



Monroe Vicariate

January, 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.



The first person highlighted in a new series of articles is Auxiliary Bishop Francis Ronald Reiss, better known as “Ronnie” to his family. The eldest of three children, he grew up in Detroit at St. Stephen Parish. His passion for the priesthood was evident as he began his journey to the priesthood in high school. His decision was supported by his family and parish, especially nuns. “They were genuinely happy for me and they did not

think that I was ‘weird’ for considering this vocation.” Bishop Reiss was ordained on June 4, 1966.

Bishop Reiss continues to be close with his family. He meets his brother John and friends often weekly to have dinner and play Bridge. He vacations with John and visits his sister Sandy and brother-in-law in Philadelphia.

When asked about the lack of vocations, Bishop responded with intensity. “The lack of vocations is really a symptom of not believing in the real presence of Jesus in the Holy Sacrament of the altar. This carries over to the fact that many Catholics do not attend Mass every Sunday. If we believed, we would realize that were going to praise the Father with Jesus and would look upon this as a privilege instead of an obligation. Through the action of the priest, the centrality of our faith occurs, the real presence of Jesus in our midst. Bishop was asked what he liked the most and least about being a priest. “Where results are seen is very rewarding and this is true in all vocations. We must love the church even with her ‘pimples’. Look at the entire church. We need ministers, pastoral staff and leaders to be collaborative with other parishes in the area, not thinking just about ourselves. Bishop Reiss remarked that we need to have a heart of gratitude; for the Holy Eucharist, the Church, our Blessed Mother, our priests, one another, and all that God has given us. Bishop Reiss advises men interested in becoming a priest to seek the advice of wise men and to visit the seminary. SHMS has a good discernment program that allows one to discover his vocation

Interesting facts about our Bishop; the gift of administration; pastoral and compassionate; sense of humor, likes to cook

(makes great potato pancakes), a great devotion to St. Francis. He moves furniture when frustrated and has two pets, a dog “Max” and a canary “No Name”. Continue to pray for Bishop Reiss.

Monroe Vicariate Catholic Schools Catholic Schools Week 2009

Catholic Schools Week is an annual event celebrating the important role that Catholic education plays in providing a values-added education for America’s young people. Established in 1974 and sponsored by the National Catholic Educational Association and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops the week long celebration emphasizes the intellectual, spiritual, moral, physical and social values taught in today’s Catholic schools. It also celebrates the high standards of excellence and the quality of education available to all students in the many Catholic schools across the U.S. preparing them not only for a secular life but for a strong Christian life. Over the years, the themes for Catholic Schools Week have emphasized what makes Catholic education stand out among the school choices available to students across the country. This year’s theme “Catholic Schools Celebrate Service” follows the long, rich tradition of direct service to those in need incorporating service projects into the curriculum while teaching the students the value of helping others as an expression of faith and good citizenship. The symbol of this year’s celebration, seen below, shows outstretched hands surrounding the globe representing the many places and ways we, as Catholics, can help others. Service projects include canned food drives, bake sales, walk-a-thons, adopting families in need, and even the National Catholic Education Association’s initiative “Birthday Blessings for Pope Benedict” in which Catholic youth were asked to pledge hours of community service to honor Pope Benedict’s 81st birthday. Celebrated nationally the last week in January schools typically use this opportunity to celebrate special Masses, host Open Houses, and conduct activities that involve the students, staff and community. Why not call your local Catholic School and join them in the giving spirit as we “Celebrate Service” this Catholic Schools Week.



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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

Monroe Vicariate Catholic School's Open House

SCHOOL	DATE	TIMES
St. Anthony	January 28	6:30-8:00 p.m.
St. Charles	March 15	11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
St. John	February 1	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
St. Joseph	March 13	5:00-7:00 pm
St. Mary, Monroe	January 25	9:00 am-12:00 pm
St. Mary, Rockwood	March 3	6:00 p.m.
St. Michael	January 25	11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
St. Patrick	April 27	6:15-7:45 pm

COMPASS YAM YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY www.compassyam.org College Students and Young Adults 18-35, single or married, with or without children. Julieta Oliva julietaloliva@hotmail.com

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, January 13th from 12 to 2 p.m. at the Cellar (A building). Visit facebook group: MCCC Newman Club.

BAKE SALE – funds for the mission trip: we accept donations and volunteers Tuesday, January 20, and Thursday, January 22 from 12 to 2 p.m. in front of the cafeteria A building.

GROWING IN HOLINESS on Tuesdays, January 27th (The Way of St. Dominic with Sr. Anneliese Sinnott, O.P.), March 3rd (The Way of St. Ignatius of Loyola with Fr. J. Thomas McClain, S.J.), and March 17th (The Way of St. Francis De Sales with Fr. John Lehner, O.S.F.S.) at St. Michael Parish, Monroe. Come with us after the talk (7 to 8:30p.m.) to share thoughts at Panera Bread on Telegraph Rd., Monroe.

“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.

How about an hour of adoration? St. Charles invites all members of the vicariate to come spend an hour with the Lord in our perpetual adoration chapel. You are welcome to come at any time. It is recommend that you consider taking a set hour each week. We have the following hours open. Contact Gail Lajiness at 586-2895 to sign up. **Sunday** 1a.m., 2 a.m., 4 a.m., 5 a.m., 7 p.m. **Midnight ~ Monday** 1 a.m., 2 a.m., Noon **~Tuesday** 3 p.m., 4 p.m., **Midnight ~ Wednesday** 2 a.m., 4 a.m., 1 p.m., **Midnight ~Thursday** 1 a.m., 5 a.m., Noon **~ Friday** 9 a.m., 7 p.m., **Midnight ~Saturday** 1 a.m., 2 a.m., 3 a.m., 10 a.m., Noon, 3 p.m., 5 p.m., 6 p.m., 7 p.m.

February Vicariate Deadline: Monday, January 21, 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

Vicariate Peace and Justice The supreme proof of the dignity of the human person is the action taken by God in sending Jesus into the world. He was like us in all things but sin. John's summary of this matchless event in human history is concise and uplifting: "And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us." This event anchors the dignity of the human person against the tides of opinion that undervalue the human person. The Freedom of Choice Act is a pending legislation (HR 1964, S1173), if enacted, would far surpass *Roe vs. Wade* in abolishing all restrictions and limitations on women in the US to have an abortion. It would even effect Catholic hospitals. Contact your legislators and president-elect Obama to speak against this legislation. Roberta Richmond, IHM

Stuebenville High School Youth Conference "All Access"
Based on 1 Chronicles 29:11 June Friday 19th – Sunday 21
Registration Deadline Extended to January 12 Total Cost \$225
For more information contact Nancy Dietrich 734.735.0845 Or
Marianne Brittain 734.289.2497 Or visit
www.franciscanyouth.com click on HSY2

St. Michael the Archangel Parish Growing in Holiness VIII
The Way of St. Dominic: Mendicant Spirituality
Tuesday, January 27th ~ 7 to 8:30 pm in the Cafeteria
Presenter: Sr. Anneliese Sinott, O.P.

Discussed will be a variant form of monasticism founded in the early 13th century by Dominic de Guzman and Francis of Assisi. Sr. Anneliese is Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Ecumenical Theological Seminary in Detroit and Director of the Pastoral Ministry Department at Marygrove College.

Mass with Healing Prayer

St. Mary's Parish Life Center ~ January 21 ~ 7 pm
Prsider: Fr. John Esper

Father John is Pastor of St. Vincent Ferrer Parish. He formerly served as spiritual director of Sacred Heart Seminary College. He has maintained liaison for the Catholic Charismatic Renewal since 1994, and is active in the renewal, especially in the ministries of healing prayer, deliverance, and inner healing.

For Widowed ~ Interactive Weekend

Saturday, March 28th and Sunday, March 29th at
St. John Retreat Center, Plymouth, MI

2 day program ~ 1 night lodging, speakers, small group discussions, meals and social time. Cost: \$116

1 day Learning Expo ~ includes lunch, 3 different sessions with topics of interest to widowed. Cost \$25

RSVP to Rose 586-726-0844; Justine 734-455-6939 or Joan 248-478-1084.

The Monroe County Right to Life Annual Memorial for the unborn will take place on January 18th at 5 p.m.. For details, please call Margaret at (734) 587-3132

National Vocation Awareness week January 11 – 17

Pray for and support vocations in your parish.

Check your parish bulletin for activities to celebrate this special week.

Visitation 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.

Drums are available.

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

PILGRIMAGE to Lourdes, France and Spain: May 18-31

Led by Fr. Bernie Owens, S.J. Two nights and one day at Lourdes. Follow in the footsteps of Sts. Ignatius of Loyola and Francis Xavier. Visit where Sts. John of the Cross and Teresa of Avila made history (Avila, Toledo, Madrid), see the Benedictine monastery on the mountain of Montserrat, the cave where St. Ignatius wrote his Spiritual Exercises, and the Holy Family basilica in Barcelona. Eucharist each day. Conclude on Pentecost Sunday. Cost: \$4040/double occupancy. Register no later than 1/18/09. For brochure call Fr. Owens at 248-644-4311, Ext #16 or www.manresa-sj.org or office@manresa-sj.org

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 the following first Friday's 1/2, 2/6 Meals include 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

Pro-Life Summit Taking the pro-life movement into the future... Saturday, January 10 ~ 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Speakers: Dr. Janet Smith, Bishop Earl Boyea, Al Kresta, Deal Hudson, Ed Rivet, Joe Scheidler, Fr. Frank Pavone

Christ the King Parish Center ~ 4000 Ave Maria Drive, Ann Arbor \$30 registration by January 7 (\$35 at the door)

\$20 for high school & college students FREE: Clergy

Call Judy Parran to register: 517-546-3092 or

Send check payable to Citizens for a Pro-life Society:

4074 Falmouth Lane, Howell, MI 48843