

## **FROM FR. MARK SEIKER ... Sept. 19, 2021**

**NEW Parish Picture Directory** ... at the Parish Council meeting on August 12, 2021, it was decided that we would begin working with **Unique Church Solutions** (a Picture Directory Company from Mansfield Ohio) to produce a Parish Picture Directory for our Parishes.

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.** (Please note that the dates have changed again! The representative for Unique Church Solutions met with our Parish Picture Directory Committee on Monday, September 13 for the first time. We learned that **another parish cancelled there scheduled time with Unique Church Solutions, and thus we are able to have one full week.**) We need volunteers to help with the sign-up process for our families. Please contact: **Sharon Ousey 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](http://www.ucdir.com), 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.

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.

## **Religious training of our youth is essential ...**

Parents are the first teachers of their children. Sometimes parents bring their children to CCD but fail to attend Sunday Mass. This gives our children a terribly "mixed signal" and almost undoes all that the children are taught in classes. Please parents! Give your children a chance not only to know about God, but also to experience His love as we pray and worship Him on Sundays.

**WORD AMONG US ...** Copies of the Word Among Us (*a monthly publication with Daily Meditations and Articles on the Faith*) are available on the table outside Classroom D (Navy's Office) for FREE!

**SAFETY TIPS ...** 20% of all fatal accidents involve automobiles. 17% of all accidents happen at home. 15% of all accidents involve pedestrians. 16% of all accidents happen on airplanes, trains, or boats. Only .001% of all fatal accidents happen in Church!

**RCIA Classes ...** Fr. Mark Seiker will be leading an RCIA process (Inquiry class in the Faith) **which began Sept. 13, 2021** and will continue until a few weeks after Easter (mid May 2022). **It is not too late to join the classes on Mondays (beginning September 13, 2021) in the Parish Hall from 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. If you are interested call the Rectory or see Father Mark Seiker. Our faith is to be treasured, preserved, and lived, but it is also to be shared ... share your faith with a friend by coming with your friend to these RCIA classes. **There is a great group of persons participating and more are always 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.**

## **Fr. Mark Seiker Gone from the Parishes ...**

**Cursillo International ZOOM Meeting ...** On Friday (Sept. 17) evening, and Saturday (Sept. 18) all day (9:00am–8:00pm), I will be participating in a Cursillo International ZOOM meeting. I will be in the Rectory for this ZOOM meeting, however, because of the timing of the talks and the schedule, I will NOT be able to be available for the 4:00pm Confessions and the 5:00pm Mass on Saturday, Sept. 18. Fr. John Rooney (a Lincoln Diocesan Priest) will be here for Confessions and Mass on Saturday, Sept. 18. Please welcome him. I will be here for Confessions and Masses on Sunday, September 19.

**Cursillo Grand Ultreya ...** on Sunday, Sept. 19, from 12:30pm – 4:00pm in St. Mary Parish Hall. The Spanish word "Ultreya" means "Onward". The Ultreya is a gathering of friends to encouraging each other to continue living the Faith, through prayer, study, and telling others about Jesus.

**A WISE ANSWER ...** A young woman in Scotland, in the days of persecution in that land, one Lord's Day was on her way to a place of worship, when she was met by a company of hostile cavalry, and required by its commander to make known her destination. At this crisis this promise presented itself to her mind, namely, "*It shall be given you at that hour what you ought to answer;*" and she put up a silent prayer that the Spirit of God would put the right words into her mouth. In a moment these words suggested themselves and she uttered them as suggested: "*I am going to my Father's house. My elder brother has died; His will is to be read today, and I have an interest in it.*" The commander bid her go on her way, expressing the hope that she would find a rich portion left to herself.