

Monroe County Civil War Round Table

S P O N S O R E D B Y T H E F R I E N D S O F E L L I S

Monroe's Confederate Chaplain: Fr. James Sheeran, CSsR

Upcoming Programs

May 10 - Fr. Sheeran, Civil War Chaplain

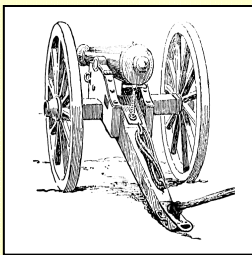
May 24 - Paging Through the Civil War Book Club - Team of Rivals

All Round Table programs begin at 7 pm and are held at the Ellis Library and Reference Center, 3700 South Custer, Monroe, MI 48161

James Sheeran was born in Ireland. At the age of 14, he arrived in New York, married, and moved his family to Monroe. While making a living as a tailor here, his wife died, leaving him with a teenage daughter who would later take her vows with the IHM community. James Sheeran entered the Redemptorist Community and took his final vows in

1856. Stationed in New Orleans, he was one of the first to answer the call for chaplains in 1861. Fortunately for historians, Fr. Sheeran kept a war journal about his life with the 14th Louisiana, CSA. Fr. Rich Luberti will give us a look into the life of a chaplain during the Civil War. Fr. Rich Luberti was ordained a Redemptorist

priest in 1979. He currently is the acting pastor of St. Joseph Catholic Church, in Maybee, Michigan. He is also an Associate with the American Sign Language Project in the Archdiocese of Atlanta. Please join us Thursday, May 10 at 7pm.



MONROE COUNTY CIVIL WAR FALLEN MEMORIAL DEDICATION

The dedication of the long awaited Civil War Memorial is scheduled for Sunday May 27 at 2 pm. The dedication will take place at Soldiers & Sailors Park located at East Front and Navarre Streets. Activities are scheduled from 12 -4 at both the Sawyer House and the park. For information please call 734-847-9527.

HISTORY EVENTS AT ELLIS

Women in the War of 1812 - Secretary and Project Coordinator of the Michigan Commission on the Commemoration of the Bicentennial of the War of 1812, Dr. Jim McConnell will speak on women's roles during this time period.

Now available for planning your summer trips - *Glory, Valor & Sacrifice: Michigan Sites Significant to the Civil War* by member Dave Ingall and Karin Risko. Copies available at the Ellis Library.

MONROE COUNTY CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL MEDALS

The Monroe County Civil War Memorial Medals are available for purchase at all Round Table meetings or by contacting Charmaine at 734-241-5277

Paging through the Civil War Book Club will meet Thursday, May 24 at 7 pm. This month's book is *Team of Rivals* by Doris Kearns Goodwin.

C H E C K T H E S E O U T . . .

Check out these books available from the Monroe County Library System.....

Civil War Road Trip: A Guide to Northern Virginia, Maryland & Pennsylvania, 1861-1863: First Manassas to Gettysburg by Michael Weeks. Author Michael Weeks takes you on complete tours of every major military campaign in the region during the first two years of the war, from First Manassas in 1861 to Gettysburg in 1863. Weeks has visited every site included here, learning their vibrant stories and driving thousands of miles to bring readers the most accurate information. Detailed directions and maps for your own road trip, along with a blow-by-blow history of each campaign, will guide you to and through some of the war's most critical battlegrounds, including Fredericksburg, Antietam, and the Shenandoah Valley. Travel tips, historic lodging places, and further sources of information are also included. Fully up to date and thoroughly researched, this guidebook is indispensable for travelers interested in America's history. (Book description)

The Civil War 150: An Essential To-Do List for the 150th Anniversary /The Civil War Trust by Garry E. Adelman. This book lists 150 key places to see and things to do to remember and to honor the sacrifices made during America's epic struggle. Covering dozens of states and the District of Columbia, this easy-to-use guide provides a concise text description and one or more images for each entry, as well as directions to all sites.

15th Michigan Regiment, Soldier Werther & Wife

(The following was reported in the *Monroe Commercial* on May 1, 1862)

In the 15th Michigan Regiment was a soldier by the name of Werther who owns a small farm in London, Monroe Co., Mich., which he left to fight for the Union. His faithful wife, a healthy, good looking woman, followed him step for step upon the dangerous and troublesome road. When troops under Gen. Grant were surprised near Pittsburg Landing, and the 15th Michigan Regiment came into one of the bloodiest engagements, no words nor prayers could induce the woman to retire but a moment, and while her clothes were riddled by bullets and a cannon ball tore a large piece from her dress, she remained firm. When the wounded began to get plentier and the bandages less, she tore strips from her dress and dressed the wounded soldiers with them. Her husband was wounded too, and both arrived here last Wednesday, together with a large number of sick and wounded. They were brought to the hospital on Lock Street, where Werther is taken care of. But Mrs. Cadwell the faithful nurse of the sick took Mrs. Werther, who was in a very exhausted state to her home and took care of her. They at once procured new dresses, as she virtually had nothing left but rags. She has recovered some since. Might some of our fair ladies take it into their hands to procure the most needy articles for her, as she lost everything on that dreadful day. She and her husband desire to return to their home as soon as his wound will permit him to move but have no means at all to fulfill their desire. Mrs. Caldwell lives at No. 317 Pine Street.

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Civil War Trivia...Who was the angel of Andersonville?

Answer to April's question: Libby Prison

Our round table will not meet the months of June, July and August. Look for your newsletter again at the beginning of September. I hope all enjoy the summer and remember if you visit any Civil War sites this summer take pictures to share at the December Show and Tell!

Our Book Sale is back! Our Round Table is hosting a monthly book sale. All proceeds will benefit the Monroe County Civil War Monument or other preservation projects....hardcover-\$5.00 and paperback-\$2.00.

Civil War Sesquicentennial Events

Michigan and the Civil War –through 2013 – Exhibit, MSU Heritage Gallery

Monroe Founders Day, Sawyer House – May 5

Lincoln on War: Harold Holzer – May 10 at 8 pm, Abraham Lincoln CWRT, Embassy Suites Hotel,

Civil War Remembrance Weekend at Greenfield Village - May 26-28

Dedication Monroe County Civil War Memorial – May 27 at 2 pm

Freedom's March 1862, Sesquicentennial Civil War Concert – June 1, Capital Lawn, Lansing. Free Concert.

Battle for Turkeyville – June 16 – 17, Marshall, MI

American Heritage & Heroics Festival 2012 – June 22 – 24, Frankenmuth, MI

Civil War Days – July 6-8, Historic Fort Wayne

Michigan Cascades Civil War Muster – August 25 – 28, Jackson, Michigan