



Monroe Vicariate

May, 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.

Info about Fr. Bob Mossett (St. Anne Parish)

Fr. Bob is the baby of his family with two sisters and one brother. He was born and raised in Detroit. One of his fond memories as a child was watching his grandfather fix his bicycle. His grandfather was a master machinist and when he worked on Fr. Bob's bike, he was like an artist at work. Through prayerful reflection, Fr. Bob related this memory to how the ultimate artist and master created the world and us. Fr. Bob graduated from Salesian High School and then did his Oblate Novitiate. He obtained a Bachelors of Science in Natural Sciences from Niagara University, went to Catholic University of America and obtained a Master of Science from DeSales School of Theology, majoring in ecology. Fr. Bob taught at high schools in Philadelphia, Toledo, New York and Southgate. He taught classes in math, general science, biology, religious studies, scripture and social ethics to name a few. Fr. Bob was greatly impressed by both the Servites that staffed the parish he was raised in and by the Oblates who taught at his high school. After prayer and discernment, Fr. Bob chose to be an Oblate. The rapport he saw in the Oblates and their down to earth view of things won him over. Fr. Bob was called by his superiors to be a Priest and he answered their call. Fr. Bob was ordained at Prince of Peace Church in Niagara Falls, New York. He was an Associate Pastor at Christ the Good Shepherd in Lincoln Park and St Angela in Roseville. Fr. Bob was Pastor at St Alexis in Ypsilanti. On 9/1/97, Fr. Bob came to St Anne as Associate Pastor to Fr. Bill Fisher with Pastoral responsibilities for St. Anne Parish. Fr. Bob loves to travel and has often traveled with Fr. Bill Fisher. Fr. Bob has been to every state in the continental U.S. He once did a camping trip across the United States and back. He has been to China, England, Ireland, Scotland, France, Italy, Israel, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Brazil, Panama and Columbia. In the holy land, he once lived at the birth place of John the Baptist. Fr. Bob thinks that the prettiest place to visit is Victoria, British Columbia. Fr. Bob's favorite food is anything Fr. Bill Fisher is willing to cook. Fr. Bob enjoys traveling, keeping up on tax laws (he used to do taxes as a side job), his famous dog Lati and relaxing to read the newspaper.



Principals Monroe Vicariate The Monroe Vicariate Catholic School Teachers serve over 1,700 youth in our local pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade Catholic Schools. During May we gratefully acknowledge the time, talents, and treasures that these teachers provide our students. Our 105 full time teachers include 48 with Master degrees and 57 with Bachelor degrees. Together they have over 1,500 years of teaching experience. Almost all elementary teachers hold Catechist certification and all of our high school religion teachers have Catechist certification or advanced training in theology. These educators commit to being a role model for the Gospel while educating the whole child in an atmosphere of faith and academic excellence. By providing our youth with a solid foundation, the next generations of Church and community leaders can fulfill their role as a faith filled individuals who are good citizens, productive employees, and compassionate leader.



Thank you veteran teachers and welcome new teachers.

- St. Anthony: Sr. Mary Paulena ~ 41 years
- St. Charles: Gail Heusman ~ 23 years; Amy Bielat ~ 1 year
- St. John the Baptist: Pat Cousino ~ 25 years
- St. Joseph: Dianna Miller ~ 37 years
- St. Mary, Monroe: Brenda Focht & Bev Kauza 34 years
- St. Mary, Rockwood: Linda Hurley ~ 33 years; Katie Vaillie ~ 1 year
- St. Michael: Paula Hudson ~ 29 years; Margie Beavers & Katie Allen ~ 1 year
- St. Patrick: Ann Werstein ~ 31 years; Beth Blair & Janette Monore ~ 1 year
- SMCC: Ray Lauwers ~ 42 years; Scott Applin, Amy Blanchette, Carol Falwell, Chris Knudsen, John Paul Lieto and Heidi Todd ~ 1 year

May Activities at Monroe Catholic Schools

St. Anthony	Open House	May 17
St. Charles	5th & 6th Grade Science Camp	May 6-8
St. John	First Holy Communion	May 3
St. Joseph	Last day of School	May 22
St. Mary- Monroe	Gr. 8 Washington DC Trip	May 20-22
St. Mary- Rockwood	Performance of Annie	May 14
St. Michael	StormTracker Workshop	May 14
St. Patrick	K-8 Career Day	May 12
SMCC High School	Ground Breaking Ceremony	May 3
	Commencement	May 31

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

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Monroe 48162-5290
734-289-2910

St. Anthony
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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
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Erie 48133-0247
734-848-6125

St. Joseph
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734-269-3895

St. Joseph
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P.O. Box 125, Maybee 48159-0125
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St. Joseph
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Monroe 48161-1950
734-241-9590

St. Mary
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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. Anthony Catholic Church Annual Chicken Dinner and Classic Car Show ~ Sunday, May 17 ~ Noon – 6pm ~At Kenna Hall
4635 St. Anthony Rd. (E of US Rte 23, Exit 5), Temperance
Adults/\$9 Seniors/\$8 Kids (12 & under)/\$4 ~ Kids hot dog meal \$2
50 /50 ~ Raffles ~ Bingo ~Kids Games

Come Golf with Us to help Children and Families Holy Cross Children's Services, Moreau Center, and Catholic Charities of Monroe County Golf Scramble ~June 19
~Links at Lake Erie Golf Course ~ 14727 LaPlaisance Road, Monroe ~ Cost: \$75/person (includes 18 holes of golf, cart, lunch limited beverages, buffet dinner, and prizes) ~For questions and more detailed information please call Jeri Bacarella at HCCS 734-242-5898 or email jabacarel@hccsnet.org

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 Christian Women of St. Mary Church Soup Luncheon~ Wednesday, May 6 ~ 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Parish Life Center at 151 N. Monroe St. Many varieties of hot and hearty soup, as well as home-made bread, desserts, and refreshments, will be available. \$6 donation is requested and take-out orders can be purchased at the door.

COMBONI RUMMAGE SALE Friday, May 22nd 9 am - 4 pm St. Joseph Parish Hall
924 E. Second St - Monroe

St. Patrick's Polish Dinner ~ 2996 W. Labo, Carleton
Sunday, May 17 ~ 11 am -5 pm Menu: Potato peirogi's, cabbage rolls, sauerkraut, green beans, coleslaw, desserts. \$11/Adults ~ \$8/10 and Under ~ Free/Under 5
Proceeds for the Raise the Roof Fund. More info call Rose at 654-6457

June Vicariate Deadline: Monday, May 18, 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**

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.

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. Michael Drama Class Presents CROWNz: Once Upon a Freshman Year ~A musical comedy on May 20 at St. Michael Gymnasium 8:45 am & 7 pm. Join Cinderella, Rapunzel, Sleeping Beauty, Jasmine and others as they enroll at the Palace of Princess Perfection. High School isn't easy even if you are a princess. But the most important lesson they will learn is that everyone needs a friend.

COMPASS YAM www.compassyam.org College Students and Young Adults 18-35 / single or married, with or without children **Julieta Oliva** Campus Ministry Coordinator ~julietaoliva@hotmail.com; www.compassyam.org
Monthly Newman Club Meeting ~Tuesday, May 12th from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at the Cellar. Visit facebook group: MCCC Newman Club.

Annual Family Fun Day~ Saturday, July 18th at St. Joseph Parish in Erie. Rain or Shine! Bring a dish/dessert to pass. Arrival at 10:30 a.m. 2214 Manhattan, Erie, MI 48140

Soccer League May 16th-June 25th Sign up as an individual or team! You must have at least ten people with a minimum of four girls and four guys, max of 16. The cost is \$15 per person. Cap of ten teams, and it is first come first serve. A team is signed up when the captain has sent the teams names and shirt sizes. To sign up as an individual you need to send me your name and shirt size. Contact: Erik Coules at sc4campusministry@yahoo.com Facebook Group: "C.Y.A.S."

Mass and Open House in Honor of Coach Lauwers ~ Mass of Celebration at 11:30am on Sunday, May 17 at St. Mary Catholic Parish. Open House immediately following the Mass in the Brother Gerontius Memorial Gymnasium on the court that bears Lauwers' name. Both events are free and open to the public. If you are unable to attend, but wish to send Coach a note, please do so by sending an email to focus@smccmonroe.com.

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

St. Joseph Cemetery Memorial Day Observance The four Catholic Parishes in the city of Monroe are not holding Mass at their parish church on Monday, May 25 so that all may participate in the morning service at the cemetery. Beginning at 10 am there will be a military ceremony by the Local VFW Post including a guest speaker, taps and bagpiping. This will be followed by celebration of the Mass. The main celebrant of the Mass will be Father Marc Gawronski, pastor of St. Mary Church, accompanied by the available priests from the other city Catholic churches. Some seating will be available or you may bring your favorite lawn chair. There will be a complimentary shuttle bus running from about 9:15 a.m. to about noon. There will be no parking or driving in the cemetery during these services to allow for proper access by the shuttle service and by those dropping off the physically challenged or elderly. Participants may park in the St. Mary Church parking lot and ride the complimentary shuttle. Complimentary coffee, punch and baked goods will be served in the administrative office of the cemetery after the ceremonies. Memorial tax deductible donations to support this event are welcomed and appreciated. Please contact Jim DuBay at 241-1411 if you would like to make a much needed donation honoring your loved ones.

1st Annual Mustang Scramble St. Michael Golf Outing Green Meadows Golf Course ~ Saturday, June 6 ~ \$80/person -4 person teams. Shotgun start at Noon. Food at the turn. Scramble rules. Steak or Chicken dinner. 1st, 2nd place Team Prizes. Golf gear raffles. 50/50 drawing. For more info contact Mike Kopp at 734-384-0636. Sponsorship opportunities available.

FROM VICARIATE PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE:
 Pope Benedict XVI insisted recently that underneath the current global economic crisis lurks greed, rooted in original sin, and that reform of global economic architecture will be of little use without the conversion of individual hearts. *"Where there are no just people, there is no justice. For that reason, education in justice must be a priority -- perhaps we could say 'the' priority. ...Good structures can't be developed if they're opposed by egoism, including that of people of great technical competence."* John L. Allen, NCR Look for the Pope's new encyclical, "Charity in Truth" at www.papalencyclicals.net (soon to be released.)

SMCC Ground Breaking Blessing and Open House Sunday, May 3, at 2pm, on the front lawn of SMCC Utilizing restricted funds from the *Soaring on the Wings of Tradition* capital campaign, we will begin a project this month that will add a multi-purpose room, elevator, media center, and a chapel dedicated to the Infant of Prague. Please join us as we celebrate and give thanks to the Lord, as well as our generous benefactors, families and friends.