



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

**President Janet Zabukovic's Message**



Dear Fellow Serrans:

Thanksgiving has passed. Advent has arrived, and the flurry of activity in preparation for Christmas has officially begun! Like many of you, I will be busy decorating, buying gifts for loved ones, sending Christmas cards, and thinking about holiday foods.

But today, I took some time to just sit quietly and think. Advent is a season of preparation. For the first half of Advent, we look forward as we anticipate Christ's second coming. The second half of Advent is a time to prepare oneself for the celebration of the birth of our Savior in the form of a tiny, helpless baby. Timothy Brunk, an associate professor of theology and religious studies at Villanova University, explains the two parts of Advent in this way, "Christ who has come is also coming. Advent, like Christmas, looks back but also looks forward." He also wrote that even though Advent is about preparation for Christmas, it is also about "assessing how one has welcomed the Christ who has come and one's readiness for the Christ who is coming."

We can prepare by making more time to pray and by setting aside time each day to reflect on scripture and to reflect on where we are in our preparation for eternal life. Many of our churches make Advent materials available to guide us during this season. We have to be mindful in preparing our spiritual selves for Christmas so as to not get so absorbed with the holiday preparations that the real meaning of Advent is lost in our busyness.

As a Serran, we should also remember to pray for our seminarians as they prepare themselves for the Priesthood, and for our Priests who are fulfilling their vocations in service to God and to us, the Body of the Church. Think about the beauty of the Advent and Christmas Seasons in the Catholic Church, and remember that without our Priests, there would be no Mass, no Eucharist, and no Sacraments! Take time during the busyness of this season to let your seminarian know that

you are keeping them in prayer. Take time to thank the priests in your life for their vocation and to let them know how important and appreciated they are in your life.

May your Advent be a time of spiritual reflection and prayer as we wait in anticipation for the coming of the Baby Jesus!

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.**

## **1<sup>st</sup> Thursday Prayer Hour Thursday, December 1**

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

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

We have returned to **in-person** prayers at **St. Mary's Cathedral.**

Prayers 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, December 1 at 11:00am**

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

Click on "Join a Meeting"

Enter Meeting ID: 995 535 7113

## **We Need More Prayers for 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.

***Please also consider joining the 31 Club or Seven Serran Prayer Program, described in this Newsletter!***

**Christmas Luncheon  
With Bishop James Golka and Our Seminarians!!  
Thursday, Dec. 22 (4<sup>th</sup> Thursday)**

Adoration at 11:30

Mass at Noon

Lunch at 12:30pm

Lunch will be roast pork, with potatoes and pot luck dishes.

Thank you to all who signed up to bring salads and desserts. We still need help with set-up and clean-up. If you are interested, please contact Pat Van Matre at 719-573-9959. For more information or to RSVP (by Dec. 15) for the luncheon, please email [SerraCOSprings@dioCS.net](mailto:SerraCOSprings@dioCS.net).

**SAVE THE DATE!!  
Saint Serra Anniversary Dinner  
and Silent Auction**

**January 9, 2023**

*Please see the next page for more information/ registration for our annual Anniversary Dinner!!*

*To make this celebration a success, we need assistance with the following:*

- 3 to set up tables & chairs for dinner in late afternoon
- 3 to clean up and put away tables and chairs after dinner
- 2 to decorate tables for dinner
- 2 or 3 to set up silent auction tables and arrange gifts in library/social room
- 1 to bring snacks for wine social
- 2 bartenders – serving wine and snacks

Also needed are gifts for the silent auction. They can be new or vintage religious items, gift certificates for dinner, artwork, books, or other gem you may want to donate. Contact: [SerraCOSprings@dioCS.net](mailto:SerraCOSprings@dioCS.net) or 719-375-5486.

*Please bring checks and registration forms for the Anniversary Dinner to the Seminarian Christmas Luncheon, if possible!*



*Join us to celebrate Vocations to the Priesthood  
and Religious Life in Colorado Springs*

**Saint Serra Anniversary Dinner  
and Silent Auction**

(Cash or Check only)

**Chaplain John Fletcher, USArmy**  
Guest Speaker

**Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

St. John Henry Newman Chapel  
and Catholic Student Center  
4785 Stanton Road, 80918

**5:00pm Mass - Social - Dinner**

\$45 per person

**Bring a Priest or Sister - \$25**

(One \$25 guest per reservation, others welcome at \$45)

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(Please detach and mail with your check)

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ X \$ 45 \_\_\_\_\_

Priest/Sister attending \_\_\_\_\_ X \$ 25 \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Donation to Serra Apostolate \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**RSVP by Thursday, December 29th**

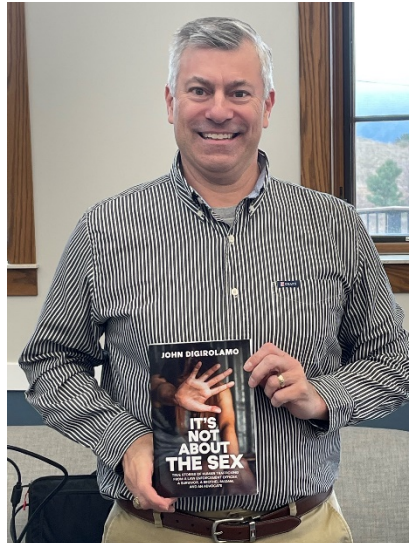
Make check payable to Saint Serra Club of Colorado Springs, 228 North Cascade, CS, CO 80903

For further information: email [SerraCOSprings@DioCS.net](mailto:SerraCOSprings@DioCS.net) or call 719-576-0641

## Thursday, November 17

### Monthly Gathering with John DiGirolamo

Speaker **John DiGirolamo**, a critically acclaimed author, speaker and anti-human trafficking advocate, gave an excellent presentation for our November luncheon. This included info about the trafficking problem right here in Colorado!



- Ways To Protect Your Child**
1. Talk to your kid and know his\her friends
  2. Limit to 200 "friends\followers"
  3. Know what your kid is doing on-line especially for chat rooms, private messenger
  4. Don't let others use their phone\laptop
  5. Install parental control software
  6. Memorize 5 phone numbers
  6. Don't ignore the signs
    - Staysafe.org: **750,000 predators** on-line
    - Limit time on-line
    - Watch for addictive behavior for games, apps, etc.

## **Serran Apostolate Treasurer's Report - December 2022**

Starting Balance 11/1/2022	\$5,604.70
Receipts	\$ 00.00
Accounts Receivable	\$ 255.00
Accounts Payable	\$800.00
Disbursements	\$836.79
Savings Balance 12/1/2022	\$2,538.76
Checking Balance 12/1/2022	\$2,267.91

This month there was very little activity. There were no receipts, consequently our receivables remained the same. We incurred an \$800 payable for our anniversary dinner in Jan when we signed the contract with the caterer. We also had an \$800 disbursement to the caterer for the deposit and we also paid \$36.79 for some printing during the month. We will have some pennies in interest added to the account on the new Dec statement. Thx, Ray Gentilini, Treasurer

## **SAVE THE DATE!!** **Serra Rally 2023 – Jan. 12-15, 2023 – Irving, Texas**

### **Don't miss one of Serra's most inspirational events!**

This year's featured speakers include Serra International Episcopal Adviser Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, Fr. Jorge Torres, Executive Director, USCCB Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations, the Most Rev. Edward Burns, Bishop, Diocese of Dallas, and Dr. Jonathan Sanford, President, University of Dallas.

[View the preliminary schedule](#)

### **At the Rally, you will**

- Engage with fellow Serrans to strengthen your network for sharing ideas, solving problems, and building morale
- Be inspired by top-notch lay and religious speakers who work on the front lines calling laborers to the Harvest
- Ignite and renew your dedication to our vocations apostolate via opportunities for spiritual development and conversion

[Register for the Rally](#)

[Make a hotel reservation](#)

### **Location**

**The Westin Irving Convention Center At Las Colinas  
400 West Las Colinas Boulevard, Irving, Texas**



## **Last Call for Member Name Tags!**

**Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**

**We are asking for a \$10 donation to help defray the cost.**

**If you have a name tag but lost the magnet, let us know.**

**[SerraCOSprings@dioCS.net](mailto:SerraCOSprings@dioCS.net) or call 719-375-5486**

## **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](mailto:SerraCOSprings@dioCS.net) to be added to this roster.

### **31 CLUB ROSTER**

<b>DAY of the Month. Name</b>	<b>DAY of the Month. Name</b>	<b>DAY of the Month. Name</b>
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	

## **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  
Serra Foundation - Charlene Pardo  
Newsletter Editor – Beth Pressley

Contact Beth to be added to our Newsletter email list at:

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Contact Serra Club of Colorado Springs: [SerraCOSprings@dioCS.net](mailto:SerraCOSprings@dioCS.net)

### **Priest Birthdays**

Rev. Amlesom G. Gawed, OFM Cap	1-Dec
Rev. Tomasz Jamka	3-Dec
Rev. Michael Holmquist	7-Dec
Rev. Ernest Bond	17-Dec
Rev. Rafael Torres-Rico	17-Dec
Rev. Bogdan Siewiera	21-Dec
Rev. Nathaniel James Hinds	27-Dec

### **Priest Ordination Anniversary**






Rev. Bradford Noonan	Dec 18, 1999
Rev. Robert Newbury, Jr.	Dec 22, 2007
Rev. Ricardo Rosales	Dec 24, 1997
Rev. Dong Young (Augustine) Kim	Dec 27, 2013


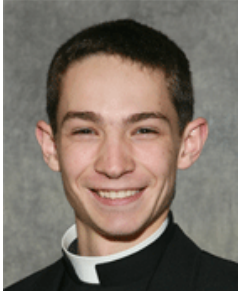




# ***Pray for our Seminarists***



## Diocesan Seminarians and electronic calendar access:

<https://www.diocs.org/Offices/Office-of-Vocations/Priestly-Vocations/Vocations-Prayer-Calendar>

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# THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF COLORADO SPRINGS

December 2022						
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 Dominic Ambuul Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	9 Sean O'Connor Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	10 Ian White Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
11 Dcn. Thomas Pressley Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	12 Joshua Wojcik College IV St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	13 Anthony Ambuul Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	14 Kevin Ward Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	15 Patrick DiLoreto Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	16 Mark Rocco College IV St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	17 Fr. Rafael Torres-Rico
18 Fr. Bradford Noonan, 12/18/99	19 Fr. George Fagan, 12/19/69, Retired	20 Christian Vaca- Rodriguez Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	21 Fr. Bogdan Siewiera	22 Fr. Robert Newbury, Jr., 12/22/07	23 Fr. Luis Alfredo Garcia- Chavez	24 Fr. Ricardo Rosales, 12/24/97
25 All the Seminaries of the world	26 Vincent Smith Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	27 Fr. Dong Young (Augustine) Kim, 12/27/13	28 Fr. Nathaniel Hinds	29 James McCann Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	30 Permanent Deacons in the Diocese	31 Retired Priests of the Diocese

January 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	<b>2</b> <b>Fr. Abraham</b> <b>Kannampalackal, CMI,</b> <b>1/2/94</b>	<b>3</b> All men being Ordained this year	<b>4</b> <u>Ian White</u> Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	<b>5</b> <b>Sean O'Connor</b> <b>Theology III</b> <b>Mt. St. Mary's</b> <b>Seminary</b>	<b>6</b> Fr. James Williams	<b>7</b> Permanent Deacons in the Diocese
<b>8</b> <u>Kevin Ward</u> Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	<b>9</b> <b>Fr. Francisco Quezada,</b> <b>1/9/88</b>	<b>10</b> <u>Joshua Wojcik</u> College IV St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	<b>11</b> An increase in Vocations to the Priesthood	<b>12</b> Fr. David Volker	<b>13</b> <u>Christian Vaca-</u> <u>Rodriguez</u> Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	<b>14</b> Transitional Deacons being Ordained this year
<b>15</b> Most Rev. James Golka	<b>16</b> <u>James McCann</u> Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	<b>17</b> Deceased Priests of the Diocese	<b>18</b> <u>Dominic Ambuhl</u> Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	<b>19</b> Military Chaplains	<b>20</b> Leaders who form the Seminarians	<b>21</b> <b>Mark Rocco</b> <b>College IV</b> <b>St. Gregory the Great</b> <b>College Seminary</b>
<b>22</b> Fr. Stephen Parlet	<b>23</b> <u>Anthony Ambuhl</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	<b>24</b> <u>Dcn. Thomas Pressley</u> Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	<b>25</b> Holy Cross Novices	<b>26</b> All the Seminaries of the world	<b>27</b> <u>Patrick DiLoreto</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	<b>28</b> Retired Priests of the Diocese
<b>29</b> <u>Vincent Smith</u> Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	<b>30</b> All the Clergy of the world	<b>31</b> The Church around the World				

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