



# 7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

- Holy Cross Church will be open Mon. - Sat. 9am to 3pm & Sunday 12-3pm for private prayer and Devotion. You must wear a mask & use social distancing.
- All events are cancelled until further notice.
- Do not hesitate to call or email the Parish Office if you have any questions or concerns.
- Confessions by appointment.
- If no one is in the office, be sure to leave a message.

(315) 446-0473; Email ~ [info@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:info@holycrossdewitt.org)

## Would you 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.

**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."

## 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

**View Sunday & Daily Mass on TV or online. We'll share resources at [www.holycrossdewitt.org](http://www.holycrossdewitt.org)**

You can find daily Mass with Bishop Lucia at [youtube.com/syrdio](https://youtube.com/syrdio) &

**Sunday Mass at 6:30 & 9:30am on channel 9**

## Upcoming Events:

**Please check the Holy Cross Web site [www.holycrossdewitt.org](http://www.holycrossdewitt.org) for up to date Information.**



# MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> – Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Dr. Dominick Adornato Jr./ Wife & Children  
 John Pristash/ Jerome & Ellen Pristash  
 Michele Farner / Prince Family

12:00 - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

**Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> - Memorial Day**

7:45am John FX Mannion/ Frank Daly

9:00 - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

**Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>**

7:45am In Honor of Msgr. Yeazel/ Lynne D. McCormick

9:00 - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

**Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>**

7:45am Stanley Blanchfield/ Frank Cappelletti

9:00 - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

**Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>**

7:45am Brette David Revette/ Family

9:00 - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

**Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>**

7:45am Joyce Ann Woods/ Bernadette Tierney &  
 Charles Kelly

9:00 - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

**Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am Joan Barrett Byrne/ John & Janice Passonno

Ann Brawley/ Bernadette Tierney

9:00 - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

**Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> – Pentecost Sunday**

Mary Dates/ Karen Silvestri

Stephen B. Yarnell/ Family

Justin Perrin/ John Heinrich

12:00 - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

**May 24th, 2020 - Seventh Sunday of Easter**

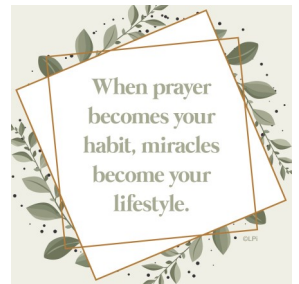
**First Reading Acts 1:12-14**

**Psalm 27**

**Second Reading 1 Peter 4:13-16**

**Gospel 17:1-11**

Today in our first Reading from Acts of the Apostles, the disciples are all gathered in the upper room devoting themselves to prayer. Jesus has now ascended to the Father but still remains in their hearts as he remains in ours. I think this reading is so important in what we are going through during this pandemic. During the most difficult times in the early Church the disciples knew how important it was to devote themselves to prayer. One's prayer life is dependent on how much they put into it. Like any type of sport or activity, our progress depends on how much time and effort we devote to it. As one who likes to sing, and who has a basic background in singing and music theory, I recognize the importance of practice. We all know that practice can get old after a while, but if we want to get better, we must persist to achieve our goal. Our prayer life is no different. You have heard me talk about St Ignatius of Loyola's examination of conscience where we recall the day (both negative and positive) and focus on one or two positive events that day. We take some time to see how God was working in those moments and then take a few minutes of prayer to thank Him for his presence during that day. We can also pray with the scriptures, pray the Rosary, and even contemplate or meditate on a certain aspect of our faith. Just "being" with Jesus is a form of prayer whether it is in adoration in the church or at home in a quiet place. I encourage you if you don't already have a place to pray, make a place of prayer that you dedicate strictly for this purpose. Maybe it's a spot in your room and a room in the house. Maybe it's a chair that you often sit in. Whatever it is make it a comfortable place you would enjoy going and just be with the Lord.



There are a few points that we can reflect on this week in terms of prayer. Where do I stand in my prayer life? What must I do to go deeper in my prayer life? do I desire to go deeper? How can I respond to God through my own acts of charity and prayer? How can I become more like the disciples and dedicate a specific time to my prayer life? Take some time to reflect on those things after reading this weekend's readings and ask the Holy Spirit for the graces to persist despite your own stumbling. Come Holy Spirit and give me the grace to see the work of Christ in my life.

Fr Matt Rawson



**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.

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**YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT**

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

Collection of April 12 will be reported in an upcoming bulletin.

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

**What about Mass Offerings?**

We encourage you to 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 updates communications, resources, support, & programs to our community and to our neighbors in need. To help support this mission, become an online giver by visiting [www.holycrossdewitt.org/give](http://www.holycrossdewitt.org/give) or mail in your envelopes to the Parish Office (4112 E. Genesee Street, DeWitt, New York 13214).



Thank you

# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 24, 2020

**SUN 5/24 ASCENSION:** Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23/  
Mt 28:16-20

**7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER** Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 [13]/1 Pt 4:13-16/  
Jn 17:1-11a

**MON 5/25** Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/Jn 16:29-33

**TUE 5/26** Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11a

**WED 5/27** Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]/  
Jn 17:11b-19

**THR 5/28** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/  
Jn 17:20-26

**FRI 5/29** Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-19

**SAT 5/30 Morning:** Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [cf. 7b]/  
Jn 21:20-25

**SUN 5/31 Vigil:** Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/  
Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-  
39. **Extended Vigil:** Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Ex  
19:3-8a, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 55, 56 [52b] or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/  
Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [1]/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24,  
35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39. **Day:** Acts  
2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/  
Jn 20:19-23

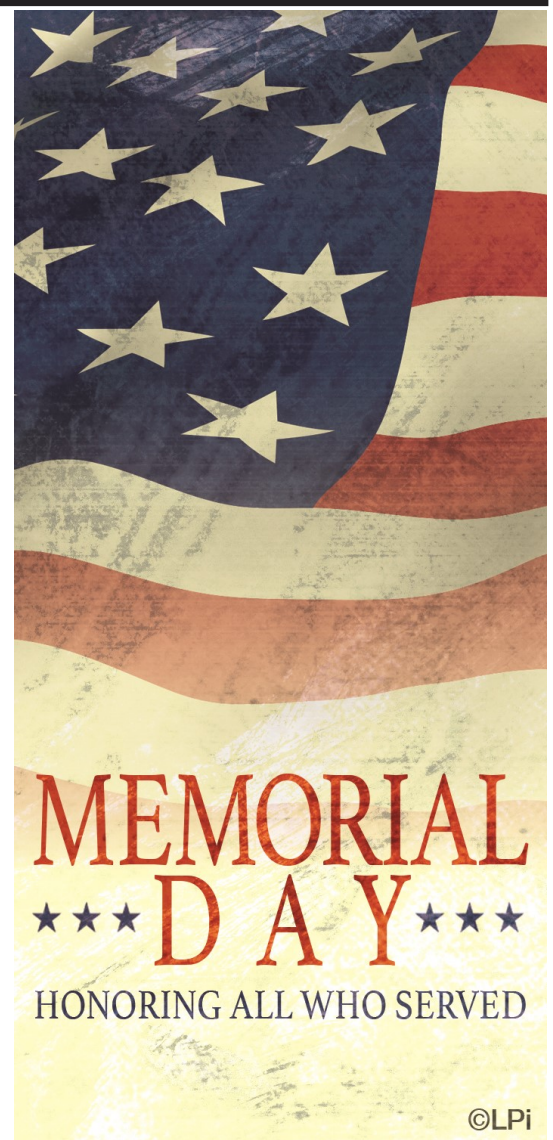
## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 24, 2020

- Sunday:** The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter;  
World Communications Day
- Monday:** St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Gregory  
VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, Virgin; Memorial Day
- Tuesday:** St. Philip Neri, Priest
- Wednesday:** St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop
- Next Sunday:** Pentecost Sunday

### Memorial Day Prayer

Dear Lord,  
On this day, we remember those  
who have served us by protecting our freedoms.  
When we celebrate our long weekend  
with our friends and family, help us remember,  
that our freedom to speak of you,  
and our freedom to worship you,  
and our freedom to do that which we ought to do,  
have all been bought at the price and sacrifice  
of many lives.

Your Son died for our eternal life in heaven.  
So too, your children died protecting us here on earth.  
Help us be mindful this weekend and always  
of the sacrifices made by those in uniform  
for all our freedoms. Amen.



### HOLIDAY INFORMATION

- Private prayer and devotion will take place from 9am to 3pm.
- Daily Mass will be live streamed at 7:45am.
- The Office will be closed but you are welcome to leave a message.

**GOD Bless AMERICA**

**New Hours**

The Main Church will be open for Private Prayer and Devotion between 9am and 3pm - Monday to Saturday and from Noon to 3pm on Sundays.

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

These hours may change so be sure to check the website.



**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)

**Jamesville Food Pantry Update from Gretchen Brown:**

The Jamesville Ecumenical Food Pantry, located at the old train station at 6486 E. Seneca Tpk. in Jamesville, remains open on its regular schedule during this COVID-19 time: Tuesday and Thursday 10am -1pm. One of the recent changes is that we are packing boxes of food for clients rather than having them come in the pantry and “shop”. They let us know what frozen or refrigerated food they need when they come to pick up. Clients receive a box of nonperishables and other frozen, refrigerated, and fresh produce that they request.

Volunteers have been wonderful & so helpful during this time. The JD community has been supportive as well. Several neighborhoods collected food & many individuals in the community are making financial donations. I am able to order from the Food Bank of CNY to keep our shelves well stocked for our clients. We have seen an increase in clients, but have not been overwhelmed.

The best way to do a “contactless” donation is to send a financial donation; donations will be used to purchase items we need at the pantry for our clients. We will also accept food donations & people can drop them off at pantry or I can pick up. We can always use things like cereal, macaroni & cheese, canned vegetables or fruit, & tuna. We can also use cake or brownie mixes. Our mailing address is JDEFP, P.O. Box 683, Jamesville, NY 13078.

**Road to Emmaus Ministry Update:**

Road to Emmaus Ministry has had a vital connection to Faith in Action at Holy Cross since 2013. In fact, Sheila Austin, Emmaus’ director, says that HC parish’s donations and steadfast volunteers are a major support for her ministry. Since mid-March, operations have changed dramatically at Emmaus. A skeleton crew comes in each day to prepare a meal for families & individuals and the meals are put into takeout containers and handed out at the front door of the Glen Ave building.

During the pandemic Sheila added a new feature to Emmaus ministry: volunteers provide a direct connection to guests through phone calls that offer encouragement & support. Due to job losses and stay at home orders, has had a 50-60% increase in the number of meals distributed at the center. Meal service times were changed to 11 AM – 12 PM, Monday through Saturday and menus alternate between hot meals and bagged lunches. Meals are distributed on the deck and the required social distance requirements of 6 feet are marked out in chalk on the sidewalks. It is not unusual to distribute 60 – 90 meals on any one day!

Sheila is grateful to God and financially generous supporters who provided for additional food expenditures and the CNY Community Foundation who provided a portion of their COVID 19 emergency funding to help offset the ministry’s needs. Her mailing address is: Road to Emmaus Ministry PO Box 15224, Syracuse, NY 13215.

**Catholic Media - Augustine Institute**

**FORMED**

Jesus tells us today, “you are my witnesses” and guarantees the “promise of the Father” to “clothe us with the power to accomplish this mission. It is not worldly power which dominates and manipulates. It is the power of the Kingdom of God to live in peace, forgiveness, compassion, service to others, love of enemies and care for the poor and defenseless.

JOIN US FOR

**ONLINE MASS**

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION!



**Sunday & Daily Mass Online from Holy Cross Church**  
[holycrossdewitt.org/watch](http://holycrossdewitt.org/watch)

Join us online for Mass! Just go to our [website](http://holycrossdewitt.org/watch).

- Sunday Mass will be live streamed on Saturday at 4 pm .
- Daily Mass (M-Fri.) will be live streamed at 7:45am.
- Saturday Mass will be live streamed at 9:00am.

**You may watch Mass at the designated times or later .**

**Reminder: Easter Duties**

Among the precepts of the Church are the duties to receive Holy Communion at least once a year, during the Easter season (can. 920) and to confess grave sins at least once a year (can. 989). These precepts often go together because in order to receive Holy Communion, one must be in a “state of grace,” that is free from grave sin (can. 916). Thus, they are called the “Easter duties.” In the United States, the Easter duties may be fulfilled at anytime between the First Sunday of Lent (1 March 2020) and Trinity Sunday (7 June 2020). When it is impossible for those who have not already done so to fulfill these duties, they are suspended. Therefore, there is no obligation to fulfill them during the Easter season, unless and until public gatherings for Mass and prayer resume.

**A Family Perspective:**

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Shannon Adams, Diana Arnold, Frank Blizzard, Leana Mae Bonnell, David Carr, Vince Cichello, Armand Cincotta, Linda Cote', Ricco Gauf, Katie

Glisson, Richard Griffin, Yvonne Grocott, Virginia Grosso, Mason Hallenbeck, Adriana Hampel, Daniel C. Healy, Elaine Hill, Macey Horbauch, Susan Keller, Jane Koszulka, Kathy Kotz, John Laura, Rory Lennon, Penny Locke, Edward Loftus, Elaine Lostumbo, Abrielle Lynch, Dominick M., Austin & Tres Mahan, Mary McArdle, Noah McNeil, Gail Moloney, Angela Martin, Mary Mayle, Monica Miranda, Tracey Montague, Faith Muller, Al Paparo, Deanna Peters, Wayne Queror, Mona Rawles, Micah Schwiezer, Brian Semerao, Dawn Simmonds, Kay Simon, Joseph Smith, Stephen Smith, Rita Smookler, Eleanor Sullivan, Shelly Tortora, Steve Wafer, and Kristin Woodmansee.

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.

**Month of May, Mary, Mother of God Alleluia!**

During these Great 50 days of Easter, we also celebrate Mary, Mother of God during the whole month of May. The Catholic Church honors Mary as Mother of God, the Mother of the Church and our spiritual Mother. The ways Mary is honored in May is as varied as the people who honor her. Parishes might have daily recitation of the rosary, others creating a prayer space or altars to honor Mary, and many parishes celebrate the tradition of the May crowning, adorning Mary with blossoms representing her beauty and virtue. She is a reminder to all of the faithful to strive to imitate the virtues of the Blessed Mother. May altars and crownings aren't just "church" things. We can be doing the same in our homes. When we echo the customs and traditions of the Church in our homes – our domestic churches – we participate more fully in the life of the Church.

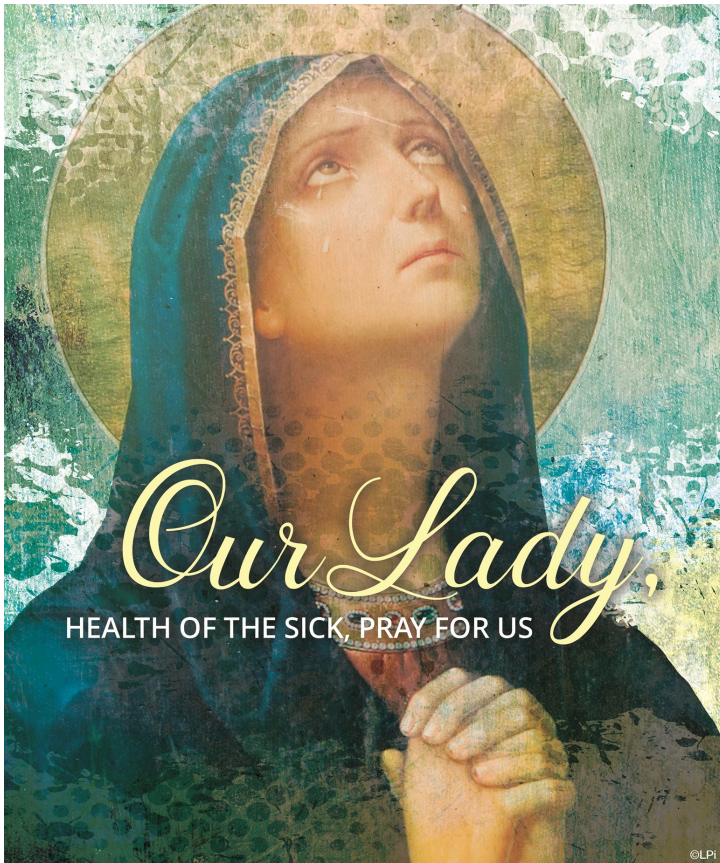
This month also coincides with Mother's Day, when we honor our own earthly mothers while celebrating our spiritual mother. At the end of May, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Queenship of Mary on May 31. (Fenelon, Marge. Why is May the Month of Mary? NCRRegister. May 1, 2016)


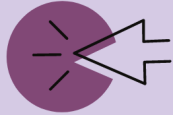


**Upcoming Live stream events with Bishop Lucia:**

All will appear on the diocesan youtube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/syrdio>


- **Daily Mass at noon** - weekdays (continues)
- **Thursdays of May:** 28 - 7pm recitation and brief catechesis on the Rosary



**SUBMIT A PRAYER INTENTION**

[syracusediocese.org](http://syracusediocese.org)



**Jamesville Food Pantry**

Are you or someone you know in need of food?



If you are living in the 13214 and 13078 zip codes you might be eligible for food assistance from the Jamesville Food Pantry. It is located in the old firehouse on East Seneca Turnpike in the hamlet. **The hours are**

**Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10-1 and the third Saturday of each month from 9-11.** Call 315-469-5093 for eligibility requirements or for more information. Donations from Holy Cross parishioners help to sponsor the Jamesville Food Pantry.

Thank You!

**Red Cross Blood Drive at Holy Cross**

The Red Cross is continuing their blood drives during May. Healthy individuals are urged to donate now to help patients counting on lifesaving blood! **Drive is being held at Holy Cross School Gym.** Thank you for your donations.

Dates are:

\*5/26 from 1-7pm

\*5/27 from 8am-2pm

**2019 Tax Contribution Statements**

If you wish to have a tax statement sent to your home, please fill out the form below. You may drop it off at the office, phone the office or email Peg@holycrossdewitt.org with the information.

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

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

Build Your Marriage Skills  
**THIRD OPTION**  
Online Meetings  
8-9 pm  
MAY 17th - Recognizing Childhood Baggage  
Saves Misunderstandings  
MAY 31st - Handling Anger Constructively:  
It Can Be Constructive  
JUNE 14th - Speaking the Truth in Love:  
Seven Communication Techniques  
JUNE 28th - Conflict Resolution:  
Solving Disagreements  
**ALL ARE WELCOME**  
Contact Stephanie Stewart at:  
sstewart@syrdio.org  
or 315-472-6728

**Bishop Lucia also asks that you pray the Novena above for 9 days. The Novena can then be restarted.**

**NOVENA PRAYER FOR AN END TO THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC**

O Mary, full of grace, Patroness of this nation and Mother of the Church, in this time of illness and world-wide need we seek your intercession for the human family before your Son's throne of grace and mercy. We ask for strength in adversity, health in weakness, and comfort in sorrow. Help us, O Blessed Mother, to be filled with confidence and trust in the tender compassion of our God. Let us not be afraid, like our own Saint Marianne Cope, who entrusted her life and ministry among the outcasts of society into the care of our Divine Physician. Continue to watch over all who are sick as well as those who care for them and give wisdom to all who are seeking a cure.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

**SACRAMENTS**

**Baptism** ~ Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements  
**Marriage** ~ Please make an appointment with a priest at least 6 months  
**Penance** ~ By appointment only

Classes required for 1st child's Baptism

prior to wedding

†To request either the **Anointing of the Sick** or **Communion to the Sick** please call the Parish Office.†

**HOLY CROSS PARISH**

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- Rev. John J. Kurgan, Pastor, ext. 15
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- Rev. Charles S. Vavonese, Weekend Homilist
- Deacon Dare Dutter, ext. 13
- 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
- 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**

- Martha O'Leary, School Principal
- Joanne Markert - Administrative Assistant, Nina Walters - Nurse