

FROM FR. MARK SEIKER ... Oct. 17, 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.

Photography dates are: **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 ... on **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. Please do your part and schedule an appointment. Our committee is working hard on this project. We want a directory to be proud of. Look at sample directories at the appointment table. We have **64 families who have already signed up for a time to have their picture taken.** We would like to get 100% participation!

How long has it been since your family was professionally photographed? Plan now and you will have a portrait to be proud of. The photographer recommends wearing bright colors as the most photogenic (*and he also suggests avoiding prints and plaids*). Skim through the sample directory at the appointment table to see how other families coordinated their outfits.

TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY ... We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call – to bring the Gospel to all! The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith supports the work and witness of the Mission Church, as it provides for priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. Thank you for your generosity.

Pray for our Seminarians: Ranil John Weerrackoon, from St. Thomas Aquinas Heart Parish (Lincoln). He entered the Seminary in 2018; in Theology 2 at Mt. St. Mary Seminary.

"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.

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.**

Bishop's Appeal for Vocations (BAV) ... "We are servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God (1Cor. 4:1)". **Every family in the Parish has a card** which were **available in the Parish Hall for 2 weeks.** **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. The **totals thus far,** are: **St. Mary = \$3,230.00 from 15 families; St. Joseph = \$1,375.00 from 6 families.** *If you do not have your BAV card, or if you have questions, please contact Fr. Seiker (email or phone).* 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.*

Thank you from Tyler Johnson & Taylor Ternes ...

Thanks to all the parishioners for their warm welcome and hospitality. We enjoyed the food and gathering for the Husker game on Saturday after Mass and the Coffee & Rolls after Mass on Sunday in Giltner! It was good to be in a small town and get to interact with the parishioners! Thanks to all who provided for us. God bless you!

Texas Bishops Praise Heartbeat Law ... "Unanimously the Texas Catholic Bishops celebrated the passage of this life beating bill and state, 'we celebrate every life saved by this legislation'. Opponents of the law argue the term "heartbeat" is misleading. Strangely they call it "embryonic cardiac activity" or worse. These attempts to dehumanize the unborn are disturbing. The bishops stress that abortion is a human life issue: the most fundamental human life is the right to life. Abortion is in no way healthcare. Abortion is not freedom. Abortion is not helping women as it is always a violent taking of innocent human life." – Texas "Heartbeat Law" **Will Keep the Hearts of Thousands of Tiny Unborn Beating with Life, Bishop Michael Pfeifer, O.M.I., Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of San Angelo**

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.

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