

**April 19, 2026**  
**3rd Sunday of Easter**



**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  
 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**

*"...how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread." (Lk. 24:35)*



Have you ever wondered, "Why bread?" Why did bread become the sign of the Passover, why did bread fall from heaven in Manna, why did Jesus give us His Body and Blood under the veil of bread?

There is evidence of bread making as early as 14,000 BC (to give you a time frame, that is 4,000 years before the first domestication of cats).

Since the dawning of the Neolithic age, bread has been our constant companion and the first and most important processed food in history.

It is an expression of life, of survival, of home (to be honest, you can't really grow wheat if you're a nomad), and it soon became an expression of hospitality, friendship and love (even the word "companion" I used above means "with bread," someone you share bread with...we get the word "company" from it as well).

Bread is vital, holy, beautiful and so deeply embedded in every civilization that its sheer universality makes it a powerful symbol of the unity of the human family. We are all, literally, companions of one another.

When Jesus bid us to love one another, He took bread in His hands and gave us that love, broken, bloody, risen, beautiful. Hold bread in your hands, look at it, ponder its history and meaning, and then eat with a grateful heart, as billions and billions have done before you.

Then, when you come to Mass, and we offer to God this gift, and by the words of Jesus and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit it becomes His Son Incarnate, broken, bloody, risen and beautiful, you will remember why.

### **WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS: April 20-26**

**MON:** Day of Rest—NO Daily Mass  
**TUES:** 5:30 PM Ipswich - + Paul & Clara Clement  
**WED:** 9:00 AM Bowdle - + Steve Barbera  
**THURS:** 5:30 PM Roscoe - + Alan Schmidt  
**FRI:** 9:00 AM Ipswich - National Catholic Society of Foresters  
**SAT:** 6:00 PM Leola - +Janice Malsom  
**SUN:** 10 AM Ipswich - + Gertrude Gauer

## **LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES**

**April 25 & 26, 2026**

### **IPSWICH — Sunday 10:00 AM**

Lector: Gracy Kadlec  
EMHC: Bryce Nash  
Servers: Isabella Galbraith, Rayna Pietz, Adelyn Pollock  
Ushers: S Heinz, B Wagner, R Petersen, T Pietz  
Rosary: Loretta Reinschmidt  
\$\$ Counters: D&L Heinz; R&L Ochsner

### **LEOLA — Saturday 6:00 PM**

Lector: Kelli Millard  
Servers: Ella Kallas  
April Ushers: Sid Feickert & Lance Feickert  
Sacristan: Mary Schaunaman  
Rosary: Mary Schaunaman  
\$\$ Counters: LeAnn Lux & Denise Brandner



### **Sacrificial Giving: April 12, 2026**



**Holy Cross:** Collection: \$3856.61  
Restoration: \$50.00  
**St. Thomas:** Collection: \$0  
**St. Augustine:** Collection: \$0  
**Our Lady of Perpetual Help:**  
Collection: \$1040.00

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

### **WEEKLY MASS READINGS: April 20-26**

**MON:** Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29  
**TUES:** Acts 7:51-8:1a; Jn 6:30-35  
**WED:** Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40  
**THURS:** Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51  
**FRI:** Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59  
**SAT:** 1Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20  
**SUN:** Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10



## 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:
Holy Cross—Ipswich:	\$39,000	\$35,101.00
St Thomas—Roscoe:	\$13,000	\$10,950.00
St Augustine—Bowdle:	\$12,500	\$7,020 .00
OLPH—Leola:	\$12,000	\$8,775.00

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







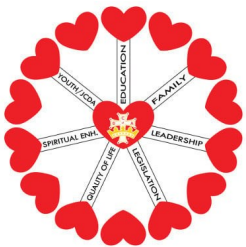
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## Catholic Daughters of the Americas



Are you a Catholic woman looking for a way to promote justice, quality of life and spiritual enhancement?

Check out the website [www.catholicdaughters.org](http://www.catholicdaughters.org) to learn more about CDA and our Circle of Love.



## Saint Bernadette Soubirous

### Feast Day - April 16th

Bernadette Soubirous was born in 1844, the first child of an extremely poor miller in Lourdes, France. The family was living in the basement of a dilapidated building when on February 11, 1858, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to Bernadette in a cave above the banks of the Gave River near Lourdes. Bernadette, 14 years old, was known as a virtuous girl though a dull student who had not even made her first Holy Communion. In poor health, she had suffered from asthma from an early age.

There were 18 appearances in all, the final one occurring on the feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, July 16. Although Bernadette's initial reports provoked skepticism, her daily visions of "the Lady" brought great crowds of the curious. The Lady, Bernadette explained, had instructed her to have a chapel built on the spot of the visions. There, the people were to come to wash in and drink of the water of the spring that had welled up from the very spot where Bernadette had been instructed to dig.

According to Saint Bernadette Soubirous, the Lady of her visions was a girl of 16 or 17 who wore a white robe with a blue sash. Yellow roses covered her feet, a large rosary was on her right arm. In the vision on March 25 she told Bernadette, "I am the Immaculate Conception." It was only when the words were explained to her that she came to realize who the Lady was.

Few visions have ever undergone the scrutiny that these appearances of the Immaculate Virgin were subject to. Lourdes became one of the most popular Marian shrines in the world. After thorough investigation, Church authorities confirmed the authenticity of the apparitions in 1862.

During her life, she was hounded by the public and civic officials until at last she was protected in a convent of nuns. Five years later, she petitioned to enter the Sisters of Notre Dame of Nevers. After a period of illness she was able to make the journey from Lourdes and enter the novitiate. But within 4 months of her arrival she was given the last rites of the Church and allowed to profess her vows. She recovered enough to become infirmarian and then sacristan, but chronic health issues persisted. She died on April 16, 1879, at the age of 35.

Bernadette Soubirous was canonized in 1933.

### Reminder:

If you are from St Thomas or St Augustine (or going that way), please check the back of the church for the designated parish bulletins and take them to the parish. This allows for the bulletins to get there faster for the parishioners.

## 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.

### April Church Cleaning:

Rosemary Sandmeier  
Maria Sandmeier  
Gloria Sukut

## 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 April 20th

## 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.

The HEAVY tables from the Parish Center are being offered for a free-will donation to those who'd like some.

### 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)

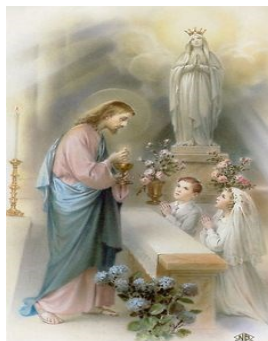
### 1st Communion

Join us in celebrating these youth in receiving their 1st Communion this weekend, April 18 & 19.

Reception following hosted by Knight of Columbus.

### Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Raylon Kappes  
Hadley Daly



### Holy Cross

Elmer Braum  
Steven Geditz  
Zander Geditz  
Conner Heinz  
Archer Hoyle  
Everly Kadlec  
Finley Kruse  
Parker Opsahl  
Taylin Schlosser



St Thomas on Thursday April 23rd at 5:30pm  
Reception Meal following hosted by Altar Society  
Lily Spears

All are welcome to join us at these receptions.



### 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 April 22nd**

**\*\*End of Year Potluck is on April 29th\*\***



### PRAYER CORNER:

Please remember in your prayers:



Dorothy Daly, Glen Geffre, 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).