



Monroe Vicariate

April, 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.

From The Vicar:

Protecting God's Children (PGC): Most people will know that before they volunteer in their parish, with any work which involves children, will need proof that they have completed the PGC workshop. For those parishes with schools sometimes parents and other caregivers wait to last minute, then they realize they can't drive children on a field trip or participate in some school event because they haven't completed the workshop! So if you haven't done the workshop yet call your parish and ask for a schedule of workshop dates and locations. The function of the workshop is not to punish anybody but to protect our children! It's not about me or you—it's about them!

Vicariate Pastoral Council (VPC): Our next meeting is scheduled for 1st. April 2009 and the main item of business was the election of a new vicar! However, with the arrival of the new Archbishop, we have been instructed to postpone the election. The reason being that His Grace needs time to examine the function of the VPC and the role of the Vicar. We are still intent on having the election at a later date unless the Archbishop comes up with a different way of governing the diocese and the vicariates within the regions of the diocese.

Archbishop Vigneron: The Mass celebrated by His Grace was certainly a credit to the whole Monroe Vicariate! Many thanks to the folks at Our Lady of Mount Carmel for putting on such a wonderful reception. The combined choirs from the Vicariate parishes and institutions did a great job with the music! The Archbishop will be back in the Vicariate on Tuesday 21st. April 2009 at St. Anne, Detroit Beach to meet with the priests of the Vicariate. The Archbishop has been trying to meet every priest in the Archdiocese in the various groupings. We will meet for prayer, lunch and then a group gathering and open discussion with the Archbishop.

Vicariate School News: Most of you are aware of the work being done in the city of Monroe and in the South County with regards the future of Catholic Education in the Vicariate. The city schools are attempting to come to terms with a changing landscape in population and expectations. In the South County a similar work is being undertaken in asking the question is there a need for a Regional Catholic Grade School and if there is where will it be located? I know change, or even the talk of change, can be difficult for many of us. However, there has to be discussion, there needs to be change because none of our schools can continue to exist as they are doing now! Please keep this intention in your prayers. God Bless. Father Rooney.

April Activities at Monroe Catholic Schools

St. Anthony	Gr. 7 & 8 Archeology Dig	April 7
St. Charles	Young Authors Conferences	April 1 & 22
St. John	Firefighter Phil Visits	April 21
St. Joseph	Re-Accreditation Site Visit	April 21-23
St. Mary-Monroe	Gr. 8 Holocaust Center	April 2
St. Mary-Rockwood	Confirmation	April 29
St. Michael	Gr. 7 & 8 Talent Show	April 28
St. Patrick	Living Stations of the Cross	April 10
SMCC High School	NCA Re-Accreditation Site	April 2 & 3
	Living Stations of the Cross	April 7
	Appalachian Service Project	April 13-19

From the Vicariate Vocations Committee

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

May 3rd has been designated as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. We know that God answers prayers and that prayers united for a specific intention have great power. Join our brothers and sisters around the world in heartfelt prayers for our current Priests and Religious and for all who are being called to be Priests and Religious.

Vicariate Mass for Vocations

The annual Vicariate Mass for Vocations will be held on Tuesday, May 5th at 7 pm at St. John the Baptist Church in Monroe. Hospitality and light refreshments will follow in the school cafeteria. Come and pray with the priests and the lay faithful of the vicariate the most powerful prayer of the Mass, for the intention of religious vocations.

The HSY2 **Steubenville Conference** is an opportunity for the youth of the Monroe Vicariate to go on a pilgrimage. Please support us by attending one or all of the following fundraisers: *Dining to Donate Applebee's Monroe* April 1st, 21st, 22nd & 27th. Must present flyer for 15% off your bill donated to our group. Flyers available at your parishes or contact Nancy Dietrich 734.735.0845. *Car Wash Riverside Elementary* ~77 North Roessler Street Monroe, Sundays, April 19th & May 17th 12~5 *Dining to Donate Buffalo Wild Wings Monroe* Monday June 8th. Must present flyer to have 20% of your bill donated to our group. Flyers available at your parish or contact Nancy Dietrich 734.735.0845.

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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

Divine Mercy Novena ~ The Novena for Divine Mercy will start on Good Friday, April 10th. Closing Devotions will be held at St. Mary Church, Monroe at 10:45 am Sunday, April 19th with the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and veneration of the Image. Mass will follow with devotions at 11:30 am. The Lord's promise to grant complete forgiveness of sins and punishment on this Feast of Mercy is recorded in the Diary of St. Faustina for those who go to confession and receive communion on this Feast of Divine Mercy.

WESTERN NEW YORK PILGRIMAGE planned for October 12-15. Includes visits to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima in Lewiston, Our Lady of Victory Basilica and Shrine, Our Lady, Help of Christians Shrine, St. Joseph Cathedral in Buffalo, Sacred Heart Shrine and the Holy Infant Jesus Shrine. Shrines are located in the Buffalo and Niagara Falls Area. Includes daily Mass, time for personal prayer and reflection, a Maid of the Mist cruise and a dinner cruise. Led by Sr. Dorothy Jayne Krupp, OSF, Pastoral Associate at St. Michael the Archangel Parish. 4-day pilgrimage includes deluxe motor-coach transportation with Lakefront Lines, 3 nights lodging, luggage handling, 3 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 2 dinners, 1 dinner cruise, driver gratuity, all applicable taxes, donations and gratuities. The cost is: Single/-/\$654 Double/\$529 Triple/\$489 Quad/\$469 Prices are based on a minimum of 30 paying passengers; if numbers fall below, the price is subject to an increase. \$100 deposit is due by April 30; 2nd payment of \$200 is due by June 30; and final payment is due by August 21. All payments are fully refundable if the pilgrimage is cancelled by August 21. Make reservation and payments to Verla Cole at Lakefront Lines in Toledo, Ohio, 1-800-752-7574, #114. Passenger pick up will be from St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Monroe or pick-up points in Toledo can be arranged. For further information or a flyer, please call Sr. Dorothy at 1-734-241-8645, #14.

The 2009 Bill Applin Memorial Car Raffle supports Saint Mary Catholic Central High. All tickets purchased will be eligible for the 11 drawings held on Saturday, April 25 at **The Auction...A Celebration for Students!**, including the grand prize of a \$25,000 new vehicle certificate or \$20,000 in cash. Tickets are available by contacting the Bill Applin Memorial Car Raffle ticket office at (734) 241-7622 x 156 to request tickets or by filling out the form available on the Home page of the SMCC website: www.smccmonroe.com.

St. Anne's Church Men's & Women's Clubs Barbecue Chicken Dinner April 26 In the Parish Hall 2420 N. Dixie Hwy 1 pm until Sold Out. Dinner includes, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Dressing, Roll, Coffee, Lemonade & Water
Adults/ \$11 Children (5-10)/ \$6 4 and under/\$2 Carry Outs Available For Information call the Parish Office 734-289-2910

St. Joseph, Maybee Christian Mothers Salad Luncheon

Wednesday, May 6 in the parish hall. The luncheon will begin at Noon. \$6/person Babysitting ~\$1/child. Please mark your calendar and plan on attending for some great food and fellowship!

St. Mary's Rockwood Diamond Jack Boat Cruise ~ Friday, May 29th. 7 to 9 pm ~ Adults Only ~ Detroit River Cruise to Canada. Cash bar, snacks provided. Boat departs from Wyandotte's Bishop Park. \$18/person. Contact: Jeff @ 734-782-9113 for tickets and information.

The Archdiocese of Detroit Women's Ministries invites you to a **Catholic Women's Luncheon "Praying With Icons"** Guest Speaker: Sr. Nancy Lee Smith, IHM, Wednesday April 29, 11:15 am - 1:30 pm Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Detroit. \$25 per person. RSVP by April 22 Womensministry@aod.org or call 313-237-5762.

May Vicariate Deadline: Monday, April 20, 2009

Submit articles to: **St. Michael the Archangel**, 502 W. Front St., Monroe, MI 48161
E-mail a Word or Text Document: mvicariate@yahoo.com

COMPASS YAM Young Adult Ministry www.compassyam.org
College Students and all Young Adults 18-35. Julieta Oliva
julietaoliva@hotmail.com Cell: (313) 319-7420

Monthly Planning Meeting Monroe County Community College (MCCC) **Newman Club** Tuesday, April 14th 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. at the Cellar (A building). Visit facebook group: MCCC Newman Club.

God, Goodies, and Growing in Faith six week reflection series every Tuesday 1:15 to 2 p.m. Preferential option for and with the poor from March 24 to April 28 at the Cellar A building.

Game Night ~Wednesday, April 15th 5 to 7:30 p.m. Games, prizes, & food! Cards, board table games, ping-pong, pool at the Cellar. Everybody is welcome!!

DAY PILGRIMAGE PLANNED National Shrine and Basilica of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey, Ohio is planned for Tuesday, May 26th. This pilgrimage will be led by Sr. Dorothy Jayne Krupp, OSF, Pastoral Associate at St. Michael the Archangel Parish. Open to anyone in the Vicariate and includes deluxe motor-coach transportation with Lakefront Lines with a stop for breakfast (on your own), the Pilgrimage Mass, lunch (on your own) at the Shrine Cafeteria, Stations of the Cross in the Shrine Park (via bus) and Devotions at 2:30 p.m. in the Upper Basilica. The cost is: \$20/person and includes driver gratuity. Make checks payable to St. Michael's. Payment must accompany reservation. Make or send reservation and payment to Sr. Dorothy at 502 W. Front St. Monroe, MI 48161. For further information, call Sr. Dorothy at 734-241-8645. Deadline is April 17th.

Heartbeat of Monroe is hosting The Joy of Life Banquet on May 14th at the Monroe Country Club. The doors will open at 5:30 and dinner served at 6. The dinner consists of salad, sirloin steak, potatoes, vegetable and dessert. (If advance notice given, dietary substitutions can be made). We are asking for underwriters for the tables. If you, your organization or church would like to underwrite a table the cost is \$300 for a table of eight. Please contact Margaret Horvath or Sue Miller at 734-243-6550. We have only twenty three tables available. A donation opportunity will be extended that evening for your guests.

St. Michael Altar Society Vendor Show Saturday, May 2 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the school gym, 502 W. Front St., Monroe. Vendors attending: Tupperware, MaryKay, Princess House, and more... If you are interested in renting an eight foot table for \$25, call Lisa at 734-735-0095 or contact her by email: lvertz@charter.net. Refreshments will be available at 11 a.m.

St. Joseph Catholic School-Lenten Fish Fry Every Friday thru April 10~ 4:30-7:30 p.m. 2238 Manhattan St., Erie. All-you-can-eat perch & tilapia, with shrimp, potato, cole slaw, roll, dessert & beverage. Meatless dinner available. Prices: \$11/Adults, \$10/Seniors, \$6/Kids 12 & under. Call the school at (734) 848-6985 for more information.

Visitation Spirituality Monroe ~ 529 Stewart Rd., Monroe
No registration required. **Contemplative Prayer:** Every Monday from noon to 12:30 p.m.

Retreat for Catechists. Registration: 734-242-5520
April 25 from 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Fee:\$25/person includes lunch. The retreat will provide an opportunity for catechists to deepen their understanding of and commitment to the ministry of catechesis.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Lenten Fish Frys Friday thru Good Friday, April 10th. All you can eat fish/shrimp or Meatless Entrée. Serving 4:30 pm -7:30 pm Includes: Choice salad & Potato, Vegetable, roll, lemonade/coffee, homemade dessert. Cost: \$9/Adult, \$7/Sr. & kids 8-12 yrs old/\$4 ~ 8330 Lewis Ave, Temperance ~ 734-847-2805

St. Joseph Church--Monroe Christian Woman

Bake Sale April 19th before and after the 8 am and 10:30 am Masses in the parish hall. Come to the hall---buy goodies and enjoy fellowship and some great coffee (no charge)

Spring Fling Card Party April 24th

7 p.m. until 10 p.m. in the parish hall. Table prizes, raffle drawing, and light refreshments, 50/50 drawing too. Come join in on the fun!

Monroe County Right to Life announces the opening of its annual Baby Contest at the Monroe County Fair! Babies will compete for prizes from local merchants by the votes made by fair visitors. Categories: ages 37 months to 4 years, compete for King and Queen title and newborn to 36 months compete, for Prince and Princess title. Only the first 60 entries will be accepted. For more information, call or e-mail our fair coordinator; Melissa Larner (734) 244.6883 mcrtlfair@yahoo.com

Monroe County Right to Life is looking for volunteers! Volunteers are needed to serve on the Board, various committees, upcoming Monroe County Fair, Students for Life and more. Please refer to our website, monroertl.org for all open positions or contact our Board President; Robert Burke at rburke@monroertl.org or call (517)265.8748

Engaged Couples Workshop Saturday, May 16

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Temperance is hosting a Pre-Marriage Workshop for couples planning to be married in the Catholic Church. Registration is at 11 am, and the workshop will end with Mass at 5:30 pm. Cost: \$40/couple by May 10, \$50/couple after May 10 or at the door. Lunch & snacks included. For a registration form, call the OLMC Parish Office at 734-847-2805 or go to "Latest News" on our website: www.mountcarmeltemperance.org

St. Anne Women's Club Spring Fundraiser

St. Anne Church on Saturday April 4th before & after the 4 pm Mass, and on Sunday April 5th before and after the 9:30 am and 11:30 am Masses. Spring/Easter FLOWERS, a large GROCERY BASKET RAFFLE filled with something for everyone in the family including a \$50 added gift certificate for perishable items, etc.