

**December 28, 2025**  
**The Holy Family of Jesus,  
Mary and Joseph**



**Pastorate of the Visitation**

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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



Tis the season when we don't just flip a page on the calendar, we actually change the calendar.

And then there are the resolutions. Every year I join with everyone else and set some goals for myself, eat better, exercise more, go to bed and get up earlier, sometimes they work and mostly they don't.

But perhaps it would be good for us rethink our resolutions. Instead of focusing on something in us we may think is negative, how about if we thought about accentuating the positive?

What if we resolved in the new year to share more freely our laughter, our words of love, affection and appreciation, what if we shared our joy in the simple gift of being alive.

The world will take care of the negativity and grumpiness, we can add something beautiful and brighten someone's day...every day.

It is actually a beautiful way to evangelize and share the Gospel.

Each day, be with the Lord and let Him love you into life...and then share it with those you meet, family, friend and stranger alike. It makes a new year bright, and changes the world. Happy New Year!

### WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS: Dec 29-Jan 4

- MON:** Day of Rest—NO Daily Mass
- TUES:** 5:30 PM Ipswich - NO DAILY MASS
- WED:** **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God — Eve**  
5 PM Roscoe & Bowdle - All Mothers
- THURS:** **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**  
9 AM Ipswich - + Franklin & Dana Hammrich  
9 AM Leola - All Mothers
- FRI:** 9 AM Ipswich - + Kimberley Davis - Ambach
- SAT:** 5 PM Bowdle - + Vivian Malsam  
5 PM Roscoe - Those struggling in their faith
- SUN:** 9 AM Leola - All Married Couples  
11 AM Ipswich - + Jerry Markovetz

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

### Mary, Mother of God & Jan 3rd & 4th

#### BOWDLE — Saturday 5PM

Lector: Carrie Beadle  
Servers: Kaden Reuer  
Rosary: Stacy Preszler  
Sacristan: Norbert/Cathy Thomas  
EMHC: Norbert Thomas  
\$\$ Counters: Stacy P / Gloria S

Wed, Dec 31 @ 5PM  
Pat Dewald  
Isaiah & Jeremiah Heilman  
Margy Bobby  
M Bobby / M Zimmer  
Brooke Heilman  
Lori D / Carmen R

#### ROSCOE — Saturday 5PM

Lector: Melissa Sauer  
Servers: J Schmidt / C Ellwein  
Ushers: B Heyne & K Hoerner  
Rosary: Rose Heyne  
\$\$ Counters: W Grismer / C Heinz

Wed, Dec 31 @ 5PM  
Lori Hettick  
Adam & Seth Hettick  
W Grismer & B Heyne  
Phyllis Guthmiller  
J Fuhrmann / MJ Grismer

#### IPSWICH — Sunday 11AM

Lector: Tom Hammrich  
EMHC: Pam Holt  
Servers: G Kadlec, R Pietz, E Unser  
Ushers: R Petersen, S Heinz, R Braun, D Petersen  
Rosary: Kathy Thooft  
\$\$ Counters: J Thooft/P Petersen/P Holt

Thur, Jan 1 @ 9AM  
Peter Franck  
Lisa Franck  
Brooke Braun & Kaden Weig  
— S, G & T Braun  
Jessie Lacher  
N/A

#### LEOLA — Sunday 9AM

Lector: Pat Lapka  
Servers: Ella Kallas  
Ushers: Jack Geffre & Troy Millard  
Sacristan: Mary Schaunaman  
Rosary: Melissa Lapka  
\$\$ Counters: K Millard & J Kallas

Thur, Jan 1 @ 9AM  
Pat Lapka  
Fin Sieh  
Arden Sieh  
K Daly & K Millard



### Sacrificial Giving: December 20 & 21

**Holy Cross:** Collection: \$3668.25  
Christmas Flowers: \$70.00

**St. Thomas:** Collection: \$2006.00  
Christmas Flowers: \$100.00

**St. Augustine:** Collection: \$3710.00

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help:** Collection: \$751.00

Thank you for your continued Church Support!

### WEEKLY MASS READINGS: Dec 29-Jan 4

**Mon:** 1Jn 2:3-11; Lk 22-35

**Tues:** 1Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40

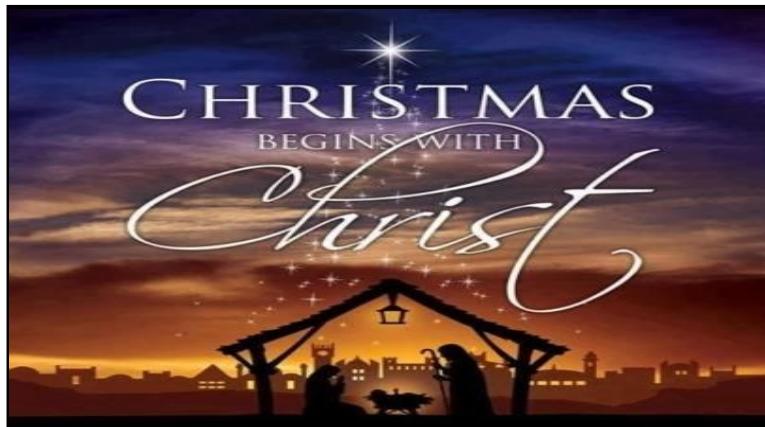
**Wed:** 1Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

**Thurs:** *Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God*  
Num 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

**Fri:** 1Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28

**Sat:** 1Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34

**Sun:** *The Epiphany of the Lord*  
Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



### Mass Times for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God:

**December 31st @ 5:00 PM**

St Augustine, Bowdle & St Thomas, Roscoe

**January 1st @ 9:00 AM**

Holy Cross, Ipswich & OLPH, Leola



### **Knights of Columbus**

#### **Football Raffle Winners:**

Here are the winners this week:

Thursday—David Jacquot

Sunday—Joey Ertz

Monday—Mitch Boesl

## **Gift of Hope Concert**

**FRIDAY**

**February 6**

**7:00 p.m.**

**ST. MICHAEL CHURCH**

**SIOUX FALLS**



**Get Tickets:**



**605-988-3701**

[ccfesd.org/events](http://ccfesd.org/events)

**FEATURING**  
**Matt Maher**



#### **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)

January 9 & 10, 2026

WINE: Catholic Women's Retreat  
*Wisdom from Women in Scripture*

**Speakers:**  
LeAnn Thieman  
Alyssa Bormes  
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.

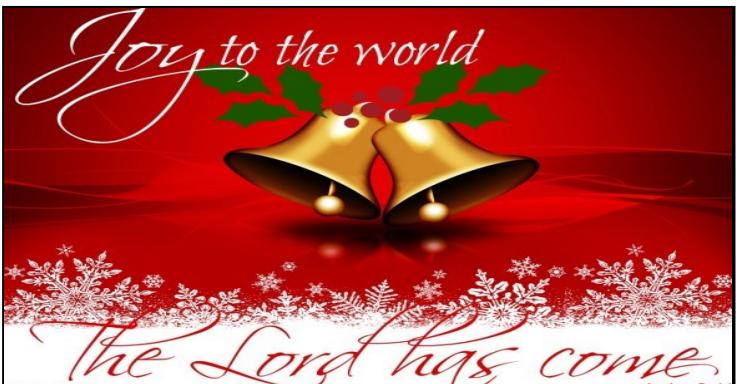
### **Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)**

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 605-971-4556.



### **Advent Baby Shower**

We invite you to participate in the annual Advent Baby Shower through December 28. Please bring NEW gifts including clothing, 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.

### January Church Cleaning:

Pat & Lori Dewald  
Tammy Lunders & Family  
Carmen Rohrbach



## 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

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)

## 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.



## 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).**