



Monroe Vicariate

August, 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Vicariate-wide Evangelization

Mission SEP 13th-14th-15th 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 (610 W Elm, Monroe, MI). Refreshments will be served. Later, eight Evangelization Formation Classes will be held on Thursdays in OCT & NOV. **Evangelization Must Touch Every Part of Parish Life** Evangelization and the goal to reach out to every person "assumes the spirit of evangelization will touch every dimension of Catholic parish life. Welcome, acceptance, the invitation to conversion and renewal, and reconciliation and peace, beginning with our worship, must characterize the whole tenor of our parishes. Every element of the parish must respond to the evangelical imperative—priests and religious, lay persons, staff, ministers, organizations, social clubs, parochial schools, and parish religious education programs. Otherwise, evangelization will be something a few people in the parish see as their ministry—rather than the reason for the parish's existence and the objective of every ministry in the parish. The spirit of conversion, highlighted in the liturgy and particularly in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, should radiate through the actions of all Catholics so that the call to conversion is experienced and celebrated as part of our way of life." (Go and Make Disciples, 85)

VOICATIONS

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

Monroe County Right to Life Join us during Fair Week!

Walk with us in the Fair Parade on Sunday, August 2nd from 12:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and be sure stop by our Fair Booth in the MB & T Expo Center at the Fairgrounds. You can sign-up to become a member, a volunteer, cast your vote for the cutest baby in the *Precious Baby Contest*, purchase pro-life merchandise, enter a free drawing, pick-up free pro-life literature and so much more! Help support your local Right to Life and its mission to protect the precious gift of human life from conception to natural death.

Visit our website at www.monroertl.org for more information or call (734) 244.6883

See you at the Fair!

Monroe Vicariate Schools

Volunteers in our Catholic Schools

Catholic schools across our country are facing enrollment and financial challenges. One area we do not struggle with is the wonderful parents we have in our schools and parishes and the time they volunteer in our schools.



We set aside time each year to honor and show our deep appreciation for the men and women who keep our schools on top. With luncheons or written notes, attempts are made to show volunteers just how important they are to our catholic schools. Many catholic schools are able to offer extra opportunities to our students due to the work of volunteers.

There are many organizations that no longer exist because volunteers gave up. As schools we need our volunteer help now more than ever. There is a misconception that schools only need help with fundraising. Schools do need your help in that area but your time and talents can go even further. Whether your children are still in school or have long since graduated, everyone has talents that can be beneficial to our schools.

Volunteering provides an opportunity for your children to witness your example of service, fellowship and cooperation. There are many ways you can give your time and talent, and all of it goes towards your child's success, and the ultimate success of our schools.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered in any of our schools in the Monroe Vicariate and keep up the great work!

Adult Faith Formation at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Temperance

A look at the theology of Mary's Assumption, how it was defined in history, and what our Blessed Mother's assumption means for Catholics, presented by Father Michael Wilkes, 7 pm on August 13.

Call to Holiness Conference *Treasures of the Mass*

October 10 ~ National Shrine of the Little Flower
Woodward & 12 Mile, Royal Oak ~www.calltoholiness.com or
586-247-1497

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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

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.

St. Joseph Parish Erie - The Religious Booth, for our three day Labor Day Weekend Festival is seeking appropriate articles for donation which you may no longer have need of. We will accept new or used, catholic medals, holy cards, novenas, chaplets, rosaries, prayer books, pictures, statues, videos or other sacramentals, which could be put to good use. A box to collect these valuables can be found in the vestibule of St. Joseph's, Erie, located at 2214 Manhattan, during the month of August. You can arrange a pick up of large items by phoning the Seger family at 734-848-4262.

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!

St. Anne Church Monroe Presents "**The Big Event**" **Saturday, August 22 6 p.m. until midnight & Sunday, August 23, 12:30 p.m. until 6 p.m.** "Delicious Chicken Dinner with all the fixins" on Sunday Adults \$11, Kids 5 - 10 \$6 and kids under 4 \$2. Chinese Raffle Drawing at 5:30 p.m. Sunday & Big Raffle Drawing at 6 p.m. Sunday. Join us for Bingo Children's Activities, fun, and refreshments!

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.

September Vicariate Deadline: Monday, August 24, 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**

Summer Happenings at Capuchin Retreat Weekend Preached Retreats...Begin again in September.

The **THEME** for 2009-2010 is **Prayer**

Be sure to book the men and women of your parish for a Weekend (Fri pm to Sun lunch) or a 24 Hour Retreat (Lunch Sat. – Brunch Sun.)

Private Retreats and Days of Recollection

Individual Private and Directed Retreats and Group days of Recollection can be booked at your convenience throughout the year. Just give us a call.

St. Michael Altar Society Rummage & Bake Sale

Friday, August 14th, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, August 15th, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Michael School gym, 502 W. Front St., Monroe. Items to choose from: household, baby, toys, tools, jewelry, small appliances, holiday, and much more, plus homemade baked goods.

ST. JOSEPH Erie Annual Labor Day Weekend Festival

2214 Manhattan St. Erie, MI

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.

ST. JOSEPH, ERIE 2ND ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

The 2nd annual Chili Cook-off will be held at St. Joseph, Erie on September 4th during the Labor Day Weekend Festival. If you have a team that would like to participate, or would like more information, please contact Dean Kreps at (734) 269-9495 or Judy Kleparek at (734) 848-3595.

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 will begin this September and conclude in June of 2010. Sessions on one Saturday a month will be held at St. Mary's School Atrium in Monroe, MI. Dates are: Sept. 12, Oct. 3, Nov. 7, Dec. 5 of 2009 and Jan. 9, Feb. 6, March 6, April 10, May 1, and June 5 of 2010. The scheduled hours are from 9:00 – 5:00 with lunch included. Course Presenter is Sr. Nancy Ayotte IHM. Tuition is \$400 that includes a National Certificate (cgsusa.org), supplies for the course and lunch. For more information and registration, contact: nayotte@ihmsisters.org or (734) 240-8234.

St. Mary of the Annunciation, Rockwood 175th Anniversary September 11-13

Friday, September 11 ~ Alumni Night - Vegas Party!

Saturday, September 12 ~ Family Fun Day from 10 am-3 pm.

Food, inflatables, dunk tank, fantasy face painting with *2clowns.com*, crafts, games, contests and prizes. Kickball with *Father Jim Rafferty* and basketball with our principal, *Mr. Kevin Dufresne*.

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 dinner to celebrate our history, present and future as a parish at the Rockwood Community Center.

Our Parish welcomes you any time to join us for:

Mass: Saturday (4:30PM); Sunday (8:15AM, 10:00AM, 11:45AM, 5:15PM)

Weekday Mass: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday (8:30AM); Wednesday (6:30PM)

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 Our Lord waits for you throughout the night, beginning with a 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.

From VICARIATE PEACE and JUSTICE COMMITTEE:

For more than 100 years, Catholic social teaching has tried to help people face the world's social, political and economic challenges with the power of the Gospel. Pope Benedict XVI has issued his new encyclical, *Caritas in Veritate* ("Love in Truth"). This document looks at modern problems through the eyes of justice and the common good. The Holy Father said he wanted the document to deal thoroughly with the current crisis and offer a more adequate response to the world's financial woes. Adapted from *The Michigan Catholic* 7/03/09

BABY CONTEST! *Monroe County Right to Life* still has openings for its annual Baby Contest at the Monroe County Fair! Babies will compete for prizes from local sponsors by the votes made by Fair visitors. **Category still open:** King/Queen title, ages 37 months to 4 years. Entries are accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. For more information, please visit our website at, www.monroertl.org or call Melissa Lerner, Fair Coordinator at (734) 244.6883 or e-mail, mcrtlfair@yahoo.com. All proceeds support Monroe County Right to Life's mission of educating and promoting pro-life issues within Monroe County.