

# 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

### *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.*

**OUR MISSION** "We are a community of Catholics who draw our strength from the celebration of the Eucharist, so that Christ may live in us and we may express the values He taught by our loving service to family, neighbor and society."

### **Would you a like to join us as new parishioner?**

We invite you to become an active participant of our parish community and welcome you. Please take a census envelope from the racks at each exit or contact the Parish Office.

### **Stay connected with your parish family!**

We are so glad you are here with us at Holy Cross! We invite you to connect with our community. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter to get the latest news, photos and stories or subscribe to our weekly brief delivered right to your inbox. Visit [www.holycrossdewitt.org/subscribe](http://www.holycrossdewitt.org/subscribe) to see more.



### **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)**

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

7:30am Vocations to the priesthood, diaconate &amp; religious life / Joyce Kotch

10:30am Huguette MacDonald/  
Claude & Mary Anne Pilon

5:00am Maureen Murphy Sicilio/ Salli &amp; Jim Tuozzolo

**Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**

7:45am Noreen Falcone/ Jim Giannuzzi

9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer &amp; Devotion

**Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**

7:45am Anne DeSantis/ Eileen &amp; Rocco Ferrara

9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer &amp; Devotion

**Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**

7:45am Parishioners of Holy Cross

9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer &amp; Devotion

**Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

7:45am David Sheridan/ Susan Thomson

9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer &amp; Devotion

**Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

7:45am Transplant Donors/ A Recipient

9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer &amp; Devotion

**Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am Special Intention/ Katie Laubenstein

4:00pm Ed &amp; Rosemary Coolican/ Family (wedding ann.)

3:00 to 3:30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> - Second Sunday of Easter**

7:30am Anthony Fiacco/ Fr. Vavonese

10:30am Pamela Hancock/ mother, D. Petta

5:00pm John Stach/ Richer Family

**Spiritual Reflection for Sunday, April 18, 2021****Acts: 3:13-15, 17-19****1 John: 2: 1-5a****Luke 24:35-48**

We hear today Peter tell the people that they have put to death God's servant, Jesus the Christ. Peter goes on to exhort them to repent of their sins and change the way they live in order that Christ might wipe away their sins.



Often we hear Peter sound mad or upset with the people. Scripture readers over the centuries have accused Peter of being anti-Jewish, but in reality, Peter is upset and angered because the authorities have put to death a person that he has followed and believed in. Peter, furthermore, is angered that the people to whom he speaks do not seem to care or believe that Jesus was the one sent from God the Father. Peter considers this the utmost travesty.

When we read or hear Scripture that refers to Peter, we must remember his experiences and feelings. Often, Peter is probably yelling at the crowd. He would do this not only so the crowd would hear him, but also to show his disbelief in their refusal to believe in Christ. Imagine if we were that passionate about our belief in Christ. How would our world look? Scripture is not as metered and clean as we often portray it. More often, Scripture possesses the real life emotions of the people who lived the experiences portrayed in Scripture. These people were real, as we are. They possessed real emotion and human reaction. In part, their humanity makes the Scriptures real for us all these many centuries later.

Peace,  
Fr. John Kurgan

Next weekend's second collection is the  
Home Missions Appeal

**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**

\$17,762.25 Collection of April 11

**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).

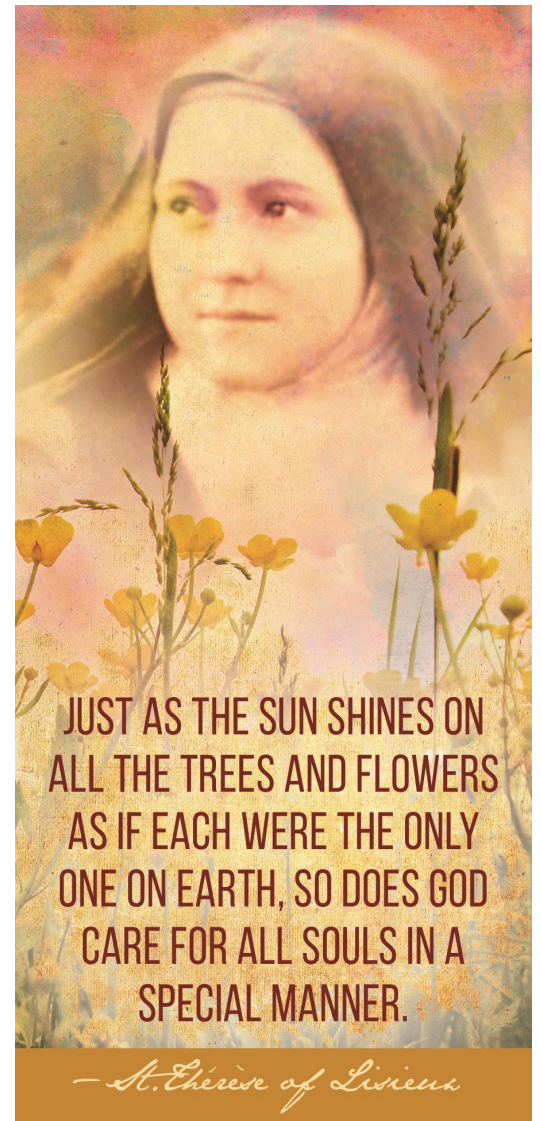
# WEEKLY PRAYER

## Readings for the week of April 18, 2021

- 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
- MON 4/19** Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29
- TUES 4/20** Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35
- WED 4/21** Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40
- THR 4/22** Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51
- FRI 4/23** Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59
- SAT 4/24** Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69
- SUN 4/25** Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 18, 2021

- Wednesday: St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; Administrative Professionals' Day
- Thursday: Earth Day
- Friday: St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr
- Saturday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr
- Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations



JUST AS THE SUN SHINES ON  
ALL THE TREES AND FLOWERS  
AS IF EACH WERE THE ONLY  
ONE ON EARTH, SO DOES GOD  
CARE FOR ALL SOULS IN A  
SPECIAL MANNER.

*— St. Therese of Lisieux*

### Catholic Media - Augustine Institute

#### FORMED

Happy Easter! This is a time when new members have come into the Catholic Church. They were searching for God and found the Catholic faith. There are numerous programs on St. Joseph during this Year of St. Joseph. Get FORMED Daily or the Augustine Institute Show to continue to grow in your own faith journey. Check out The Search in Formed, a new series by Chris Stefanick. Kids have their own special books and programs on FORMED. Seek them out during this Easter season and celebrate the beautiful faith that we have been given. FORMED is a gift to you from our parish. Open it!

## 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, Stephen Smith, 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. We will keep them on for three months unless you notify us otherwise.

Thank you.

### 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.

**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.

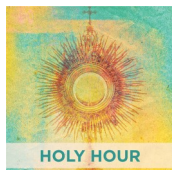


**Confessions Wednesday Evenings – Chapel**

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.

**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.



**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

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

**Pray the Rosary Daily**

Most mornings after daily Mass (8:15am) a group gathers to pray the Rosary. It is informal, and open to anyone who would like to pray.

**Please join us!**

*Amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.*

*Mt 18:19-20*

**A Family Perspective:**



The apostles were afraid of Jesus until he ate with them and they touched him. In your family, the ordinary acts of eating together, touching, embracing not only confirm our love for each other, but also celebrate God's presence in your family. These "ordinary" moments contain the "Extraordinary."

**THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES**

- Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**  
9:00 AM RCIA Session– virtual  
3:30 PM First Communion Workshop - Yeazel Hall
- Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**  
8:15 AM Holy Hour - Church  
8:00 PM Night Prayer - Live on HC Facebook
- Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**  
8:15 AM Third Tuesday Sandwiches - remote
- Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</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 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
7:00 PM Youth Alpha - Yeazel Hall
- Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**  
3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation - Chapel
- Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>**  
9:00 AM RCIA Session– virtual  
9:00 AM Youth Alpha Retreat - Yeazel Hall

**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.

**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!



**Next Weekend  
World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

World Day of Prayer will be observed on Sunday, April 25, 2021 also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes. Resources for promoting vocations can be found on our diocesan website: [vocations-syracuse.org](http://vocations-syracuse.org)



### 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)

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

Our next hot meal will be this Tuesday. We need one more volunteer who is willing to prepare a beef goulash casserole of 25 servings. The meal can be prepared at home, placed in a disposable tin serving dish and delivered hot to Holy Cross on Tuesday at 3pm. If you would like to help with this, contact Beth: (315) 416-4576.

#### Earth Day clean-up:

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

Families and Individuals of all ages are invited to come together at 9am on Saturday, April 24th. We will meet at DeWitt Town Hall to pick up supplies, then regroup at the former Friendly's location (corner of Bridge & Erie Blvd) to clean up the trash. Bring water, a hat & work gloves. A safety vest and trash bags will be provided. Holy Cross red T-shirts will be distributed as a thank you gift. We look forward to seeing you there! If you are unable to join us Saturday, join us Thursday morning:

1.) Thursday, 9am, meet at Holy Cross with the Gardening Angels.

2.) Saturday, 9am meet at the Dewitt Town Hall with the Laudato Si Group.

Contact Beth for more information:  
[beth@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:beth@holycrossdewitt.org)



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

Please consider joining a group of parish volunteers who 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. After the April meal, the next Holy Cross meal will be September 19th. To sign up for a date & time, contact Rick: [philiprcoughlin@gmail.com](mailto:philiprcoughlin@gmail.com)

#### First Tuesday Sandwiches: May 4th, 8:15am

Good news! After many months of sandwich prep in individual homes, our Tuesday sandwich ministry can gather downstairs after mass in May! We will be required to maintain social distancing and require masks, but restrictions against gatherings have been eased. Join us downstairs in Yeazel Hall by the kitchen to prepare peanut butter & jelly, tuna, egg and chicken salad sandwiches for Catholic Charities Men's shelter. Peanut butter donations are appreciated. Please sign in when you arrive or contact Beth for more information.

#### April Baby Shower for Birthright:

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

### Congratulations Mark!

Mark Hayes was Confirmed at the Easter Vigil. Mark 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 our RCIA team and his sponsor, JD Tessier, to explore prayer, scripture and Catholic Tradition. When you see Mark, please welcome and congratulate him!



### 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.

## IMPORTANT Information

- 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.

**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).

**PGC (Initial) Training:**

- 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.

**Afternoon of Spiritual Renewal**  
**Saturday, April 24 @1-3pm**

St. Marianne Cope Guild of the Catholic Medical Association invites all Catholic Healthcare Workers to an Afternoon of Spiritual Renewal that includes adoration, prayer and reflection to be held at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Manlius. Reconciliation will be offered at 3pm and Mass will be at 4pm. For more information contact: James Mostrom, MD at [JMostrom1@verizon.net](mailto:JMostrom1@verizon.net) or 315-637-4611.

**Moving?**

If your future plans include a change of address; would you please contact the Parish Office? You may call 315-446-0473 or email [Peg@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:Peg@holycrossdewitt.org) with your new address.



**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: \_\_\_\_\_

**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

**HOLY CROSS SCHOOL**

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**Staff ~ Name and Title**

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