith,  
which illumines our minds,  
may also shine through in our deeds.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity  
of the Holy Spirit, God,  
forever and ever.

*May the joy and wonder of this  
holy season of life and light fill  
your heart and homes. We are  
all loved beyond words.*

Fr. Michael Griffin      Fr. Mark Axtmann  
Fr. Tim Cone              Fr. Andy Thuringer

### WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS: Dec 22-28

**MON:** Day of Rest—NO Daily Mass  
**TUES:** 5:30 PM Ipswich - + Blake Braun  
**WED:** **Christmas Eve** 5 PM Roscoe - + Marco DeLange  
**Christmas Eve** 5 PM Bowdle - + Kristi Vaupel  
**THURS:** **Christmas Day** 9 AM Ipswich - + Jerry Markovetz  
**Christmas Day** 9 AM Leola - Priests of the Diocese  
**FRI:** 9 AM Ipswich - NO DAILY MASS  
**SAT:** 5 PM Bowdle - + Vivian Malsam  
5 PM Roscoe - + Ray & Mary Kraft  
**SUN:** 9 AM Leola - Vocations to the Priesthood  
11 AM Ipswich - + Frank D & Armella Braun

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES December 27 & 28 & Christmas

### **BOWDLE — Saturday 5PM**

Lector: Josh Beiber  
Servers: Jaycee Reuer  
Rosary: Stacy Preszler  
Sacristan: Doug & Mary Turner  
EMHC: Doug Turner  
\$\$ Counters: Rosemary S / Mary Z

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

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

### **ROSCOE — Saturday 5PM**

Lector: Zady Meier  
Servers: Seth Hettick & Bella Wesch  
Ushers: L Schmidt & B Heyne  
Rosary: Janet Fuhrmann  
\$\$ Counters: R Heyne & J Fuhrmann

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

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

### **IPSWICH — Sunday 11AM**

Lector: Tami Schumacher  
EMHC: Lynn Thares  
Servers: T Pietz, E Braun, A Nierman J Holt, I Galbraith, B Heintzman  
Ushers: R Braun, P Franck, D Petersen, S Kulesa  
— R Petersen, S, G & T Braun  
Rosary: Kathy Thooft  
\$\$ Counters: D&K Bauer & E&D Gillick

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

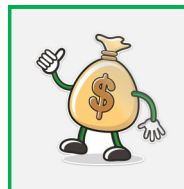
Tom Hammrich  
Suzanne Semmler  
Koinonia  
N/A

### **LEOLA — Sunday 9AM**

Lector: Troy Millard  
Servers: Parker & Zander Hoffman  
December Ushers: Chuck Schaunaman & Aaron Kappes  
Sacristan: Nancy Berreth  
Rosary: Melissa Lapka  
\$\$ Counters: L Feickert & M Kallas

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

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



### Sacrificial Giving: December 13 & 14

**Holy Cross:** Collection: \$3984.35  
Christmas Flowers: \$345.00

**St. Thomas:** Collection: \$1167.00  
Christmas Flowers: \$115.00

**St. Augustine:** Collection: \$832.00  
Christmas Flowers: \$80.00

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help:** Collection: \$830.00

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

### WEEKLY MASS READINGS: Dec 22-28

**Mon:** 1Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56

**Tues:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66

**Wed:** 2Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79

**Thurs:** *Christmas Day*

*Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18*

**Fri:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22

**Sat:** 1Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

**Sun:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21;  
Mt 2:13-15, 19-23





**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—Gerald Geditz

Sunday—Xavier Kadlec

Monday—Tanner Moore

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

**Church Decorating—All Help is Welcome**

**TODAY!!!! Please join us after Mass @ Holy Cross**

All Parishioners are invited to help us decorate the church **after mass** for Christmas.

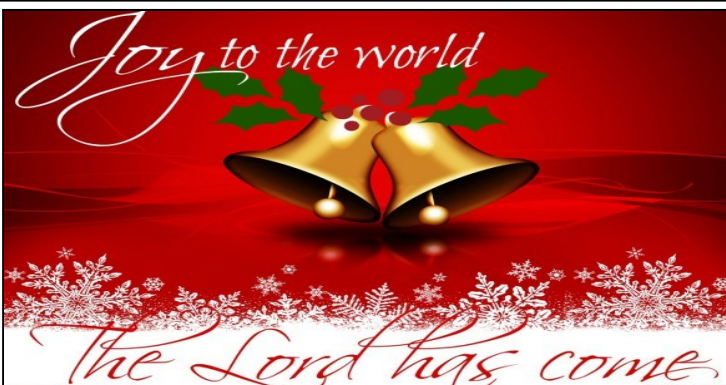


**Advent Baby Shower**

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!



## 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.

### 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.  
Classes will resume on January 7th.

### 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.

Classes will resume on January 11th.

Have a great Christmas Vacation

## HOLY CROSS RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



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

**No Classes till January 14th.**

**Have a great Christmas Vacation.**

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

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

**Next MS/HS Class is January 14th**

### 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)