

# THE DRIFT

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## A "NICK"el's Worth of Thoughts from Your Vicar: Fr. Nick Zukowski

**WELCOME!**... Archbishop Allen Vigneron has made two new assignments in the Blue Water Vicariate. We have a new parish administrator and a new associate pastor.

Reverend Zbigniew Zomerfeld, SDB (aka "Fr. Zbig") is the new administrator of St. Mary Parish in Port Huron. Technically and canonically, this means that he has all the responsibilities of a pastor, but the term is usually brief because Fr. Zbig is in the process of incardination. This means that he is leaving his religious community in Poland and wishes to become a priest of the Archdiocese of Detroit. Pending the completion of the incardination process, Fr. Zbig possibly could become pastor. He has been serving in Shelby Township at St. Therese of Lisieux Parish.

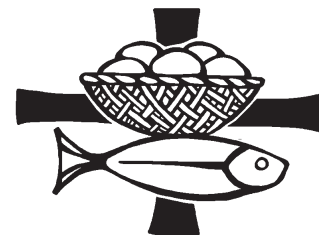
Fr. John Nedumcheril has been appointed associate pastor of St. Augustine Parish in Richmond. He will be responsible primarily for assisting the pastor, Fr. Joe Plawecki. Fr. John also will be expected to provide sacramental assistance to the neighboring parishes of Sacred Heart Parish in Yale and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish in Emmett. This assignment is projected for two years.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**... St. Edwards on the Lake Parish School recently celebrated their fiftieth year of providing Catholic education at the northeastern most point of the Archdiocese of Detroit. The combined efforts of Fr. E. J. McCormick and Fr. John R. Hogan resulted in the establishment of the elementary school in 1959. Sisters of Mercy and the Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Heart staffed the school over the years. In 1992, St. Edward Parish became one of the founding parishes of McCormick Catholic Academy, along with St. Mary and St. Joseph Parishes in Port Huron. In 2007, the Academy, located in the former St. Stephen School, was relocated to the campus of St. Mary Parish in Port Huron. Congratulations on your Golden Jubilee!

**LOOKING FORWARD...** The Archdiocesan Tracking Committee was established following the Together in Faith process to insure that recommendations were being put into place and that a follow-up was conducted in all areas of the Archdiocese. Here is what the tracking committee is recommending specifically for the Blue Water Vicariate, and what the Blue Water Vicariate Pastoral Council will address in the fall:

- Monitor Campus Ministry progress at St. Clair County Community College
- Insure Stewardship Assembly follow-up in every parish
- Encourage outreach to the unemployed (Career Transition Support Ministries)
- Plan a "Hispanic Concerns" session for the Fall of 2009
- Determine new parish cluster partners for every vicariate parish
- Continue the Catholic School financial support program
- Continue collaboration between St. Mary, St. Clair and Holy Cross Schools
- Determine an effective relationship between all active vicariate priests and Cardinal Mooney High School, and select a priest representative

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ENJOYABLE SUMMER!**



## Loaves & Fishes

### *Feeding the Poor at St. Mary's Food Pantry*

St. Mary Queen of Creation Parish is conducting a community-wide fund raising campaign to renovate and expand St. Mary's Food Pantry. Serving more than 4,000 individuals per year, it has become the second largest food depot in Macomb County for disadvantaged families and individuals. St. Mary's Food Pantry serves all people in need – no matter their faith, color or ethnic background. Due to our struggling economy, more and more people of our region are requiring emergency food, clothing and financial assistance. The \$250,000 renovation project will significantly expand and improve the existing pantry to better serve the growing number of families and individuals that need help during these difficult times. We are asking area churches, civic organizations, businesses and individuals to join with St. Mary Queen of Creation in this worthy project. Please contact Dave Warren, Campaign Chairman, at (586) 725-1953 or [dwarren@smqoc.com](mailto:dwarren@smqoc.com) if you would like to participate in, or contribute to, the Loaves & Fishes Campaign.

## Protecting God's Children

St. Augustine Parish in Richmond will be hosting a Protecting God's Children Workshop on Wednesday, August 26. Light dinner at 5:30 PM. Workshop 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Location: Parish Hall.

For more information contact Tina Kovalcik, DRE at 586-727-9290 ext 125.

## Career Transition Ministry

Our communities and our vicariate parish memberships are feeling the impact of unexpected career changes. Some of the parishes in the vicariate are in the process of forming leadership teams for a Career Transition Ministry. A Career Transition Ministry will offer spiritual, emotional, and physical support while providing a place for attendees to network with one another. The hope is to have regular meetings with speakers or facilitators to hone the skills of people applying for a position in a new career opening.

For any questions please contact John Mastej by phone 810-310-0431 or e-mail [jwmastej@yahoo.com](mailto:jwmastej@yahoo.com) or Mary Paquette by phone 810-329-2255 or e-mail [mpaquette@stmarysstclair.org](mailto:mpaquette@stmarysstclair.org). Please check the vicariate website in the near future as we begin to get these programs up and running at [www.bluewatervicariate.org](http://www.bluewatervicariate.org) for more information.

The employed are invited to reach out and help the unemployed by sharing your time and talents in this ministry. If you would like to join the leadership team, please contact John or Mary as well.

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## Learning to Live With Loss and Change

### **Educational Program**

*"Blessed are they that mourn...for they shall be comforted"*  
Matthew 5:4

St. John Hospice and St. Mary Health Care Cabinet welcome you to this four-week program. We hope our sessions will be helpful and supportive to you. Topics that will be discussed are:

- Understanding grief and loss
- Adjusting to the changes in our lives
- Helping ourselves heal
- Getting through the holidays

### **Facilitator**

Sally Sutley, MSW, CSW Medical Social Worker with St. John Hospice, St John River District Hospital

### **Time**

Mondays 6:30 PM

October 12, October 19, October 26, & November 2, 2009

### **Location**

St. Mary Catholic Church Community Center  
811 Orchard Street, St. Clair, MI

### **To register**

Call Mary Paquette at St. Mary's Church at 810-329-2255 - Adult content

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Students can share a room with a host sibling.

For detailed information on these kids and to see if hosting might be right for you, call Kathi Moran at 248-681-7650 today! [kmoran@yfu.org](mailto:kmoran@yfu.org)

## Blue Water Vicariate Directory

Including Weekend Mass Times - (Please Call For Daily Mass Schedule)

<b>Holy Family Parish</b> <b>Memphis Site</b> Phone: 810-392-2056 Masses: Sat. 5 pm, Sun. 10 am & 5:30 pm <b>Columbus Site</b> Phone: 586-727-7263 Masses: Sun. 8:00 am	<b>Immaculate Conception Parish (Ira Twp.)</b> Phone: 586-725-3051 Masses: Sat. 4:30 pm, Sun. 8 am, 10 am & 12 pm <b>St. Augustine Parish (Richmond)</b> Phone: 586-727-5215 Masses: Sat. 5 pm, Sun. 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30
<b>Our Lady on the River Parish</b> <b>Holy Cross Church (Marine City)</b> Phone: 810-765-3568 Masses: Sat. 5:30pm, Sun. 7:30, 9:30, 11:30am <b>St. Catherine of Alexandria Church (Algonac)</b> Phone: 810-794-3301 Masses: Sat. 4 pm, Sun. 8am, 10am & 7pm <b>St. Mark Chapel (Harsens Island)</b> Phone: 810-748-3828 Masses: Sat. (Summer) 4:30 pm, Sun. 10:30 am	<b>St. Christopher Parish (Marysville)</b> Phone: 810-364-4100 Masses: Sat. 5 pm, Sun. 8 am, 9:30 & 11:30 am <b>St. Edward on the Lake (Lakeport)</b> Phone: 810-385-4340 Masses: Sat. 5 pm, Sun. 9:30 am & 11:30 am <b>St. Mary Church (Port Huron)</b> Phone: 810-982-7906 Masses: Sat. 5 pm, Sun. 8 am, 9:30 & 11:30 am
<b>Holy Trinity Parish</b> <b>Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission (Port Huron)</b> Phone: 810-985-5212 Masses: 1st & 2nd Sunday only: 11:00 am <b>St. Joseph Church (Port Huron)</b> Phone: 810-984-2689 Masses: Sun. 7:30 am & 11:00 am <b>St. Stephen Church (Port Huron)</b> Phone: 810-984-2689 Masses: Sat. 4 pm, Sun. 9 am	<b>St. Mary Parish (St. Clair)</b> Phone: 810-329-2255 Masses: Sat. 4:30 pm, Sun. 7:30 am, 9:30 & 11:30 am <b>St. Mary Queen of Creation (New Balt.)</b> Phone: 586-725-2441 Masses: Sat. 4:30 pm, Sun. 7:30 am, 9:30 & 11:30 am Visit our vicariate on the web at: <a href="http://www.bluewatervicariate.org">www.bluewatervicariate.org</a>



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### Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Consolation

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**Thursday August 6, 2009**

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(DeMaria) leaving from St. Athanasius Church 18720 13 Mile Rd. at Kelly at 7:20 AM.

**Bus #2:**

(Maniaci) leaving from St. Lawrence Parish 44633 Utica, N. of Hall Rd. 7:00 AM & St. Athanasius at 7:20 AM.


**Bus #3**

(Manzella) leaving from Garfield & Canal (Kmart's parking lot) at 7:15 AM. All buses will return to the same location about 7:00 PM

The cost of this trip will be \$26.00. Make your Check out to H.F.C. USHERS CLUB and mail it to Tina Bullis at 18130 Airport, Fraser, MI 48026 with a self address stamped envelope so she can mail you your tickets. Please write on your check which bus you would like to be on. Any questions call Tina at 586-296-6295. Deadline for tickets is July 26st.

I hope to see you there.

~Josephine DeMaria



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