

FROM FR. MARK SEIKER ... Nov. 14, 2021

NEW Parish Picture Directory ... Thank you to all who came to have their picture taken for our new Parish Picture Directory. **Unique Church Solutions** (a Picture Directory Company from Mansfield Ohio) arranged for photographers to be here from Monday–Saturday this past week.

Pray for our Seminarians: Matthew James Schilmoeller, from North American Martyrs (Lincoln). He entered the Seminary in 2016; & he is in Theology 3 at American College (Rome).

Consistent Ethic of Life ... “The meaning of a consistent ethic is to say in the Catholic community that our moral tradition calls us beyond the split so evident in the wider society between moral witness to life before and after birth. Does this mean that everyone must do everything? No! There are limits of time energy and competency. There is a shape to every individual vocation. People must specialize, groups must focus their energies. The consistent ethic does not deny this” (Cardinal Joseph Bernardin, Address at Seattle University, March 2, 1986).

Thanksgiving ... Please come to **Mass on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving at St. Joseph Church and/or the Mass on Thanksgiving Day at St. Mary Church.** **Also, you are invited to bring some canned goods or non-perishable grocery items for the Hamilton County Food Pantry to either of the Thanksgiving Masses!** You may set them in front of the Altar. If you would like to make a contribution (cash / check to the Parish Church) to the Hamilton County Food Pantry, please put it in a separate envelope in the collection basket. The Parish will write one check (from Parish) to the Pantry with the canned goods. Thank the Lord with your fellow parishioners.

CONTEMPLATIVE SISTERS (Pink Sisters & Carmelite Sisters) COLLECTION ... For over forty-eight years now, our Diocese has been blessed to have a Religious Community of Sisters who spend the greatest part of their day before the Blessed Sacrament in their Chapel, praying for us. This community is affectionately known as the Pink Sisters, since the color of their religious habit is pink! It has been a custom in our Diocese to express our thanks to the Pink Sisters by taking up a **special collection on Thanksgiving Day** for the Pink Sisters. In the last twenty-one years, our Diocese has been blessed with another contemplative community of religious Sisters, the Carmelites, (Convent is near Valparaiso). Please help financially support these communities who spiritually support us with their prayers!

From the Book “The Holy Souls” ... “Those who have passed to the other world know that life is short and that we must try to do as much good as we can while on earth so that we will gain merit for it in the other world. So why then don't we ask their help in times of temptation? Why don't we ask their help in times of trial and anguish? Rest assured that they are ready and waiting to help us and will become our dearest friends if only they are given the chance.

If the Holy Souls in general care so much about us, how much more concerned, then, must our own dear departed ones be? The members of our own families? Be sure that they are closer to us than ever before and that their assistance is constant. They have not left us at all. Indeed, they are much closer to us. Call on them and ask their help, and you will see the results.

The author of **The Imitation of Christ** asks us to remember always the dear departed through prayers and good works, and that we should also do many good works for the benefit of our own souls while we have the chance in this life. We should pay no attention to those who scoff or laugh at us, saying that Purgatory does not exist. Perhaps they even dare to say that it is all in our imagination. If it is in our imagination, then it is also in the imaginations of all those saints who have gone before us and who have left their testimony behind them. It is a serious obligation on our part to pray for our deceased relatives, particularly one's mother and father.”

Theresa Seiker – May she rest in peace! ... Mom has been gradually declining this past year, but on 10/19 her heart rhythm went from a paced rhythm of 80 into Atrial Fibrillation with a faster rate of 120.

She tolerated it pretty well most days but was quickly getting weaker and walking less & less. On Saturday 11/6 at 5:30am it appeared that she had a small stroke and from that point she declined more quickly and died at 1:45am Sunday morning. Dad & Susan were both with her when she died.

While she will be greatly missed, we are consoled by the fact that she was so well prepared to meet Jesus! As is normal for Vince & Theresa, they received the First Friday Sacraments of Reconciliation & Anointing of the Sick by their Assistant Pastor, Fr. Bedient, on 11/5. Later that afternoon, Fr. Leo offered Mass for them in their home. After Mom's decline on Saturday morning, Fr. Leo anointed Mom again & gave her the Apostolic Pardon & Holy Communion. Susan prayed the Rosary & several Chaplets at her bedside on Saturday afternoon & evening.

Theresa Helen (Tausch) Seiker, of Lincoln, passed away at the age of 93 on Sunday, November 7, 2021 at her home in Lincoln.

Theresa Helen was born December 29, 1927 at home to Susan (Berres) and John Tausch in Roseland, NE. Theresa attended Silver Lake Grade School and graduated from Roseland High School in 1945. She attended Mount Marty College, Yankton, SD for 2 years. She was a secretary at the Army Engineer Office, Omaha before her marriage.

Theresa and Vincent Seiker were married at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Roseland, NE on August 7, 1954 with her brothers, Father Anthony and Father Robert officiating.

Theresa was preceded in death by her parents; sisters: Irene Matyka & Margaret Kresha; & brothers: Father Anthony, Albert, Wilfred, Raymond, Father Robert, Maurice, Ralph, Louis, Gerald & Francis Tausch.

Theresa is survived by her husband, Vincent; Daughter, Susan (Mike) Foley, Lincoln, NE; Sons: Steven (Roma), Omaha, NE, Father Mark, Aurora, NE, Msgr. Daniel, Lander, WY, and Father Leo, Friend, NE; Grandchildren: Justin (Tia) Connelly, Timothy (Kristina) Seiker, Benjamin Seiker, Laura (Tyler) Golden, Matthew Foley, Marie Foley, Elizabeth Foley, Peter Foley and Andrew Foley; Great Grandchildren: Makayla Connelly, Charlotte Connelly, Joseph Connelly, Ellie Golden, Harlee Golden, Baby Golden, Baby Seiker.

A **Mass of Christian burial** will be **11:00am Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2021** at St. Peter Catholic Church (4500 Duxhall Dr) in Lincoln, NE with a lunch following in the parish hall. The burial will be later in the afternoon at St. Mary Catholic Cemetery in Elmwood, NE.

A **Vigil (Rosary)** will be **7:00pm Monday, November 22, 2021** at St. Peter Catholic Church in Lincoln, NE.

The family asks that instead of flowers, donations / financial contributions / memorial contributions may be made to any of the following: St. Gregory the Great Seminary, St. Peter Catholic Church, St. Gianna's Women's Home, Women's Care Center.

As a courtesy to the family, the Funeral Home will live stream the Rosary & Mass at: <https://www.facebook.com/BMLFuneralStreaming/live> ... it is not necessary to have a Facebook account to view the stream.

It will also be accessible for two weeks after the Funeral for viewing at this same site. Please pray for the happy repose of mom's soul!

Fr. Mark Seiker Gone from the Parishes ...

I will be leaving Aurora on Monday to spend time with my family in Lincoln, before, during, and after the Vigil/Rosary and Funeral Mass for Mom. I will return on Wednesday late afternoon for the evening Thanksgiving Mass at St. Joseph. Then after the Thursday Thanksgiving Mass at St. Mary, I will go to Lincoln to spend time with my family. I will return on Saturday afternoon for Confessions & Masses.