



21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”
- Mt 16:19

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- **PLEASE WATCH THE HC WEBSITE FOR CURRENT INFORMATION ON MASSES, REGISTRATION OF MASSES & DEVOTIONS AND REGULATIONS FOR ATTENDANCE.**
- **To remain in compliance with current government restriction of the number of individuals allowed to gather, we kindly ask that you register for Mass using our scheduling system. This may be found on the Holy Cross website. This will ensure individuals are not turned away.**
- **Holy Cross Church will be open Monday - Friday. 9am to 3pm for private Prayer and Devotion. You must wear a mask & use social distancing.**
- **We are limited to 33% capacity. Please register online.**
- **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Wednesday at 7:00pm. Register online.**
- **Confessions on Wed. 7:00 to 8:00pm, Sat. 3:00 to 3:30pm or by appointment.**
- **Do not hesitate to call or email the Parish Office if you have questions or concerns.**
- **If no one is in the office, be sure to leave a message. (315) 446-0473; Email ~ info@holycrossdewitt.org**

Mass Times

View Sunday & Daily Mass on TV or online. We'll share resources at www.holycrossdewitt.org

You can find daily Mass with Bishop Lucia at 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 for up to date information.

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 to see more.





MASS INTENTIONS

Sun., August 23rd-The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am Jim Cohen/ JoAnn & Dennis Looney

10:30am John Sheehan/ McDevitt Family

5:00pm Mickey Craver/ Elaine Lostumbo

Monday, August 24th

7:45am Bruce Lupone/ Lisa Lupone

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

Tuesday, August 25th

7:45am William Poli/ Kathy Kotz

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

Wednesday, August 26th

7:45am Alyce McNamara/ Family

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

7:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Penance

Thursday, August 27th

7:45am Jim Hughes/ Claude & Mary Anne Pilon

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

Friday, August 28th

7:45am People of Holy Cross

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

Saturday, August 29th

9:00am John McNamara/ Family

4:00pm Bona D'Costa/ Ralph D'Mello & Family

3:00 - 3:30pm Penance

Sunday, Aug. 30th-The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am Henry and James Fiacco/ Family

10:30am 56th Wedding Anniversary

of Ralph & Milburge D'Mello (living intention)

5:00pm Arthur Isherwood/ Mary Beth Smith

Private Prayer Hours

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

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

These hours may change so check the website.

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

\$15,123.00 Collection of August 9

\$12,908.00 Collection of August 16

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

Spiritual Reflection for Sunday August 23, 2020 The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 22: 19-23

Psalm: 138: 1-2, 2-3, 6, 8

Romans 11: 33-36

Matthew 16: 13-20

Today, through a faith-filled answer to the question posed by Jesus "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" Jesus names Simon, son of Jonah, Peter. Jesus tells Peter he is the rock upon whom Jesus will build his Church. This tremendous responsibility entrusted to Peter continues to this day.



It is easy to think of what happened in Sacred Scripture as incidents from the past. We must remember that Sacred Scripture is as real and pertinent today as it was at the time of its writing. Even though the darkness and difficulty has accompanied the Church through the centuries due to the mistakes of those entrusted with her keys, the Church continues!

Jesus says "...the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it." It is as if Jesus knows that the Church, made up of humans and for humans, will experience human sin. It is important to realize that this does not mean Jesus approves of the sin, but that God's love is more powerful for His people than any sin. Sin can never put the love of God, expressed by the Church and the Sacraments, asunder.

As we continue our journey in the Church we must always strive to live as Christ has taught, not accepting the mistakes along the way, but always striving to self-correct and to further the work began by Christ and built upon Peter.

Peace,
Fr. John Kurgan

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 or mail in your envelopes to the Parish Office (4112 E. Genesee Street, DeWitt, New York 13214).

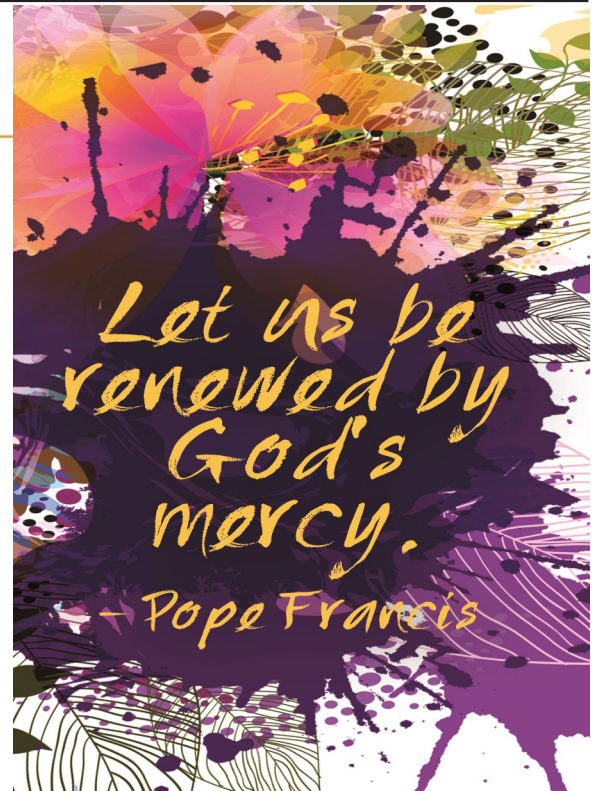


Thank you

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 23, 2020

- SUN 8/23** Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 [8bc]/Rom 11:33-36/
Mt 16:13-20
- MON 8/24** Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51
- TUE 8/25** 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Mt 23:23-26
- WED 8/26** 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5 [1]/Mt 23:27-32
- THR 8/27** 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [1]/Mt 24:42-51
- FRI 8/28** 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11 [5]/Mt 25:1-13
- SAT 8/29** 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17 [cf. 15ab]/
Mk 6:17-29
- SUN 8/30** Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2b]/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27



Dear Families,

Peace of Christ! We hope you have had an amazing summer. As school year plans begin to unfold, we wanted to share some helpful information on the direction of Faith Formation & Sacramental Preparations for this coming year.

Several months ago we began reflecting on our current situation and recognized that we wouldn't be able to do Faith Formation nor Sacramental Prep in the same manner as we have in the past. Considering the different comfort levels of families and volunteers, the difficulty of finding adequate space for social distancing, the busing situation for our morning classes (currently the buses aren't willing to contract us buses, and if they do, we will have to rent 3x as many), as well as the logistics of students attending schools on different days, we realized that we would need to anticipate these obstacles and creatively pivot our programs to suit the current needs of our families. As a result, several weeks ago we began re-envisioning our programs for this coming year. We are very excited to share some of the fruit of this labor.

For **Faith Formation**, we have developed a program that families can do at home. Please realize that this does not mean more online videos or even worksheets and chintzy crafts. The first part of our plan is to deliver a recurring box (every 4-6 weeks) full of quality materials, fun activities, and formative content for your student to grow in their faith. Each box is tailored to a student's age and level and this year will focus on prayer and learning to pray at home. On top of that we'll be distributing bonus family boxes quarterly that include activities and information to help direct parents and unify families. As we find the rhythm of school life and social distancing parameters this coming year, our next step is to offer in-person events and online touchpoints that would be safe, optional, & supplemental for young people to stay connected with the parish life. Our hope is to help cultivate social time that may be missing for our young people this year on top of providing high quality, formative materials in a safe, stimulating, and stylish way that can be offered even in the midst of ever-changing pandemic plans and procedures.



Sacramental Preparations will also be done at home with the parents being the primary catechist for their own child. Not only will parents be provided with the necessary resources for their child's formation, we are also committed to personally accompanying families along the way. For the children in First Penance & First Eucharist, we plan on meeting with each family individually several times through the year to check in and help in any way with this at-home formation. For Confirmation, teens will be broken into small groups of 3-5 people and have meeting times (either online or in person) as a small group to personally tailor their formation for their spiritual needs and questions. Lastly, there will be an excellent online program for parents to be edified further in their own faith as they invest and instruct their children.

We are very excited for this year and have great things in store for your family! We hope that you will join us! Please watch the mail and your inbox at the end of August for more detailed information and instructions on how to register.

In Christ,

Julie Sheridan & Steve Nepil

Directors of Faith Formation & Sacramental Prep

PS - And of course, we will still have the Household competition with House t-shirts, points, and the House Cup. More fun to come...



UPDATE

Bishop Lucia has **opened** the parishes in the Diocese of Syracuse. Holy Cross has reopened for all weekend liturgies. Daily Masses are also open. To remain in compliance with current government restrictions on the number of individuals allowed to gather, we kindly ask that you register for Sunday Mass, Daily Mass and Adoration (Wed. evenings) using our scheduling system that can be found on our website. This will ensure individuals are not turned away at the door, helps avoid any traffic issues, and as a safety measure to assist in reporting names in the event of any possible exposure to COVID-19. **All Masses are in the church & limited to 33% capacity.**

Register at www.holycrossdewitt.org or call the office. **Please follow all guidelines** that you received in our mailing to keep yourself and others safe. They are also on the web site. **Thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate these new policies and procedures.**

I Like What I See...

Parish members are vital in bringing new members into the Church. One reason people give for converting to Catholicism is along the lines of "I like what I see." For example, a recent convert started going to Mass with a friend in High School and now as an adult wants to become Catholic. When you hear someone express their interest in the Catholic faith, or perhaps you have a desire to learn more about your faith practices, please invite them to attend Mass with you. Your encouragement might be the nudge that makes a difference!



PRAYER REQUESTS

Diana Arnold, Frank Blizzard, Leana Mae Bonnell, David Carr, Terry Chylinski, 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, Sharon & Joe Kieffer, Susan Keller, Jane Koszulka, Kathy Kotz, John Laura, Rory Lennon, Penny Locke, Edward Loftus, Elaine Lostumbo, Abrielle Lynch, Dominick M., Austin & Tres Mahan, Mary McArde, Noah McNeil, Gail Moloney, Angela Martin, Mary Mayle, Monica Miranda, Tracey Montague, Faith Muller, Marilyn Oparil, Al Paparo, Deanna Peters, Joanne Pistello, Patricia Pool, 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.

**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 between 7 & 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.

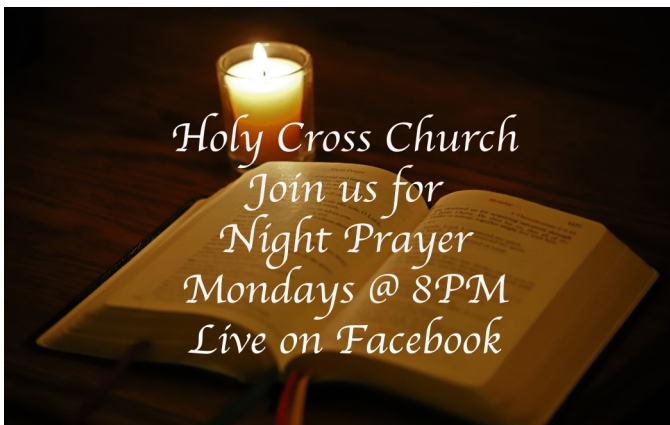
Catholic Media - Augustine Institute

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- Study:** Lectio: Evangelization and the Acts of the Apostles (8/24 St. Bartholomew/Nathaniel)
- Read:** Children: Golden Book: Legend of Young Saints (8/25 St. Louis IX of France)
- Listen:** Parenting for Purity by Jason Evert (8/27 St. Monica, mother of St. Augustine, 8/28)
- Study:** Beloved: Finding Happiness in Marriage
- Watch:** Restless Heart
- Watch:** Augustine: A Voice for all Generations with Mike Aquilina
- Watch with kids:** Catholic Heroes of the Faith: The Story of Saint Augustine

Monday Night Prayer

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



HAVE YOU PRAYED TODAY?



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

Season of Creation: Sept 1st through Oct 4th Jubilee for the Earth: New Rhythms, New Hope

The Season of Creation is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through repenting, repairing and rejoicing together. This year, amid crises that have shaken our world, we are awakened to the urgent need to heal our relationships with creation and each other. During the season this year, we enter a time of restoration and hope, a jubilee for our Earth, that requires radically new ways of living with creation.



World Day of Prayer for Creation Day, Sept 1st

The world day of prayer for creation opens the season each year. Pope Francis, Patriarch Bartholomew, the World Council of Churches, & many other leaders call the faithful to celebrate this day. Globally, Christians are invited to join the online prayer service to come together in a joyful celebration of our common cause. More information will be updated at SeasonofCreation.org

Season of Creation 2020 Prayer:

During this season of creation, we ask for courage to observe a Sabbath for our planet. Strengthen us with the faith to trust in your providence. Inspire us with the creativity to share what we have been given. Teach us to be satisfied with enough. And as we proclaim a Jubilee for the Earth, send your Holy Spirit to renew the face of creation. In the name of the One who came to proclaim good news to all creation, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Laudato Si Circles: after 4pm Mass this Saturday, 5pm Stop by today, Saturday, August 22nd, after mass to participate in our new small group gathering called Laudato Si Circles--or plan to join our next meeting **Saturday, Sept. 5th, 5-6pm.** We will meet at the picnic tables outside & behind Holy Cross School for prayer & reflection about Pope Francis' historic encyclical on care for the environment. This week, prayer and reflection will focus on chapter 3, "The Human Roots of the Ecological Crisis." Bring a folding chair for more flexible distancing. Thoughtful discussion and refreshments will be available. For more information or to sign up, contact Beth (see above or call the parish office).

August School Supplies collection Thank you!

Thank you for donating school supplies for families served by Mothers & Children in Crisis. The distribution of back to school items will take place as a "drive up" distribution this weekend and next weekend. The pandemic restrictions are especially hard for families without financial resources. Thank you for your generosity!

ANGEL BLANKETS HAPPENING IN SEPT. 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., September 3rd.** We will meet in rooms 12 & 13 in Yeazel Hall at 12:00 - 12:30 for lunch and 12:30 to sew. **Bring your own bagged lunch and drink.** We will be keeping socially distance. **Reservation 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.



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!

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

Everyone loves the beauty and innocence of a baby. As an expression of that love, Holy Cross announces an adoption program for young and old alike.

The members of Holy Cross parish family will have the opportunity to "spiritually" adopt a child who is newly conceived this month. Not all newly conceived babies are allowed to be born. In fact, more than 4,000 babies lose their lives to abortion each day. It is these babies you are being asked to "adopt".

You may "adopt" a child individually or as a family by signing up during the weekend of September 5 & 6. You will be asked to name the child for whom you will be praying, thereby giving the baby the humanity he or she deserves. You will be asked to pray for your unborn child and for all unborn children, for the power of prayer is great.

You will receive monthly reports through the parish bulletin describing your baby's development and your child will be born in May.

There are millions of unborn babies desperately in need of your prayers. Won't you please "spiritually adopt" one and share the love for life that God have given you?



Spiritual Adoption

Spiritual Adoption Prayer

"Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg of you to spare the life of (give the baby a name), the unborn baby I have spiritually adopted, who is in danger of abortion. Amen."

—Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

Pray this prayer every day for nine months—the whole time the baby is in the mother's womb— asking the Holy Family to save the baby's life. You may never meet the baby you spiritually adopted while you are on earth, but you surely will in Heaven!

Pray a Hail Mary daily for the mother also.

Baby's Name: _____

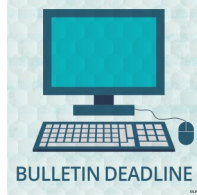
Date Adopted: _____

Upcoming Bulletin Deadline Change

The deadline for the bulletin of **September 12th & 13th** will be **Monday, August 31st at 9am.**

All notices received after these deadlines will be published in the following bulletin.

Thank you!



Gardening Angels



The Gardening Angels are as busy as the bees. They are all over the many Holy Cross gardens on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. The Angels' summer plans are to seed over some of the front garden areas, moving some clean dirt, pull-up the Iris along the parking lot wall and reset them for the Fall, renovate the Black-eyed Susan garden, and replant the Daffodils and Narcissus bulbs. Otherwise it's just weeding and watering and admiring. But we need helpers still. And it's fun and healthy in the good ol' lazy, hazy days of Summer. Contact Sue Sovik by phone 315 445-8980.

A Volunteer Opportunity

Would you like to make a difference for others & feel that difference within yourself? Francis House is a home for people who are terminally ill. Our volunteers support our residents by helping in the kitchen, with phones, maintenance & light cleaning. Our house is safe. We sanitize every four hours & keep our volunteers in a protective environment. There are volunteer shifts available ranging from 8:30am to 12 noon, 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm & 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. If you would like to give a few hours a month to help, please contact Rea Carver – 315-475-5422. Thank you.



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.

Married Couples - RESTORE REKINDLE RENEW

Join Worldwide Marriage Encounter via Zoom for 8 evening sessions:

Presented on Mondays and Thursdays from August 31st to September 24th. Due to Labor Day, one session will be on Tuesday, September 8th (8/31, 9/3, 9/8, 9/10, 9/14, 9/17, 9/21 & 9/24th). Sessions run from 7:00-9:00pm. A computer or tablet with access to the internet is necessary. Call Leonora & Ed Rivera with questions or to register at 585-223-1121 or LeoandEd@aol.com. See the flyer on the bulletin board for more info.

Maintenance/Janitorial Employee Wanted

St. Margaret's Church & school, Mattydale, NY seeks applicants for a part time 25 hours a week or a full time 40 hours a week position. The job includes cleaning, light maintenance & repair for the school building, church, rectory, convent & grounds, seasonal snow removal & mowing also necessary. Applicants should contact St. Margaret's Church at 315-455-5534 by 8/24.

Thank you to our Advertisers!

SACRAMENTS

Baptism ~ Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements
Marriage ~ Please make an appointment with a priest at least 6 months prior to wedding
Penance ~ Wednesday 7-8pm, Saturday 3 - 3:30pm
 Classes required for 1st child's Baptism
 By appointment
 †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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Holy Cross Parish Staff ~ Name, Title and Phone Extension

- Rev. John J. Kurgan, Pastor, ext. 15
- Rev. Matthew E. Rawson, Parochial Vicar, ext. 16
- 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
- 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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- Robert McCrone, School Principal
- Joanne Markert - Administrative Assistant, Nina Walters - Nurse