



Monroe Vicariate

September, 2009

Mission Statement

The Monroe Vicariate Pastoral Council seeks to enhance communication of our Catholic faith throughout our 14 parishes in Monroe County. We desire to work together as friends of Christ Jesus and as a family of parishes for the sake of the gospel. The VPC advises the Vicar.

Father Brian Hurley was born in Warren, Michigan, grew up in Sterling Heights and attended St. Rene Goupil parish. He graduated in 1986 from Bishop Foley High School where he was voted class flirt and best smile. He went to John Carroll University in Cleveland, OH where he played football and majored in pre-engineering/physics, then chemistry. He left Carroll and took a job at Saturn Corp which led him back to engineering at Lawrence Tech. After graduation, Ford hired him as a product engineer. Father Brian thought that he would eventually get married and have children, but the Lord had other plans. He walked out of work one day very frustrated and said "there has to be something better than this." This began a three-year search to discern what he was to do with his life. Praying to the Lord, the Lord responded deep in his soul, "I want you to be a priest. I have been telling you that all along." Father Brian's college days and time at Ford were much like the movie "Animal House" so he didn't think he was worthy to be a priest. Fr. Brian said the Lord knew that these experiences would be used to help other people experience God's mercy. Friendship with Jesus Christ and the promise of Heaven were the pearls of great price that he was looking for. This led him to enter the seminary in the fall of 1996. Father says, "Ford drove me to the Lord."



His first assignment was at Divine Child in Dearborn 2002 to 2005 followed by St. Andrew in Rochester 2005 /2006. In 2006 Fr. Brian was assigned to be the pastor of St. Anthony of Padua in Temperance.

He uses his day off to talk to family and friends or to catch up on sleep. A priest-friend got him hooked on the Wii and he enjoys reading and playing and watching sports. Father Brian loves being a priest, but doesn't always like it; however, he wouldn't trade it for anything. He knows the Lord called him to be a priest. It will just take his lifetime to learn how to better respond to His call. Father asks that if there is someone you think may have a calling to the priesthood or religious life, please mention it to them and encourage them to talk to their priest or to the vocations director. If you think you may have a vocation to the priesthood or religious life, Father asks that you pray about it and talk to someone that you trust. "Ask that Lord who He wants you to be and then what He wants you to do. Life is a lot more rewarding and satisfying when we listen to what He wants!"

This series of articles on the priests of the Monroe Vicariate is brought to you by the Monroe Vicariate Vocation Committee

Monroe Vicariate Schools

It's a new school year! Do you know what that means?

Fundraisers. Yes, fundraisers.

It'd be great if we could manage a budget based on state aid for education. We can't.

Despite our documented success, Catholic Schools aren't reimbursed from state funds.

We have to rely on parent tuition, parish subsidy, employee wage trade-off, and benefactors to fund our schools.

Right at its heart, when you attend Sunday Mass and contribute to your parish- you support our schools in prayer and deed.

Thank you. Whenever we're remembered in a memorial donation OR given an item off of our Wish Lists, we are encouraged.

Thank you. The same is true whenever you donate OR buy our auction items, raffle tickets, magazines OR candy. It's true when you use our Scrip Programs OR save soup labels, ink cartridges and boxtops.

Fundraisers help us balance our budgets. These activities also give our families a way to come and spend time together. If you check out one of our events, you might just find that it's wholesome entertainment for yourselves, your children and even your grandchildren. What better place to meet and greet friends than at your parish church and school?

Our benefactors, large and small, are a blessing to us. We want to be a blessing to them and to our church communities in return. Fundraisers? Yes.



VOCATIONS See the Monroe Vicariate Website for a Calendar of Events for Vocations at www.monroevicariate.com.

Adult Faith Formation at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Temperance Is there Life after Death? What happens after death? Presented by Father Stephen Rooney, 7 pm., September 10th.

Save the date, October 17~ 5:30 p.m. for a scrumptious mostaccolli and meatball dinner at St. Joseph Church Hall including a silent raffle. Proceeds will go toward improvements at our **St. Joseph Cemetery**. Your support will be appreciated plus you'll enjoy a nice meal with dessert.

LIFE CHAIN of Monroe County Sunday, October 4 "Sanctity of Life Sunday" 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. Telegraph north of Elm (at River Raisin)

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Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
8330 Lewis Ave.,
Temperance 48182-9285
734-847-2805

St. Anne
2420 N. Dixie Hwy.,
Monroe 48162-5290
734-289-2910

St. Anthony
4605 St. Anthony Rd. (M-151),
Temperance 48182-9784
734-854-1143

St. Charles Borromeo
8109 Swan Creek Rd.,
Newport 48166-9138
734-586-2531

St. Irene
576 Main, Dundee 48131-1299
734-529-2160

St. John the Baptist
511 S. Monroe,
Monroe 48161-2293
734-241-8910

St. Joseph
2214 Manhattan,
Erie 48133-0247
734-848-6125

St. Joseph
8295 Van Aiken, Ida 48140-0406
734-269-3895

St. Joseph
9207 Joseph St.,
P.O. Box 125, Maybee 48159-0125
734-587-8835

St. Joseph
924 E. Second St.,
Monroe 48161-1950
734-241-9590

St. Mary
127 N. Monroe St.,
Monroe 48162-2686
734-241-1644

St. Mary
32477 Church St.
Rockwood 48173-0249
734-379-9248

St. Michael
502 W. Front,
Monroe 48161-2498
734-241-8645

St. Patrick
2996 Labo Rd.,
Carleton 48117-9038
734-654-2500

I.H.M. Motherhouse
610 W. Elm, Monroe 48162
734-241-3660

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Vicariate-wide Evangelization Mission Sep 13-14-15
Evenings Sun.-Mon.-Tue from 7-9 p.m. and Mornings Tue-Wed beginning with Mass at 9:30 a.m. with Reflections following from 10:45-Noon at the IHM Motherhouse Chapel. Refreshments will be served. Eight Evangelization Formation Classes will be held on Thursdays in OCT & NOV.

1st Annual Fr. Bowers K. of C. Golf Outing St. Irene's Dundee and St. Joseph's Ida Sunday, October 4 at the Demi Acres Golf Club in Petersburg. Includes 18 holes w/cart, lunch at the turn, and a steak dinner after at St. Joe's Parish Hall in Ida. Cost:\$60/player. All proceeds assist the Council in carrying out its charitable activities. Registration and fees are due by September 25. For information, call Tony at 734-823-5286 or Chris at 734-497-9609 or kcnightgolf@gmail.com

St. Michael Monroe's Feast Day Celebrations! 502 West Front Street, Monroe, MI ~ 734-241-8645 **Raffle Tickets – Great Cash Prizes!!!** Tickets can be purchased at the rectory.

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**Wednesday, September 23rd through Thursday, September 24th**9 am-7pm **Friday, September 25th** Adoration will begin at 9am and conclude with prayer and Benediction at 2 pm**Donuts and Coffee after the 8:30 and 10:30 Masses Sunday, September 27th**

Raffle Drawings will take place at Noon.

Michigan Rush Soccer Announces **Monroe Junior Soccer Academy 2009** For boys & girls ages 4-8. All staff are licensed NSCAA and USSF coaches and are registered through MSYSA Risk Management. **Dates:** September 21, 28, October 5, 12, 19, 26, November 2 **Time:** Mondays 6-7:15 pm **Location:** "The Nest" ~ SMCC's home soccer field off Comboni Way between Hurd and Nadeau Roads in Monroe **Cost:** \$63, includes Nike Rush T-Shirt **Registration:** Available online at www.michiganrush.com. Click "Rush Jr Academy" in the menu box. For further details please contact: Academy Directors: Ian Cooke 241-3548 or 652-2357 Goran Cepo 457-2507 or 735-6600

Crafters Needed St. Michael Altar Society Craft Show ~ Saturday, November 14 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Eight foot tables and two chairs for \$25 are available. If you are interested in renting a table, please call Fran Ingels at 241-7950.

River House - IHM Spirituality Center Catechist Formation: Sessions are offered on Monday evenings from 7:15-9:15 at the IHM Motherhouse, 610 W. Elm Ave., Monroe. Fee is \$10 per session. Please call 734-240-5494 two weeks in advance to register. Sept. 21 - Sacraments of Healing: Reconciliation & Anointing of the Sick (Flex Topic B) Sept. 28 - Theology as Sacred Tradition (#14)

Check out our web site at ihmsisters.org for more information and other programs.

Visitation Spirituality Center, 529 Stewart Rd., Monroe offers the following monthly opportunities for spiritual growth and enrichment. No registration is required. *Eucharistic Celebrations* are held every first Wednesday at 7 p.m.~*Drumming Circle* is held every second Friday from 7-9 p.m. Check out our web site at ihmsisters.org for more information and other programs.

Christian Women of St. Mary, Monroe Fall Soup Luncheon ~ Wednesday, September 2, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Parish Life Center at 151 N. Monroe St. Come and enjoy a vast array of delicious home-made soups, as well as home-made bread, desserts and beverage. Donation ~\$6 helps to provide funds for the St. Vincent De Paul Society.

October Vicariate Deadline: Monday, September 21, 2009Submit articles to: **St. Michael the Archangel**, 502 W. Front St., Monroe, MI 48161E-mail a Word or Text Document: **mVICariate@yahoo.com**

Stephen Ray is coming to **St. Anthony Parish** on Wednesday September 16th at 7 pm and October 28th at 7 pm. Stephen Ray is a renowned and dynamic speaker. He is also the author of "Footprints of God" series in which he tours through the Holy Land. Please come and join us for a great faith filled and exciting evening. You won't be disappointed!

Heartbeat Path of Life Walk ~ Sunday, September 20 2-4 p.m. The theme for the Walk is Hold on to Hope. Heartbeat exists solely on private donations. The Walk is a 2 mile course, beginning and ending at the Monroe Knights of Columbus Hall. Included in the Walk is a tour of Heartbeat's location on North Monroe St. Hold on to Hope T-shirts are \$20, Free if you collect \$100 in pledges. Participate in the Walk or walk privately and turn in your pledge sheet before or shortly after the 20th. If you have any questions please call Heartbeat at 734-243-6550.

St. Charles All You Can Eat Breakfast ~ Sunday, September 20th from 8:30 a.m. ~ noon. Ham, sausage, eggs, pancakes, french toast, homemade pastries and muffins, home fries, milk, coffee, orange juice and hot chocolate. \$5/adults \$3/children ages 5 -11 years.

ST. JOSEPH Erie Annual Labor Day Weekend Festival
2214 Manhattan St. Erie ~ Friday, Saturday & Sunday Sept 4, 5, & 6 **Main Raffle:** 1st Prize: \$1,500 2nd Prize: \$1,000, 3rd Prize: \$500.

Fri: Chili Cook-Off Dinner - 6 p.m.-?, Entertainment features: 2 Dudes & A Chick 6-9 p.m., Empire Drift 9:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m.

Sat: BBQ Rib Dinner - Noon-6 p.m., Entertainment features: Haywire 2:14-4:15 p.m., Three Sheets to the Wind 6-9 p.m., Second Wind 9:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m.

Sun: Chicken Dinner – 12:30 p.m.-?, Entertainment features: Hoozier Daddy 5-8 p.m., Exit 17 8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m.

Daily: Kids games, prizes, rides, bingo, gambling tent including Texas Hold 'Em games. Softball, basketball, and horseshoe tournaments. For more information, call the parish office at 734-848-6125.

Will Our Teens Have Faith? St. Charles, Newport is sponsoring a program given by the Office of Youth Ministry, on Monday, September 21st, from 7 pm to 8:30 pm. This presentation will explore the findings of the National Study of Youth & Religion (NSYR) concerning the religious and spiritual lives of today's youth. Examined will be the crucial role of parents and the family as revealed in the study. All those concerned with the faith lives of teens, are encouraged to attend.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd A Level I (preschool) National Certificate course for adults who wish to be trained in this Montessori style of Religious Education. Begins September and concludes in June, 2010. Sessions held at St. Mary's School Atrium in Monroe. Dates: Sept. 12, Oct. 3, Nov.7, Dec.5 and Jan.9, Feb. 6, March 6, April 10, May 1, and June 5 of 2010. Hours 9 – 5. Course Presenter: Sr. Nancy Ayotte IHM. Tuition-\$400 includes a National Certificate, supplies and lunch. For information and registration, contact: nayotte@ihmsisters.org or (734) 240-8234.

St. Mary of the Annunciation, Rockwood 175th Anniversary
Friday, September 11 ~ Alumni Night - Vegas Party!
Saturday, September 12 ~ Family Fun Day from 10 am-3 pm.
Evening of Saturday, September 12 ~ 50's Dance! DJ, Pizza and dancing from 7 pm-Midnight.
Sunday, September 13 Mass with *Archbishop Allen Vigneron* at 11:45 am followed by picnic style

Our Parish welcomes you any time to join us for:

Mass: Saturday (4:30 pm); Sunday (8:15 am, 10 am, 11:45 am, 5:15 pm) Weekday Mass: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday~8:30 am; Wednesday~6:30 pm First Friday Mass: Noon Eucharistic Adoration: Every Thursday following morning Mass until benediction at 6:45 pm.

When First Friday and first Saturday of the month are consecutive Holy hour at 7 pm Friday until 8:30 am Mass on Saturday morning.

Sacrament of Reconciliation ~ Saturdays: 8 am & 3-4 pm; Wednesday 6 pm; First Friday 8 am & 11:30 am or by appointment, call parish office

Fr. Jim's Theology 123 - Feel you don't fully understand your faith or want to know what Catholicism is really about? Coming again this fall. For more detailed information, contact the Parish office at (734) 379-9248.

St. Mary of the Annunciation 32477 – Church Street, Rockwood Presents: Michael Voris founder of Saint Michael's Media Wednesday: September 30 7 pm (following 6:30 pm Mass) Michael's presentations bring the authentic doctrine of the Catholic faith with passion, and enthusiasm which captivates his listeners. No charge for this presentation. Light refreshments following. For more information contact Parish office: 734/379-9248 or Sue @ 734-658-6678

St. Mary Catholic Church, Monroe Blood Drive Sunday, September 13th 8:30 am-1:30 pm in the School Gym.

St. Joseph, Maybee Parish Festival ~ Sept. 12 ~ 13th Saturday ~

4 pm Family Mass

6:30 –8:30 Auction

5 –8 Steak Roast

9-Midnight Dancing to T-R-B

Sunday ~

11:30 - 4:30 pm Chicken Barbeque Dinner in a/c hall

2:30-5 pm Family Fun Concert

3 pm Dancing w/Duane Malinowski and the Polka Jamboree

8 pm Raffle Drawings.

Beer Tent, Horseshoe Tournament, Bingo Pig Weight Contest, Kiddie Tractor Pull; Garden Tractor Pull, Baby Contest; 50/50; Food and Beverages; Country Store; Children Game Booths; Antique Tractors and Cars

St. Michael Parish Mission October 18-21 at 7 p.m. "*Heart and Soul Spirituality*" led by Fr. John Graden OSFS All are welcome. Babysitting and Hospitality provided.