

# THE DRIFT

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## A Note From The New Vicar: Fr. Nick Zukowski

**P**RAISED BE JESUS CHRIST!... I am your new Archdiocesan Vicar for the Blue Water Vicariate, nominated by my brother pastors and selected by the Holy Spirit to serve you for the next three years. I would like to express deep thanks to my two immediate predecessors, Fr. Jim Commyn and Fr. David Burgard, both of whom have built up and energized this Vicariate with their wisdom and leadership.

**WHAT IS AN ARCHDIOCESAN VICAR?...** He is a priest appointed by the Archbishop, after consultation with priests and other members of the faith community, to share the pastoral leadership of the Archbishop as his representative to the Vicariate. The Vicar promotes peace and unity, renewal and growth in the Vicariate, and links the parishes of his Vicariate with the larger Church of Detroit.

**WHAT IS A VICAR'S RESPONSIBILITIES?...** Among them are:

- promotes, growth, development and collaboration among the parishes;
- is available for regular contact and consultation with parishes as needed;
- develops collegiality among all those involved in pastoral ministry;
- works with the Vicariate and Archdiocesan Pastoral Councils;
- grants temporary marriage dispensations in emergency situations;
- attends monthly meetings at the seminary of the Council of Vicars;
- convenes and leads the vicariate clergy at monthly meetings;
- attends the meetings of the Vicariate Pastoral Council, acting as a liaison between the VPC and the vicariate clergy; works on the agenda of regular and special meetings;
- prepares a column for the bi-monthly vicariate newsletter, The Drift;
- is the first level of conciliation for conflict mediation when difficulties arise in or between parishes, and provides for follow-up and referral.

Although the Vicar has no canonical or administrative authority (that is the role of the Ordinary of the Diocese and the Regional Bishop assigned to this region), he still can act as a conduit of communication and a bridge between the local parish and the larger Church. Thus, I see my role as a facilitator of vicariate gatherings and concerns. Please pray for me as I take on this assignment, in addition to my continuing assignment as pastor and only resident full-time priest at St. Mary Queen of Creation Parish, in New Baltimore. We are approaching 4000 registered households with 11,000 people!

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!...** Congratulations and prayerful best wishes go out to the ordained men in our Vicariate celebrating jubilee years of ordination to the priesthood and to the permanent diaconate. To Fr. Joe Plawecki, pastor of St. Augustine Parish in Richmond, celebrating twenty-five years; to Fr. Simeon Ibor, pastor of St. Mary Parish in Port Huron, who is celebrating twenty years; and to Deacon Bob McCleod of St. Mary Parish in St. Clair, celebrating thirty-five years as a permanent deacon. May God continue to bless you as you bless the people entrusted to your care!

## A Pilgrimage

On Thursday, August 7th the Holy Family Church Ushers Club will be sponsoring a pilgrimage to the Basilica and National Shrine of "Our Lady of Consolation" in Carey, Ohio.

Bus #1 (DeMaria) will be leaving at 7:15 AM from St. Athanasius Church, 18720 Thirteen Mile Road at Kelley. Bus #2 (Maniaci) will be leaving from Kmart's parking lot at Garfield and Canal at 6:45 AM then picking up at St. Athanasius at 7:15 AM. Bus #3 (Manzella Italian speaking) will also leave from Kmart's parking lot at Garfield and Canal at 7:15 AM. All buses will return about 7:00 PM. All reserved seats are \$26.00 per person on a first come basis. Deadline for tickets is July 21st. Call 586-296-6295 for more information.

## Family Fun & Perch Festival

The 36th Annual Immaculate Conception Parish - Family Fun & Perch Festival runs through Sunday this weekend.

Come Join us for Saturday dinner of deep fried lake perch, or baked chicken with fries served 4:00 PM to 8:30 PM and Sunday from 1:30 PM to 7:30 PM, enjoy sliced turkey, gravy, ham, Mostaccioli, mashed potatoes, corn on the cob. All dinners include drinks and desserts.

Under the big top, taking the stage at 9:00 PM Saturday, July 19 will be the band Random Play and Sunday the lineup under the big top is as follows:

- 8:30 AM - K of C Pancake Breakfast
- Noon - Festival Opens
- 4:00 PM - Gone Dancin' Studio
- 5:00 PM - Ultraviolet Band
- 9:30 PM - Grand Raffle Drawing

Also, don't miss the pavilion entertainment, game tent, bingo, Vegas tent, silent and live auctions, antiques/furniture, four seasons area, white elephant, gardening angel and much, much more!





### St. Catherine - Join Us!

1103 Washington Street, Algonac, MI 48001-1477  
Phone: 810-794-3301

## Annual Festival

Saturday, August 30th



## Save The Date! - A Night of Formation & Information

Wednesday, October 8, 2008 - 6:45 PM

St. Mary School, St. Clair Michigan

The Blue Water Vicariate Pastoral Council is pleased to announce a night of formation and information for all Pastors, Pastoral Associates, Parish Pastoral Councils, Stewardship Commissions, Faith Formation/Education Commissions, Parish Finance and Administration Committees and all Parish Bookkeepers and Parish Business Managers/Administrators.

This information night is all about STEWARDSHIP: what it is, what it isn't and what it is meant to be for all believers who call themselves Disciples of the Lord. Representatives from the Archdiocesan Office of Development will be present. How is Christian stewardship different from an offertory increase campaign? How is stewardship more than just "dollars and cents?" Come and see!

Save the date! More info will follow!

## Council of Catholic Women - Archdiocese of Detroit

All women of the Archdiocese are invited to join us on Saturday, August 9, for a discussion of Mathew Kelly's *The Rhythm of Life: Living Every Day With Passion and Purpose*. Mr. Kelly is a well-known author and this selection is a New York Times Bestseller! He will show us how to simplify our life and make time for the truly important things. The book is written for anyone who feels too busy, overwhelmed or lacking energy. The discussion will take place after our regular meeting at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Detroit. For more information, call the CCW/AD office at 313-237-5896.

We are also encouraging our members to attend the Saturday Evangelization Series: *The Call of St. Paul: Evangelizing and Building Communities of Disciples*, which takes place during the 2008-09 school year at the Seminary. For more information, call 313-237-4694. Learning more about our faith is fulfilling NCCW's mission statement to '... educate all women in spirituality' and the mission statement of CCW/AD '...to grow spiritually.' Attending these discussions also gives us an opportunity to meet other women who share our values.

## St. Mary High School, New Baltimore - All-Years Reunion

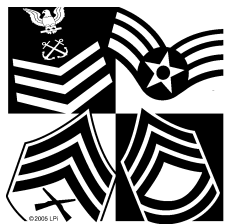
St. Mary, New Baltimore has planned an all-years reunion on September 21, 2008 for everyone that has graduated from St. Mary High School. We will gather in St. Mary, Queen of Creation for an 11:30 mass; then proceed to the Parish Community Center for a social hour and catered dinner. The cost is \$15.00 per person and reservations will be needed. Please call one of the following committee persons:

Lorraine (Burgess) DeMuynck 586-716-8636

Dick Hilla 586-725-7026

Bob Beauvais 586-783-5573

Jean (Goerlich) Horn 586-598-2276



## Veteran's History Project

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of Macomb is looking for veterans from all wars: World War II, Korea, Viet Nam, Gulf War and Iraq to participate in the national Veteran's History Project. RSVP volunteers are conducting, video taping and transcribing interviews with Macomb County veterans and civilians involved in these war efforts. Tapes and transcripts of completed interviews will be sent to the Library of Congress

where they will be added to the permanent Veterans History Project collection. Veterans will also receive a copy of the videotape and transcript. Volunteers will be interviewing veterans of all wars but will be concentrating on the dwindling numbers of our World War II veterans. This project benefits all citizens as it preserves the important stories of our nation's veterans. Anyone who is interested in telling his/her story should contact RSVP of Macomb at 586-756-1430.

Locally sponsored by Catholic Services of Macomb, RSVP is part of the National Senior Service Corps under the Corporation for National and Community Service and provides meaningful community service opportunities for individuals age 55 and older.

## Annual Maritime Concert

Holy Cross Church presents its  
22nd Annual Maritime Concert  
7:30 PM

August 17, 2008.

Featuring:

Marine City Interfaith Choir

Carol Lohr, Director

and

The Holy Cross Church Handbell Choir

Diane Bowden, Director

## Assumption Grotto-Detroit

### Grade School Reunion

Anyone from the old neighborhood  
Welcome!

**Classes:** All Years

**Date:** August 9, 2008

**Location:** Dodge Park  
40620 Utica Road  
Sterling Heights

**Time:** Noon - ?

**Food/Drinks:** Brink Your Own

(Party store across from park)

**Optional:** Dish to Pass

For information call after 5:00 PM:

Ron Slongo:  
586-939-4584

Bernice (Greek) Hurley:  
586-977-8043

Cindy (Chida) Rieth:  
586-247-2854

Valerie (Wozniacki) Dornan:  
586-286-8471

Allen Goll:  
586-558-4226

E-Mail: grotto20052006@hotmail.com




Sunday, August 31, 5:00 PM Holy Cross Church

Varied and Various Works of Local Composers Recital follows Evening Prayer, a short service of psalms and prayers.

## 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. 5:30 pm, Sun. 8 am & 9:30 am <b>St. Catherine of Alexandria Church (Algonac)</b> Phone: 810-794-3301 Masses: Sat. 4 pm, Sun. 11:30 am <b>St. Mark Chapel (Harsens Island)</b> Phone: 810-748-3828 Masses: Sat. (Summer) 4:30 pm, Sun. 10 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: 9:00 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: <b><a href="http://www.bluewatervicariate.org">www.bluewatervicariate.org</a></b>



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## Upcoming Vicariate Events

### August 2008

- AUGUST 7: Holy Family Church Ushers Club will be sponsoring a pilgrimage to the Basilica and National Shrine of "Our Lady of Consolation" in Carey, Ohio. Call 586-296-6295 for more information.
- AUGUST 17: Holy Cross Church, Marine City, 22nd Annual Maritime Concert. 7:30 PM.
- AUGUST 31: 5:00 PM - Holy Cross Church, 610 S. Water St., Marine City, MI - Fifth Sunday at Five Vespers and Concert. Guest artist TBA. The concert follows Vespers, a short service of Psalms and prayers. Free and open to the public. 810-765-3568 - [www.holycrossonline.net](http://www.holycrossonline.net).

### September 2008

- SEPTEMBER 5: Articles due for the September issue of The Drift.
- SEPTEMBER 14: The Drift Publication date.
- SEPTEMBER 21: St. Mary, New Baltimore All School Years Reunion. Mass at 11:30 am then social hour and catered dinner in the Church Community Center immediately after the mass. Cost is \$15 per person and reservations are required. Call Loraine DeMuyneck 586-716-8636, Dick Hilla 586-725-7026, or Bob Beauvais 586-783-5573.
- SEPTEMBER 22nd - 24th: St. Mary Queen of Creation 30th Annual Parish Festival. New Baltimore, MI. Steak Out and Euchre on Friday, Polish Dinner on Saturday, Broasted Chicken Dinner on Sunday. Silent auction, kids games, crafts, inflatables, Bingo, teen scene, music, country store and more! Phone 586-725-2441 for more information. Fun for all in the family!

### October 2008

- OCTOBER 8: St. Mary, St. Clair, MI. A Night of Formation-Stewardship: More information to follow.
- OCTOBER 12: Harvest Dinner: Our Lady on the River Parish, Holy Cross Church, Marine City, MI. More information to follow.

## We Need Your Input

To submit information to be included in the Blue Water Vicariate calendar of events please E-mail your information to **[info@bluewatervicariate.org](mailto:info@bluewatervicariate.org)**. Please be sure to include all relevant information: event name, date, time, cost, location, etc.

A complete list of events may be found at the Blue Water Vicariate web site at:  
**[www.bluewatervicariate.org](http://www.bluewatervicariate.org)**.

## Organ Recital

HolyCrossChurch presents a performance by Patrick Kronner, July 27, 2008, 3:00 PM. In partial fulfillment for the degree Bachelor of Music in Organ Performance Oakland University. Patrick is a student of Professor Fred DeHaven

## The Facts of Life

The life of a baby begins long before birth. Every new and unique human being begins his or her life at the moment of fertilization and, if not interrupted, will someday grow into an adult man or woman. During the first month after conception, an embryo begins developing very rapidly. By 22 days after fertilization, the heart begins to beat. Each and every human life has a purpose. If you are facing an unexpected pregnancy, or know someone who is, help is available by calling 1-800-57 WOMAN.

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