



## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

Thomas answered and said to him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”  
- Jn 20:28-29

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### *Prayer for Vocations*

*Lord Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, grant to our young people the generosity necessary to follow Your call and the courage required to overcome all obstacles to their vocation. Give the parents faith, love, and a spirit of sacrifice which will inspire them to offer their children to God’s service and to rejoice whenever one of their children is called to the priesthood or religious life. Let your example and that of Your Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph encourage both young people and parents and let Your grace sustain them. Amen.*

### **Mass Times**

**Daily Mass:** 7:45am

**Saturday:** 9:00am

**Reconciliation:**

Wed. 7:00-8:00pm

Sat. 3:00-3:30pm

**Sunday Mass**

**Vigil Sat.:** 4:00pm

**Sun.:** 7:30am, 10:30am &  
5:00 pm

**View Sunday & Daily Mass on  
online - [holycrossdewitt.org](http://holycrossdewitt.org)**

### **UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

**The Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse, New York Case No. 20-30663**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT** on June 19, 2020, The Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse, New York, (“Diocese”) filed for protection under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the “Bankruptcy Code”).

The Bankruptcy Court has established April 15, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. (prevailing Eastern time) as the deadline to file proofs of claim against the Diocese (the “Bar Date”).

If you have a claim against the Diocese including, without limitation, a claim related to sexual abuse committed by any person connected with the Diocese, you must file a claim on or before the Bar Date with Stretto, the appointed Claims Agent. Please visit <https://case.stretto.com/diocesefofsyracuse> or call (855) 329-4244 for more information on how to file your proof of claim.

**IF YOU DO NOT TIMELY FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM, YOU MAY FORFEIT YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE ON ANY PLAN OF REORGANIZATION AND TO SHARE IN ANY FUTURE DISTRIBUTIONS TO CREDITORS IN CONNECTION WITH THE DIOCESE’S CHAPTER 11 CASE.**

### **Upcoming Events:**

**Please check page 4 of the bulletin for this week’s schedule.**

**PLEASE WATCH THE HC WEBSITE FOR CURRENT INFORMATION ON MASSES, REGISTRATION FOR MASSES & DEVOTIONS & REGULATIONS FOR ATTENDANCE.**



**Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup> - Second Sunday of Easter**

7:30am Marilyn Rowland/ Family  
 10:30am Douglas Kemme / Family  
 5:00pm The Bertrand Family / Mona Bertrand

**Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup>**

7:45am Romeo Pilon/ Claude & Mary Anne  
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

**Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**

7:45am Deceased Members of Cathedral Candle Co.  
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

**Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**

7:45am Parishioners of Holy Cross  
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

**Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup>**

7:45am Jim Cohen/ Wife  
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

**Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup>**

7:45am Kristen Gerthoffer Woodmansee/ Family  
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

**Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am Victims of Covid 19/ Hunter Szatkowski  
 4:00pm Cheryl Hollon Cates/ Caryn Scuderi  
 3:00 to 3:30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

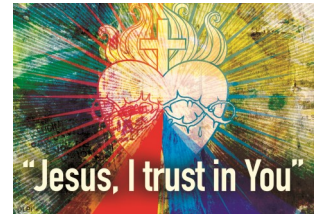
**Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup> – Third Sunday of Easter**

7:30am Vocations to the priesthood, diaconate & religious life / Joyce Kotch  
 10:30am Huguette MacDonald/ Claude & Mary Anne Pilon  
 5:00am Maureen Murphy Sicilio/ Salli & Jim Tuozzolo

**Spiritual Reflection for Sunday, April 11, 2021**  
**Divine Mercy Sunday**

**Acts: 4:32-35**  
**Ps 118: 2-4, 13-15, 22-24**  
**1 Jn: 5: 1-6,**  
**Jn 20: 19-31**

Today Thomas believes because he has seen the risen Jesus. We have never seen him, yet we believe that Jesus is the Christ, the only Son of God the Father.



As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday we recall the mercy that Christ showed Thomas, who has failed to believe what the other disciples of Jesus have told him concerning their witness of Jesus' visit to them in the upper room. Thomas makes a bold statement. "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

As Jesus appears to Thomas and insists that Thomas explore the wounds found on Jesus' hands and side. Thomas replies "My Lord and my God!" Jesus responds "...blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." Imagine the compassion that Jesus felt for Thomas. His inability to believe caused great weakness yet Christ's abundant mercy for Thomas has brought him to belief and new life.

Let us bring our needs to our Merciful Savior this day, asking him to help us as we say Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world. Jesus, I trust in You!

Peace,  
 Fr. John Kurgan

**Week of April 11**

**Host, Wine & Sanctuary Lamp**  
*In Memory Of:* Stephen Oliva Sr.

*Requested By :*  
 Wife & Family



**PLANNED GIVING FOR OUR PARISH**

Please consider our parish through:

- Your Will or Trust
- Retirement Assets
- Life Insurance Policies

A Life Income Gift which will provide you with payments for life and ultimately will benefit our parish.

**YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT**

**\$19,704.88 Average weekly need**

\$14,068.00 Collection of March 28

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF YOUR PARISH!**

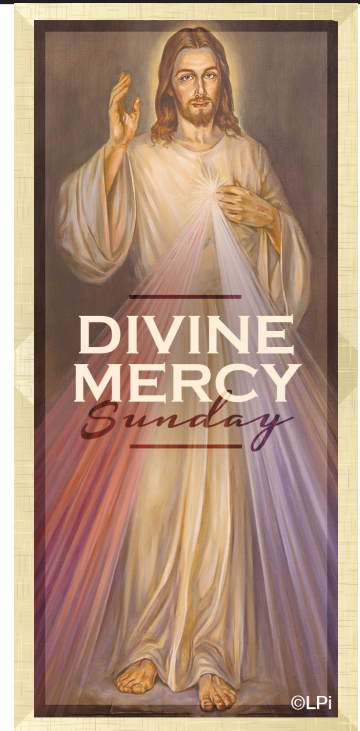
**Your support is invaluable. Thank You**

During these uncertain times, please continue to support Holy Cross parish & her ministries & programs through weekly or monthly offerings. Because of your goodness, we have been able to adapt to this changing landscape & provide updated communications, resources, support & programs to our community and to our neighbors in need. Please remember to help support our mission. You may become an online giver by visiting [www.holycrossdewitt.org/give](http://www.holycrossdewitt.org/give). Online giving is through Vanco, which is a secure site. **You have the option of giving using your credit card number or by having an electronic fund transfer.** Or mail in your gift to the Parish Office (4112 E. Genesee Street, DeWitt, New York 13214).

# WEEKLY PRAYER

## Readings for the week of April 11, 2021

- SUN 4/11** Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3
- MON 4/12** Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]/Jn 3:1-8
- TUES 4/13** Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15
- WED 4/14** Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/Jn 3:16-21
- THR 4/15** Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36
- FRI 4/16** Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/Jn 6:1-15
- SAT 4/17** Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/Jn 6:16-21
- SUN 4/18** Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48



### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7:00 - 8:00pm on Wednesdays.

Please register online as you do for Mass if you are planning on attending. We begin the hour in the church with Adoration & will conclude with Solemn Benediction.



### Confessions Wednesday Evenings – Chapel

Sacrament of Reconciliation is being offered every **Wednesday from 7 to 8pm**. The peace of mind and soul which this sacrament imparts to us is one for which there is no substitute. Come enjoy the quietness of our Chapel and the forgiveness of our Savior.

## Prayer REQUESTS

Garth H. Bishop, Eden & Mackenzie Bishop, Barbara Boyd, Terry Chylinski, Armand Cincotta, Tom Coyne, Mark Cywilko, John Galletta, Stanley Jakimek, Sharon Kieffer, Elaine Lostumbo, Abrielle Lynch, Dinita Machlin, Monique Missoff, Mary Elizabeth Morgan, Faith Muller, Patricia Pool, Rita Smookler and John Toole.

If you would like us to add someone to this list, we ask that only family members call the office or email [Peg@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:Peg@holycrossdewitt.org). We will keep them on for three months unless you notify us otherwise.

Thank you.

### Holy Hour—8:15 to 9:15AM

Join us on Mondays following the 7:45 Mass for a Holy Hour that will be held in the Church.



### Monday Night Prayer



Each Monday Night at 8:00 pm, we will be offering Night Prayer live on our Facebook page. Please join us for this time of prayer and reflection.

### Private Prayer Hours

The Main Church will be open for Private Prayer & Devotion between 9am and 3pm Monday to Friday.

**When visiting the church, you are required to wear a mask and to use social distancing.**

Be sure to pick up a “Little White Book for Easter”. You can find them on the tables near the bulletins.

### Pray the Rosary Daily

Most mornings after daily Mass a group gathers in the Church to pray the rosary. It is informal, and open to anyone who would like to pray. Please join us!



**Divine Mercy Sunday**

All are invited to join us on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11 at 3:00pm in the Chapel for the Divine Mercy Prayers. There are sign-up sheets in the Gathering Area for those who plan on attending. All are welcome!



**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

- Every Wednesday 7:00 - 8:00pm in the chapel
- Every Saturday at 3:00 - 3:30pm in the chapel
- By Appointment

**Catholic Media - Augustine Institute**

**FORMED**

Watch: Ocean of Mercy  
 Watch: Divine Mercy 101  
 Watch: Divine Mercy Chaplet in Song  
 Listen: The Necessity of Divine Mercy  
 4/4 ST. ISIDORE OF SEVILLE (Patron Saint of Technology) Book, Young People's Book of Saints  
 Listen: Audiobook: Holiness is Always in Season

**A Family Perspective:**

In today's gospel Jesus teaches, "Blessed are those who have not seen and believe." Accepting someone as they are, without demanding they prove themselves or meet our expectations, creates a rich relationship. Without acceptance, a home is only a house and a family is just a group of housemates.



**Mark Hayes: RCIA**

Congratulations Mark! Mark Hayes was Confirmed at the Easter Vigil last weekend. He declared his intention to be Confirmed during mass at the Rite of Welcome in February. Thank you to the parish for your prayers and support! In the RCIA program, Mark met online weekly with Fr. Kurgan, Beth Schafer and Seminarian James Buttner to explore prayer, scripture and Catholic Tradition. When you see him, please welcome and congratulate Mark!

**OFFICE HOURS**

**Parish Office Hours**

The Parish Office is open Monday thru Friday from 8am to 4pm **except during the noon hour (12pm to 1pm)**. You may call and leave a message anytime (315) 446-0473.

**THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES**

**Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:00 AM RCIA Session- virtual
- 3:00 PM Divine Mercy Sunday Prayers - Chapel
- 3:30 PM First Communion Workshop - Yeazel Hall

**Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:15 AM Holy Hour - Church
- 8:00 PM Night Prayer - Live on HC Facebook

**Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:00 PM Book Study - rooms 12 & 13

**Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:45 AM Fellowship of Believers - Yeazel Hall
- 7:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 7:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation - Chapel

**Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup>**

- 1:00 PM Angel Blankets - rooms 12 & 13
- 7:00 PM Youth Alpha - Yeazel Hall

**Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**

- 2:30 PM First Communion Session & Workshop - Yeazel Hall
- 3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation - Chapel

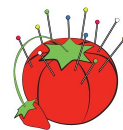
**Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:00 AM RCIA Session- virtual
- 3:30 PM First Communion Workshop - Yeazel Hall

**Check the bulletin board, located by the main entrance, for more information about upcoming events in our area.**

**ANGEL BLANKETS**

**Make your reservation now!**



There is always a need at our local hospitals for Angel Blankets. All those who sew are invited to join us on **Thurs., April 15<sup>th</sup>**. We will meet in rooms 12 & 13 in Yeazel Hall at 1:00pm. We will be keeping socially distance. **Reservations are required.** Call Jo (315-446-3328). **You must wear a mask.** Come to find out more about how these blankets are made & how important this ministry is. You only need to have the ability to sew a simple stitch.

**Pastoral Council Summary**

Pastoral Council met virtually on March 21, 2021.

- Father John shared information on a Commemorative Plaque for Parish Council Presidents, and the Council asked he proceed in this purchase and process.
- Beth Schafer, Ed and Sue Judge presented information on the parish's Laudato Si' Circle and asked for input from the Council. The Council will establish a goal for the group at the next Council meeting on May 23, 2021.
- Father John shared information on the Ignite Conference, Lenten Services, increased parishioner attendance, success of the Faith Formation boxes/high school Wednesday attendance/ and parental support through Covid. Father continued to update us on the April 15 Bar date and the budget/ expenditures.
- Updates were provided by the School, Communications, and Hospitality Committees. Father John said he hopes to start altar server and lector ministries after Easter as Covid restrictions decrease.

**Looking for a way to put your Faith in Action?**

For more information or to volunteer, contact Beth Schafer: 315-416-4576 or [beth@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:beth@holycrossdewitt.org)

**April Baby Shower for Birthright:**

Birthright is a local organization that provides practical help and emergency assistance to pregnant women and new mothers in need. Holy Cross will be collecting baby items until Mother's Day, May 9th. Items can be added to the baskets by the church doors. If you would like to participate, please donate a new or gently used item from their list of needs: diapers and baby wipes, 8oz. baby bottles, sippy cups, baby towels, receiving blankets, clothing items 0-3 months, diaper bags & Walmart gift cards.

**Hot Meal Volunteers: April 20th, 3pm**

Our next hot meal will be the third Tuesday of April. We are seeking volunteers who are willing to prepare a beef goulash casserole at home for 25 persons. The meal can be placed in a disposable tin serving dish and delivered to Holy Cross on Tuesday at 3pm. We need 4 individuals to prepare a casserole and someone who can deliver the meals to the shelter. If you are willing to help with this, please contact Beth: (315) 416-4576.

**Earth Day clean-up:**

**Thursday, April 22nd & Saturday, April 24th**

This Spring, let's gather outside as we celebrate Earth Day! Teams of volunteers will work together to clean up discarded garbage and debris in our local area.

There will be two opportunities to participate:

- 1.) Thursday morning 9am, meet with the Gardening Angels at Holy Cross
- 2.) Saturday morning, 9am meet at the Dewitt Town Hall.

Contact Beth to sign up: [beth@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:beth@holycrossdewitt.org)

**Samaritan Center Sunday Dinner: April 18th**

Thank you to all who served at the soup kitchen last month: Ken Kirkman, Katie Deehan & family, Trish Lowney, Rick Coughlin & Mark Hayes. Next month, please consider joining a group of parish volunteers who help to serve a Sunday meal at the soup kitchen. The meals are sponsored by Holy Cross and donations of fresh fruit from Wegmans. There are 2 shift options for helping with the Sunday meals: 9am to noon, or noon to 3pm. Masks & social distancing are required to serve the take-out meals.. To sign up for a date & time, contact Rick: [philiprcoughlin@gmail.com](mailto:philiprcoughlin@gmail.com)



**April Food Giving Weekend Postponed to May 1 & 2**

Our Food Giving Weekend has been cancelled for April because it falls on Easter. We will be accepting food donations again in May. Have a Happy Easter and thank you to everyone who faithfully supports the Jamesville Food Pantry. It is always so appreciated.

**April Baby Shower for Birthright:**

The Spiritual Adoption prayer program is beginning its 8th month and it's time for a baby shower!



Birthright is a local organization that provides practical help & emergency assistance to pregnant women and new mothers in need. Holy Cross will be collecting baby items the weekend after Easter until Mother's Day, May 9th. Items can be added to the baskets by the church doors. If you would like to participate, please donate a new or gently used item(s) from their list of needs: diapers and baby wipes, 8oz. baby bottles, sippy cups, baby towels, receiving blankets, clothing items 0-3 months, diaper bags & Walmart gift cards. Thank you for your support of the Spiritual (Spiritual Adoption prayer) and Corporal (supplying needed items) Works of Mercy.

**Spiritual Adoption Program -Month Eight**

**"I like to listen to my Mommy's voice!"** In the last two months the baby continues to gain weight. The baby is developing a layer of fat that will keep it warm after birth. In the 9th month the baby will shift to a head-down position, preparing for birth. Its lungs are now fully developed and capable of making the transition to breathing air. After birth it will continue the human growth process for many years to come. The baby is about 18 inches in length. Your baby's mother appreciated the prayers you have said for her and her baby throughout the pregnancy. It has not been easy, but your prayers have given her the grace she needed to bring her baby to term.



- **To remain in compliance with current government restriction of the number of individuals allowed to gather, we kindly ask that you register for Mass & other devotions using our scheduling system. This may be found on the Holy Cross website. You may also call the parish office (315) 446-0473 to register for Mass or for any questions that you may have.**
- **Also please remember to wear your face mask in order to keep everyone safe.**

**2020 Tax Contribution Statements**

If you wish to have a tax statement sent to your home, please fill out the form below. You may put it in the collection box, drop it off at the office or email the information to [Peg@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:Peg@holycrossdewitt.org). Requested statements will be sent out by mail unless you prefer email.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Holy Cross School Auction**

Save the date for the 23rd Annual Holy Cross School Auction! Join us on Saturday, May 15th at 5:30pm for live and silent auctions, 50/50 raffle, and an amazing celebration. Registration and more info to come!



**National Child Abuse Prevention Month**

Every April, the Diocese of Syracuse, parishes, and Catholic schools, recognize the National Child Abuse Prevention Month. The Diocese embraces this opportunity to deepen our awareness of the need to be vigilant about providing a safe environment in our parishes, schools, agencies, and our communities. For information on how the Diocese of Syracuse implements safeguards to protect our children, young people, and vulnerable adults from abuse, contact the Office of Safe Environment at 315.470.1421 or visit [www.syrдио.org](http://www.syrдио.org).

**RAFFLE TICKETS FOR SALE**

Holy Cross School students will be selling raffle tickets this weekend after the 4 p.m. 7:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses to support the school. Raffle tickets are one for \$10.00 and 3 for \$25.00. Stop by the table in the Gathering Area.

**Compliance Audit Passed**

Most Rev. Douglas J. Lucia is proud to announce that an independent audit determined the diocese was, again, in full compliance with all audited articles within the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People for the audit period July 2017 - June 2020. This achievement demonstrates the ongoing commitment and dedication of our clergy, religious, diocesan/parish/school employees, and volunteers in protecting our children, young people, and vulnerable adults. A sincere thank you to all who work in partnership with the Diocese in its commitment to preventing sexual abuse among our most vulnerable.



**PGC (Initial) Training:**

- Tuesday, April 20, 2021 10:00am - 12:00pm (Registration closes on April 13th at Noon)
- Thursday, May 6, 2021 6:00pm - 8:00pm (Registration closes on Thursday, April 29th at Noon)
- Saturday, May 15, 2021 9:00am - 11:00am (Registration closes on Friday, May 7th at Noon)
- Tuesday, June 8, 2021 6:00pm - 8:00pm (Registration closes on Tuesday, June 1st at Noon)
- Thursday, June 24, 2021 10:00am - 12:00pm (Registration closes on Thursday, May 17th at Noon)

**EPDR (Re-certification) Training:**

- Tuesday, May 4, 2021 10:00am - 11:30am (Registration closes on Tuesday, April 27th at Noon)
- Wednesday, May 26, 2021 6:00pm - 7:30pm (Registration closes on Wednesday, May 19th at Noon)
- Thursday, June 10, 2021 10:00am - 11:30am (Registration closes on Thursday, June 3rd at Noon)
- Wednesday, June 23, 2021 6:00pm - 7:30pm (Registration closes on Wednesday, June 16th at Noon)

Pre-registration is required for these sessions. Sessions are limited to 20 participants on a first-come, first-serve basis.

**SACRAMENTS**

**Baptism** ~ Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements  
Classes required for 1st child's Baptism  
†To request either the **Anointing of the Sick** or **Communion to the Sick** please call the Parish Office.†

**Marriage** ~ Please make an appointment with a priest at least 6 months prior to wedding

**Reconciliation** ~ Wednesday 7-8pm, Saturday 3 - 3:30pm  
Or by appointment

**HOLY CROSS PARISH**

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**Holy Cross Parish Staff ~ Name, Title and Phone Extension**

- Rev. John J. Kurgan, Pastor, ext. 15
- Rev. Charles S. Vavonese, Weekend Homilist
- Deacon Dare Dutter, ext. 13
- James Buttner, Seminarian
- Ernest J. Camerota, Director of Music, ext. 38
- Brette Cooper, Maintenance
- Josh Corcoran, Music Sunday 5pm Mass
- Dan Littlepage, Director of Technology, ext. 33
- Leigh C. Marquis, Director of Finance & Human Resources, ext. 24
- Maureen McManus, Sacristan
- Stephen Nepil, Dir. Faith Formation 7-12 & Dir. Youth Ministry ext. 19
- Peg Olson, Office Manager & Administrative Assistant, ext. 22
- Beth Schafer, Director of Faith in Action Ministry, ext. 21
- Julie Sheridan, Dir. Faith Formation 1-6 & Evangelization, ext. 12
- Matt Stano, Maintenance

**PARISH INFORMATION**

- **Please notify the Parish Office** when a parishioner or family member is confined to home, hospitalized, or entering a nursing home. Hospitals no longer notify us of a patient's admittance. Also, please notify us with change of: address, phone number or email.
- Bulletin items need to be in the parish office no later than Monday at 9am for the upcoming weekend. (holiday deadlines will change)
- E-mail preferred; please send to: [peg@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:peg@holycrossdewitt.org)
- Hearing impaired ear phones are available in the Robing Room in the front lobby.
- Pregnant and Need Help? Please call Catholic Charities 424-1800

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**Staff ~ Name and Title**

- Robert McCrone, School Principal
- Joanne Markert - Administrative Assistant, Nina Walters - Nurse