

THE DRIFT

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A Note From The Vicar

As God's people, we join with Christians throughout the world in taking 50 days to celebrate the reality of Christ's resurrection. The Church in her wisdom gives us 50 days for Easter because we need time to discover anew the meaning of the resurrection for our daily lives. We begin by professing our faith in the resurrection—that it really happened, and was not a story or conspiracy created to continue Jesus' influence in the world. Second, we know that we have been made to live forever, to ultimately share in Jesus' bodily resurrection in a new life with God.

Finally, Easter has implications for our present earthy journey. We have often been called an Easter people. The other Easter scriptures are full of challenges for us as we live our faith lives each day—how we are called to give witness to the resurrection in how we think, judge, speak, and act. In the Acts of the Apostles, we see how the Apostles and first disciples struggled to live in the life of the Risen Lord. The Good News is that, in spite of our weak human sinful condition, we have been found worthy of God's love by His will and plan. We do this consciously and actively within the life of the Church.

As part of our moving forward in the Together in Faith process, each vicariate has been asked to plan a budget for 2007-2008. Our pastors approved a budget for our Blue Water vicariate at their March meeting. Each parish will be contributing to the overall budget, based on their annual Sunday offertory. A large part of the budget is earmarked for vicariate activities and ministry to our youth and young adults. The archdiocese is providing a young adult ministry coordinator for each region of the archdiocese, covering their salary. The vicariate provides their workspace and equipment necessary for them. In the overall results of the Together in Faith process, it was found that ministry to young adults (ages 18-35) is a very high priority of the local church.

As of July 1st, we anticipate some pastoral transitions here in the vicariate. Fr. Tim Birney of Our Lady on the River parish will become vocations director for the archdiocese. God bless you, Fr. Tim, on your new ministry, and thank you for all your hard work in the cluster and merger process. Fr. Jim Lopez will succeed Fr. Tim. Msgr. Gene Edyk of Sacred Heart in Yale will be assuming senior priest status (retire). Fr. Paul Czarnota of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel will assume the pastorate of Sacred Heart. In June, Fr. Paul will also assume responsibility for Sacred Heart in Brown City. God bless you, Msgr. Gene, and thank you for your service to God's people over the years! Please pray for all who are in transition this year, especially those who are taking on added responsibilities!

Concert

The Detroit Edison Glee Club and the Holy Cross Handbell Choir will perform in concert on May 20, 7:00 PM at Holy Cross Church, 610 S Water Street, Marine City. Daniel John Susan will also play the historic 1861 E. & G. G. Hook organ. Donations accepted. (810) 765-3235.

NOTE: Starting with the July issue, The Drift will be expanded to four pages.

Walk With Jesus Day

June 10, 2007

7:00 AM

Procession Begins at **Holy Rosary**

7093 Main Street, Smiths Creek,

Procession Concludes at **St. Philip Neri**

9735 Dolan Rd., Columbus

1:00 PM Mass at

All Saints Parish

79780 Main Street, Memphis

Lunch Following Mass

Call the office at 810-392-2056 for more information

All Saints Family Fun Festival

A Family Fun Festival will be held from 4:00 PM to 11:00 PM Friday, July 13th; 12:00 PM - 11:00 PM Saturday, July 14th; and 11:30 AM to 6:00 PM Sunday, July 15th. Hosted by All Saints Catholic Church, 79780 Main St., Memphis.

Activities include a silent auction, live auction, polka mass, Texas Hold'em, Blackjack, music, food, beer tent, health fair, helicopter ping pong drop, outdoor family movie (Fri.), raffles, bake sale, children's crafts, games, Dance Revolution, Guitar Hero, giant slide, caterpillar maze, Leap of Faith Dance Academy, Crazy Moves Dance Academy, grand raffle drawing, quilt raffle, and more! Call 810-392-2056 for more information.

Catholic Singles Potluck Picnic

Unattached Catholic singles, age 30-50. Held at Lower Huron Metro Park, Belleville, MI. "East Bend Picnic Area" pavilion. Sunday, June 3, 2007, 1:00 PM. BYO Beverage (no alcohol please) and a dish to pass (cookies, chips is not considered a dish to pass). \$5 per person. Please RSVP by June 1st - Ann 313-407-3412 or Frank 313-205-2064.

Catholic Home Educators

A group of Catholic home educators is currently meeting at St. Mary's Church in St. Clair on Tuesdays from 1:00PM-3:00PM. This group shares spiritual and academic ideas and provides support and encouragement to families who are engaged in providing their children's primary education at home. The group plans and organizes a variety of activities, bringing together peers in faith. It nurtures mind, body and spirit while developing friendships in Christ.

If you would like information about this group, please call Diane Gruell at 810-329-6427. Diane currently has registration forms for the Michigan Catholic Home Schooling Conference to be held in Lansing, June 15-16, 2007.

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

All Saints Parish (Memphis) Phone: 810-392-2056 Masses: Sat. 5 pm, Sun. 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. 12:00 pm	St. Joseph Parish (Port Huron) Phone: 810-984-2689 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: 1st & 2nd Sunday only: 10:30 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. 8:00 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. 9 am



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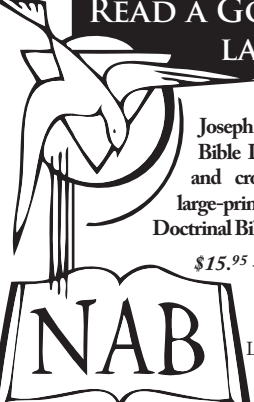
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