

THE DRIFT

A Note From The Vicar

As God's people, we move together through this Lenten season asking God to purify and renew us. We seek to more faithfully live out the reality of our Baptism. We pray for and support those who are preparing for Baptism and full initiation into the Church at Easter. We also anticipate the celebration of the great Paschal Triduum commemorating the suffering, death, and Resurrection of the Lord Jesus, which is at the very center of our salvation. In other words, our Lenten prayer, self-discipline, and almsgiving help us to more fully appreciate the joy of Easter!

In addition to your personal Lenten practices, take advantage of the opportunities for spiritual growth that are offered at your parish. Whenever we come together in faith, we are all the stronger and better for it. Included in today's newsletter is a list of opportunities for communal celebrations of the sacrament of reconciliation. Some people feel more comfortable celebrating the sacrament in a parish other than their own.

We are proud in our vicariate to now have Catholic school support agreements involving all of our parishes and schools. Hopefully this financial commitment will in the long run help all of our schools, making them stronger and more affordable. Truly these are not easy times for the venerable tradition of Catholic schools, but we are making strides in the right direction!

We offer our prayers for parishes and schools in the vicariate that are making difficult decisions and transitions as they plan for their futures. Hopefully, we can all come to believe that God is working through these transitions, and that, rather than losing our identities, we are growing in our identity as the people of God here in this part of the archdiocese.

May the Risen Lord bless you and yours through this Lenten season and in the coming Easter celebration!

Relaxation Saturday Success Story

The Health Ministry of the Cluster Parish of Holy Cross, St. Catherine, and St. Mark are very pleased with the results of the first annual Relaxation Saturday. This free afternoon connected visitors and exhibitors in an uncrowded atmosphere which encouraged one-on-one participation.

Many thanks to our exhibitors and supporters:

• Alternative Connections Reflexology, Therapeutic Massage/ Sport Specialist • Council on Aging • Full Circle Music and Natural Gift's • Harbor Health Home Care • Healing Arts Center at St. John River District Hospital • Kern Chiropractic Center • Maronde Healthy Food Products • Shaklee Products • Karen Thueme, Facials • The Water Lily • Down River Recreation Commission • Christian Service Health Ministry • And a special thanks to Meijer for donating the delicious snacks, and to our hosts - the hard working ladies of the St. Catherine Christian Service Commission.

If you have a health product or activity you would like to share at next year's event, please contact Jan Long at (810) 794-5751 or email: janlongcpr@yahoo.com.

Communal Reconciliation - Lent 2007

St. Mary Queen of Creation, New Balt. Wed., March 21, 7 PM
St. Christopher, Marysville.....Thurs., March 22, 7 PM
St. Mary, St. Clair..... Sat., March 24, 11 AM
St. Mary, Port HuronTues., March 27, 7 PM
St. Augustine, RichmondWed., March 28, 7 PM
Holy Cross, Marine CityWed., March 28, 7 PM
Immaculate Conception, Ira Twp..... Sat., March 31, 2:30 PM

Caregivers Support Group to Meet

Individuals caring for or concerned about older family members are invited to attend the monthly caregivers support group meeting at A Friend's House Adult Day Services in Warren on Wednesday, March 28th from 1:00 to 3:00 PM.

Sponsored by Catholic Service of Macomb, A Friend's House provides supervised, daytime care and activities for aging adults, as well as respite, support groups, counseling, care consultation/referrals and other support service for care giving families. The program also has a location in Clinton Township.

For information or to register for on-site respite, call A Friend's House at 586-759-8700.

Lenten Soup Suppers

St. Mary Queen of Creation Church in downtown New Baltimore 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Parish Center, free will offering

Thursday, March 22nd -

"Prayer" - St. Mary Finn

Thursday, March 29th -

"Walking Through Holy Week" - Fr. Nick Zukowski.

Please call 586-725-2441 Ext. 38 if you would like to attend.



Congratulations Sharon Bender from St. Stephens for receiving the 2007 MLK Keep The Dream Alive Award.

Blue Water Vicariate Directory

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

All Saints Parish (Memphis) Phone: 810-392-2056 Masses: Sat. 5 pm, Sun. 7 am & 10 am	St. Christopher Parish (Marysville) Phone: 810-364-4100 Masses: Sat. 5 pm, Sun. 8 am, 9:30 & 11:30 am
Holy Cross Parish (Marine City) Phone: 810-765-3568 Masses: Sat. 5:30 pm, Sun. 8 am & 9:30 am	St. Edward on the Lake (Lakeport) Phone: 810-385-4340 Masses: Sat. 5 pm, Sun. 9:30 am & 11:30 am
Holy Rosary Mission (Columbus) Phone: 586-727-7263 Masses: Sun. 8:30 am	St. Joseph Parish (Port Huron) Phone: 810-985-9616 Masses: Sun. 7:30 am & 10:30 am
Immaculate Conception Parish (Ira Twp.) Phone: 586-725-3051 Masses: Sat. 4:30 pm, Sun. 8 am, 10 am & 12 pm	St. Mark Parish (Harsens Island) Phone: 810-748-3820 Masses: Sun. 10 am
Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission (Port Huron) Phone: 810-985-5212 Masses: Sun. 10 am	St. Mary Parish (Port Huron) Phone: 810-982-7906 Masses: Sat. 5 pm, Sun. 8 am, 9:30 & 11:30 am
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (Emmett) Phone: 810-384-1338 Masses: Sat. 7 pm, Sun. 8:30 am & 11 am	St. Mary Parish (St. Clair) Phone: 810-329-2255 Masses: Sat. 4:30 pm, Sun. 7:30 am, 9:30 & 11:30 am
Sacred Heart Parish (Yale) Phone: 810-387-2998 Masses: Sat. 5 pm, Sun. 9 am	St. Mary Queen of Creation (New Balt.) Phone: 586-725-2441 Masses: Sat. 4:30 pm, Sun. 7:30 am, 9:30 & 11:30 am
St. Augustine Parish (Richmond) Phone: 586-727-5215 Masses: Sat. 5 pm, Sun. 8, 9:30 & 11:30 am	St. Philip Neri Parish (Columbus) Phone: 586-727-7263 Masses: Sun. 11:30 am
St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish (Algonac) Phone: 810-794-3301 Masses: Sat. 4 pm, Sun. 11:30 am	St. Stephen Parish (Port Huron) Phone: 810-984-2689 Masses: Sat. 4 pm, Sun. 8 am & 10:15 am



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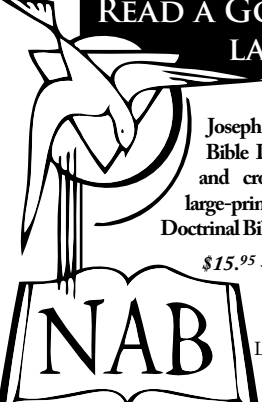
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