

August 16, 2026
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Pastorate of the Visitation

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Holy Cross Parish Office:

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Office Phone: 605-971-4556

Weekend Mass:

Saturday: 5:00pm - St Joseph, Eureka

Sunday: 8:00am - Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Leola
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**

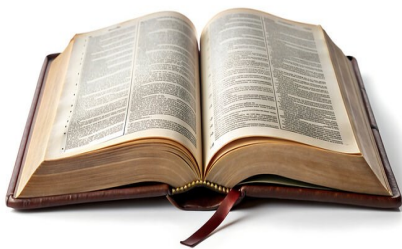
Saturdays:

St Anthony, Selby—4:00 pm
St Joseph, Eureka—5:00 pm
St Joseph, Mobridge—6:00pm

Sundays:

OLPH, Leola—8:00 am
Holy Cross, Ipswich — 10:00 am
St Joseph, Mobridge—10:00 am

Father Michael's Musings



How do we pray with Sacred Scripture? As school begins, it might be wise for us to challenge ourselves to dwell more deeply in the gift of Sacred Scripture.

Usually, we think this means a Bible study...but even more valuable is Bible prayer time. The Catholic Bishops of the United States give us this beautiful way to pray with the Scriptures and to be nourished by God's Word:

Spiritual reading of Sacred Scripture, especially the Gospels, is an important form of meditation. This spiritual reading is traditionally called *lectio divina* or divine reading.

Lectio divina is prayer over the Scriptures.

1. The first element of this type of prayer is reading (lectio): you take a short passage from the Bible, preferably a Gospel passage and read it carefully, perhaps three or more times.

Let it really soak-in.

2. The second element is meditation (meditatio): By using your imagination enter into the Biblical scene in order to "see" the setting, the people, and the unfolding action. It is through this meditation that you encounter the text and discover its meaning for your life.

3. The next element is prayer (oratio) or your personal response to the text: asking for graces, offering praise or thanksgiving, seeking healing or forgiveness. In this prayerful engagement with the text, you open yourself up to the possibility of contemplation.

4. Contemplation (contemplatio) is a gaze turned toward Christ and the things of God. By God's action of grace, you may be raised above meditation to a state of seeing or experiencing the text as mystery and reality.

In contemplation, you come into an experiential contact with the One behind and beyond the text.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

August 23, 2026

LEOLA — Sunday 8:00 AM

Lector: Traci Kappes
August Ushers: Layne Lux & Jerome Mack
Sacristan: Melissa Lapka
Rosary: Arden Sieh
\$\$ Counters: Sid Feickert & Candice Kappes

IPSWICH — Sunday 10:00 AM

Lector: Tom Hammrich
EMHC: Suzanne Semmler
Servers: Edison Unser; Riley Pietz; Olivia Kadlec
Ushers: G Braun, S Heinz, R Braun, S Kulesa
Rosary: Jessie Lacher
\$\$ Counters: G&K Braun, D&K Bauer



Sacrificial Giving: August 8 & 9, 2026



Holy Cross: Collection: \$5152.00
Restoration: \$100.00
St. Thomas: Collection: \$360.00
St. Augustine: Collection: \$405.00
Our Lady of Perpetual Help:
Collection: \$1003.00

Thank you for your continued Church Support!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS: August 17-23

MON: Day of Rest—NO Daily Mass

TUES: 5:30 PM Ipswich - NO MASS

WED: 9:00 AM Bowdle - NO MASS

THURS: 5:30 PM Roscoe - NO MASS

FRI: 9:00 AM Ipswich - NO MASS

SUN: 8:00 AM Leola - + George and Lucille Geffre

SUN: 10:00 AM Ipswich - + Dana Hammrich

WEEKLY MASS READINGS: August 17-23

MON: Ez 24:15-23; Mt 19:16-22

TUES: Ez 28:1-10; Mt 19:23-30

WED: Ez 34:1-11; Mt 20:1-16

THURS: Ez 36:23-28; Mt 22:1-14

FRI: Ez 37:1-14; Mt 22:34-40

SAT: Ez 43:1-7ab; Mt 23:1-12

SUN: Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

Confirmation

Sunday, August 30th @ 2pm
St Augustine, Bowdle

There are 15 youth that will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year at St Augustine from our Pastorate. Please pray for these youth as they prepare to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Becca Batie
Levi Beadle
Emery Geditz
Ava Gonska
Lindsey Hoerner
Brentley Holt
Jerzi Miller
Elaina Morales
Kaden Reuer
Hayden Schlosser
Stetson Weigel



**BE
FILLED
WITH THE
HOLY - SPIRIT**

MINISTRY DRIVE!

There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church for anyone that would like to be added to the regular Liturgical Minister rotation at Holy Cross. This includes anyone who would like to be: Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Money Counters or Rosary Leaders. We are also adding Gift Bearers, as a new ministry, so if you as a family would like to bring up the gifts at offertory (usually 3-4 people needed) please join us in helping. Please prayerfully consider being a part of the Liturgy. We joyfully welcome those joining our rotation from other parishes within the Pastorate of the Visitation. If you have questions or want more info, please call the Parish Office at 605-971-4556. There will be a short training for all helping with these Ministries. Date and time to be determined.



Catholic Daughters of the Americas



CDA Court St. Katharine Drexel #2516 supports our parishes' youth, helping them to attend faith filled summer camps! Join us for our next meeting on Monday, September 21 at 7pm at St. Thomas in Roscoe to learn more about the work we do.

Episcopal Anniversary Blessings **from Bishop DeGrood**



Bishop Degrood personally

bestowed his Episcopal Blessing on each of the following couples. They will receive a parchment formally documenting his blessing, offered in recognition of their faithful witness to the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony and their enduring commitment to Christ & His Church.

We are honored to acknowledge these significant anniversaries. The following couples can pick up their parchments from the parish office or arrange for another delivery by calling Tami at 605-971-4556.

David & Teri Geditz for 25 years of Marriage
Jim & Melissa Goebel for 25 years of Marriage
Troy & Wendi Weig for 25 years of Marriage
Joseph & Kathy Thooft for 50 years of Marriage
Dwain & Susan Schwan for 50 years of Marriage
Marvin & Judy Seyer for 60 years of Marriage

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. Thank you



Altar Server Training

For those students wanting to be an Altar Server or want to get more training, join us **Wednesday, August 26th at 7:00 pm** at Holy Cross Church for an Altar Server Training.

This is open to all students in 5th through 12th grade that would like to serve at Holy Cross. If you are new to the parish, need a refresher or are interested in learning more, please plan to attend. If you would like to be added to the serving rotation, but can't make the training, please call the office.



Saint Augustine Parish—Bowdle

Mass times: Wednesday 9:00 AM
(1st Wed. Daily Mass -10AM at Nursing Home)
(QR Code for Online Giving)

Wednesday Night Prayer Hour:

Silent prayer hour every Wednesday night at 6:30pm
to pray for an increase in vocations & conversions.

August Church Cleaning:

Makena Vocu & family
Doug & Mary Turner
Pauline Mertz



Saint Thomas the Apostle—Roscoe

Mass Times: Thursday 5:30pm
(QR Code for Online Giving)

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.

Catholic Daughters of America (CDA)

Next Meeting will be on September 21 at 7pm at
St Thomas. All are welcome to join us.

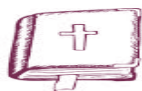


Our Lady of Perpetual Help—Leola

Mass times: Sunday at 8:00am
(QR Code for Online Giving)

Religious Education/CCD:

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



Holy Cross

Online Contribution Giving

Please start using this QR Code for all
Electronic Giving's, whether it's
1-time or recurring.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

TEACHERS NEEDED!



As we move to Family Faith Formation,
there is still a need for teachers. While
the parents are learning the lessons for
the month, their children will be in the classrooms. We are
looking for those who don't have school-aged children and
would be willing to give of their time and talent once
a month to help grow the faith in our parish. If you have
any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact
Deidre Kadlec at Parish Office.

Child care will be provided for those under the age of 5
during Family Faith Formation. We are in need of
two (2) gently used pack-n-plays. If you have one you
are no longer using or would like to donate one,
please contact Deidre Kadlec at the Parish Office.

First Class is September 13 @ Holy Cross after Mass
till 1pm. For Parents/Guardians and Youth.
Brunch will be provided.

Try Online Giving!

Tired of writing checks? Going to be out of town and visiting a different parish?
Try our online giving platform where you can give a one-time or recurring
donation to your parish.



Bowdle



Eureka



Herreid



Ipswich



Leola



Mobridge



Roscoe



Selby

God loves a cheerful giver.
- 2 Corinthians 9:7

PRAYER CORNER:

Please remember in your prayers:



Art Thooft, Margaret Fought,
Dorothy Daly, Dolly Anderson,
Bowdle Nursing Home Residents,
Men & Women serving in the military & peace on Earth.
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at 605-971-4556 or email ipswich.holycross@sfcatholic.org