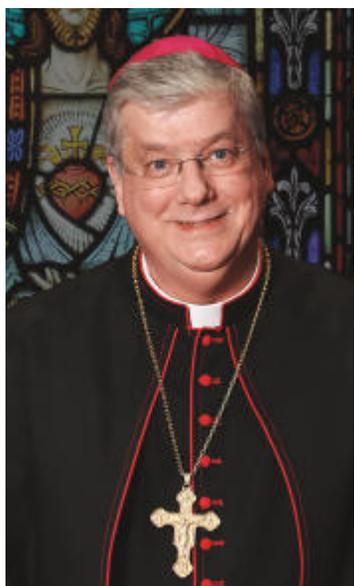


MONTHLY PUBLICATION FEATURING NEWS  
FROM AROUND THE MONROE VICARIATE

# MONROE Vicariate

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## FROM OUR BISHOP

AUXILIARY BISHOP GERARD W. BATTERSBY  
SOUTH REGIONAL MODERATOR

### Witnessing the Gifts of the Monroe Vicariate

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS,

**G**reetings and blessings to you and yours.

Crysti Esper, our *Vicariate Newsletter* editor, asked me to pen a few words in the inter-regnum of our vicars. The problem for me is never what to say but how to make

it briefer than is my custom. I like words and am not afraid to use them in oral communication (homilies) or in written communication. (cf. 2 Thessalonians 3:15)

During my days which recently concluded at St. Anne and St. Charles parishes, I came to see the breadth and variety of gifts that are parts of the Monroe Vicariate story. I was especially keen to see the blending of the past and the present, with an eye to the future, which characterizes so much ministry in the vicariate. I would especially like to thank all the men and women of the vicariate, along with the deacons, religious and priests who serve so faithfully and generously to *Unleash the Gospel* in every corner of our Archdiocese. Thank you for your service and may the measure you measure out – be measured out to you by our precious Lord who will not be outdone in generosity. (cf. Matthew 7:2; Luke 6:38)

Please keep our priests who have left service in the vicariate (**Frs. Cybulski, Camilleri, Mateja**) and our priests who are new to the vicariate (**Frs. Prill, Slayton, Rebello and Woroniewicz**) in your prayers. These men are ordinary souls who bring us extraordinary gifts, most especially in the Most Holy Eucharist. These flawed hands consecrate, baptize, anoint and absolve with the power entrusted to them

by the Father of the Universe. We must never stop thanking our heavenly Father for this incomparable gift which has no parallel in any sphere which comes to us in these earthen vessels. (cf. 2 Corinthians 4:7) We must pray for these chosen men and ask the Holy Spirit to guard our tongue from ever speaking ill, saying only the good things others need to hear. (cf. Ephesians 4:29)

Of all the wonderful activities going on in the vicariate, I want to point out the good work aborning in our **Saint Joseph Center of Hope**—a new center which will provide 24-hour, 7-days a week crisis intervention, to assist those suffering with prescription opioid and alcohol dependency. The Saint Joseph Center of Hope erection is a response to a rising number of drug overdose deaths in Monroe County. The center's purpose is to connect individuals with active addictions to resources available in the county and will be staffed and operated by Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan. Saint Joseph Center of Hope is made possible through a collaboration with ProMedica Monroe Regional Hospital, as well as, local and state organizations such as the Community Foundation of Monroe County, Monroe Health Plan Endowment Fund and Community Mental Health Partnership of Southeast Michigan.

This wonderful example of public and private partnership is just one instance of what we can accomplish together for the least of our brothers and sisters. (cf. Matthew 25:40) Thank you especially for the good work of Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan and the assistance of **Fr. Raymond Arwady** and St. John the Baptist Parish who saw that the funds from the now closed St. Joseph Parish would continue to bear fruit well into the next century.

God bless and keep you as joyful missionary disciples in *Unleashing the Gospel* in Southeast Michigan.

**DEADLINE FOR THE SEPTEMBER 2018 ISSUE IS MONDAY, AUGUST 20<sup>TH</sup>**

**Please email information to: Crysti Esper at [communications@monroevicariate.com](mailto:communications@monroevicariate.com). Thank you!**

## Vocations



**Holy Hour  
for Vocations and Priests  
August 9  
St. Michael the Archangel**  
Holy Hour for Vocations and Priests on the second Thursday of each month at 7pm and held at a different parish in the vicariate each month. Join in praying for vocations to the priesthood, religious life and permanent diaconate and for our ordained priests. **The Holy Hour is sponsored by the Vicariate Vocation Committee.**

### St. Michael the Archangel

► **“Coast to Coast Rosary”  
October 7, 2018  
4:00 PM (EST)**

St Michael the Archangel Parish is signed up to participate in the “Coast to Coast Rosary”. The Rosary is preceded by the 54 day Novena for Our Nation, 3 Novena’s in petition followed by 3 Novena’s in thanksgiving.

Rosary Coast to Coast joins the 54 day Rosary Novena for Our Nation and the National Rosary Rally as an Act of Reparation; calling upon God through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary to heal our country and return it to holiness.

**For more information, visit [www.rosarycoasttocoast.com](http://www.rosarycoasttocoast.com)**

### Our Lady of Mount Carmel

► **Pre-Marriage Workshop  
Saturday, October 6, 2018  
11:00 AM – 5:00 PM**

Pre-Marriage Workshop for all couples actively preparing for their Catholic wedding. This workshop includes a segment on Natural Family Planning, and is approved by the Archdiocese of Detroit. The \$50.00 fee per couple includes materials, lunch & snacks. Casual dress. Registration is required. Space is limited. A registration form can be requested by email: [olmc@bex.net](mailto:olmc@bex.net). **Call 734-847-2805 or visit [mountcarmeltemperance.org](http://mountcarmeltemperance.org) for more information.**

### St. Charles Borromeo

► **The Roy Sanders Memorial  
Scholarship Fund  
Pork Chop Chow Down  
Saturday, August 18, 2018  
4:30 - 7:00 PM  
Charles Parish Hall**

Includes pork chop, mashed potatoes/gravy, salads, roll, drinks, desserts, and more! (gluten-free options available) Cost of dinner is Adults \$10.00 (advanced) / \$12 at door Children (9 and under) \$6.00 Tickets must be purchased in advance by August 12th For more information, contact Ann at (734)241-5987 or Rita at (734)586-8063. St Charles is located at 8033 Swan Creek Rd, Newport. Meal prepared by Ruthie’s catering.

### St. Mary Parish, Monroe

► **Called and Gifted  
Saturday, Sept. 15th, 2018  
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM  
St. Mary Parish Life Center**

The Called & Gifted series will guide you in discovering, discerning and developing your charisms given by the Holy Spirit through Baptism and Confirmation. Find the purpose that God has created and called you. Cost: \$35 - All Supplies, Continental Breakfast, and Lunch are provided. Presenters: Mary Martin, Victoria McIntyre, and Sharon Williams. To register, contact **Elliot Alfredson at [elliotafredson@gmail.com](mailto:elliotafredson@gmail.com), 517-204-3501 OR Lorie Bronson at [lorieb@stmarymonroe.org](mailto:lorieb@stmarymonroe.org) or call 734-241-6088.**

► **Grieving with Great HOPE  
Weekend Workshop  
Fri., Sept. 21, 7-9 PM and  
Sat., Sept. 22, 10 AM - 4PM  
St. Mary Parish**

There are no stages to grief. We all experience loss in our own unique way. Grieving with Great HOPE is a weekend grief support workshop for anyone who is grieving the death of a loved one. Presenters will include Fr. David Burgard, Pastor at St. Mary, Monroe, as well as John and Sandy O’Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry, a Catholic bereavement apostolate.

**Registration is \$20 to cover materials. Please call the St. Mary Parish office at 734-241-1644.**

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**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2018**

**ST. JOHN SCHOOL CAFETERIA & GYM  
MASS IN THE CHURCH at 4:00 PM  
DOORS OPEN AT 5:00 PM**

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## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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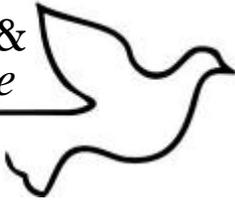
We are building the future with academic excellence and a foundation of Christian values!

### ► Monroe Catholic Elementary Schools (MCES)



**MCES Fall Craft Show  
CRAFTERS NEEDED  
Saturday, October 20, 2018  
St. Mary Campus Gym  
& Life Center, 9 am to 3 pm**  
All craft show information can be found at [www.mcescraftshow.weebly.com](http://www.mcescraftshow.weebly.com)

## Peace & Justice



### Welcoming People with Disabilities So All May Encounter Christ

In 1982, the National Catholic Office for Persons with Disabilities, which is now called the National Catholic Partnership on Disability, was formed by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops as the result of a call for the inclusion of people with disabilities in the life of the Church and the community. This alliance has produced multiple publications, including church bulletin inserts.

Below is a list of three moral principles of justice and inclusion from the publication, *Welcome and Justice for Persons with Disabilities: A Framework of Access and Inclusion. A Statement of the United States Catholic Bishops (1998)*:

- “1. We are a single flock under the care of a single shepherd. There can be no separate Church for people with disabilities.
2. Each person is created in God’s image, yet there are variations in individual abilities. Positive recognition of these differences discourages discrimination and enhances the unity of the Body of Christ.
3. Our defense of life and rejection of the culture of death requires that we acknowledge the dignity and positive contributions of our brothers and sisters with disabilities. We unequivocally oppose negative attitudes toward disability which often lead to abortion, medical rationing, and euthanasia.”

**To be continued in September...**

## IHM Motherhouse



### ► New IHM leadership team takes office

On June 30, the five members of the 2018 Leadership Council of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary took office. The five sisters are Mary Jane Herb, IHM, president; Marianne Gaynor, IHM, mission counselor/vice president; Margaret Chapman, IHM, mission counselor/treasurer; Patricia McCluskey, IHM, mission counselor; and Ellen Rinke, IHM, mission counselor. They will serve until 2024.

The ceremony also paid tribute to all the congregational leaders in the IHM Sisters’ 172-year history.

### ► Help Wanted in Community Garden

Wouldn’t it be great if there was a volunteer opportunity you could enjoy doing outside this summer and fall? There is! We’re looking for willing volunteers to help out with weeding and general maintenance in the IHM Community Garden. It’s a great chance to enjoy the great outdoors, make friends and improve the Community Garden. **Contact IHM Volunteer Coordinator Sherry Wagenknecht at 734-240-8312 or [swagenknecht@ihmsisters.org](mailto:swagenknecht@ihmsisters.org) for more information.**

**The IHM Sisters welcome visitors to the Alphonsus Liguori Library, located on the ground floor of the IHM Motherhouse. Contact the library at [library@ihmsisters.org](mailto:library@ihmsisters.org) or 734-240-9713.**



### ► Monroe Council #1266

The Knights of Monroe have again assisted our First Responders with the 2018 litter of “CASEY THE BEAR”



“Casey The Bear” is a Knights of Columbus program that has been around for over 20 years. Casey is a teddy bear that is given to children by emergency responders in stressful situations, medical emergencies, and accidents. These children are often traumatized and hugging Casey calms them down. The bears were purchased by donations of members and friends of the Monroe Council.

*The Knights Of Columbus is the worlds largest Catholic Fraternal Service Organization, Charity is our Foremost Principle. Please check us out at [www.kofcmonroe1266.com](http://www.kofcmonroe1266.com)*

### Welcome back Father Mike!

**Rev. Dr. Michael A. Woroniewicz** has been appointed by the Archdiocese of Detroit to serve as vicar for the Monroe Vicariate.



Father Mike, was recently assigned as the pastor of Divine Grace, Carleton/Maybee. Prior to Divine Grace, he was the pastor of St. Gabriel, Ida/Dundee, for 15 years, and was the Monroe Vicariate vicar from 2013-2017, leaving for an assignment as rector of SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary in Orchard Lake, Michigan from 2017-18.

### Top “Liked” Facebook photos in June/July



**Last Mass for students at St. Mary School in Rockwood. The school closed in June.**



**Monroe Knights of Columbus #1266 prepared and served lunch at Holiday Camp for approximately 100 campers and staff.**



**SMCC students arrive in Guatemala to begin their service trip work.**



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