



Monroe Vicariate

February, 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.

Monroe Vicariate Catholic Schools Catholic Schools Week 2009

What is the purpose of CYO Sports?

Did you know that over 52% of Catholic school students participate in sports programs? That more than 40 million young people play sports in Catholic sponsored programs & CYO? That more than 5 million adult's coach Catholic youth sports teams in Catholic schools and parishes?

A Parish Catholic youth sports program justifies its existence, and the sacrifice and expense it takes, only if it helps young people practice and live out the Gospel through their athletic experience.

If we refer to I Corinthians 9:25, we find athletics and the true goal of all Catholic youth and adults: "Every athlete exercises discipline in every way. They do it to win a perishable crown, but we an imperishable one."

As with any Catholic ministry to our youth, the three goals of a Catholic Youth Sports program are the same as enumerated in *Renewing the Vision: A Framework for Catholic Youth Ministry*:

~To empower young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in our world today.

~To draw young people to responsible participation in the life, mission and work of the Catholic faith community.

~To foster the total personal and spiritual growth of each young person.

In all Catholic Youth Sports programs, emphasis should not be on the number of games won or lost, but on the participants' attitude in victory or defeat. Learning how to lose is just as important as learning how to win. Learning how to win graciously is more important than winning itself.

As coaches and parents we must remember we are united in Christ, to practice our faith and empower our youth to become Catholic Community Leaders at school, home, and while playing CYO games!



Adult Faith Formation Opportunities

February 3, Tuesday; 7 pm – 9 pm "Raising Sexually Healthy Children" presented by Dr. Tim Hogan in the St. Mary, Monroe Parish Life Center. Dr. Hogan is a writer, accomplished speaker and licensed Catholic psychologist. Sponsored by the St. Mary and St. Michael Faith Formation Commissions. Call 734-241-6097 for more information.

February 12, Thursday; 7 pm "Couple Prayer: Learn the Blessing of Praying Together as a Couple" presented by Jackie Gere at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Temperance in Room 3. Call 734-847-8970 for more information.

Adult and Catechist Formation Visitation House 529 Stewart Road, Monroe:

February 2; 7:15pm-9:15pm, topic #9 Dynamics of Faith presented by Marcella Regan, IHM

February 9; 7:15 pm-9:15 pm, topic #10 Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist presented by Nancy Ayotte, IHM

At Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Temperance: February 16; 6:30 pm -8:30 pm F-Catechesis in a Multicultural World presented by Fr. Chris Vasko

Called to Serve for Teens – A 3 hour workshop that explores the safety needed as employees and volunteers in parishes, schools, and the greater community. The workshop focuses on and enhances skills in: Working with and role modeling for children, communicating and working with adults, interacting appropriately with peers and recognizing and responding to inappropriate behaviors. Sponsored by Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Temperance, Tuesday, February 17; 6 pm - 9 pm. Facilitated by Kelly Schmidt. For information call 734-847-8970.



"Come Away Vocation Day" Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Detroit Vocation Office, the Come Away Day is a day of input, information and reflection for young women ages 18-35 who may be considering a call to religious life. A Come Away Day has been scheduled for Saturday, March 21 from 9 am until 4 pm, followed by Mass. Please contact the Vocation Office at 313.237.4672 for information on how to register, or for a brochure.

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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

A Workshop to Prepare a Written Position Statement to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission regarding the Environmental Consequences of Building Fermi III

Where: IHM Motherhouse, 610 W. Elm Avenue, Monroe

When: Tuesday, Feb. 3, 6-7 pm Info at: 240-9704

Building a new nuclear power plant in Monroe will have economic, health and environmental consequences. This workshop will briefly outline the nature of these three risks and assist you in writing an informed letter to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Christian Women of St. Mary Monroe Soup Luncheon from 11 am. to 1 pm

~Wednesday, February 4th, in the Parish Life Center at 151 N. Monroe St. Many varieties of hot and hearty soup will be served, as well as home-made bread, desserts, and refreshments. A \$6 donation is requested at the door and take-out is available.

Knights of St. Joseph Valentine Card Party St. Joseph Parish Hall ~ 937 E. Third St. ~

Monroe ~ Friday, February 13 ~ 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. ~ Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Donation: \$6 ~ Light Luncheon, Door Prizes and Raffles. PLEASE call the parish office to make reservations at 734-241-9590 or Larry Bezeau at 734-242-1301.

Mother/Daughter and Father/Son Programs *God's Plan for Growing Up*

February 27 for mothers and daughters ages 9 -12 ~ March 6 for mothers and daughters ages 13-17 ~ March 20 for fathers (or other adult) and sons 11-14

All Programs Friday evenings 7 – 9 p.m.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Auditorium ~ 2609 Tenth St. at Superior Blvd., Wyandotte

Explore God's special gift of human fertility and the beauty and wonder of God's plan for growing up in the context of Pope John Paul II's teaching on the *Theology of the Body*. Cost is \$17 per family per program (non-refundable). For registration information contact Mrs. Debbie Bloomfield, (734)283-9753 or motherdaughterprogram@gmail.com. Sponsored by the OLMC Education Commission.

COMPASS YAM YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY www.compassyam.org College Students and Young Adults 18-35, single or married, with or without children. Julieta Oliva julietaoliva@hotmail.com Cell: (313) 319-7420

MYRTLE BEACH MISSION TRIP, South Carolina Register soon! March 1-7 with Habitat for Humanity. Limited spaces.

PLANNING MEETING for the Monroe County Community College **Newman Club** on Tuesday, February 17th from 2 to 4 p.m. outside the cafeteria (A building). Visit facebook group: MCCC Newman Club.

LEGO HOUSES – funds for the mission trip: we accept donations and volunteers Tuesday, February 17, and Thursday, February 19 from 12 to 4 p.m. in front of the cafeteria (A building).

Actors for Christ Theater Company ("ACT" Co.) is looking for 17 to 35 year old young adults to creatively spread the Good News of the Gospel: singers, actors, dancers... Contact: www.faihtonstage.org, 313 319 7420, julietaoliva@hotmail.com.

Michigan Catholic Young Adult Conference "Abundant Life, flowing from prayer" on Saturday, March 28 from 9 am to 5 pm www.micyac.org (Spanish workshops and translation available).

St. Anne's Men's Club 17th Annual Muskrat or Roast Beef Dinner

Saturday, March 7 ~5:30 pm ~ \$10 per dinner Dinner includes mashed potatoes, gravy, salad bar, vegetable, soup, bread & dessert. Raffle tickets: \$1/6 for \$5.

St. Anne's Parish Hall ~ 2420 N. Dixie Hwy. For tickets or more information Call 289-2910

March Vicariate Deadline: Monday, February 23, 2009Submit articles to: **St. Michael the Archangel**, 502 W. Front St., Monroe, MI 48161E-mail a Word or Text Document: mvicariate@yahoo.com

Vicariate Peace and Justice Our committee meets monthly to discuss and expand it's mission: to promote a heightened awareness of Catholic Social Teaching by providing experiences that inspire action for peace and justice. We are currently discussing our plans for 2009-2010. Would you like to join us, (a group of lay men and women) in our efforts to build peace through works of justice? Call Lorie Bronson at 241-6907.

St. Michael's Church in Monroe, will offer a new prayer service, called "CHRIST OUR HOPE HOUR OF PRAYER", From 6 am – 7 am, every First Friday, starting on February 6. The Men's Fellowship group, Michael's Men, will be hosting the hour. The prayer time will contain hymns, scripture readings, reflection and petitions lifted toward the Holy Spirit. The Archdiocese of Detroit is hoping to have all of the Men's Fellowship groups in the Archdiocese lifting their petitions to the Holy Spirit during the same time frame for the next twelve months. We will be focusing on the sad state of affairs in the county, state and country. All are welcome to add your petitions to ours. We know it's early, but you'll still make it to work on time.

St. Mary School – Rockwood 32447 Church Street
"Family Night" Open House for perspective enrollees
Tuesday, March 3rd ~ 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
FREE DINNER Enjoy a dinner with your children.
Attend five mini hands-on classes. Meet students & teachers.
Call 734-379-9285 or Email: rockwoodstmary-info@comcast.net to confirm your reservations
We offer: Preschool Program ~ High Academic Standards ~ Full-day Kindergarten ~ Christian Values ~ Small Class Sizes ~ Computer Lab ~ CYO Sports Program ~ Tuition Assistance ~ Daily Hot Lunch ~ Latchkey Program ~ Fully Accredited Advanced Math Placement
Our Mission: "Pray, work, study, play and serve others in Christ's name."

Final Scheduled Testing Date for the SMCC High School Placement Test Saturday, February 7th from 8 am – Noon. Students must report to SMCC with a \$25 testing fee and two #2 pencils. For more information contact Mrs. Vicki White, Director of Admissions, at 734-241-SMCC x121 or vwhite@smccmonroe.com.

St. Mary Catholic Central Freshman Registration for the Class of 2013 will be held on Monday, March 23rd and Thursday, March 26th from 3:30pm to 6:30 pm in the SMCC cafeteria. Please bring your \$100 registration fee. No pre-registration is necessary and no priority is given for attending the first session. For more information, please contact Vicki White, SMCC Admissions Director, at (734) 241-SMCC x 121 or vwhite@smccmonroe.com.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel First Friday All You Can Eat Fish Fry or Meatless Entrée ~ 8330 Lewis Ave, Temperance
Phone: 734-847-2805 ~ Serving from 4:30 pm-7:30 pm on Friday the 6th. Meal includes choice of salad and potato, vegetable, roll, lemonade/coffee, homemade dessert Cost: \$9/ Adult, \$7/Sr. Citizen & kids 8-12 yrs old; \$4/7 & under

Visitation Spirituality Monroe ~ 529 Stewart Rd., Monroe
No registration required.
Contemplative Prayer: Mondays from noon to 12:30 p.m.
Drumming Circle: Second Friday of each month from 7-9 p.m.
Suggested donation: \$10-20 per session.

Manresa Jesuit Retreat House
1390 Quarton Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI

Caregivers Retreat: A retreat for those engaged with giving care in various settings for the aged. It is a time of blessing for all who come, a time of healing, comfort and spiritual renewal. Don't miss the opportunity to refresh yourself in the arms of the Lord. Date: February 6 – 8
Director: Sr. Jean Marie Umlor, R.S.M.;
Praying with Ignatius: A new prayer series, modeled on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. The format includes small group sessions. Participation requires a commitment of 30 minutes of prayer each day.
Date: Monday evenings: Feb. 16 to Apr. 27 (no sessions on Mar. 9 or Apr. 13) Director: Artemae Anderson, Paula Dow and Mary McKeon **Reservations or more information:**
www.manresa-sj.org or call 248.644.4933

March 14 Lenten Symposium CHRIST OUR HOPE is the theme of the 12th Annual Lenten Symposium presented by the Holy Trinity Apostolate. The program will be held at Ss. Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church (Ryan & 18 Mile) and will start at 8 am with Holy Mass: Bishop Francis Reiss - Main Celebrant. The program has 6 guest speakers: Fr. John Trigilio, Mother Dolores Hart, O.S.B., Rev. Msgr. Christopher Nalty, Fr. Leo E. Patalinghug, STL, Mother Noella Marcellino, O.S.B., and Brother Elijah Cirigliano. Closing Benediction - Fr. Jacques Daley, O.S.B. Registration forms are available at <http://holytrinityapostolate.com> or call Dave at 248.885.1190. Cost is \$40 (\$45/Door). Mailing: Holy Trinity Apostolate; P.O. Box 7095; Sterling Heights, Mi. 48311-7095

St. Mary's of the Annunciation PARISH MISSION

32447 Church Street, Rockwood, MI

February 22 to February 26

Fr. Louis Guardiola C.P.M. will lead our mission centered on The Church of the Ark of the Covenant leading us to Our Heavenly Homeland. Mission will include Mass each morning & a talk at 7 pm each evening.

Sunday: Death, Judgment, Heaven & Hell

Monday: Confession: Sacrament of Divine Mercy

Tuesday: The Holy Eucharist: Communion and the Real Presence

Wednesday: The Culture of Life Vs. The Culture of Death

Thursday: Mary Mother of God and Mother of the Church
Confession will be available during talks.

As a member of The Fathers of Mercy, Fr. Louis comes to offer deep insight into the word of God and mysteries of the faith, to heal wounds and afflictions in the great sacrament of confession and to find strength in our faith and renewed energy in the worship and sacraments. For any additional info please contact Parish Office at 734/379-9248.

St. Mary School Monroe will be holding their Auction on Saturday, March 14th. Doors open at 5:30. Admission is free.