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Human Labor: Co-creating with God

It's Labor Day Weekend, the unofficial end of summer. Students and teachers are returning to school after stocking up on supplies, swimming pools are being closed down for the season, and parish calendars are getting full. If any of us had some "down-time," that respite from the routine is at an end!

Thanks to the history of the labor movement in Canada and the United States, we have a holiday weekend to close out our summer activities and honor workers. In some places there are still parades and other festivities. Labor unions first rose up in a time of unrealistically long work days and work weeks, low pay, dangerous working conditions, and child labor. Though those days are gone—we hope that today everyone has safe, meaningful work at a just wage.

There are times when we tend to dread our work or we don't think that we are making the world a better place because of it. Even in a kidding way, don't we all have a hard time on Monday morning and say "T.G.I.F." as another weekend comes around!

Back in 1981, Pope St. John Paul II wrote an encyclical letter named *Laborem Exercens* on the topic of human work. There's a gem of a thought in that letter; through work the human person co-creates the world with God! God isn't finished creating the world, and we are in partnership with God as the process of Creation unfolds. John Paul refers to the Book of Genesis and sees human labor as the fulfillment of God's mandate to "fill the earth and subdue it." Labor is not a punishment, but is essential to being human.

With John Paul's perspective in mind, may God continue to bless the world through each of us as we work in the world and for its benefit! Happy Labor Day Weekend!

Peace,
Fr. Mike Woroniewicz
Vicar

Summer is normally the time when pastoral staffing changes happen in the parishes...

As we say goodbye to **Fr. Raymond Arwady** and wish him well, we congratulate **Fr. David Burgard** as he assumes the pastorate of a second parish, St. John the Baptist, along with remaining the Pastor of St. Mary in Monroe. We also say hello to **Fr. Kevin Roelant** as the new associate pastor of both St. Mary and St. John the Baptist Parishes in Monroe. Welcome to the Monroe Vicariate, Fr. Kevin!



"...through work the human person co-creates the world with God!"



Almighty God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

THE DEADLINE FOR THE OCTOBER 2019 ISSUE IS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD
Please email information to: Crysti Esper at communications@monroevicariate.com. Thank you!





Need more details for events? Check our event calendar at www.monroevicariate.com or our Facebook page for full details!

Vocations



**NOTE
DIFFERENT
TIME**

Holy Hour

for Vocations and Priests

All Holy Hours begin at 6:00 pm

Thursday, September 12
St. Anthony

4605 St Anthony Rd, Temperance, MI 48182

Join in praying for vocations to the priesthood, religious life and permanent diaconate and for our ordained priests. **Sponsored by the Vicariate Vocation Committee.**

St. Mary Our Lady Of The Annunciation, Rockwood

► Pray the rosary and join as Daughters of Mary in our fall study - Genesis to Jesus.

Pick a session that's right for you - all Tuesdays, starting September 24th. 9:30 am - 11:30 am, or 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm, or 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm in the church gathering center. To facilitate the order of books, please register by September 15th via email to [Donna at dczarnecki34@gmail.com](mailto:Donna@dczarnecki34@gmail.com) or call Kathleen on 734-925-6348.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

► Pre-Marriage Workshop
Saturday, October 12, 2019
11 AM - 5:00 PM

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Temperance is hosting a 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 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.** Call 734-847-2805 or visit mountcarmeltemperance.org for more information.

St. Anthony Catholic Church

► Fall Rummage Sale - 2019

Wednesday, October 9, 9am - 7pm, &
Thursday, October 10, 9am - 6pm

St. Anthony Kenna Hall, 4635 St. Anthony Road, Temperance. Thursday is \$2 Bag Day! For more information, please call the **Parish Office 734-854-1143** or go to our website: stanthonytemperance.org

Peace & Justice

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Academy - Newport
Resources for Students with Disabilities

Location: Saint Charles Borromeo Catholic Academy, 8125 Swan Creek Rd, Newport, MI 48166

Resource: Certified teacher volunteers and Monroe County Intermediate School District resources

People who can benefit from this resource: Those in need of special services for both academic and physical disabilities

Basic Information about the resource: Tailored to student needs

For more information, contact Mrs. Beth Lechy, Principal, 734-586-2531 x2, blechy@scc.academy.com

If your parish or school provides resources for people with disabilities, please contact Valerie Tyldesley, valerie.tyldesley@gmail.com, so the information can be published in the Vicariate Newsletter.

St. Gabriel Ida/Dundee

► Fr. Bowers Knights of Columbus Council Scrap Metal and Bottle/Can Drive

Scrap metal and bottle/can drive at St. Joseph's church parking lot at 8295 Van Aiken Street in Ida on Saturday, September 28 from 9:00 to 1:00. Accepting old iron, steel, copper, aluminum and wire, returnable bottles and cans. Help support seminarians at Sacred Heart Major Seminary. This is a great opportunity to clean up the basement, garage, yard, or behind the barn. **John Moskwa, Financial Secretary, K. of C. #8698 at jmoskwa@hotmail.com or 734-529-3039**

Evangelization & Catechesis

► A teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics will be hosted by:

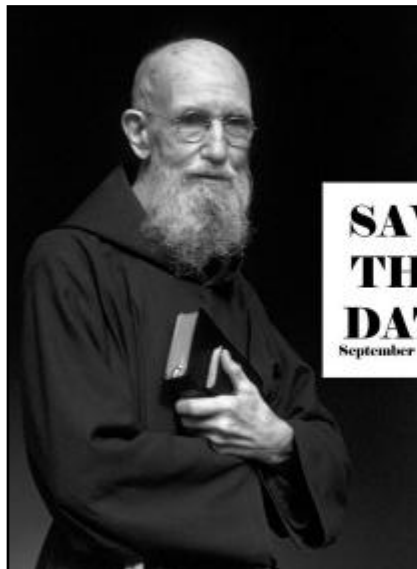
- **Mon. Sept. 9,** St. John the Baptist Parish, at 6:30 pm.
- **Tues., Sept. 10,** St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Newport, 7:00 pm.

Father Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross will be here with this very special Vatican collection of over 150 relics, some as old as 2000 years. Among the treasures will be relics of St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Lisieux (the "Little Flower"), St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska. In addition, there will also be present a portion of the veil of Our Lady, as well as one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world. Those in attendance will be able to examine and venerate each relic. In the Church's history many miracles and healings have been worked in the presence of relics, and many have been healed through this ministry. Please do not miss this opportunity. You are encouraged to bring your articles of devotion (such as rosaries, holy cards, etc.) and pictures of ill friends/family members which you will be able to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession.

CRAFTERS NEEDED

Annual MCES Craft Show
Saturday, October 19, 2019
St. Mary Campus location

An 8' X 5' space with a table is \$35 and a 10' X 10" space with two tables is \$55. Visit our website at: mcescraftshow.weebly.com for an application and craftshow information. **All craft items need to be hand-made, no vendors.**



**SAVE
THE
DATE**
September 7-9, 2019



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September 5: 2 PM Rite of Welcoming of Relic
7 PM Evening Prayer

September 6: 8:30 AM Morning Prayer and Mass
2 PM Midday Prayer and Veneration
7 PM Healing Mass (Anointing & Blessing of Relic available)

September 7: 9:30 AM Morning Prayer and Veneration
10 AM Confessions
2 PM Midday Prayer and Veneration
4:30 PM Mass
7 PM Evening Prayer and Veneration

September 8: 8 AM Mass
9:30 AM Morning Prayer
10 AM Rosary
10:30 AM Mass in honor of Blessed Solanus Casey (Fellowship/refreshments to follow)
2 PM Midday Prayer and Veneration
7 PM Evening Prayer and Veneration

September 9: 8:30 AM Morning Prayer and Mass
2 PM Midday Prayer and Veneration
7 PM Evening Prayer and Final Blessing with Relic

*The Relic will be present at every one of these events and there will be a short time before and after each event for Prayer and Veneration. Contact 734-898-6125 or visit our Facebook page for more information.

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St. Mary, Monroe

► **4-week study on "Romans: The Gospel of Salvation"**
Tuesday afternoons from 1-2:30pm in Heritage Hall
St. Mary Parish on Tuesdays Sept. 24, Oct. 1, 8, 22.

Fr. Kevin Roelant will help facilitate this Bible study by Ascension Press. The study will include DVD presentations by knowledgeable biblical scholars Doctors Andrew Swafford and Jeff Cavins, a small presentation by Father Kevin, and time for questions and group discussion.

All are welcome! Please bring your Bible each week. No registration necessary. Come whenever you want. We will be using the DVD presentations each week by ascension press. If one desires to buy the guidebook for the study one can do so at: <https://study.ascensionpress.com/studies/40811/registrations/new>, but not necessary to attend the study. Gain online access to the videos each week and watch them multiple times or view a week you may have missed. Please call (1) 800-376-0520 if you have difficulties purchasing the material.

IHM Motherhouse

► **IHM Gallery features mother-daughter exhibit, Sept. 16 through Nov. 10**

"A Way Through," featuring the work of Emily Jo Short and Teresa Hansen, will be on display at the IHM Motherhouse Gallery. Emily Jo and Teresa are a Monroe-based mother-daughter artistic duo. Teresa's medium of choice was watercolor. Emily Jo has worked with watercolor and pastel; her current medium is acrylic paint on canvas. When Teresa was diagnosed with stage IV cancer, she and Emily Jo began taking art classes with the IHM Sisters.

In Emily Jo's words, the class "turned out to be the exact safe haven we both needed. The sisters invited us to attend a weekly pastels class and these classes gave my mom a new

creative outlet for her soul. For five years my mom became an avid watercolorist. This allowed her to channel her peace when everything else in her life became outside her control. My mom went to her heavenly home on June 27, 2017. She never quit living up until the day she passed. This was the advice the sisters gave her and she embraced it."

All are welcome to the opening reception Monday, Sept. 16, 6-7:30 p.m. The exhibit is free and open to the public Monday through Friday, 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. **For more information about the exhibit, contact Sharon Venier at svenier@ihmsisters.org, 734-240-9754.**

Top "Liked" Facebook photos in August



Fr. Kevin Roelant, associate pastor of St. John and St. Mary parishes, leads the "Blessing of the Backpacks" for grades 2-4 on the St. John campus of Monroe Catholic Elementary School. Photo by Kyle Kubik, Executive Principal of MCES.



The teachers at St. Joseph School in Erie gearing up for a new school year.

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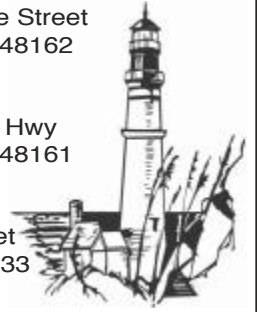
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