

# THE DRIFT

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## A Note From The Vicar

The month of May! Such a beautiful time of the year! We have just completed the fifty day Easter season with the celebration of Pentecost last weekend. It was a little more challenging to appreciate the season this year, since Easter was so early. Yet the mysteries of our faith continue to be operative in our lives, especially through the abiding and guiding power of the Holy Spirit among and within us. Let us pray not only at Pentecost, but throughout the year, that we may be given the gifts that we most need to be faithful to our baptismal vocations as disciples of the Risen Lord Jesus whose mission we continue in the world today.

Last weekend, Cardinal Maida ordained five new priests for the archdiocese of Detroit. Please keep them in your prayers, especially in the early days of their priesthood: Fathers Lee Acervo, Charles Altermatt, Clint McDonell, Sama Muma (originally from Cameroon), and Mark Prill. May more men be inspired to consider the priesthood of Jesus Christ. Who do you know that you think may make a good priest? Have you mentioned it to him?

With the departure of Bishop Boyea to the Lansing diocese, the responsibilities of the regional bishops have been reconfigured. Our Blue Water vicariate will be under the responsibility of Bishop Daniel Flores, along with four other vicariates. Bishop Flores came to the vicariate pastoral council meeting of May 7th. We welcome him and look forward to working with him in this part of the local church.

This month, we receive feedback from the archdiocesan tracking committee, which is responsible for overseeing the progress of the pastoral plans of each vicariate. Originating in the Together in Faith process, the work of vicariate pastoral planning will continue into the future. Each year, there will be communication between the vicariates and the tracking committee to make sure that vicariates follow through on what they say they want to do. It all boils down to how we can better share resources as a Church, and be more proactive about dealing with the constant changes in the Church and in society in general. It's also about how we can best be disciples of Jesus, witness to the gospel, and good stewards in the world today. Each of us has a role to play, by virtue of our baptism and our faith.

As my vicar's term ends June 30th, this is my last article in The Drift. I will also be leaving the vicariate, as I have been named pastor of St. Mary in Wayne (the Western Wayne vicariate) after nine years as pastor at Immaculate Conception. It has been a privilege to serve as vicar for Blue Water for the last 6+ years. I have learned so much about our parishes, and how the Church works on a larger scale. I have also worked with so many good and dedicated priests and lay people from all walks of life. I truly believe that the Blue Water vicariate is one of the best of the 18 vicariates in the archdiocese of Detroit. The new vicar will be selected soon, and you will hear from him in the July edition of this newsletter.

Have a great summer, and keep the faith!

## The Power to End Abortion is in Your Hands

### "and what I have failed to do"

**Rosary for Life** - also - Divine Mercy Chaplet Litany in response to abortion

St. Mary Catholic Church

415 N. 6th Street, St. Clair, MI

Every Thursday - 7:00 PM

## Holy Family Parish Mission

**4th Annual Corpus Christi**

**"Walk with Jesus"**

May 23, 24, & 25, 2008

(Memorial Weekend)

### **Friday:**

7:00 PM -9:00 PM.

Youth to Youth Catholic Evangelization

### **Saturday:**

9:00 AM - 9:00 PM

### **Including Guest Speakers:**

**Fr. Doc Ortman,**

**Catherine M. Lanni,**

**Teresa Tomeo,**

**Fr. Jerry Kessel,**

**and Fr. Joseph Horn**

12:00 PM Sack Lunch is provided for mission participants

5:00 PM Mass under the tent

(Memphis site)

6:00 PM Catered Chicken Dinner -

\$7:00 per person

### **Sunday:**

4th Annual

"Walk with Jesus Day"

3.5 mile walk filled with prayer & song.

Starting at Holy Family Parish-

Columbus site

9735 Dolan Rd, Columbus, MI

Concluding with Mass under the tent

10:00 AM. at Holy Family Parish-Memphis

79789 Main Street, Memphis, MI

## **Holy Family Parish**

79780 Main Street , Memphis, MI. 48041

Call 810-392-2056 for more information.

**GOD BLESS!**

## 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) DeMuyck 586-716-8636

Dick Hilla 586-725-7026

Bob Beauvais 586-783-5573

Jean (Goerlich) Horn 586-598-2276

## Holy Cross Church Sponsors Marine City Maritime Days

30th annual festival featuring the Skerbeck Carnival, juried arts & crafts show, vendors, live entertainment, and other events too numerous to mention here. Please go to the website, [www.MarineCityMaritimeDays.org](http://www.MarineCityMaritimeDays.org), or call the parish office, (810) 765-3568, for more information on this Memorial Day weekend event, sponsored by Holy Cross Church, Our Lady on the River Parish.



## Fifth Sunday at Five

**Vespers and Concert - June 29, 2008, Daniel John Susan, organist**

**"Pulling Out All the Stops."**

Vespers or Evening Prayer, a short service of Psalms and prayers, will be held on Sunday, June 29, 5 pm, at Holy Cross Church, Our Lady on the River Parish, 610 S. Water St., Marine City, Michigan. Daniel John Susan is the featured organ recitalist following this service. Free and open to the public. More information is available on the Holy Cross website, [www.holycrossonline.net](http://www.holycrossonline.net). 810-765-3568.

## Holy Family Fun Festival - Reserve the Date!

Mark this on your calendar! Holy Family Fun Festival: July 11th, 12th, and 13th. Live music, food, kid games, beer tent, silent and live auction, dinners, bake sale, and much, much more. Located in Memphis, at 79780 Mail Street.

For more information call 810-392-2056.

## Vacation Bible School 2008

**Planting a Garden of Virtues**



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Beginning June 23rd through June 27th, projects, crafts, lessons, songs, and more! Ages 4 and up. Registration \$13 per child, \$35 family (max), scholarships available.

Call for registration at 586-725-1762 or download registration form from our website:

[www.iccatholic.org](http://www.iccatholic.org).

## Faithful Citizenship

Archdiocese of Detroit Office of Campus and Young Adult Ministry hosts a website dedicated to helping young adults become informed on the issues:

**[www.decideinfaith.org](http://www.decideinfaith.org)**

## Holy Cross School Production

Holy Cross Catholic School Drama Club presents *Through the Looking Glass* Adapted by James DeVita. Music and Lyrics by Bill Francoeur. May 28, 6:00 PM. Holy Cross Catholic School Gym, 618 S. Water Street, Marine City MI Free and open to everyone. Come and enjoy a wild and wacky musical version of the Lewis Carroll classic.

The Sacred Quest Retreat Team  
offers

### Grieving and Caregiving

Stumbling Blocks into Stepping Stones

A Week-end Retreat at

St. Francis Retreat Center,

DeWitt, Michigan

June 27-29, 2008

We all experience many Losses in Life; Loss and suffering seem a normal part of Life's Journey. Often our immediate circle of Family and Friends provide adequate support, but often, those closest to us are least able to help and we reach out to others for guidance.

Join the Sacred Quest Team at St. Francis Retreat Center to explore ways to better help myself and/or others on life's journey Dialogue with:

Sharan Egan, Spiritual Director, Artist

Martha Williams, RN, Hospice Nurse

Karen Schrauben, Pastoral Minister,

Grief Companion

John Chuchman, Bereavement Educator,  
and Companion

Space is Limited; Mark your Calendar

and reserve now through

Karen Schrauben

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## Family Fun & Perch Festival

Immaculate Conception Church is hosting their 36th Annual Family Fun & Perch Festival. July 18th, 19th & 20th. Free parking and admission. Live and Silent Auctions, contests, Perch Run, Fishing Contest, Raffles, Vegas, Bingo, Bands and much, much more!

Visit us at **[www.iccatholic.org](http://www.iccatholic.org)** for more information or call 586-725-1762.

## Blue Water Vicariate Directory

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

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| <p><b>Holy Family Parish</b><br/> <b>Memphis Site</b><br/>                 Phone: 810-392-2056<br/>                 Masses: Sat. 5 pm, Sun. 10 am &amp; 5:30 pm<br/> <b>Columbus Site</b><br/>                 Phone: 586-727-7263<br/>                 Masses: Sun. 8:00 am</p>  | <p><b>Immaculate Conception Parish (Ira Twp.)</b><br/>                 Phone: 586-725-3051<br/>                 Masses: Sat. 4:30 pm, Sun. 8 am, 10 am &amp; 12 pm<br/> <b>St. Augustine Parish (Richmond)</b><br/>                 Phone: 586-727-5215<br/>                 Masses: Sat. 5 pm, Sun. 7:30, 9:30 &amp; 11:30</p>   |
| <p><b>Our Lady on the River Parish</b><br/> <b>Holy Cross Church (Marine City)</b><br/>                 Phone: 810-765-3568<br/>                 Masses: Sat. 5:30 pm, Sun. 8 am &amp; 9:30 am<br/> <b>St. Catherine of Alexandria Church (Algonac)</b><br/>                 Phone: 810-794-3301<br/>                 Masses: Sat. 4 pm, Sun. 11:30 am<br/> <b>St. Mark Chapel (Harsens Island)</b><br/>                 Phone: 810-748-3828<br/>                 Masses: Sat. (Summer) 4:30 pm, Sun. 10 am</p> | <p><b>St. Christopher Parish (Marysville)</b><br/>                 Phone: 810-364-4100<br/>                 Masses: Sat. 5 pm, Sun. 8 am, 9:30 &amp; 11:30 am<br/> <b>St. Edward on the Lake (Lakeport)</b><br/>                 Phone: 810-385-4340<br/>                 Masses: Sat. 5 pm, Sun. 9:30 am &amp; 11:30 am<br/> <b>St. Mary Church (Port Huron)</b><br/>                 Phone: 810-982-7906<br/>                 Masses: Sat. 5 pm, Sun. 8 am, 9:30 &amp; 11:30 am</p> |
| <p><b>Holy Trinity Parish</b><br/> <b>Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission (Port Huron)</b><br/>                 Phone: 810-985-5212<br/>                 Masses: 1st &amp; 2nd Sunday only: 9:00 am<br/> <b>St. Joseph Church (Port Huron)</b><br/>                 Phone: 810-984-2689<br/>                 Masses: Sun. 7:30 am &amp; 11:00 am<br/> <b>St. Stephen Church (Port Huron)</b><br/>                 Phone: 810-984-2689<br/>                 Masses: Sat. 4 pm, Sun. 9 am</p>                           | <p><b>St. Mary Parish (St. Clair)</b><br/>                 Phone: 810-329-2255<br/>                 Masses: Sat. 4:30 pm, Sun. 7:30 am, 9:30 &amp; 11:30 am<br/> <b>St. Mary Queen of Creation (New Balt.)</b><br/>                 Phone: 586-725-2441<br/>                 Masses: Sat. 4:30 pm, Sun. 7:30 am, 9:30 &amp; 11:30 am</p>  |
| Visit our vicariate on the web at:<br><b><a href="http://www.bluewatervicariate.org">www.bluewatervicariate.org</a></b>   |   |



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## Upcoming Events

- MAY 22 - 26 - Maritime Days, Marine City, MI: Sponsored by Holy Cross, Our Lady on the River Parish. A civic celebration remembering our city's maritime heritage on the beautiful blue water of the St. Clair River. [www.marinecitymaritimedays.org](http://www.marinecitymaritimedays.org)
- MAY 23 - 25 - Vegas Tent - Maritime Days, Marine City, MI: Cardinal Mooney Catholic High School Hosting Black Jack, Vegas style games, Texas Hold'em and more!
- MAY 23 - 25 - White Elephant Sale Holy Cross Catholic School is hosting a White Elephant sale in their gym, 618 S. Water Street, Marine City, on Friday - Sunday - 9:00 am to 6:00 pm rain or shine. Come enjoy the sale and the festival.
- MAY 22 - Rosary For Life: 7:00 pm - St. Mary, St. Clair, MI. Divine Mercy Chaplet, Litany in response to abortion. Every Thursday. Call for more information.
- MAY 29 - Rosary For Life: 7:00 pm - St. Mary, St. Clair, MI. Divine Mercy Chaplet, Litany in response to abortion. Every Thursday. Call for more information.

### June 2008

- JUNE 11 - Blue Water Vicariate Pastoral Council Meeting: 6:45 pm, All Saints, Memphis, MI.
- JUNE 29: 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](http://www.holycrossonline.net).

### July 2008

- JULY 7 : Articles due for the July issue of The Drift.
- JULY 19 - 20 - World Youth Day "At Home": Experience the regional and universal church, experience a sense of Pilgrimage, celebrate World Youth Day with peers. Registration information is available now at [www.aodonline.org/AODOnline/wyd2008](http://www.aodonline.org/AODOnline/wyd2008). For more information contact Joyce Francois 313-237-5812.
- JULY 20 : The Drift Publication date.

## Cardinal Mooney Honors

Cardinal Mooney Catholic High School was selected as this year's recipient of the "More Than Good Sports...Good People" award. The award states that the Catholic sports league recognizes the school's wonderful reputation and tradition both as an excellent educational institution and as a place for good school sports. The letter of recognition was received in April from the Archdiocese of Detroit.

## Catholic Singles

### Potluck Picnic (Rain or Shine)

Sunday, June 8, 2008  
 12:00 noon  
 Lower Huron Metro Park,  
 Belleville, MI 48111

BYO beverage (no alcohol) and a Dish to Pass - \$5/person plus park entrance fee (\$4/car). RSVP by June 6th to Kathleen, 734-657-7750.

## 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](mailto: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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