

May 10, 2026
6th Sunday of Easter

If you love Me, keep My commandments.
 JOHN 14:15



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 - 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

So I had to authorize the cutting down of a tree in front of the church in Mobridge this past week, it was getting old and dangerous and needed to be done, but it made me sad.



As I listened to the saws and the cracks and the thunderous downfall, I thought of the poem by Joyce Kilmer:

I think that I shall never see
A poem lovely as a tree.
A tree whose hungry mouth is prest
Against the earth's sweet flowing breast;
A tree that looks at God all day,
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;
A tree that may in Summer wear
A nest of robins in her hair;
Upon whose bosom snow has lain;
Who intimately lives with rain.
Poems are made by fools like me,
But only God can make a tree.

So, before the men began their work, I took a few moments with the tree, to pray in gratitude to God for the gift of it, and to thank the tree for its many decades of shade and beauty; gratitude offered on behalf of our parishioners, and on behalf of the birds and squirrels who played on it, and for the dogs who sniffed it and left marks of greeting to other pups by its roots. It is an empty space now where beauty once stood, but in that empty space there is a reminder to have gratitude to God for all the beauty that sustains us in this life, to not let it simply pass by. There is so much to remind us of how loved we are.
Why? Because, only God can make a tree.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS: May 11-17

MON: Day of Rest—NO Daily Mass
TUES: 5:30 PM Ipswich - All Mothers & Women
WED: 10:00 AM Bowdle - + Tate Kaiser
THURS: 5:30 PM Roscoe - + Alan Malsom
FRI: 9:00 AM Ipswich - + Fr Roger Geditz
SAT: 6:00 PM Leola - + Pat Gillick
SUN: 10 AM Ipswich - + Deceased Linderman Family

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

May 16 & 17, 2026

Ascension Sunday

IPSWICH — Sunday 10:00 AM

Lector: Gracyn Kadlec (Readings are May 14th)
EMHC: Pam Holt
Servers: Mahlia Kadlec, Bristol Holt, Jaxon Holt
Ushers: B Wagner, R Braun, T Hammrich, S Braun
Rosary: Suzanne Semmler
\$\$ Counters: J Tooft, P Petersen, P Holt, R Braun

LEOLA — Saturday 6:00 PM

Lector: Pat Lapka (Readings are May 14th)
Servers:
May Ushers: Mike Kallas & Lloyd Schaunaman
Sacristan: Mary Schaunaman
Rosary: Mary Schaunaman
\$\$ Counters: Launa Feickert & Mona Kallas



Sacrificial Giving: April 19, 2026



Holy Cross: Collection: \$5941.50
Restoration: \$50.00
St. Thomas: Collection: \$560.00
St. Augustine: Collection: \$770.00
Our Lady of Perpetual Help:
Collection: \$1421.00

Thank you for your continued Church Support!

WEEKLY MASS READINGS: May 11-17

MON: Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26-16:4a
TUES: Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11
WED: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Jn 16:12-15
THURS: Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20
FRI: Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23
SAT: Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28
SUN: Acts 1:12-14; 1Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a



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	\$8,975.00

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



“Holy Face Chapel” Monastery of Our Mother of Mercy & St Joseph....Alexandria, SD

The Carmelite Nuns at the Monastery in Alexandria, SD feel called to honor the Holy Face of Jesus and to build this new Chapel. Please consider donating to help them or reading more about their mission. Visit www.holyfacechapel.org for more information and to donate.

St Joseph, Eureka Mass Time Changed for May 23/24

Due to a scheduled use of the hall made before the recent Mass changes... On the weekend of May 23/24, Mass at St. Joseph, Eureka will be celebrated on **Sunday, May 24 at 8:30 am.** Sorry for any inconvenience this causes you. Thanks for understanding.



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Open Positions in the Diocese

Would you like to put your talents to work for the Diocese of Sioux Falls? We're looking for good Catholics to join our teams. A variety of positions are available at parishes, schools and the Chancery. Go to sfcatholic.hireclick.com/jobboard to see the many opportunities available!

Catholic Daughters of the Americas



“Did you know South Dakota CDA supports the House of Mary Shrine, which was featured in the March Bishop’s Bulletin? Go to cdasouthdakota.com to learn more about what CDA does in South Dakota!”
Join us for our next meeting on May 18th at St Thomas—Roscoe



Bulletins for Bowdle & Roscoe 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.

May Church Cleaning:

Mary Zimmer
Norbert & Cathy Thomas
Maria Aman

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 May 18th

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), your Name & your phone #.

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



Congratulations to our all the Ipswich & Leola Graduates!!

“The Lord goes before you; he will be with you and will never fail you or forsake you. So do not fear or be dismayed.” Deuteronomy 31:8

“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11

Please continue to pray for these students beginning their next journey in this wonderful life.



HOLY CROSS RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Please contact Deidre Kadlec at 605-290-4593 about RE at Holy Cross.

Classes have ended, but please watch the bulletin for upcoming summer activities.

PRAYER CORNER:

Please remember in your prayers:



Duane Schmidt, Nancy Lee, Jordan Mitzel, Ellie Heintzman, Dorothy Daly, Glen Geffre, Dolly Anderson, Lisa Rye, Mary Habek Geditz, Nancy Hamrlich, 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.