

THE DRIFT

Blue Water Vicariate News

NOVEMBER, 2006

A NOTE FROM THE VICAR

This is the time of the year when we try to take special time to be attentive to the many blessings and gifts from God that we enjoy each day. As we celebrate the secular Thanksgiving holiday, we as Catholics add a deeper dimension to the meaning of Thanksgiving. Being thankful ought to be a way of life for us. The Eucharist, the center of our faith and worship, means "thanksgiving" in Greek. After life itself, we are thankful for our faith in God's constant love and presence, our relationships, and our material blessings. As good stewards, we will be held accountable for what we do with what we have been given. Hopefully, each of us have plans for generous giving to the less fortunate and all in need of what we have to offer. What are you doing to show your gratitude to God?

We have a new bishop in the archdiocese of Detroit. Bishop-elect Daniel Flores, from Corpus Christi, Texas, will be an auxiliary bishop, whose role is to extend the ministry of our chief shepherd, Cardinal Maida. His ministry will be similar to that of Bishop Earl Boyea, who is assigned to our region of the archdiocese. We welcome our first Hispanic bishop, who will hopefully be able to highlight and develop our ministry to Spanish speaking in our Church of Detroit. Bishop Flores will be ordained at the cathedral on November 29.

At each of our vicariate pastoral council meetings, our three vicariate committees are taking time to make plans as we examine the issues of social justice/multiculturalism, youth and young adults, and Christian stewardship. We also receive reports at each meeting on the progress of the three vicariate clusters (Fr. Brian Cokonougher, Fr. Joe Horn, and Fr. Tim Birney) as they move towards mergers.

Since this is the last issue of The Drift until January, we have included a list of parish communal penance services during Advent. Please consider celebrating this sacrament before Christmas, especially if you haven't done so in awhile. With Christmas on a Monday this year, the season of Advent is only three weeks long. Also, priests and those in music ministry will have a very heavy schedule Christmas weekend, December 23-25. At Immaculate Conception, for example, we have eight masses from Saturday afternoon through Monday morning! I know what I'll be doing on Tuesday morning, December 26th-resting!

Have a happy Thanksgiving, and may our Incarnate Lord bless you with all that you need for inner consolation and a deeper faith as we celebrate Christmas 2006. Finally, may your 2007 prove to be a road leading you closer to an intimate life with the God who loves us so deeply that He sent us His Son!

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**ADVENT RECONCILIATION
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All Saints, Memphis OLMC, Emmett	Thu. Dec. 14, 7:00 p.m. Mon. Dec. 11, 6:00 p.m. Tue. Dec. 19, 11:00 a.m. Thu. Dec. 21, 7:30 p.m.
St. Augustine, Richmond St. Catherine, Algonac St. Christopher, Marysville St. Joseph, Port Huron St. Mary Q of C, New Baltimore St. Mary, Port Huron	Tue. Dec 19, 7:30 p.m. Mon. Dec. 18, 7:00 p.m. Thu. Dec. 14, 7:00 p.m. Thu. Dec. 14, 6:30 p.m. Wed. Dec. 13, 7:00 p.m. Sat. Dec. 16, 3:00 p.m. Wed. Dec. 20, 7:00 p.m.
St. Mary, St. Clair St. Philip, Columbus Sacred Heart, Yale St. Stephen, Port Huron	Sat. Dec. 9, 11:00 a.m. Thu. Dec. 7, 7:00 p.m. Tue. Dec 12, 6:00 p.m. Wed. Dec. 6, 6:30 p.m.

BLUE WATER VICARIATE WEBSITE

Holy Cross has donated space on their website for information about the Vicariate until the Vicariate has their own website. The information can be accessed by going to www.holycrossonline.net, and then choosing the Blue Water Vicariate link from the portal page. It can also be accessed from the left-side bar menu in the Holy Cross Website.

RECITAL

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

A recital of music, by American composers, will be given by George Bozeman, Jr., the noted American organist and acclaimed organ builder, at Holy Cross Church, 610 S. Water St. , Marine City, at 4:00p.m. The program will be followed by a reception and tour of the 1861 E. & G. G. Hook organ. The program is free.

For more information, please visit www.holycrossonline.net

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