

**March 1, 2026**  
**2nd Sunday of Lent**



**Pastorate of the Visitation**

<p><b>HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH</b>                  20 6TH ST                  PO BOX 67                  IPSWICH, SD 57451                  ipswich.holycross@sfcatholic.org                  www.holycrossipswich.org</p>	<p><b>SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE</b>                  605 N. ANDREW ST.                  ROSCOE, SD 57471                  roscoe.stthomas@sfcatholic.org                  www.stthomasroscoe.org</p>	<p><b>ST AUGUSTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH</b>                  3023 3RD AVE                  BOWDLE, SD 57428                  staug@venturecomm.net                  www.staugustinebowdle.com</p>	<p><b>OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP</b>                  1000 N MAIN ST                  LEOLA, SD 57456                  leola.olph@sfcatholic.org</p>
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**Holy Cross Parish Office:**

**Hours: Tuesday - Friday 9am - Noon**

**Office Phone: 605-971-4556**

**Weekend Mass:**

Saturday: 4:00pm - St Joseph, Eureka  
 6:00pm - 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



A few weeks ago, I was reading an article about the “epidemic of loneliness” afflicting our society.

Men and women are finding themselves more and more alone. The cause is pretty simple, I suppose, there is so much focus, as adults, on career, immediate family, sports, extra-curriculars, practices, events and other things that most people have little time for friends.

Then, the kids grow up and move out, perhaps a spouse dies, and we find that friends have long since slipped away.

Thus, loneliness.

Lent is a wonderful time to reach out and honor the gift of friends in your life. Send them a text (or respond to a text you have received), give a call, or, in the spirit of Lent, sacrifice some time (maybe a practice time) to just be with a friend.

Friendship is a supple relationship, it can withstand a great deal that would crush a marriage, but it is not indestructible; like all living things, it needs some time and attention. This is the time of grace to honor those relationships the Lord has given us as gifts.

We are not built to be alone, reach out and give glory to the Lord who calls us “friends.”

### WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS: March 2-8

- MON:** Day of Rest—NO Daily Mass  
**TUES:** 5:30 PM Ipswich - + Jerry Markovetz  
**WED:** 10:00 AM Bowdle - @ BNH + Verna Bobby  
**THURS:** 5:30 PM Roscoe - + Sebastian Scherr  
**FRI:** 9 AM Ipswich - Parishioners of the Pastorate  
**SAT:** 6 PM Leola - + Don & Emma Gillick  
**SUN:** 10 AM Ipswich - + Wayne Braun

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

March 7 & 8

### IPSWICH — Sunday 10AM

Lector: Gracyn Kadlec  
EMHC: Suzanne Semmler  
Servers: Jaxen Jager, Olivia Kadlec, Emri Braun  
Ushers: S Heinz, D Petersen, T Pietz  
Rosary: Kathy Thooft  
\$\$ Counters: D&K Bauer & G&K Braun

### LEOLA — Saturday 6PM

Lector: Pat Lapka  
Servers: Ella Kallas  
March Ushers: Ron Geffre & Arden Sieh  
Sacristan: Melissa Lapka  
Rosary: Melissa Lapka  
\$\$ Counters: Jodi Kallas & Kelli Millard

### 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 22, 2026

Holy Cross: Collection: \$2946.00  
Restoration: \$400.00

St. Thomas: Collection: \$660.00

St. Augustine: Collection: \$510.00

Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Collection: \$935.00

Thank you for your continued Church Support!

### WEEKLY MASS READINGS: March 2-8

- Mon:** Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38  
**Tues:** Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12  
**Wed:** Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28  
**Thurs:** Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31  
**Fri:** Gen 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46  
**Sat:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
**Sun:** Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42

### Mass Intentions:

Mass Intentions are still being taken for all parishes, please send your requests to Holy Cross (PO Box 67 Ipswich, SD 57451), with your parish preference noted, Mass Intention Name (Deceased or Alive) and your name and contact information. Many mass intentions are available in the parishes.

### 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

## A Lenten Reflection...

Give up complaining; focus on gratitude  
Give up harsh judgments; think kindly thoughts  
Give up worry; trust divine Providence  
Give up discouragement; be full of hope  
Give up bitterness; turn to forgiveness  
Give up hatred; return good for evil  
Give up negativism; be positive  
Give up pettiness; become mature  
Give up jealousy; pray for trust



### 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

### New Mass Schedule Reminder:



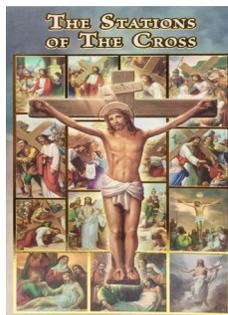
**Saturday:** 4pm—St Joseph—Eureka  
St Anthony – Selby  
6pm—Our Lady of Perpetual Help—Leola  
St Joseph—Mobridge

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

The NEW weekday mass schedule will be:

<b><u>St. Augustine, Bowdle</u></b> Wednesday: 9:00 am	<b><u>St. Thomas, Roscoe</u></b> Thursday: 5:30 pm
<b><u>Holy Cross, Ipswich</u></b> Tuesday: 5:30 pm Friday: 9:00 am	<b><u>St. Anthony, Selby</u></b> Thursday, 5:00 pm
<b><u>St. Michael, Herreid</u></b> Wednesday: 5:00 pm Friday: 5:00 pm	<b><u>St. Joseph, Mobridge</u></b> Tuesday: 5:30 pm Wednesday: 8:00 am Friday: 5:30 pm

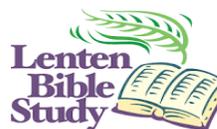
### Stations of the Cross



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 every Wednesday night 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

We sincerely apologize for the miscommunication that occurred last Saturday for Mass in Eureka. We were unaware of any changes, but please know we will correct this issue for the future.

**Please note that Mass in Eureka is Saturdays at 4pm.**



## 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.

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: Thursday 5:30pm

**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

**Stations of the Cross:** Next Wednesday, March 4th at 4:30pm, we will have Stations of the Cross at St Thomas, led by Fr Cone. All parishioners are welcome to join. Please spread the word and let's fill the church. Also, **Friday, March 13th at 7pm**, we will be hosting Stations and Confessions.

**Catholic Daughters of America (CDA)**  
Next Meeting will be on March 16th.



## 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 March 11th**

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