



Our parish has a vibrant history of supporting Catholic education at Holy Cross School and ensuring no parish student is ever turned away from the opportunity to receive a quality education in our loving and welcoming faith-filled school. To care for our families who desire this opportunity but cannot afford the tuition in whole or in part, our parish family generously provides support through our Educate-A-Kid program. By offering to Educate-A-Kid, you join a long standing legacy of parishioners and clergy dedicated to seeing that Holy Cross School remain vibrant, accessible, and diverse. We are looking for continued support of this exceptional program and backing of our Crusader community. Read the Educate-A-Kid section at the bottom of page 5 or visit our website at [holycrossdewitt.org/give](http://holycrossdewitt.org/give) to make a contribution. Contributions can be made online or via check made out to “Holy Cross School” memo Educate-A-Kid. Some companies match contributions. If you are interested in learning how to match your contribution through your employer, please contact our finance office at 315-446-0473.

**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.**

**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

**Sunday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>-The 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30am In Honor of Trish Lowney/  
JoAnn & Dennis Looney (living intention)  
10:30am Collins & Morrisroe Families/ Family Members  
5:00pm Joan Schroder/ Family & Ellyn

**Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**

7:45am Bruce LuPone/ Lisa LuPone  
9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

**Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>**

7:45am Theresa DeSantis/ Kathy Kotz  
9:00am- 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

**Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>**

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

**Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>**

7:45am Frank Cappelletti/ Vince & Joyce Scarvillo  
9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

**Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**

7:45am Jim Hughes / Family  
9:00am- 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

**Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am Kristen Gerthoffer-Woodmansee/  
Christine Fricke  
4:00pm Bruce Lupone/ Nancy Zanoni  
3:00 - 3:30pm Penance

**Sunday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>-The 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30am Irene & Bernard Kelly/ Children  
10:30am Ann Barry/ Pat & Elaine Ryan  
5:00pm Maria Antonucci/ Antonucci Family

## Spiritual Reflection for Sunday Sept. 20, 2020 The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55: 6-9  
Psalm: 145  
Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a  
Matthew 20: 1-16a



Our need for love and appreciation by others is unquestioned. This love and appreciation gives meaning and motion to our lives. In the gospel today, those hired first who labored under the heat of the day do not feel appreciated! Indeed, they feel cheated and used.

If we are honest, we too may feel cheated. Imagine the person in the family or the co-worker that always seems to have an easier time in life than you do. Do we accuse God of not being fair to us when this occurs? If we do, we must remember that someone else probably thinks the same about us. It is the old idea that the grass is always greener on the other side.

The workers in the gospel who worked the entire day may not have understood. The landowners, not offering them work, rejected them and caused them to suffer. Imagine how appreciated they felt when they received a full day's pay!

Let us consider our own sin today. Christ forgives our sins; we know that. We will ultimately see the kingdom of God. Does it really matter if we feel appreciated all the time? Does it matter if those around us seem to have an easier life than we do? I suggest that it does not and should not matter. What is important is that we all appreciate the goodness of God.

Peace, Fr. John Kurgan

This weekend's 2nd collection is the **Emergency Disaster Collection** to support the humanitarian & church needs arising from current & future disasters. **Donations can be put in the basket near the exits of the church.**

Next weekend's 2nd collection is our Missionary Appeal by Rev. Augustine John Temu for the needs of the Catholic Diocese of Tanga/Tanzania. See page 5 of the bulletin for information.

### 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**

\$18,410.86 Collection of September 6.  
\$11,756.00 Collection of September 13

**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 SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

- SUN 9/20** Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 [18a]/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a
- MON 9/21** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13
- TUE 9/22** Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44 [35]/Lk 8:19-21
- WED 9/23** Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163 [105]/Lk 9:1-6
- THR 9/24** Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc [1]/Lk 9:7-9
- FRI 9/25** Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4 [1]/Lk 9:18-22
- SAT 9/26** Eccl 11:9—12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17 [1]/Lk 9:43b-45
- SUN 9/27** Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32



## PRAYER REQUESTS

Diana Arnold, Frank Blizzard, Leana Mae Bonnell, David Carr, Terry Chylinski, Vince Cichello, Armand Cincotta, Linda Cote', Mark Cywilko, Ricco Gauf, Katie Glisson, Richard Griffin, Yvonne Grocott, Virginia Grosso, Mason Hallenbeck, Adriana Hampel, Daniel C. Healy, Elaine Hill, Macey Horbauch, Stanley Jakimek, 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 McArdle, Gail Moloney, Angela Martin, Mary Mayle, Monica Miranda, Tracey Montague, Faith Muller, Marilyn Oparil, Al Paparo, Deanna Peters, Joanne Pistello, Patricia Pool, Mona Rawles, Micah Schwiezer, Brian Semerao, Billy Sheridan, Dawn Simmonds, Kay Simon, Joseph Smith, Stephen Smith, Rita Smookler, Eleanor Sullivan, Shelly Tortora, and Steve Wafer.

**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.**

### 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.

### 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.



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

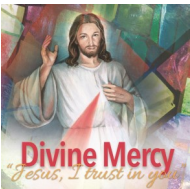
Please register online as you do for Mass if you are planning on attending. We begin the hour in the church with Adoration & will conclude with Solemn Benediction.



### 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.

### DIVINE MERCY CENACLE:



The Divine Mercy Cenacle will meet each Thursday at 10:00am in Yeazel Hall.

All are welcome to join. If you are new to the group, please contact Eileen Cariseo (315-469-7128) to secure materials used during the sessions.

### Catholic Media - Augustine Institute

#### FORMED

**Audio:** The Logic of Being Catholic (9/19) John Henry Newman

**Book:** You Can Understand the Bible (9/21 St. Matthew)

**Book:** Mystery of the Kingdom

**Audio:** Proclaiming the Kingdom: The Gospel of Matthew

### 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 4pm .
- 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)

#### Season of Creation: Sept 1st through Oct 4th

The global celebration of the Season of Creation theme is Jubilee for the Earth: New Rhythms, New Hope. The month of September is set aside as 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.

#### Change of date! Next Laudato Si Circle meeting: Saturday Sept. 26th, 5-6pm

Join a small group outside & behind Holy Cross School to discuss the papal encyclical on the environment, Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home. Meetings are held bi-weekly and all are welcome to join us for prayer and reflection. Unseasonable weather may require a change of location. For more information, please call the parish office for more information: (315)446-0473 or contact: [beth@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:beth@holycrossdewitt.org).

#### Activities of the Laudato Si Circle at Holy Cross

The Holy Cross Parish Laudato Si Team plans to celebrate the Season of Creation in September by planting a nature garden & planning a care for creation themed liturgy. In order to act for the preservation and protection of nature & wildlife, Laudato Si Circle members will collaborate with the Gardening Angels parish service group to plan & to plant a nature garden on the parish grounds. It will contain a variety of native plants that provide food and shelter for birds and butterflies. In addition to the garden, the Circle group is planning a liturgy for the weekend masses on September 27th to celebrate God's loving gift of Creation.

#### 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.*

#### Jamesville Food Pantry

##### Are you or someone you know in need of food?

If you are living in the 13214 or 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 & Thursdays from 10-1 & 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!

### HOPE APPEAL 2020

The 2020 HOPE Appeal **Commitment weekend** will begin on **Saturday and Sunday, October 3-4, 2020**. With your help, we can assure the continued support of many important programs that help thousands in our diocese each year; education of our children, college and seminary students, evangelization, Catholic Charities services, and more. Please respond generously when you are asked to make your pledge.



Each year, the HOPE Appeal gives us the opportunity to support valuable ministries, programs, and services that benefit many across the Diocese of Syracuse and beyond, including members of our own parish. This year's theme is Gratitude.

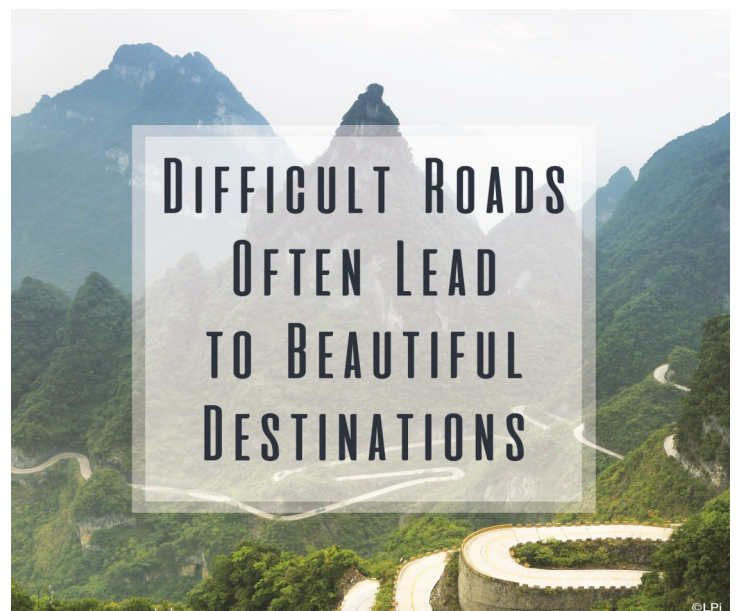
Holy Cross will take up the HOPE Appeal during Masses the weekend of October 3-4. You should have received information about the HOPE Appeal in the mail as well as a request from the Diocese of Syracuse for all parishioners to make a pledge to the 2020 effort. Please review the HOPE Appeal brochure and prayerfully consider the most generous gift possible as a steward of Christ.

### Gardening Angels Update



Your Gardening Angels continue weeding, will next separate the Iris plants for a June bloom & add Native Plants to the south wall garden. They've removed the overgrown trees along the north side of the Church to be replaced soon.

They have put down mulch around the gardens, islands & along Paddock Drive. The September plan for the Angels to replant the Daffodils and Narcissus for blooming in Spring is done. A final Fall clean-up will happen over the coming weeks. God's House surely is looking great for Advent. For next Spring, there will be simple work & admiration of our Fall planting. Contact Sue Sovik by phone 315 445-8980 to join the Angels now, & for next year. *"For we are God's co-workers, you are God's field, God's building."* (1Corinthians 3:9)



**Please welcome Fr. Temu**

This weekend Rev. Augustine John Temu is visiting Holy Cross. He is representing the Catholic Diocese of Tanga. Fr. Temu is from the Catholic Diocese of Tanga / Tanzania. The mission needs of his diocese are many, but at this time we are very challenged to meet the tuition fees for our 29 diocesan major seminarians who are now in formation and studies in our national Philosophical & Theological seminaries. Any help we can get from this mission appeal will be of vital in supporting the formation of these fine young men who will soon move on into priesthood. I can't thank you enough for your consideration in this. Your generous financial and spiritual help will make the difference.



**Please welcome Fr. Temu and be generous in next weekend's second collection.**



**Our Monthly Movie** will be shown on Tuesday, September 29 at 1:00pm. "I Still Believe" will be the feature this month, an uplifting true-life story of Christian music megastar Jeremy Camp. This inspiring tale follows Jeremy's search for his artistic voice leading him to his wildest professional dreams, as well as the love of his life. But Jeremy's hope & faith are put to the test when tragedy strikes.

**Please bring your own drinks and wear your mask. Reservations required;** call Jo 315-446-3328. We will be socially distanced.

**EDUCATE - A - KID**

Holy Cross parish has a glorious history of never turning a parish student away who seeks a Catholic Education.

Some of our parents cannot afford the tuition in whole or part. If you are able to help Educate-A-Kid, please help us provide a Catholic Education for a boy or girl. Tuition is \$5,500.00.

We have a Holy Cross School Incorporation that also allows matching funds from many companies. Call the Parish Office for more information. It is "Friends of Holy Cross School, Inc." – Federal Tax ID is 26-3789417.

Please complete this form if you can help.

God bless you and I know He will for bringing a child closer to Him.

I wish to help a family afford a Catholic education.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Full Scholarship - Yes, I am interested (\$5,500)

\_\_\_\_\_ Partial Scholarship - Amount of Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_



Please introduce yourself to one of the priests. We invite you to become a registered participant of our parish community by completing a census card which you can find in an envelope in the Gathering Area, or contact the Parish Office, or visit our web site; [www.holycrossdewitt.org](http://www.holycrossdewitt.org). Welcome!

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.

**Be sure to check the bulletin board, located by the main entrance, for more information about upcoming events in our area.**

**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.

**COVID-19 INFORMATION**

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.**

**Online Safe Environment Training Updates**

The Office of Safe Environment continues to offer online initial (PGC) & re-certification (EPDR) training opportunities to those who are interested & able to attend training online during this time.

The complete schedule of available training sessions and registration links can now be found on the diocesan Safe Environment page: <https://syracusediocese.org/safe-environment/>.

**PGC (Initial) Training:**

Tuesday, October 6th 9:00am - 11:00am (Registration closes on Tuesday, September 29th at Noon)

Wednesday, October 14th 6:00pm - 8:00pm (Registration closes on Tuesday, October 6th at Noon)

Wednesday, October 28th 6:00pm - 8:00pm (Registration closes on Wednesday, October 21st at Noon)

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

Wednesday, September 30th 6:00pm - 7:30pm (Registration closes on Wednesday, September 23rd at Noon)

Wednesday, October 7th 9:00am - 10:30am (Registration closes on Wednesday, September 30th at Noon)

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 and times.) Registration for training sessions will close 5 (five) business days before the date of the training session to ensure that training materials reach participants' homes ahead of their training date and time.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact Joelle Zarnowski, Program Coordinator, at 315.470.1421 or [safeenvironment@syrдио.org](mailto:safeenvironment@syrдио.org).

**SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM**

**Sign up today!**

**“My Heart started beating today!”** During this first amazing month of life, the baby grows to 10,000 times his/her size at conception. The child is totally dependent upon their mother. Between mother and child lies the vital organ called the placenta. Here vessels from mother and baby intertwine without joining, highlighting their newly formed relationship-mutual, nourishing and deeply connected. By the third week the baby’s tiny heart begins to beat. Pray that the Lord of Life might move the heart of the baby’s mother to give her child the most precious gift of all.. the gift of life.

We hope you picked up or clipped out the Spiritual Adoption Prayer from the bulletin. Please name the baby you are adopting and pray daily for him or her and the mom. **We did not have a signup but know we are all praying together for these babies. Keep an eye on the bulletin and posters in the Church as we continue to show the development of your baby in the womb.** One month - can you imagine that little tiny heart-beat? You might want to read Psalm 139:13-16. These verses are a good reminder of God's loving creation of each of us.

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



**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  
 Or 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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- 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](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