



# Monroe Vicariate

November, 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.



**Fr. Frederick Misiolek, Pastor of St. Charles Borromeo- Newport** Fr. Fred Misiolek was born on the West Side of Detroit on November 7, 1939, and attended Saint Hedwig Church and School. Many of his childhood memories revolve around the church. Walking in processions around the neighborhood for Feast Days and Holy Days was always an exciting time. Playing in his backyard, he played priest and had his own processions with friends and family. His cousin also became a priest with him.




The church helped mark important milestones in his life. As a young boy, Fr. Fred had to wear short pants. When he made his First Holy Communion, he was finally able to wear long pants! Once he became an altar server, his mother volunteered him to serve Mass everyday for the sisters at 7 am throughout the year. Although his mother passed away when he was a young child, her influence still continues to this day.

Fr. Fred went to the Franciscan Boarding School for high school in Crystal Lake, Illinois. Although Father Fred feels that he was always inspired to become a priest, he believes that his decision to enter the priesthood was greatly influenced by the Franciscan Priests. He also says that his mother prayed so hard for his vocation that it was inevitable. After graduation, he decided to try religious life at the Conventual Franciscan's St. Bonaventure Noviate in Lake Forest, Illinois. Fr. Fred studied Philosophy at the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey, Ohio for 4 years. He then studied Theology at Assumption Seminary in Chaska, Minnesota. His favorite saints include Francis of Assisi, Thomas Merton and John Vianney, patron saint of priests.

Fr. Fred was ordained in St. Paul Cathedral, Minnesota on March 13, 1965 by Archbishop Bins. His first assignment was at St. Thomas in Riverside, California for one year. He returned to Detroit to minister to his family at St. Hedwig for 7 1/2 years. He then was sent to St. Anthony in Rockford, Illinois for 6 months. Fr. Fred returned to Detroit and served at Our Lady Queen of Sorrows for 17 years. He then decided to become a diocesan priest and remain in Detroit. He requested to be incar-

minated through Cardinal Szoka. This process took 3 years of internship. The first 6 months he was an administrator at St. Joseph, Erie, then ministered at St. Isidore in Mount Clemens for about 2 1/2 years. He was incardinated by Cardinal Szoka in the Archdiocese of Detroit in 1990. Fr. Fred was a pastor at St. Roch Church, Flat Rock for 11 years. He then went to St. Raphael, Garden City for 2 years. In 2003, Fr. Fred came to St. Charles, Newport. He is known for his easy-going attitude and is always ready with a joke for any occasion. His extensive Christmas decoration collection is an amazing experience to view. He also is a collector of lighthouse and penguin memorabilia. A great friend of the children of the parish, Fr. Fred is also a huge Detroit sports fan, especially the Red Wings.

**St. Mary Catholic Central High School** is hosting an Open House, November 8, 11am-2pm for all grades school students. We provide a Christ-centered learning community where we pray together, regularly offer the Eucharist, and provide annually retreats. Academically, SMCC students consistently score above state averages on MME tests. The 112 graduates of the Class of 2009 received over \$4.3 million in scholarships offers with 99% of students going on to higher education. As Catholic educators we understand the challenges that exist in the world and provide a strong moral and academic foundation for teens as they face everyday and the future. You will be able to tour our new state of the art Science Labs and building expansion, meet our faculty, staff, club moderators, and coaches, speak with students and have the opportunity to win scholarships for tuition, textbooks, and uniforms. Eighth graders are invited to take the high school placement test on Saturday, November 21, 8-11:30am.



**Right to Life of Michigan Washington DC March for Life Bus Trip** Transportation per person (not including meals): Students & Seniors (65yrs older) \$90; Adults \$95. Registration deadline December 4<sup>th</sup>. Bus departs locations on Thursday, January 21 @ 5 pm. Arriving in DC early morning of January 22nd. Buses then depart Washington DC back to Michigan, arriving 5-6 am on Saturday January 23rd. NO hotel overnight stay. Buses are departing Ann Arbor at Domino Farms & in Woodhaven at "Our Lady of the Woods" parish. Call Karen Walacavage, RLM Office Manager at: 734-930-7474 to register and/or for more information.

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St. Charles Borromeo  
8109 Swan Creek Rd.,  
Newport 48166-9138  
734-586-2531

St. Irene  
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734-529-2160

St. John the Baptist  
511 S. Monroe,  
Monroe 48161-2293  
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Erie 48133-0247  
734-848-6125

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I.H.M. Motherhouse  
610 W. Elm, Monroe 48162  
734-241-3660

**St. Patrick Parish Veterans Day Breakfast** – Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> from 8 am – 11:30 am in the gym. All-you-can-eat scrambled eggs, pancakes, potatoes, sausage links, ham, muffins/quick breads, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, orange juice and milk. \$3/Veterans, \$5.50/adults, \$3/children ages 6 -11, free/children 5 and under

**Christian Women of St. Mary Church, Monroe Soup Luncheon** ~ Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Parish Life Center at 151 N. Monroe St. Come and enjoy a vast array of delicious home-made, hot and hearty soups, as well as home-made bread and desserts of your choice. Refreshments will also be included in your donation of \$6. Dine-in or carry-out.

**St. Charles Catholic School Tail Gate Auction Party!** Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. Reception & silent auction 5:30, dinner 6:30, live auction at 7. Tickets \$20 includes “tail gate menu” dinner, beverages and dessert. Tickets sold only in advance. Contact Jenny Lajiness to order tickets at (734) 586-2770.

**Archdiocese of Detroit 7th Annual Women’s Conference Bearers of Hope~ Saturday, November 14; 8:15 AM-1:30 pm** at St. Genevieve Parish in Livonia. We are able to offer the conference this year at a reduced rate: \$35/adults and \$25/students. There are 2 ways to register: Register securely on-line at [www.aodwomensministry.org](http://www.aodwomensministry.org). Online registration will end at 11:59 pm on Wednesday, November 11 unless the event is sold out prior to that date. You may also register by mail with a check (registration forms are available online). Mail-in registrations must be postmarked no later than Saturday, November 7. You may attend as a walk-in for \$50 (if space is available).

**St. Charles All You Can Eat Breakfast** ~ Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. until noon. Join us for ham, sausage, eggs, pancakes, french toast, homemade pastries and muffins, home fries, milk, coffee, orange juice and hot chocolate. Tickets are \$5/adults and \$3/children ages 5 through 11 years old.

**Crafters needed**—Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Annual Craft show on Saturday November 21<sup>st</sup> Space with table ~ \$25. Call Kelly at 847-2805 for further information.

**Veterans Mass:** Veterans and their guests are invited to a special Mass on Tuesday, November 10 at 8 a.m. with the St. Patrick School-Carleton community. After Mass a flag raising ceremony and reception will be held. For additional information call the school office at (734) 654-2522.

**St. Michael the Archangel Fall Craft Show** November 14, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the school gym, 510 W. Front St., Monroe. A variety of handmade crafts, fall, and holiday items will be for sale. Homemade soups, sandwiches, pasta salad, desserts, and beverages will be available for lunch 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be raffle prizes. Admission is free.

**St. Michael Athletic Club Euchre Tournament** ~ November 7<sup>th</sup> at St. Michaels School Gym from 6:30 pm - 11pm. \$20/person. Prizes for high scores. Tournament style of play. Tickets may be purchased from any St. Michael's Volleyball parent or at the door. Fish Bowl and 50/50 raffles. Snacks, pop, coffee, and water provided. BYOB. Contact Christ Langerman @ 734.790.0585 if you have any questions

**St. Patrick Annual Feather Party** ~ Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> ~St. Patrick Parish Gym ~2996 West Labo Road ~Carleton ~ Doors open at 6 p.m. Lightening Bingo 6:30 p.m. Regular Bingo 7 p.m. Sponsored by St. Patrick Men's Club

**December Vicariate Deadline: Monday, November 23, 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](mailto:mvicariate@yahoo.com)

**Fall Clean-Up at St. Joseph Cemetery of Monroe** Lot owners have until Monday November 9 to remove any decorations and arrangements they might like to keep or recycle. Following the clean up work, winter decorations and arrangements may be placed beginning Monday, November 23. Grave Blankets and Wreaths are permitted in the winter months. The required \$4 cleanup tag for wreaths and blankets may be purchased through the cemetery office. St. Joseph Cemetery, owned by the four City of Monroe Catholic parishes, continues to care for you and your loved ones with over two centuries of peaceful and respectful service. Those interested in further details may visit or contact the cemetery office M-F 9-4:30 at 241-1411.

**St. Mary's Rockwood School Holiday Vendor Extravaganza**" Sunday, November 22nd, 9 am- 4 p.m. in the school hall. One-stop shopping for all of your Holiday goodies. Call 734-493-2323 for more information or if you are interested in having your own table of goodies! 50% of all vendor profits will go to the school.

**Archdiocese of Detroit Mass for People with Disabilities** Thank you to those who participated in the Mass on Sunday, August 30th at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral. Special thanks to Marty Selmeck and Ann Fraser who served as extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist, and Pascal Flymeygh who assisted as altar server. Plan on joining us next year!

**St. Mary's Rockwood School Annual Auction** Friday, November 13th, 6:30 p.m. \$35 early bird tickets now on sale (dinner and open bar included) Live and silent items. Online auction before the event. Call: 734-379-9285 for information. <http://home.catholicweb.com/StMarysRockwood>

**St. Patrick School 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Benefit Auction and Dinner:** Friday, December 4 at Grafton Inn in Carleton. Includes dinner, dessert, drinks, silent and live auctions. Tickets are \$40/person. \$5 discount offered if purchased by November 16. For information or to order tickets, call the school office at (734) 654-2522.

**Catholic Social Teaching** has always affirmed the right of workers to form and join unions. Church leaders have been clear on this key issue for workers. The core principles of human dignity and solidarity are promoted when workers have the choice to join a union. The *Employee Free Choice Act* would ensure that, when a majority of employees in a workplace decide to form a union, they could do so without the harassment that employers use to block workers' free choice. A panel discussion on this - Oct. 29th at St. Mary's, Monroe at 7 pm "Unions: Rights and Wrongs" in the Parish Life Center.

**World Youth Day 2011** Are you between the ages of 16-35? Groups from the Monroe Vicariate are preparing to go in August of 2011 to Madrid Spain for the 26<sup>th</sup> World Youth Day celebration. Contact Kelly Schmidt at Our Lady of Mount Carmel 734-847-2805 ext. 22; [Kelly@mountcarmeltemperance.org](mailto:Kelly@mountcarmeltemperance.org) or Contact Monica Sieja-Poteau at St. Michael the Archangel 734-625-5230 or [YouthMinistry123live@.com](mailto:YouthMinistry123live@.com) for further information.

**River House - IHM Spirituality Center ~Catechist Formation:** The following revised intermediate topics are approved by the Archdiocese of Detroit for Catechist Formation. Presenters hold an EMCF endorsement. Sessions are offered on Monday evenings from 7:15-9:15 at the IHM Motherhouse, 610 W. Elm Ave., Monroe. Fee is \$10/session. Call 734-240-5494 two weeks in advance to register. Nov. 9 - Spirituality (#17) ~Nov. 16 - Catholic Social Teaching: Understanding & Response (#19) ~ Nov. 23 - Evangelization (#20)

**Visitation Spirituality Center**, 529 Stewart Rd., Monroe offers the following monthly opportunities for spiritual growth and enrichment. No registration is required. Eucharistic Celebrations ~every first Wednesday at 7 p.m. Drumming Circle ~every second Friday from 7-9 p.m. Check out our web site at [ihmsisters.org](http://ihmsisters.org) for more information and other programs.

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish is hosting Detective Jim Dec** with the Computer Crimes Unit of the Toledo Police Department to present Internet Safety: Keeping Your Children Safe While They Surf the Web. Held in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, November 18 from 7-8:30 pm. Cost: FREE. Our Lady of Mount Carmel is located at 8330 Lewis Avenue, Temperance. For more information please call 847-1725.

**Thank You** to all four City of Monroe parishes and their many guests who worked together in one spirit to make our 3rd St. Joseph Cemetery dinner fundraiser a success! The excellent dinner and chances on more than three dozen raffle prizes were enjoyed by hundreds. Thanks and may God bless the planners, the volunteer workers, the donors, those who came to enjoy the event, and a big thanks to the parish priests who donated toward the dinner and gave strong support. With heartfelt appreciation from the St. Joseph Cemetery Council and Staff

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel All You Can Eat Perch/Shrimp Fish Fry:** 11/6; 12/4; 1/ 8 8330 Lewis Ave, Temperance Phone: 734-847-2805 Serving from 4:30 pm-7:30 pm in the parish hall Meals include: choice salad and Potato, Vegetable, roll, Lemonade/coffee, Homemade dessert Cost: \$10/ Adult, \$8/Sr.& kids 8-12 \$5/3-7 yrs old and under 3/Free. Meatless Entrée~ \$5 Pop beverages for sale. Proceeds to Benefit World Youth Day participants.

**St. Joseph Catholic School 5th Annual Panther Pride Auction** ~ Saturday, November 7~ 2238 Manhattan St., Erie.~ Open to the public. Hundreds of items to bid on during silent and live auctions. including Mackinaw Tour Package, La-Z-Boy Chair, Flat Screen TV, Family Fun and other themed Gift Baskets, Gift Certificates & much more. Advance tickets \$10. Doors open at 6 p.m. dinner served at 6:15 p.m. For more info. or to make a donation, call the school office at (734) 848-6985.

**SMCC High School Placement Test** ~ Saturday, November 21, from 8am until 12pm. Students must bring a \$24 testing fee and two, #2 pencils. Registration is required. Please contact Mrs. Vicki White at (734) 241-SMCC x121 to register. The High School Placement Test make-up date is **Saturday, December 5**, from 8am-12pm.