



Over thirty first through sixth grade students participated in Totus Tuus at the end of July! Totus Tuus, meaning totally yours, is a summer Catholic youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic faith through evangelization, discipleship, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship. Eight young adult, missionary disciples and staff from the Office of Youth Ministry led our young friends in amazing, faithful, fun, and safe activities all week long. And over thirty seventh through twelfth graders participated in evening retreats that included exciting outings and fruitful small groups, worship, and Adoration to grow deeper in their faith. Thank you to all of our missionaries and staff (including our own school nurse, Mrs. Nina Walters!) that worked so hard to create this experience and keep it safe for our youth. Look for more photos on our website coming soon! Follow us on Instagram (@holycrossdewitt) and Facebook to get updates and see more from our amazing week!

**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://www.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.**

**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 INTENTIONS

**Sun., August 9<sup>th</sup>-The 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30am John & Angelina Imperioli/ Mary Beth Smith  
 10:30am Jill Rakov/ Niece, Ellyn  
 5:00pm Stanley Blanchfield/ Wife

**Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup>**

7:45am Jacob Loke/ Mary Beth Smith  
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

**Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>**

7:45am No Intention Requested  
 9:00am- 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

**Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>**

7:45am People of Holy Cross  
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion  
 7:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Penance

**Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup>**

7:45am No Intention Requested  
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

**Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup>**

7:45am No Intention Requested  
 9:00am- 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

**Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am John P. Wagner/ Elaine Lostumbo  
 4:00pm Angie Calabro/ Family  
 3:00 - 3:30pm Penance

**Sunday, Aug. 16<sup>th</sup>- The 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30am William McDevitt/ Lynn  
 10:30am Salvatore Zaffino/ Cappelletti Family  
 5:00pm James Urtz/ Elaine Lostumbo

**Scriptural Reflection for Sunday August 9, 2020**  
**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**I Kings 19:9a, 11-13a**  
**Psalm 85: 9, 10, 11-12, 13-14**  
**Romans 9: 1-5**  
**Matthew 14: 22-33**

The disciples of Jesus are on the water heading to the opposite shore where they were to wait for Jesus. The disciples experience a terrible storm, their faith falters and they fear for their lives. This is another example of the lack of faith exhibited by the disciples.



The fear of drowning is real, no matter if it is in water or drowning in the struggles of daily life. We count on the people “in the boat” with us to help us but at times we find we must turn to God in our fear. Should the disciples have been able to handle the storm by themselves in today’s Gospel? If they had remembered that Christ was always with them, they would not have put Christ to the test. Peter says, “Command me to come to you on the water.” Jesus said, “Come”. As Peter begins to walk on the water, his fear takes over and he begins to sink. Peter cries out “Lord, save me.” Of course, Christ does save him but asks why he ever doubted.

Today we should ask why we ever doubt in Christ. When we call out to Christ for help, do we have the courage to do as Christ instructs us? Do we have the faith to encourage others to also trust?

Peace,  
 Fr. John Kurgan

**Mass for Homebound**

Sunday Mass is available each week on TV Sunday at 6:30am and 9:30am on Channel 9, Sat. at 8:30pm on Channel 98, and on the Syracuse Catholic Television YouTube channel. For a complete list of channels & air times, visit facebook.com/syracuseCTV. Televised Mass is made possible by your generous donations to the HOPE Appeal.

**Have you considered having a Mass requested for the intention of someone in your family or a friend?**

We have two options available to you. The first is to have a Mass requested for either a daily Mass or a weekend Mass - donation is \$10. The second is the Mass League. Your loved one will be remembered at the 7:45am Mass on the First Friday of the month for one year - \$25. Both can be requested at the Parish Office.

**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**

Collections 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 AUGUST 9, 2020

<b>SUN 8/9</b>	1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33
<b>MON 8/10</b>	2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26
<b>TUE 8/11</b>	Ez 2:8—3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 [103a]/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
<b>WED 8/12</b>	Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [4b]/Mt 18:15-20
<b>THR 8/13</b>	Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62 [cf. 7b]/Mt 18:21—19:1
<b>FRI 8/14</b>	Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [1c]/Mt 19:3-12
<b>SAT 8/15</b>	Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28. Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
<b>SUN 8/16</b>	Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

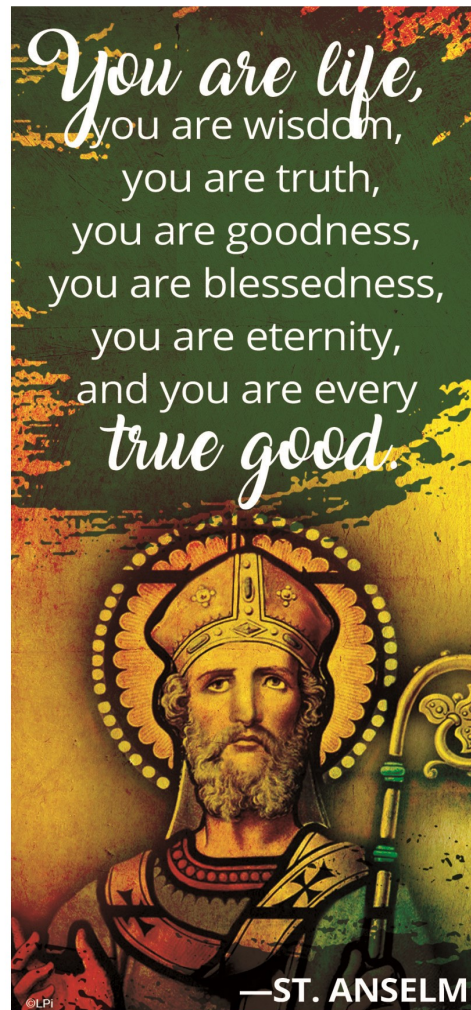
### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 9, 2020

<b>Sunday:</b>	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
<b>Monday:</b>	St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr
<b>Tuesday:</b>	St. Clare, Virgin
<b>Wednesday:</b>	St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
<b>Thursday:</b>	Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs
<b>Friday:</b>	St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr
<b>Saturday:</b>	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### LIVE THE LITURGY

#### Inspiration for the week

There is something very sacred about silence. Silence connects us. It is where the heartbeat of all of creation — and its life blood and source — are embraced and where oneness is experienced. When in the presence of an environment that is silent, the worries, tribulations, struggles, and challenges of life seem to fade away, and we can experience a peaceful whisper. We can call that whisper God. Through the practice of contemplative prayer, we can find our way to that inner place of silence even in the midst of great distraction, busyness, and noise. The silence becomes one with us and grounds us. When we become friends with silence, friends with God, we can hear the gentle whisper of God's voice saying, "Come, stay here. Trust me and you will not fall."



Lord,  
help  
me see





**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](http://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.**

**Catholic Media - Augustine Institute**

**FORMED**

**Study:** From Nothing to Cosmos (8/8 St. Dominic, Patron of Astronomers)

**Listen:** Saint Philomena: A Saint for Our Times (8/11 st. Philomena)

**Watch:** Clare and Francis (8/11 St. Clare, virgin) Great movie!!!!

**Watch:** Ocean of Mercy (8/14 st. Maximilian Kolbe) A classic! 8/15 Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Study:** The Bible and the Virgin Mary: Lesson 11

**Watch:** Glorious Mysteries: The Traditional Catholic Rosary

**Listen:** Children: Walking with Jesus: The Rosary Prayers in Song

**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.



**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 Mc Ardle, Noah McNeil, Gail Moloney, Angela Martin, Mary Mayle, Monica Miranda, Tracey Montague, Faith Muller, Al Paparo, Deanna Peters, Joanne Pistello, Patricia Pool, Wayne Queror, Mona Rawles, Micah Schweizer, 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](mailto: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.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

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

**Sunday & Daily Mass Online**

**[holycrossdewitt.org/watch](http://holycrossdewitt.org/watch)**



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

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

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

**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)

**Laudato Si Circle: Today after 5pm Mass!**

Join us on Sunday, August 9th, 6-7pm, at the picnic tables outside & behind Holy Cross School after 5pm Mass for prayer & reflection about Pope Francis' historic encyclical on care for the environment. Discussion will focus on chapter 2, The Gospel of Creation. Bring a chair for more flexible distancing. Thoughtful discussion and refreshments will be available. For more information contact the parish office 446-0473 or [beth@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:beth@holycrossdewitt.org)



**Matthew 25 Farm next Saturday: August 15th, 8-11 am**

You are invited to join a service trip to Matthew 25 Farm in Lafayette on Saturday, August 15th at 8-11am. Families will enjoy learning from Rick, a former elementary school teacher who eagerly shares the joys of growing food. We will help him to grow & harvest vegetables, learning about their mission to support local food pantries & soup kitchens. You can even bring a few veggies home to sample the crop! Please sign up if you want to join the group [beth@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:beth@holycrossdewitt.org) (315)416-4576

Note: If you want to plan your own family trip to the farm, volunteers are welcome anytime by appointment: Contact Rick: [Matthew25Farm@yahoo.com](mailto:Matthew25Farm@yahoo.com) or (315)558-2212.

**Race Matters:**

While you are stockpiling your summer reads, pick up a copy of Grace Will Lead Us Home by Jennifer Berry Hawes. It is the September 28th read for the Race Matters discussion. Hawes, a Pulitzer Prize winning journalist tells the story of "The Charleston Church Massacre and the Hard, Inspiring Journey to Forgiveness." To register for the September 28th online session, please email: [petersarveracts@gmail.com](mailto:petersarveracts@gmail.com)

**August School Supplies collection:**

While you are shopping for school supplies this year, please consider picking up an extra item or two for our collection to benefit local families experiencing poverty. **Requested items include: backpacks, pens, pencils, erasers, glue sticks, folders, filler paper, tissues & hand sanitizer.**



Please place your donated school supplies in the bins near the front doors or drop them in the office during the week.

**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.

**Note from Msgr. Yeazel**

My Dear Friends ,

I am most grateful for all the prayers, love and support you have expressed for me during my recent illness. It is truly appreciated. Some if you have asked me "what can I do ?" My response is to simply ask that you continue to pray for me.

While I wish circumstances were different, I hope you will understand that I am not physically in a position to personally respond to your caring messages, be they cards, texts, emails or social media. I am grateful for all of them, as well as the Masses for my intention. Please know that my spirits - and health - have been raised by them.

Aided by that support , my recovery process is such that I will soon be returning to Syracuse to continue my rehab at Loretto . While I am grateful to be "coming home," the visitation restrictions of this continuing crisis as well as the rigors of my recovery therapy will, regrettably, preclude any visitation possibilities for the foreseeable future. Knowing I have your support, however, will help carry me through.

You remain in my prayers - please continue your generosity and goodness towards one another.

Gratefully ,  
Fr Bob Yeazel

**"Pray the Rosary Every Day"**



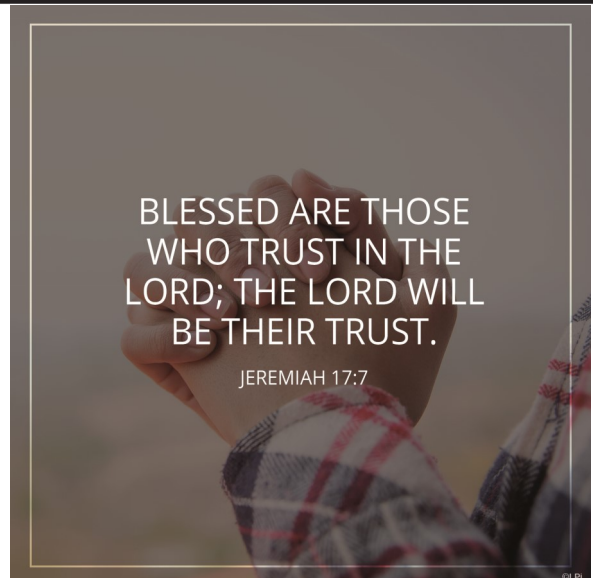
On May 13, 1917, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared in Fatima, Portugal to three shepherd children. She urged the children to "Pray the Rosary every day, in order to obtain peace for the world, and the end of the war (WWI)." Mornings after daily Mass and on weekends a group gathers at Holy Cross' Outdoor Shrine to pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy. It is informal, and open to anyone who would like to pray. **Join us on August 15th, 7:30AM to pray for Malachi Clark, who will be ordained on the Feast of the Assumption of Mary.**

**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.



## Safe Environment Training - Now Available

The Office of Safe Environment is offering online initial & re-certification training sessions for those required or interested to attend. The complete schedule of available training sessions and registration links can now be found on the diocesan Safe Environment page: <https://syracusedioocese.org/safe-environment/>

Two new sessions have been added to the Online Training Schedule:

**PGC (Initial) Training:** Friday, August 21st 9am - 11am  
(Registration closes on Monday, August 17th at 9am)

**EPDR (Re-certification) Training:** Fri., Aug. 21st 1- 2:30pm  
(Registration closes on Monday, August 17th at 9am)

Pre-registration is required for these sessions. Sessions are limited to 20 participants on a first-come, first-serve basis. (The training schedule is updated regularly with additional dates & times.)

Registration for the online training sessions will close four (4) business days before the training session to allow time to mail training packets to participants' homes before the training session.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact me at 315.470.1421 or [jzarnowski@syrдио.org](mailto:jzarnowski@syrдио.org).

## Project Rachel Ministry

How do you know if you need post-abortion healing? Do you feel reluctant to talk about the subject of abortion, or feel guilt, anger or sorrow over your own abortion? Do you have lingering feelings of resentment or anger towards people involved in your abortion (baby's father, friends, your parents)? Have you felt a vague emptiness, a deep sense of loss, or prolonged periods of depression? Are you overly protective of any children you have now? These are some of the signs that you could benefit from post-abortion healing. **Project Rachel Ministry** can help you find peace. Contact us at 855-364-0076 [hopeandhealing@syrдио.org](http://hopeandhealing@syrдио.org). All calls and emails are confidential.



**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.**

## Bulletin & Scheduling Information

- If you would like to submit an item for the bulletin please send the item in to the parish office before the deadline on Monday at 9am for the upcoming weekend. Deadlines will change when there is a holiday. Preference is given to Holy Cross events and are approved by Fr. Kurgan. If there is extra room, other announcements will appear. Send your announcements by E-mail to: [peg@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:peg@holycrossdewitt.org). All announcements are subject to editing.
- Anyone who would like to hold an event or activity at Holy Cross should contact Peg at the parish office. Yeazel Hall and classrooms are open to parishioners for meetings & special events. Any others may submit a request. Priority is given to parish events, parishioners & diocesan events. For non-parish groups, proof of insurance may be required. All requests must be approved by Fr. Kurgan prior to getting placed on the Holy Cross calendar.

## 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

**Penance** ~ Wednesday 7-8pm, Saturday 3 - 3:30pm  
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. 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  
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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