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

HAPPY NEW (SCHOOL) YEAR... Our six Catholic elementary schools and one Catholic high school have all started a new academic year by now. The clergy and parishes of the Blue Water Vicariate have taken a strong stand in support of Catholic education. Each parish is committed to a minimum amount of financial support which is equal to or more than 5% of every Sunday and Holy Day collection, except Christmas. There is an investigation sheet with some eighteen points for a Catholic school to prove its viability, and so far all of our schools have passed muster! This means that they are entitled to equal shares of financial support. Cardinal Mooney High School receives two shares, because of its unique identity and status. Thanks to all the parishes and pastors for their commitment!

CONGRATULATIONS! To Fr. Tomek Maka, the newly-assigned pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Anchorville. He was to be officially installed as pastor on Sunday, September 21, 2008 by our new Regional Bishop, Daniel Flores. Also, on Sunday, September 14th, Bishop Flores blessed and dedicated a new set of Luminous Mysteries and a restored large crucifix at St. Mary Queen of Creation Church in New Baltimore. I stand to be corrected, but I do believe that St. Mary's is the only church in the Vicariate, if not the Archdiocese that can boast of a set of these newest Mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary, given to us in 2002 by the late, great, Pope John Paul II.

ELECTION TIME... November is just around the corner and every Catholic adult has a moral obligation to vote with a well-formed and informed conscience. One source, faithfulcitizenship.org, can help you prayerfully discern how to vote. An educated voter is a knowledgeable voter. And an active Catholic voter spreads the Good Word! Young adults ages 18 to 35, check out DecideinFaith.org!

SPEAKING OF COMMUNICATION... Look elsewhere in this copy of the Drift for important information on how you can get the Eternal Word Television Network and the Catholic Television Network of Detroit -- EWTN and CTND -- without having to buy additional expensive cable service packages. I missed those two channels for two months until I received my cable converter box. Now, I'm "home" again! EWTN and CTND may be the only Catholic lifelines that our homebound parishioners have. Many thanks to Belle Deaver from St. Mary Parish in St. Clair for providing this information.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD... We remember and pray for Fr. Jasper Sirianni, formerly of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish in Emmet (formerly a part of our Vicariate), and for Fr. Stan Wyczawski, former pastor of St. Mary Parish in Port Huron, who recently passed away since our last issue of the Drift. May perpetual light shine upon them! May they rest in peace!

Tastefest!

Join us at Immaculate Conception Parish for our Tastefest! Saturday, October 4, 2008, 6:00 PM, in the I.C. school gym.

Enjoy a taste of premiere restaurants, caterers and bakeries from our area at this exciting 3rd annual event! Live and silent auctions. Admission \$30 in advance/\$40 at the door. Fabulous food and beverages. \$10,000 Grand Raffle. Featuring I.C. Iron Chef live cooking competition. Call 586-725-3051.



Annulment Seminar

St. Augustine will be hosting an Annulment Seminar on Tuesday, November 13, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center Building. Tim Ferguson from the Tribunal will be the presenter.

Divine Mercy Meeting

The Servants of Jesus of The Divine Mercy welcomes you to: Holy Family Parish, 79780 Main Street, Memphis, MI 48041 for our:

FIRST Divine Mercy Meeting

Tuesday, October 14th

6:30pm Rosary

7:00pm Holy Mass

Followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and an inspirational talk by Catherine M. Lanni, Foundress of The Servants of Jesus of The Divine Mercy and The Divine Mercy Center. Refreshments and fellowship!

"My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy."

Diary of St. Faustina Kowalska, # 699

This message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, a nun, who in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. She is known today as the "Apostle of Divine Mercy" and is numbered by theologians among outstanding mystics of the Church.



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!

Good News for Cable Catholics!

CTND, the Catholic Television Network, Detroit (Cable Channel 296) is now available in a limited basic package (Limited Basic B-1) for approximately \$20 a month. Previously, in order to get CTND or the Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN), you had to order a Digital Starter Package for approximately \$55 per month, so we are blessed to have again the spiritual sustenance of CTND/EWTN at an affordable rate.

You can order by calling 1-800-COMCAST and asking for the "B-1 Limited Basic Package." If you do not have a digital box, you can pick one up at a Service Center and install it yourself. Alternatively, you can request that a service technician come to your home, but there will be a charge for the installation.

(Information courtesy of Belle Deaver from St. Mary Parish in St. Clair)

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:

Loraine (Burgess) DeMuynck 586-716-8636

Dick Hilla 586-725-7026

Bob Beauvais 586-783-5573

Jean (Goerlich) Horn 586-598-2276

"Come Away Vocation Days"

Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Detroit Vocation Office, Come Away Days are days of input, information and reflection for young women ages 18-35 who may be considering a call to religious life. Three Come Away days have been scheduled for this coming year: Saturday, October 18; Saturday, December 6; and Saturday, March 21 from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm followed by Mass at Mary's Manor, 27405 W. Ten Mile Rd. Farmington Hills. Please contact the Vocation Office at 313-237-5875 for further information on how to register for one, two, or all three days.

Faithful Citizenship: Voting as a Catholic



Concerns in the 2008 elections

Mr. Michael Hovey, Dir. of the Archdiocesan Office for Catholic Social Teaching addressing some of the answers to Catholic's questions as we approach the voting booth. Q & A to follow presentation. Wednesday October 15th 7:00 pm. Holy Family Parish, 79780 Main St., Memphis, MI 48041. Phone 810-392-2056

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Educational Program

Learning to Live With Loss and Change

"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 p.m.

Oct. 20, Oct. 27, Nov. 3, & Nov. 30

Location

St. Mary Catholic Church basement, 415 N. 6th Street, St. Clair, MI (enter off Orchard Street or back parking lot entrances)

Sponsored by

- St. John Hospice
 - Young Colonial Chapel Funeral Home
 - Friederichs & Son Funeral Home
 - St. Mary Catholic Church Health Ministry
- Adult content

To register call Mary Paquette at St. Mary's Church at 810-329-2255

Called to Serve Workshop

St. Augustine, October 18, 2008

St. Augustine will be hosting a "Called to Serve Workshop" from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Parish Hall. This workshop is for teens in grades 9-12 who wish to volunteer or work within your parish or Catholic schools. What a great way to learn how to minister to your peers and to those younger than you!

Please contact Tina Kovalcik to register. 586-727-9290 ext. 125 or E-mail Tina at: tinakovalcik@juno.com


Blue Water Vicariate Directory

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

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

Upcoming Vicariate Events

- ◆ **SEPTEMBER 24 - 28 - Parish Mission:** - St. Mary, Port Huron, MI. Fr. Eugene Hensell, a Benedictine Monk, will discuss Biblical and practical approaches to living the Christian life today. Call the office for more information at 810-982-7906.
- ◆ **OCTOBER 3, 4, 5 - Annual Fall Festival:** St. Mary, St. Clair, MI. Featuring dinners, music, Skerbeck carnival, craft tent, bake sale, farmers wagon. Call the parish for info.
- ◆ **OCTOBER 4 - Tastefest:** Immaculate Conception Parish, Ira Township. A delicious night of food and fun. Call the parish office at 586-725-3051 for more information.
- ◆ **OCTOBER 8 - A Night of Formation:** 6:45 pm. St. Mary School, St. Clair MI. This night is all about STEWARDSHIP: What it is, what it isn't. Save the date.
- ◆ **OCTOBER 12 - Harvest Dinner:** Our Lady on the River Parish, Holy Cross Church, Marine City, MI. More information to follow.
- ◆ **OCTOBER 14 - First Divine Mercy Meeting:** Holy Family Parish, Memphis, MI. 6:30 pm Rosary, 7:00 pm Holy Mass followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and an inspirational talk by Catherine M. Lanni.
- ◆ **OCTOBER 15 - Voting as a Catholic:** Holy Family Parish, Memphis, MI. 7:00 pm. Addressing some of the answers to Catholic's questions as we approach the voting booth. Q & A to follow presentation. Phone 810-392-2056 for more information.
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- ◆ **NOVEMBER 10 :** Articles due for the November issue of *The Drift*.
- ◆ **NOVEMBER 13 - Annulment Seminar:** 7:00 pm. St. Augustine, Richmond, MI. St. Augustine will be hosting an Annulment Seminar in the Parish Center Building. Tim Ferguson from the Tribunal will be the presenter.
- ◆ **NOVEMBER 23 :** *The Drift* Publication date.
- ◆ **NOVEMBER 30 - Fifth Sunday at Five:** 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.



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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**. 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:

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St. Mary Parish Mission

September 24-28, 2008

St. Mary is located at 1505 Ballentine St., Port Huron, MI. Speaker, Fr. Eugene Hensell, a Benedictine Monk, will discuss Biblical and practical approaches to living the Christian life today.

There are morning and evening sessions each day, Wednesday - Friday September 24 - 26. Saturday, September 25 offers morning and evening mass, along with coffee and conversation, and a morning session. Sunday, September 28 there will be 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM masses and a 12:30 PM reception in the social hall.

For more detailed information please call 810-982-7906.

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