

August 23 & 30, 2026

21st & 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

If anyone would
come after me,
let him deny
himself and take
up his cross and
follow me

MATTHEW 16: 21-22



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: 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



It is such a moving ritual that not only hits me every time I teach about it in Baptism class, but every time I have the honor of celebrating it; people come to the Church with this new life in their arms and make a free and honest request.

We wish our child to be Baptized.

The Church, excited at this request, asks a powerful question in return: Will you form, teach and train your child in the ways of the faith? The parents freely say, "We will."

And because the church never requires a task without assistance of grace and support, two fellow Christians are asked if they will be willing to help the parents of this child in the duty they have promised.

God bless them, the godparents always say "Yes!"

Such a beautiful moment of a community coming together, not only to celebrate this moment, but to celebrate the life which will flow from it, God willing, for many, many decades.

The first step is of course, the promise the parents make before God...they are the witnesses and teachers, they are the ones who form and teach; but never left alone in the task. The Godparents proclaim themselves ready to assist, and the Church offers tools to help the parents fulfill their promise.

The Church offers religious formation opportunities to help the parents, but never, ever to replace them, because they have received the grace to do this for their child, we haven't.

Our work as a community is to provide the best possible tools available to parents as they respond to the grace God gave them when they made their promise in His presence.

As we prepare to begin our new Religious Faith Formation program, there is concern because it is new and different; but we are also excited to see parents empowered by God's grace to lovingly, beautifully, pass on the faith we all love.

There will be challenges along the way, and but also wonder, but we have all promised, parents, godparents and community, as this little life began at the font, to make this journey together. And so we will.

Parents: we offer the gift of this program to you with great love, eager to walk with you as you live the grace God gave you for your child.

Godparents: even if your godchild is not a part of our program, your participation helps fulfill the promise you made as well. People of God: these are our brothers and sisters being formed for the days ahead, do all you can to help them as well.

In Christ, ever present, we are becoming who we are called to be!

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

August 30, 2026

LEOLA — Sunday 8:00 AM

Lector: Kelli Millard

August Ushers: Layne Lux & Jerome Mack

Sacristan: Nancy Berreth

Rosary: Mary Schaunaman

\$\$ Counters: Kelli Millard & Kayla Daly

IPSWICH — Sunday 10:00 AM

Lector: Lori Hettick

EMHC: Pam Holt

Servers: Jalyssa Hutson, Rayna Pietz, Mahlia Kadlec

Ushers: S Kulesa, R Braun, S Braun, T Braun

Rosary: Knights of Columbus

\$\$ Counters: D Petersen, J Thooft, P Holt

September 6, 2026

LEOLA — Sunday 8:00 AM

Lector: Troy Millard

September Ushers: Nick Kallas & Steven Kallas

Sacristan: Mary Schaunaman

Rosary: Melissa Lapka

\$\$ Counters: Jodi Kallas & Kelli Millard

IPSWICH — Sunday 10:00 AM

Lector: Tami Schumacher

EMHC: Lisa Franck

Servers: Brystol Holt, Isabella Galbraith, Jaxen Jager

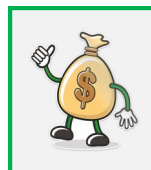
Ushers: G Braun, S Heinz, R Petersen, S Braun

Rosary: Jessie Lacher

\$\$ Counters: P Petersen, M&M Petersen



Sacrificial Giving: August 15 & 16, 2026



Holy Cross: Collection: \$2200.00

Restoration: \$35.00

St. Thomas: Collection: \$210.00

St. Augustine: Collection: \$355.00

Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Collection: \$674.00

Thank you for your continued Church Support!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS:

August 24-30

Aug 31—Sept 6

MON: Day of Rest—NO Daily Mass

TUES: 5:30 PM Ipswich -

+ John & Bettie Geditz

+ Bernadine Henderson

WED: 9:00 AM Bowdle - + Adam & Jennie Thomas

BNH @ 10AM + Ted & Betty Nowatzki

THURS: 5:30 PM Roscoe - Matthew Harris + Ray & Mary Kraft

FRI: 9:00 AM Ipswich - + Andy Malsom + Bernadine Henderson

SUN: 8:00 AM Leola - + Marvin Geffre Jennifer Leichtnam

SUN: 10:00 AM Ipswich - + Fr William Osborn + Janice Rausch

WEEKLY MASS READINGS:

August 24-30

Aug 31-Sept 6

MON: Rev 21: 9b-14; Jn 1:45-51

1Cor 2:1-5; Lk 4:16-30

TUES: 2Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Mt 23:23-26

1Cor 2:10b-16; Lk 4:31-37

WED: 2Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Mt 23:27-32

1Cor 3:1-9; Lk 4:38-44

THURS: 1Cor 1:1-9; Mt 24:42-51

1Cor 3:18-23; Lk 5:1-11

FRI: 1Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13

1Cor 4:1-5; Lk 5:33-39

SAT: 1Cor 1:26-31; Mk 6:17-29

1Cor 4:6b-15; Lk 6:1-5

SUN: Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2;

Ez 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10

Mt 16:21-27

Mt 18:15-20

Confirmation

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

There are 14 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
Cruz Dietterle
Emery Geditz
Ava Gonska
Lindsey Hoerner
Brentley Holt
Jerzi Miller
Ava Milliken
Elaina Morales
Kaden Reuer
Hayden Schlosser
Stetson Weigel
Avarie Wientjes



**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.



Football Raffle Books Available

Knights of Columbus are selling their football raffle books again.

Purchase your raffle book from your favorite Knights of Columbus Member or Bob Geditz.

Books are available for \$20 each

3 Sets; Monday, Thursday & Sunday Nights

Parish Office Closed This Week

The Parish Office will be closed this week from Friday, August 21—August 31. Feel free to still call the office number if you need anything and leave a message. Bob will be around if needed.



Episcopal Anniversary Blessings **from Bishop DeGrood**

Bishop Degrood personally bestowed his Episcopal Blessing on each of the following couples. Please pick up your parchments from the parish office.

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

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.

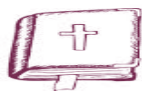


Our Lady of Perpetual Help—Leola

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 for ALL parishioners

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.
To add or remove someone, please call Holy Cross Parish Office
at 605-971-4556 or email ipswich.holycross@sfcatholic.org