



ST. SERRA CLUB OF COLORADO SPRINGS
NEWSLETTER – November 2022
“Always forward, never back”

President Janet Zabukovic's Message



Dear Fellow Serrans:

November is a notable month for several reasons. It is a time to think about gratitude for our family, friends, and the gifts God has given to each of us. Even if we can't share a meal with our family and friends, we can still reach out and let those people know that we are grateful for their presence in our lives.

November is the month to remember All Saints, the Church Triumphant. Not only are the recognized Saints wonderful role models and inspiration to all of us as we strive to live out our faith, but they are powerful intercessors for us when we pray for their intercession. The official All Saints Day is November 1, but we should turn to the Church Triumphant on a regular basis, asking for their intercession in our lives.

November is also a month to pray for All Souls, not just on November 2nd, the day set aside for that, but also throughout the month. We should always pray for the departed and ask God that his purifying grace may release their souls from Purgatory so that they may join God in Heaven for eternity. Part of our responsibility as the Church Militant is to pray for the Church Suffering, so keeping the departed in our prayers should be part of our everyday prayer life.

This month, which is focused on gratitude, let's remember to include our Priests, seminarians, Deacons and other religious in our prayers. The work of a priest involves long hours and can be stressful. Many, if not most, priests live alone and some do not have family nearby. Just like any person in a position that serves others, priests can be subject to feelings of fatigue, loneliness and depression mixed with the joy of their vocation. Please be intentional about reaching out to the priests in your life to let them know that they are loved and appreciated. Pray for the deceased

clergy too and ask the Saints to intercede for the intentions of all those who have answered God's call.

Jan Zabukovic

Prayer List

Continue to pray for all our members, especially: Loretta Bocast, Janet Clouse, Rudy & Maralyn Legleiter, Betty Plush, Mary Hayes, Joan Gawlik and her family, and Bishop Richard Hanifen.

1st Thursday Prayer Hour Thursday, November 3

Please join us for **Serra- Prayer for Vocations Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet.**

Monthly from 11:00am - noon on the first Thursday (NEW TIME!!)

We are returning to **in-person** prayers at **St. Mary's Cathedral** starting **Nov 3!**

Prayers will begin at 11am; you are welcome to stay for Mass at 12:10pm.

The Rosary and Chaplet will also still be available on-line by zoom for those who cannot come in-person. The link to the zoom meeting is below.

Thursday, November 3 at 11:00am

<https://zoom.us/j/9955357113>

Click on "Join a Meeting"

Enter Meeting ID: 995 535 7113

We need more vocations!!

We are asking all Serra members and friends to please take time to pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet for vocations on First Thursdays at 11:00am or any other time, at your parish or at home, even if you are not able to participate with us in-person or online.

Monthly Gathering for Mass, Speaker, and Lunch Thursday, November 17

Please join us for:

Adoration at 11:30

Mass at Noon

Lunch and speaker at 12:30pm

Please feel free to bring a brown bag lunch to the talk.

Speaker Info: John DiGirolamo is a critically acclaimed author, speaker and anti-human trafficking advocate. John wrote the book *It's Not About the Sex* because he believes that human trafficking is one of the most underreported issues of our day, that cuts across all economic, social, racial and political boundaries. He focused on stories from rural and suburban America, seeking to shine a light on and create awareness of the evils of human trafficking. He will have signed copies of his book available for sale at the meeting.



DiGirolamo previously wrote *It's Not About the Badge*, a creative nonfiction book that profiles the human side of policing, featuring rural officers. After asking officers about a day on the job they would never forget, the book features compelling personal and professional stories of small-town police officers.

In addition to publishing *It's Not About the Sex*, DiGirolamo previously wrote a newspaper column in the *Sangre De Cristo Sentinel* and *Winter Park Times* and published a collection of short stories, *#12 Suicide*. DiGirolamo is a retired CPA who worked in various management positions at both small and large technology companies, and currently lives in Chaffee County, CO.

SAVE THE DATE!!
Thursday, Dec. 22 (4th Thursday)
Christmas Luncheon
With Bishop James Golka and Our Seminarians
Adoration at 11:30
Mass at Noon
Lunch and speaker at 12:30pm
Lunch will be Roast Pork, with pot luck dishes for sides and desserts.
Be ready at the November gathering to sign up to bring items!
More details in December newsletter,
or email SerraCOSprings@dioCS.net for more information.

Election Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, You told us to give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God. Enlighten the minds of our people in America. May we choose ... government officials, according to Your Divine Will. Give our citizens the courage to choose leaders of our nation who respect the sanctity of unborn human life, the sanctity of marriage, the sanctity of marital relations, the sanctity of the family, and the sanctity of the aging. Grant us the wisdom to give You what belongs to You, our God. If we do this, as a nation, we are confident You will give us an abundance of Your blessings through our elected leaders. Amen.

Composed by Servant of God, Father John Anthony Hardon, S.J.

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<https://www.ewtn.com/tv/shows/novena-to-the-mother-of-god-for-the-nation>

District 6 Convention

Our annual District Convention for 2022 was held at St. Michael the Archangel Church in Aurora on October 21-22. The theme this year was **Witnesses of The Word**. District 6 includes the entire state of Colorado and is comprised of 9 Serra Clubs in 3 dioceses. The Diocese of Pueblo and Colorado Springs each have one club, while the Archdiocese of Denver has seven smaller groups. Over 70 Serrans attended the convention. Participating from Colorado Springs were: Joel Kostyrka, Beth Pressley, Rose Marie Stimpfl, Regina Applegate, Eleanor and Ray Gentilini.

The gathering began on Friday evening with a social and dinner with our keynote speaker, Rev. David Songy, President of the Saint Luke Institute, who spoke on Forming Seminarians to be Witnesses of the Word. We continued on Saturday with Mass, several speakers, panel discussion and workshops.

Among the speakers was our new US Council President, J. Michael Downey, whom many of you have heard conduct Zoom sessions on Leadership throughout the year. He spoke on his vision for the next two years and gave an overview of SPARK, the Serra Promotion and Resource Kit. He also gave out copies of his book, Shadow Prayers. Other speakers were from the faculty of St. John Vianney Seminary and FOCUS, the Fellowship of Catholic University Students, a significant source of seminarians. The convention concluded with the opportunity to join one of three workshops: Evangelization, Discerning the Priestly Vocation, and the Fiat Project. The latter is a Discernment Program for Women started in San Antonio and presented by Salesian Sr. Bernadette Mota, formerly of Colorado Springs.

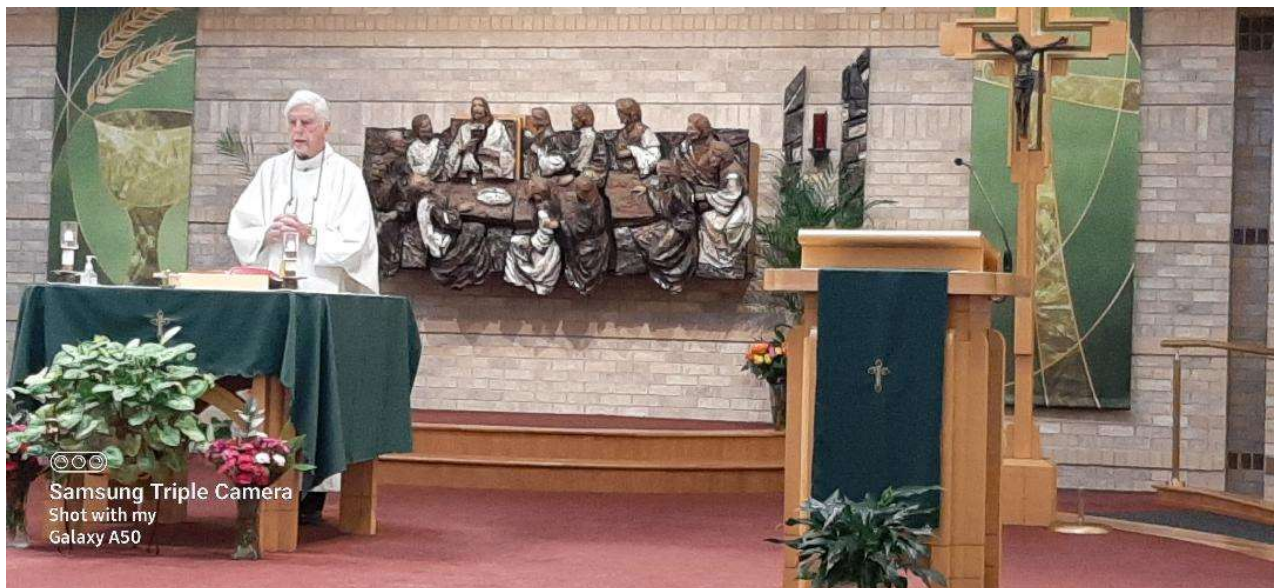
Participating in District, US Council, or International conventions and conferences gives Serrans a wider view and understanding of the importance of our mission. The next such opportunity will be the US Serra Rally in Dallas, January 12-15, 2023.



Vocations Award for Jon & Claudine Duncan!



Affirmations Award for Eva Hart!



**Notice the stone relief in the background.
The image of Jesus swings out to the left to reveal the Tabernacle behind it.**



Joel Kostyrka accepts the Membership Award for Sue Harman.

Serran Apostolate Treasurer's Report - November 2022

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| Starting Balance 10/1/2022 | \$5,210.94 |
| Receipts | \$ 60.00 |
| Accounts Receivable | \$ 255.00 |
| Accounts Payable | \$000.00 |
| Disbursements | \$700.00 |
| Transfer to Savings | \$1,500.00 |
| Checking Balance 10/1/2022 | \$3,104.70 |
| Savings Balance 10/1/2022 | \$2,500.00 |

This month I have made transfers between checking and savings to even our accounts out. Our only receipt was a dues check. Our receivables are only \$255 in dues owed to us for the rest of the year. The disbursements are \$100 to sponsor the District 6 Serra Convention, \$200 donation to the Diocese of COS to support their distribution of Adoration Guides to all Catholic School students and \$400 that we sent out to all our priests again this year as a gift of a cup of coffee to recognize their service on Priesthood Appreciation Sunday. We have received many thank you notes for this small act of recognition. Thx, Ray Gentilini, Treasurer

Thanks to all who have signed up for the 31 Club!

Your commitment to **attend Mass or pray a Holy Hour one day a month for vocations** will certainly strengthen present vocations as well as awaken new ones. If you have not joined the 31 Club yet, please choose one of the empty dates below and contact Charlene at SerraCOSprings@dioCS.net to be added to this roster.

31 CLUB ROSTER

| DAY of the Month. Name | DAY of the Month. Name | DAY of the Month. Name |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Rose Marie Stimpfl | 11. Laura Jean Hawley | 23. Patty O'Connell |
| 2. Mary Ellen Castillo | 12. | 24. |
| 3. Dennis and Jan Palsgrove | 13. Helene Knapp | 25. Eleanor Gentilini |
| 4. Ray Gentilini | 14. | 26. |
| 5. Bill McNamara | 15. Joel Kostyrka | 27. |
| 6. Marty Broestl and Loretta Bocast | 16. | 28. |
| 7. Mary Helen Miller | 17. | 29. |
| 8. Nell Smith | 18. | 30. Jon and Claudine Duncan |
| 9. Kathy Bull | 19. Charlene Pardo | 31. Connie Pratt |
| 10. Pat Van Matre | 20. Beth Pressley | |
| | 21. Jerry Schaefer | |
| | 22. Sue Harman | |

Serra Meets, Saturday, Nov 12 at 10am MT

Father Brett Brannen, author of the popular book *[To Save A Thousand Souls](#)* and Spiritual Director at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio, will be our speaker. Father Brannen will introduce Serrans to a powerful tool he developed to help vocations directors around the country form their diocesan vocations programs. The Four I's of Vocations identify the foundation of everything successful, beginning with inspiring young candidates to pursue God's call, setting up the invitation, properly informing the candidate, and forming the candidate in the intimacy of a growing relationship with Jesus built on a strong prayer life. Finally, the emphasis of building a life of service to others completes the program.

Click to Join the Webinar

<https://serraus.org/serra-meets/>

Seven Serran Prayer Program

Several years ago, the Serra US Council established a prayer program to ensure every vocation director in the US has at least one Serran praying for them for one hour each day of the year. Each Serra Club was asked to organize seven-member teams whose members agree to commit to one hour of prayer (Mass, Holy Hour, rosary, or other prayers) each week in support of their Vocation Director. The St. Serra Apostolate of CO Springs prayer team has been praying for Fr.

Kyle the past year. If you are currently a member of the prayer team or if you have not participated and would like to commit to praying for Fr. Kyle and his work for one hour on a specific day every week, please notify Jan Zabukovic at [*JRZabukovic@comcast.net*](mailto:JRZabukovic@comcast.net). Thank you for your consideration in participating in this very important ministry.

Serra Club Current Officers

President – Jan Zabukovic

Vice-President – Joel Kostyrka

Secretary – Marty Broestl

Treasurer – Ray Gentilini

VP Vocations – Jon and Claudine Duncan

VP Programs – Jerry Schaefer

VP Communications – Beth Pressley

VP Membership – Pat Van Matre

Trustees – Charlene Pardo, Eleanor Gentilini

And Rose Marie Stimpfl

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Newsletter Editor – Beth Pressley

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Priest Birthdays

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|----------------------------------|--------|
| Rev. Kirk Slattery | 3-Nov |
| Rev. Jarrod M. Waugh, CSC | 5-Nov |
| Rev. Joseph Vu | 11-Nov |
| Rev. Abraham Kannampalackal, CMI | 23-Nov |
| Rev. John Toepfer, OFM, Cap. | 26-Nov |
| Rev. Jaimes Ponce | 29-Nov |
| Rev. Amlesom G. Gawed, OFM Cap | 1-Dec |
| Rev. Tomasz Jamka | 3-Dec |

Priest Ordination Anniversary

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| Rev. August Stewart | 5-Nov-94 |
| Rev. Michael K. Goodyear | 25-Nov-94 |

National Vocations Awareness Week

"National Vocation Awareness Week will be celebrated in our country November 6-12, 2022. Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons, and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of vocation."

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

FROM: <https://www.usccb.org/committees/clergy-consecrated-life-vocations/national-vocation-awareness-week>

Message from Our Vocations Director

Dear Serrans,


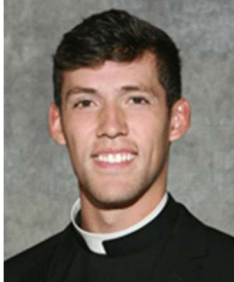




As I prepare for my pilgrimage to Israel November 1-11, know of my prayers! I'll see you at our next meeting on November 17.

In Christ, Fr Kyle

Pray for our Seminarians

Diocesan Seminarians and electronic calendar access:

<https://www.diocs.org/About/Vocations/Seminarians>

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THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF COLORADO SPRINGS

| November 2022 | | | | | | |
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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
| | | 1 Military Chaplains | 2 <u>Ian White</u> Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary | 3 Fr. Kirk Slattery | 4 All the Clergy of the world | 5 Fr. August Stewart, 11/5/94 |
| 6 Fr. Jarrod Waugh, CSC | 7 Deceased Priests of the Diocese | 8 <u>James McCann</u> Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary | 9 Permanent Deacons in the Diocese | 10 <u>Joshua Wojcik</u> College IV St. Gregory the Great College Seminary | 11 <u>Sean O'Connor</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary | 12 Retired Priests of the Diocese |
| 13 An increase in Vocations to the Priesthood | 14 St. Gregory the Great College Seminary | 15 <u>Kevin Ward</u> Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary | 16 <u>Dominic Ambuul</u> Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary | 17 <u>Vincent Smith</u> Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary | 18 Fr. Roylan Recio Mirabent | 19 <u>Anthony Ambuul</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary |
| 20 Leaders who form the Seminarians | 21 <u>Mark Rocco</u> College IV St. Gregory the Great College Seminary | 22 Fr. James Gordon, FSSP | 23 Fr. Abraham Kannampalackal, CMI | 24 Most Rev. James Golka | 25 Fr. Michael Goodyear, 11/25/94 | 26 Fr. John Toepler, OFM Cap. |
| 27 <u>Dcn. Thomas Pressley</u> Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary | 28 <u>Patrick DiLoreto</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary | 29 Fr. Jaimes Ponce | 30 <u>Christian Vaca-Rodriguez</u> Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary | | | |

Eternal Father, we lift up these seminarians and priests of our diocese. Sanctify them. Protect and guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Underlined names are seminarians; Names in bold indicate the seminarian's birthday, and a priest's ordination anniversary

| December 2022 | | | | | | |
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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
| | | | | 1 Fr. Amlesom Gawed, OFM Cap. | 2 Mt. St. Mary's Seminary | 3 Fr. Tomasz Jamka |
| 4 The Holy Father and his intentions | 5 Deceased Priests of the Diocese | 6 Fr. Sean McCann | 7 Fr. Michael Holmquist | 8 <u>Dominic Ambuul</u> Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary | 9 <u>Sean O'Connor</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary | 10 <u>Ian White</u> Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary |
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| 18 Fr. Bradford Noonan, 12/18/99 | 19 Fr. George Fagan, 12/19/69, Retired | 20 <u>Christian Vaca-Rodriguez</u> Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary | 21 Fr. Bogdan Siewera | 22 Fr. Robert Newbury, Jr., 12/22/07 | 23 Fr. Luis Alfredo Garcia-Chavez | 24 Fr. Ricardo Rosales, 12/24/97 |
| 25 All the Seminarians of the world | 26 <u>Vincent Smith</u> Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary | 27 Fr. Dong Young (Augustine) Kim, 12/27/13 | 28 Fr. Nathaniel Hinds | 29 <u>James McCann</u> Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary | 30 Permanent Deacons in the Diocese | 31 Retired Priests of the Diocese |