

**March 15, 2026**  
**4th 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)

**Daily Masses in Pastorate:**

St Anthony-Selby—Thursday 5pm  
 St. Michael, Herreid—Wednesday 5pm & Friday 5pm  
 St. Joseph, Mobridge—Tues 5:30 pm; Wed 8:00 am & Fri 5:30 pm

**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  
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**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



At the half-way point of our Lenten journey, let us listen to the beautiful words of Our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV:

Dear friends, let us ask for the grace of a Lent that leads us to greater attentiveness to God and to the least among us. Let us ask for the strength that comes from the type of fasting that also extends to our use of language, so that hurtful words may diminish and give way to a greater space for the voice of others.

Let us strive to make our communities places where the cry of those who suffer finds welcome, and listening opens paths towards liberation, making us ready and eager to contribute to building a civilization of love.

I impart my heartfelt blessing upon all of you and your Lenten journey.

### WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS: March 16-22

- MON:** Day of Rest—NO Daily Mass  
**TUES:** 5:30 PM Ipswich - NO Mass—Chrism Mass  
**WED:** 9:00 AM Bowdle - NO Mass—Chrism Mass  
**THURS:** 5:30 PM Roscoe - + Alan Schmidt  
**FRI:** 9 AM Ipswich - + Bill Reinschmidt  
**SAT:** 6 PM Leola - + Pat Schaffner  
**SUN:** 10 AM Ipswich - + John & Bettie Geditz family

## **LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES** March 21 & 22

### **IPSWICH — Sunday 10AM**

Lector: Cheryl Vogel  
EMHC: Bryce Nash  
Servers: Bailey Heintzman, Lane Braun, Riley Pietz  
Ushers: P Franck, D Petersen, T Pietz, S Heinz  
Rosary: Koinonia  
\$\$ Counters: M&M Petersen, P Petersen, D Petersen

### **LEOLA — Saturday 6PM**

Lector: Traci Kallas  
Servers: Fin Sieh  
March Ushers: Ron Geffre & Arden Sieh  
Sacristan: Mary Schaunaman  
Rosary: Mary Schaunaman  
\$\$ Counters: Melvin Kessler & Layne Lux

### **Holy Cross Ministers**

If you haven't done so, please reach out to Tami regarding your availability during Holy Week. She would like to have the schedule done by Friday this week. Please call Tami in the Parish Office at 605-971-4556.



### **Sacrificial Giving: March 7 & 8, 2026**

**Holy Cross:** Collection: \$3378.25  
Restoration: \$230.00  
Easter Flowers: \$90.00

**St. Thomas:** Collection: \$270.00

**St. Augustine:** Collection: \$200.00

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help:** Collection: \$1357.00

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

### **WEEKLY MASS READINGS: March 16-22**

- Mon:** Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54  
**Tues:** Ez 47:1-2, 12; Jn 5:1-16  
**Wed:** Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30  
**Thurs: Solemnity of St Joseph:** 2Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a  
**Fri:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
**Sat:** Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53  
**Sun:** Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45



### Catholic Family Sharing Appeal 2026

The Catholic Family Sharing Appeal - 2026 is a great act of generosity, it is our opportunity to participate in the Church beyond our parish limits. Thank you for your generosity and continued support. Every gift, regardless of the size, is important to the success of CFSA-2026 and the many ministries it supports. Please consider financially contributing, simply drop off your pledge card in the collection basket or mail it to Holy Cross. If you have not received a pledge card, please let the parish office know. Below you will see the Goal for each parish and where we are to reach it.

Parish:	CFSA Goal:	Pledge Amts:
<b>Holy Cross—Ipswich:</b>	<b>\$39,000</b>	\$12,476.00
<b>St Thomas—Roscoe:</b>	<b>\$13,000</b>	\$5,800.00
<b>St Augustine—Bowdle:</b>	<b>\$12,500</b>	\$3,295.00
<b>OLPH—Leola:</b>	<b>\$12,000</b>	\$2,435.00

Thank you for your generosity and pledges received to meet our Goals for 2026.



### Potluck

### Pastorate Potluck

Everyone is welcome.

**Pastorate Potluck at St Thomas—Roscoe on Thursday April 9th after the 5:30pm Daily Mass.**

Bring your family and enjoy Daily Mass and some community building....and great food.

### Koinonia Meeting

There will be a Koinonia meeting on Sunday, March 22 from 2-4pm in the Multi-Purpose Room at Holy Cross.

### LIVING STATIONS—Hoven



The Hoven High School classes will present the Living Stations of the Cross on **Wednesday, April 1st @ 7:00pm** in St. Anthony's Church. The portrayal of the Way of the Cross is an excellent way to meditate on the loving, sacrificial act of Christ's love for the sake of the world. We would love for students, teachers, parents, etc., to all attend.

### TREASURE HUT 1/2 PRICE SALE

219 Main Street ~ Hoven, SD

Saturday, March 14th 9am – 4pm

Monday, March 16th – Saturday, March 21st 9am – 4pm

Monday, March 23rd - Saturday, March 28th 9am – 4pm

Closed March 30th – April 4th, Open Monday, April 6th @ 9am

For each \$10 purchase, your name will be put in for a drawing for one of two \$25 gift certificates to the Treasure Hut!!

### 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.

### Knights of Columbus

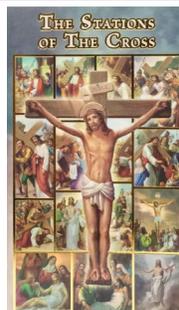
### Holy Cross Fish Fry



Join us at Holy Cross for our last Fish Fry this Lent on **March 20th from 5:00-6:30pm**

All you can eat Fish (Grilled Cheese option is also available). Free Will offering.

**Stations of the Cross following at 7pm**



### Stations of the Cross

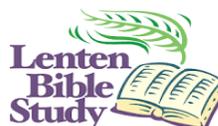
Mar. 20 - Ipswich 7pm

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

Join us after the

**10AM Mass @ Holy Cross**

on Sundays 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:

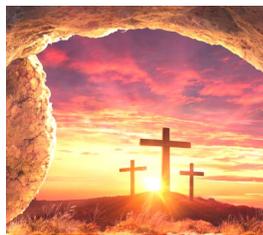
An opportunity for silent prayer every Wednesday night from 6:30-7:30pm to pray for an increase in vocations and conversions. All parishes are welcome.

### March Church Cleaning:

Jeanne Bieber  
Margy Bobby  
Travis & Stacy Preszler



Here is the Schedule for  
2026 Holy Week:



### Holy Thursday

7pm St Augustine - Bowdle

### Good Friday

12 pm St Thomas - Roscoe  
3 pm Holy Cross - Ipswich

### Easter Vigil

8 pm Holy Cross - Ipswich

### Easter Sunday

8 am St Augustine - Bowdle  
8 am OLPH - Leola  
10 am Holy Cross - Ipswich  
10 am St Thomas - Roscoe



## 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

### Catholic Daughters of America (CDA)

Next Meeting will be on March 16th.

## Our Lady of Perpetual Help—Leola

Mass times: Saturday at 6:00pm

### 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.

### Mass Intentions:

Please mail your intentions to Holy Cross  
PO Box 67, Ipswich, SD 57451 or put in the collection basket. Please note the Parish preference, Mass Intention Name (Deceased or Alive) and your Name and contact information. There are many openings for Daily and Sunday Masses available.

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)



## HOLY CROSS RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Please contact Deidre Kadlec at 605-290-4593 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 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](mailto:ipswich.holycross@sfcatholic.org).