

FROM FR. MARK SEIKER ... Oct. 10, 2021

NEW Parish Picture Directory... we are working with **Unique Church Solutions** (a Picture Directory Company from Mansfield Ohio) to produce a Parish Picture Directory.

Our dates for photography will be: **November 15 (taken at St. Joseph, Giltner), 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 2021.** The photograph times are **M-F 2:00pm – 8:30pm and Saturday 10:30am-4:00pm.** We need volunteers to help with the sign-up process for our families. Please contact: **Sharon Ousey (402-631-8915) this week** to volunteer to be a part of this project.

Universal Church Directories is widely known for top quality directories and photography. They will correct any glass glare (*if you wear glasses*). Their photographer will take pictures and you will view your proofs electronically immediately following your photography. **Please Sign Up ONLINE.** When you choose to schedule your photography appointment online, simply go to the Universal website, www.ucdir.com, (a link is available on our Parish website), click on the yellow sunburst icon, enter **NEI43** in the Church Code field and enter **photos** in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time.

Sign Up In Person after Mass ... Saturday, Oct. 9 and Sunday, Oct. 10; Saturday, Oct. 16 and Sunday, Oct. 17; Saturday, Oct. 23 and Sunday, Oct. 24. Pictures will be taken at both St. Mary Parish Hall and St. Joseph Parish Hall. Please plan to be a part of our Parish Picture Directory.

Bishop's Appeal for Vocations (BAV) ... "We are servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God (1Cor. 4:1)". Last week (10/2-3/21), two Seminarians were here to speak to us (*at announcement time*) about the Bishop's Appeal for Vocations. This year, the Bishop's Appeal for Vocations will be handled similar to the Charity and Stewardship Appeal, meaning that **every family in the Parish has a card** which were **available on a table in the Parish Hall LAST Weekend** and again **THIS weekend.** **Our Parish Goals are: St. Mary = \$5,980.00; St. Joseph = \$940.00.** This is our share of the Diocesan goal of \$800,000 established by Bishop Conley. Your gifts & your prayers for our seminarians are much appreciated! *Unlike CSA which is a Pledge, BAV is a One-Time Donation, NOT a Pledge. If you did NOT donate last year, would you please be able to donate something to the education of our future priests this year? Whether \$50.00, \$20.00, or \$10.00, no gift is too small.* **Please support Bishop's Appeal for Vocations.**

Pray for our Seminarians: Mitchell Salcedo Schleiss, from Sacred Heart Parish in Shelby. He entered the Seminary in 2018. He is in Theology 2 at Mount St. Mary Seminary.

National Life Chain ... Thank you to those who came last Sunday to "Stand for Life". It was a small but prayerful group! We were joined by a number of other Pro-Life Christians!

RCIA Classes ... Fr. Mark Seiker is leading an RCIA process (Inquiry class in the Faith). The classes are **Mondays in the Parish Hall, 7:00pm – 9:00pm.** These classes are open to Catholics and non-Catholics alike. **For Catholics, it is a good opportunity to learn more about your faith.** Share your faith with a friend by coming with your friend to these RCIA classes. **It is not too late to join the classes. There is a great group of persons participating and more are welcome!**

It is always better to participate in the RCIA classes in person. However, if you have some challenging schedules, it would be possible to participate in the RCIA through the ZOOM software (either on a computer or your phone ... however, it will be easier to see the presentation on a computer screen than on a phone). **The ZOOM information will remain the same for the whole year of RCIA: Meeting ID: 629 734 5912; Passcode: RCIA2021.**

"October Pro-Life Diaper Drive" ... This is an opportunity for all of us to show support for the women that choose not to have an abortion and now need our help in supporting that baby. All diapers are helpful, however sizes 4, 5, 6, are most in need. Everyone's assistance is greatly needed and appreciated. You may also make monetary donations. Checks should be payable to LDCCW and mailed to LDCCW, 3600 W Wittstruck Rd, Martell, NE 68404.

Repair and Painting of Two Walls in the Hall ... a volunteer has repaired the dry wall (*which had tears or holes from things being hung on the wall over the years*) and has repainted the walls. Thank you very much! This is a great service to the Lord and to our Parish. Perhaps this would be a good time to refer to some words spoken to me decades ago by a Parishioner ... It has been suggested to me that a person should be appointed as the "Guardian of Beauty" to insure that little or big things will not be added to the Church which would clutter up the beauty of the Church. Until such a person is appointed, anyone who wants to put anything in or around the Church or the Hall should first ask permission of the Pastor, or members of the Parish Council, or Officers of the Knights of Columbus or Altar Society. **Really, we should all be "guardians of beauty"!**

Pray the Rosary during October for LIFE ... EWTN, Relevant Radio, and Napa Institute announce joint effort to pray & promote the daily rosary during the month of October for **"the end to legal abortion in America and an outpouring of support for expectant mothers."**

With the Supreme Court of the United States taking up the Dobbs case in December that could lead to overturning Roe v. Wade, the justices will need the grace of wisdom and courage to confront the issues honestly. Hopefully many other Catholic organizations will join this effort by praying and promoting the daily Rosary in October for this intention, and thus mobilize millions of Americans in prayer.

Next Weekend we celebrate World Mission Sunday ... Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Please support St. Mary Fall Festival (Oct. 17) ... come to enjoy pancakes, games, raffle, & time with friends.