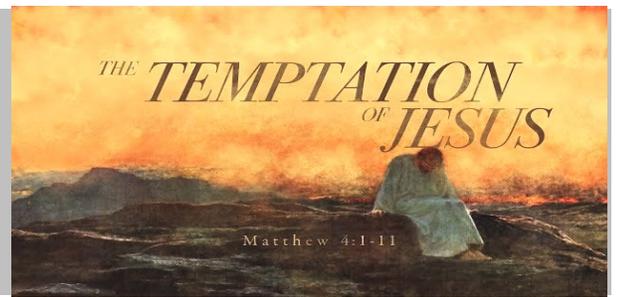


February 22, 2026
1st Sunday of Lent



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: 4:00pm - Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Leola
 Sunday: 10:00am - Holy Cross, Ipswich

Daily Mass:

Tuesday: 5:30pm - Holy Cross, Ipswich
 Wednesday: 9:00am - St. Augustine, Bowdle
 (1st Wed. at 10am @ Nursing Home)
 Thursday: 5:30pm - St. Thomas, Roscoe
 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:

St Anthony, Selby—4:00 pm
 St Joseph, Eureka—4:00 pm
 OLPH, Leola—6:00 pm
 St Joseph, Mobridge—6:00 pm

Sundays:

Holy Cross, Ipswich — 10:00 am
 St Joseph, Mobridge—10:00 am

Father Michael's Musings

Lent is a time in which the Church, guided by a sense of maternal care, invites us to place the mystery of God back in the center of our lives, in order to find renewal in our faith and keep our hearts from being consumed by the anxieties and distractions of daily life.

Every path towards conversion begins by allowing the word of God to touch our hearts and welcoming it with a docile spirit.

There is a relationship between the word, our acceptance of it and the transformation it brings about.

For this reason, the Lenten journey is a welcome opportunity to heed the voice of the Lord and renew our commitment to following Christ, accompanying him on the road to Jerusalem, where the mystery of his passion, death and resurrection will be fulfilled.

His Holiness Pope Leo XIV, Lenten Message 2026



WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS: Feb 23-March 1

- MON:** Day of Rest—NO Daily Mass
TUES: 5:30 PM Ipswich - For All Married Couples
WED: 7:30 PM Bowdle - + Cate Dominicak
THURS: 5:30 PM Roscoe - + Leonard Schmidt
FRI: 9 AM Ipswich - For the Youth of our Pastorate
SAT: 6 PM Leola - Bishop Donald DeGrood
SUN: 10 AM Ipswich - + Darwin Ulmer

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

February 28 & March 1

IPSWICH — Sunday 10AM

Lector: Tom Hammrich

EMHC: Pam Holt

Servers: Anna Nierman, Jaxon Holt, Jalyssa Hutson

Ushers: R Petersen, T Braun, S Braun, G Braun

Rosary: Suzanne Semmler

\$\$ Counters: E&D Gillick & D&L Heinz

LEOLA — Saturday 6PM

Lector: Troy Millard

Servers: Ethan Petrich

March Ushers: Ron Geffre & Arden Sieh

Sacristan: Mary Schaunaman

Rosary: Mary Schaunaman

\$\$ Counters: Kelli Millard & Kayla Daly

Holy Cross Ministry Schedules

Ministry schedules have been emailed last week for month of March, if you need a physical copy they are in the back of the church on the bulletin board. Please call

Tami in the Parish Office at 605-971-4556

if there are any concerns.



Sacrificial Giving: February 15, 2026

Holy Cross: Collection: \$3389.00
Restoration: \$160.00

St. Thomas: Collection: \$498.05

St. Augustine: Collection: \$270.00

Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Collection: \$1161.00

Thank you for your continued Church Support!

WEEKLY MASS READINGS: Feb 23-March 1

Mon: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46

Tues: Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15

Wed: Jon3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32

Thurs: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12

Fri: Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26

Sat: Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48

Sun: Gen 12:1-4a; 2Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9



Last Collar Standing –

Watch Today!!!

The 7th Annual Last Collar Standing game show airs TODAY Sunday, Feb. 22 3-5 p.m. on our YouTube page. Check it out and support them if you can.

Women Foresters Annual Towel Drive

The Annual Towel collection is being held during Lent. Please donate New or gently used towels, shampoo, conditioner, body soap, kitchen soap or laundry soap. All donations will be taken to the Women’s Resource Center in Aberdeen to be given to all who come in needing help. Your donation can be put in the blue tote in the back of the Church. Thank You, Women Foresters, Carol Bosanko—Secretary

The Angel Tree Thank You

I apologize for the delay in acknowledging your kindness. Thank you so much for donating to the Angel Tree. Your much needed and appreciated donations went to the Department of Social Services/Child Protective Services that serves our area.

A huge thank you to the Knights of Columbus for providing multiple boxes of new coats, and your additional donation of \$500, which was used to shop for multiple kids, from toddlers to high school age, in hopes of making their Christmas a little brighter.

Thank you again for your kindness.

Your generosity does not go unnoticed.

New Mass Schedule Reminder:



Saturday: 4pm—St Joseph—Eureka
St Anthony – Selby
6pm—Our Lady of Perpetual Help—Leola
St Joseph—Mobridge

Sunday: 10am—Holy Cross—Ipswich
St Joseph—Mobridge

The **NEW weekday mass schedule** will be:

St. Augustine, Bowdle

Wednesday: 9:00 am

Holy Cross, Ipswich

Tuesday: 5:30 pm
Friday: 9:00 am

St. Michael, Herreid

Wednesday: 5:00 pm
Friday: 5:00 pm

St. Thomas, Roscoe

Thursday: 5:30 pm

St. Anthony, Selby

Thursday, 5:00 pm

St. Joseph, Mobridge

Tuesday: 5:30 pm
Wednesday: 8:00 am
Friday: 5:30 pm

Rice Bowls are Available

Answering Jesus’ Invitation Through CRS Rice Bowl
Pick up your Rice Bowl today after mass to help those who are experiencing life-threatening levels of hunger & malnutrition. Please fill the bowls throughout Lent and then return the filled Rice Bowls on Easter Sunday.



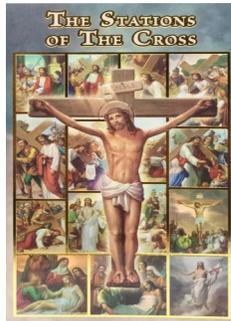
FISH FRY
FRIDAYS
February 20, March 6, March 20
Serving 5:00 - 6:30 pm

Father Bormann Hall
Ipswich, SD
All you can eat fish.
Grilled cheese option available.
Free will offering.

Brought to you by the
Holy Cross Knights of Columbus
Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm

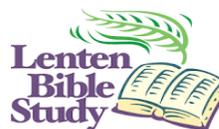
Stations of the Cross

- Feb. 20 - Ipswich 7pm
- Feb. 27 - Leola 6pm
- Mar. 6 - Ipswich 7pm
- Mar. 13 - Roscoe 6pm
- Mar. 20 - Ipswich 7pm
- Mar. 27 - Bowdle 6pm



Confessions will be offered following Stations.

The Stations of the Cross booklets will be out in all parishes throughout Lent, to encourage you to pray them on your own. **Please note, if your parish doesn’t have a scheduled Stations of the Cross, you are welcome to have someone lead them in your parish.



Lenten Bible Study

Starting **March 1st**, after the **10AM Mass @ Holy Cross**

All are welcome to join us after Mass on Sundays at Holy Cross for our Lenten Bible Study in the Holy Cross Multi-Purpose Room. Join us for a deep dive into Prayer & the first 3 Chapters of Genesis.

Saint Augustine Parish—Bowdle

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

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.

March Church Cleaning:

Jeanne Bieber
Margy Bobby
Travis & Stacy Preszler

Saint Thomas the Apostle—Roscoe

Mass Times: Thursday 5:30pm
Please note the Daily Mass time and day change!!

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

Religious Education/CCD: 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)

Next Meeting will be on March 16th.



Our Lady of Perpetual Help—Leola

Mass times: Saturday at 6:00pm
Please note the time and day change!!!

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 after the Saturday Evening Mass for Religious Education. 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.

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

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

Next MS/HS Class is February 25th

PRAYER CORNER:

Please remember in your prayers:



Dolly Anderson, 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.

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