

# MONROE Vicariate

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FROM AROUND THE MONROE VICARIATE



## FROM OUR Vicar

FR. MARC GAWRONSKI

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**N**earing conclusion of a year-long, parish-based pastoral and strategic planning process, lay leaders and volunteers from throughout the Archdiocese of Detroit have presented Archbishop Allen Vigneron their recommendations for future plans for the Archdiocese of Detroit, its parishes and their countless ministries. These recommendations – formed through the parishes themselves, reviewed and amended by a group of mostly lay advisors called the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council (APC) – call for a number of multi-parish efforts in areas ranging from youth ministry to vocations to financial considerations. They also include recommendations to reduce some worship sites by merging and closing parishes.

The handoff by APC leadership at their November 30, 2011 meeting marks a significant juncture in the archdiocesan planning process known as "Together in Faith." The process was originally begun in 2004. A second phase started in early 2011 and came to involve about 1,500 lay Catholics from the 270 parishes within the Archdiocese of Detroit.

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he has received. Based on them, he is expected to put forth an archdiocesan-wide pastoral plan in February of 2012. The Catholic public is welcome to view the very same recommendations by visiting /TogetherInFaith.

The plans under consideration are extensive, and focus on seven mission priorities defined by the parishes and leadership of the archdiocese over the past decade: evangelization and catechesis; Christian service outreach; youth and young adult ministry; lay leadership; stewardship and administration; Catholic education; and vocations awareness.

The following is a summary of some of the significant recommendations that Archbishop Vigneron has received:

- Within five years, nine parishes are proposed to close.
- In addition to the above, 60 parishes are proposed to merge down to 21, resulting in 39 fewer parishes.
- Also during this time period, seven worship sites are proposed to close. Additionally, a number of the worship sites impacted by the merging process would likely close.
- Four parish cluster arrangements, involving eight parishes, are proposed.
- 28 proposals would offer new or expanded ministries or regular events for youths and young adults.
- 17 proposals would allow parishes to cooperate on establishing new – or expanding current – programs for Christian outreach services, including food and clothing pantries.
- 19 proposals would form multi-parish initiatives to strengthen vocation awareness.
- 23 proposals would establish new, multi-parish teams or initiatives focused on inviting non-Catholics and inactive Catholics into/back into the church.
- 17 proposals would offer new prayer devotions and/or special services (e.g., monthly prayer services, adoration chapels or area-wide Masses to pray for vocations).
- Four proposals would expand Hispanic-focused ministries to more groups of parishes.
- Nine proposals would allow multiple parishes to collaborate on new marketing and/or funding initiatives in support of Catholic schools.
- 25 proposals would allow parishes to cooperate on the training of lay ministers or the funding of that training.

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- Seven proposals would create new multi-parish initiatives on purchasing, financial services and contracted services.
- Additional plans include cooperation among parish business managers; support for secular initiatives, such as blood drives; establishment of multi-parish jobs ministries; collaboration on communications initiatives such as websites or newsletters; multi-parish panels focused on serving those with disabilities; and multi-parish faith revivals.

In an open letter distributed on the last weekend in November, APC chairman Edward "Chip" Miller encouraged his fellow parishioners to "... speak with your pastor and your parish planning group representatives regarding Together in Faith." Miller asked those with questions to "... please call 313-237-5971 or email TogetherInFaith@aod.org."

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(734) 854-1143

### St. Charles Borromeo

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127 N. Monroe St., Monroe MI 48162  
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### St. Mary Catholic Central

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108 West Elm Ave.  
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734-241-7622

### Sisters Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

610 W. Elm Ave., Monroe, MI 48162  
734-241-3660

### OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

*Monroe Vicariate Day of Catechist  
Formation and Enrichment, Sat., March 3.*

9:00 a.m. Welcome

9:30-11:30 Morning sessions

11:30-Noon Lenten lunch (grilled cheese  
and tomato soup), cost for lunch \$3/person

Noon Afternoon sessions until 4:15 p.m.

**Sessions are FREE!** The day is centered  
around "Do This In Memory of Me." For  
more information on individual sessions  
and a registration form, visit [www.monroevicariate.com](http://www.monroevicariate.com)  
and click on "Vicariate  
Forms." *Sponsored by the Monroe Vicariate  
Directors of Religious Education.*

### ST. MARY PARISH, MONROE

**Dinner and Movie night for Married  
Couples, Saturday, February 11, 2012**

Never leave your partner behind...St. Mary  
Parish invites you for a night at the movies  
to nourish our marriage and celebrate  
Valentine's Day!

4:30 Mass at St. Mary's

5:45 Wine, Cheese (Parish Life Center)

6:00 Dinner (Parish Life Center)

7:30 Movie at the River Raisin Centre  
for the Arts

9:30 Desert served at River Raisin Centre  
for the Arts.

**For more information, visit  
[www.stmarymonroe.org](http://www.stmarymonroe.org).**

### ST PATRICK CHURCH

**Men's Club All-you-can-eat fish fry**

\$12 adults, \$6 kids (5-10yrs)

Menu: Beer battered pollock (baked/fried),  
Shrimp, Fries, Potatoes, Beans, Cole slaw,  
Mac & cheese. **Dates: Feb. 24, March 2, 16,  
23 and 30. All from 4-7 p.m.**

### ST. JOSEPH, MONROE

■ **Knights of St. Joseph Valentine Card**

**Party**, Friday, February 10, St. Joseph Parish  
Hall, 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Doors open at  
6:30 p.m., Donation: \$6.00. Light Luncheon,  
Door Prizes and Raffles. **PLEASE call to  
make reservations.** Call the parish office  
at 734-241-9590 or Larry Bezeau at  
734-242-1301.

■ **Mardi Gras 2012**, Friday, February 17, St.

Joseph Parish Hall, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.,  
Doors open at 6:00 p.m., Admission: \$1.00  
per person. Concession, Cake Walk, Games,  
and Raffles. The raffle drawings will begin  
at 8:00 p.m. Fun for the whole family.

### ST. ANNE PARISH

St. Anne is offering the following upcoming  
inspirational evenings. Mark your calendars,  
all are welcome.

**March 22, 7:00 p.m.**

*Intergenerational Mass with Fr. John Esper*

**May 20-22, 7:00 p.m.**

*Interfaith Relationship Building Mission*

### ST. ANTHONY PARISH

■ The parish is offering a training  
seminar for those interested in learning  
the **Theophostic Prayer Method for  
Inner Healing, Saturday, March 17, 9-5  
p.m., Sunday March 18, noon-5 p.m.**  
Class materials \$60 (includes manual and  
workbook). Coffee provided, bring own  
brown bag lunch. Registration contact  
Mary Kolasinski 734-418-1842 (required  
by March 10th)

■ A new **ENDOW study group** will  
begin to meet weekly on **Saturdays at  
St. Anthony Catholic Church school  
building (behind the Church) beginning  
Saturday, February 18 through  
Saturday, April 14 from 11:00 a.m. to  
1:00 p.m.** Each course is available at a  
cost of \$80 which includes the study  
guide and shipping costs. Scholarships  
are available. ENDOW is a Catholic  
organization which helps all women,  
discover their God-given dignity  
through the richness and authenticity  
of Catholic teachings. ENDOW utilizes  
small study groups and conferences to  
cultivate faith and fellowship. To learn  
more and to register for this class, call  
ENDOW now at 303-715-3224 or visit  
[www.EndowOnline.com](http://www.EndowOnline.com).

■ We are blessed as a parish to have  
the opportunity to host another day of  
prayer with the **Inner Healing Prayer  
Ministry**. This will take place on **Sat.,  
Feb. 11th in Magdalen House at St.  
Anthony Parish**. The prayer sessions are  
by private appointment and will take  
place 10:00-11:30 a.m. or 12:30-2:00 p.m.  
Inner Healing Prayer Ministry is provided  
by inviting Jesus Christ into the persons  
past, into known emotional injuries and  
uncovering hidden hurts. Jesus helps  
the person to reconcile the past and live  
in the gift of today, the present! The role  
of the Healing Minister is to guide the  
person to an encounter of Jesus within  
the memory and allowing Jesus to bring  
the light of His love to the affected areas.

**Magnify the Lord with me. Let us exalt  
His name together! Psalm 34**

## Vocations

### World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life Sunday, February 5, 2012

On this day we are invited to remember with gratitude the women and men who have dedicated their lives in service to the mission of Christ.

The Monroe Vicariate has been blessed by the presence of the community of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Conception and the Brothers of the Holy Cross who have served in our schools and parishes. Generations of students have benefited from the dedicated religious teachers and brothers who have taught in our parochial schools. We also want to pray that others will hear the call to consecrated life and respond generously.



### Prayer for Vocations

*Loving God,  
We rejoice in your gift of life to us.  
You created us out of your abundant love.  
Empower us to nurture this gift  
with the grace of gospel living.  
You sent us your son Jesus  
to show us the way to fullness of life.  
Open us, through your Spirit,  
and guide us on our journey to holiness.  
Grace our Church with women and men  
who respond wholeheartedly to your call  
to the consecrated life for the sake of the gospel.  
We praise you now and always in union with Jesus  
through the power of the Spirit. Amen.*



### Volunteers Needed

**Catholic Charities of Monroe County provides services to approximately 880 individuals per year.** Because of the increase in services provided we are in great need of a few volunteers to assist with an office project.

Any volunteer selected would need to be comfortable operating a copier/ scanner and agree to have a criminal back ground check at no cost to you. If you have any questions or have interest in the position, please forward a letter of interest to the following address:

Attn: **Program Manager of Clinical Services**  
Catholic Charities of Monroe County  
14930 LaPlaisance Road Suite 123  
Monroe MI 48161  
Or reach us by fax at 734-240-3863

### THANKS, INC.

(Tailgaters Helping Aid Needy Kids Spirits)

### Winterfest/Snowball Tournament February 17-18-19

Events held behind the Ida Fire Hall

**Friday**  
Steak Dinner

**Saturday**  
Spaghetti Dinner

**Sunday**  
All-You-Can-Eat-Breakfast

**9 - noon**

Breakfast held at St. Joseph's Hall, Van Aiken St.

**For more information call 734-269 6071**

Get your **MONROE COUNTY YOUTH** **GAME** on!

## Youth Gathering

**Sunday, March 4 from 4-7 p.m.**  
**SMCC Gymnasium**

An afternoon of games, food and fellowship for the youth of Monroe County and some of the seminarians from Sacred Heart Seminary, including our own Monroe county seminarians Kevin Roelant and Mark Tibai.