



Saint Serra

Saint Serra Club of Colorado Springs

"Always forward, never back"



ST. SERRA CLUB OF COLORADO SPRINGS NEWSLETTER September 2023

President Janet Zabukovic's Message



Dear Fellow Serrans:

Today I was reflecting on how lovely it was to host the religious women this month at our annual luncheon to honor them. It was wonderful that so many were able to join us. Reflecting on the luncheon led me on a stroll down memory lane to my early days at St. Leander's Catholic School. My favorite teacher was my second-grade teacher, Sister Mary Kevin. Of course, in those days, the nuns still wore their traditional habits, so Sister Mary Kevin was in her black habit complete with a white coif framed by a black veil. She had a big black rosary and the pockets in her habit seemed to go all the way to the floor! She was beautiful! When I think back, it reminds me of those very old Bing Crosby movies where he played a Priest and there was usually a beautiful nun, often the Mother Superior, who needed his help. My fondest memory of Sister Mary Kevin happened one day on the playground when she was playing softball with us. She hit the ball and picked up her habit a bit to run the bases. We all stopped in our tracks like time had stopped and collectively let out a gasp as we saw her black stocking ankles and shoes running around the bases and the revelation hit that she had leg-real legs!!!! She had always seemed to float across the room! I can't help but smile at that memory.

Thinking about Sister Mary Kevin led me to reflect on some of my unique and very special Catholic memories-Midnight Christmas Mass with my family then going home for a snack and to open one present in the wee hours of Christmas morning, polishing new patent leather shoes before attending Easter Mass, the joy of celebrating a Baptism, a First Communion or Confirmation with the traditional dishes of my Slovenian heritage, the beauty of a Catholic marriage Mass, the comfort of a Catholic funeral service when one is heartbreakingly sad. I thought about the legacy of a Catholic upbringing that I hopefully gave to my son and he in return is giving to his family. Being Catholic is such a gift and I think sometimes we forget to thank those people who helped us along the way, all the way from our parents who made sure we were Baptized and brought us up in the faith, to those teachers and mentors along the way, and to all the Priests who ministered our sacraments and celebrated Mass with us over the years. I am grateful to all who have been a part of my faith journey, and that includes my fellow Serrans!

Thanks to all our members who helped make our Religious Women Appreciation Luncheon successful. Special thanks to Jerry and Yvonne Schaefer for the delicious food. September will bring our membership luncheon, which will be hosted by Bishop Golka. Please see this newsletter for more information.

Please continue to spend time with God praying for our seminarians and for our priests and other religious as well as praying for all those discerning and for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Jan Zabukovic

Prayer List

Continue to pray for all our members, especially: Tom Plush and his children, Janet Clouse, Linda and Joe DiBenedittis, Loretta Bocast, Rudy Legleiter, Mary Hayes, Joan Gawlik and her family, and Bishop Richard Hanifen.

Membership Lunch with Bishop James Golka Sept 21, 2023

Are you interested in promoting, supporting and affirming vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life and enhancing your own spiritual life?

Please join us for lunch with Bishop James Golka!
Our Membership Information Luncheon will be held at the St. John Henry Newman Chapel and Catholic Student Center.

Mass at noon, followed by Lunch.

Come and bring a friend! RSVP by Sept 18.

SerraCOSprings@dioCS.net or 719-573-9959

1st Thursday Prayer Hour – Sept 7

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

Monthly from 11:00am - noon on the first Thursday.

We have **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 is also available on-line by zoom for those who cannot come in-person. The link to the zoom meeting is below.

Thursday, September 7 at 11:00am

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

Click on "Join a Meeting"

Enter Meeting ID: 995 535 7113

Serra Meets – Sat, September 9, 10AM CST with Jim Jansen



Jim Jansen, Director of Pastoral Services for the Archdiocese of Omaha, will be our speaker. His talk is titled The Fundamentals of Encounter.

Jim is a cradle Catholic from Omaha, Nebraska, with over 20 years of experience in evangelization and parish renewal.

At the invitation of his roommate at Benedictine College, Jim joined one of the first FOCUS Bible studies in 1999. He became a FOCUS missionary on the founding team at the U of Nebraska-Lincoln. During his 18 years on staff with FOCUS, Jim served as a campus missionary, team director, and regional director.

Jim now leads the Archdiocese of Omaha's efforts to coach pastors and train disciples for mission. Jim is also the host of EquipCast, a podcast produced by the Archdiocese of Omaha, designed to help pastors and leaders transform culture. Jim holds a master's degree in Pastoral Theology from Madonna University in partnership with Ave Maria University. He and his wife, Kim, live in Bellevue, Nebraska, with their six children. Jim's new book "A Clear Path: How to Make Missionary Disciples in Your Parish" will be out soon.

<https://serraus.org/serra-meets/> Passcode: 853558

Luncheon Helpers Needed!

In addition to our Mass and our guest speakers, an important aspect of our monthly Serra programs is LUNCH. As such, we are asking members to join the Programs Committee to help ensure the lunch is efficiently handled each month. We need lots of help with setup, serving, cleanup, and tear down.

Please contact us to sign-up at SerraCOSprings@dioCS.net. Thank you.

Sisters' Appreciation Luncheon held August 17, 2023!

At our last gathering, we celebrated the Sisters of the Diocese with our annual Appreciation Luncheon at the St. John Henry Newman Chapel and Catholic Student Center!



We had Benedictines, Salesians, Carmelites, Franciscans from Mount Saint Francis, and the Medical Sisters of St. Joseph, as well as two Consecrated Virgins.

Charlene prepared the flowers, tea lights, placemats and candies for the centerpieces. Each group of sisters and the consecrated virgins got to bring a bouquet home. In addition to a great lunch, the Sisters got to take home the candies and a gift basket from the Serrans.



Rose Marie Stimpfl prepared the gift baskets for each sister. You can see the colorful paper bags on the tables. They received an angel pin, a manicure kit, and a bookmark. Jerry and Yvonne Schaefer made a great lunch and everyone had a wonderful time hearing about the sisters and their different ministries.

May God continue to bless
our Sisters and Consecrated Virgins,
as they bless our Diocese with their presence





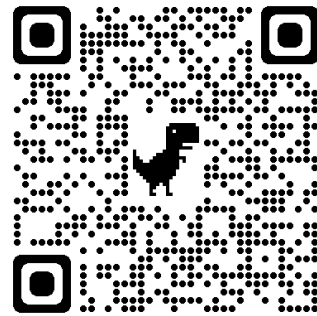
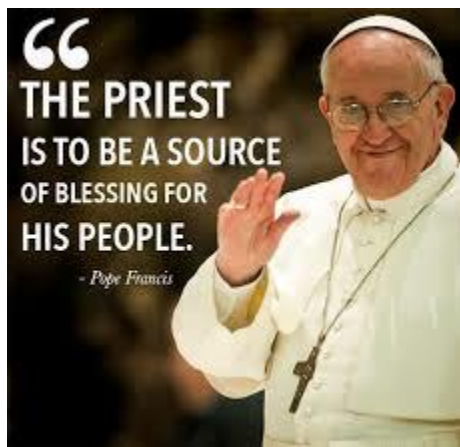
The Serra Club
of Colorado Springs
Presents



Priesthood Appreciation Contest!!

In celebration of Priesthood Sunday

September 24, 2023



Theme: No Priest, No Eucharist, What Does That Mean To You?

Create an essay, encouraging letter, poem, artwork, video or thank you card to the priest

Submissions Due: October 31st, “virtually” submit to:
serracosprings@gmail.com or via QR Code above

Winners: There will be 3 winners for each of the following (4) groups:
(1) Pre-K to 1st Grade (2) Grades 2-4 (3) Grades 5-8 (4) Grades 9-12

The winners will be announced during National Vocation Awareness Week (Nov 5-11)

SAVE THE DATES!! Upcoming Serra Club Events

Sept 21 - Membership Information Lunch with Bishop James Golka (See Above!!)

Oct 13-14 Saturday, Oct 14 -**District Six Convention** (state of Colorado), will be held at St. Thomas More Church in Lone Tree/Centennial area south of Denver. Friday Oct 13 - There will be an evening hospitality gathering at a nearby hotel (**NO monthly gathering in October.**)

Nov 16 – Monthly Gathering for lunch; Purpose of Serra and our Mission.

Dec 9 – Tentative date; **Advent Morning of Reflection.** Join us at the Newman Center as we pray for vocations and our seminarians. Mass, Prayer time, Fellowship.

Dec 21 – **Christmas Luncheon with Seminarians** and Families

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Jan 15 - Anniversary Dinner and Silent Auction

Jan 18-21 - Serra USA Rally, Miami, FL

Aug 8-11 - Serra International Convention, New Orleans, LA

Serra Apostolate Treasurer's Report – Sept 2023

Serra Account Balance	5,208.20
Accounts Receivable	3,235.00
Accounts Payable	380.00

The Serra Account is in really good shape for this time of year. I want to make sure that if any member has an outstanding receipt, please submit it ASAP! If you have submitted a receipt and have not been paid, please remind me. Our August dues invoices have all been sent out. I am available to pick up any dues check at any time convenient to the paying member (just call 307 922 6813). You can also bring your dues check to the next Serra meeting on the 21st of Sept. at the Newman Ctr. at 12 noon. The next dues invoices will go out on 1 Oct.

Thank You,
Ray Gentilini
Treasurer

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. **Rosemarie Stimpfl will be sending out notices asking for a recommitment from current participants, and asking for people to join the prayer group.** 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.

Thank you for your consideration in participating in this very important ministry.

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

Thank you to everyone who signed up at the last meeting!!

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

1. Rose Marie Stimpfl
2. Mary Ellen Castillo
3. Dennis and Jan Palsgrove
4. Ray Gentilini
5. Bill McNamara
6. Marty Broestl and Loretta Bocast
7. Mary Helen Miller
8. Nell Smith
9. Kathy Bull
10. Pat Van Matre

DAY of the Month. Name

11. Laura Jean Hawley
12. Benjamin Beckner
13. Helene Knapp
14. Susie O'Connor
15. Joel Kostyrka
16. Karen Wagner
- 17.
18. Margarita Waters
19. Charlene Pardo
20. Beth Pressley
21. Jerry Schaefer
22. Sue Harman

DAY of the Month. Name

23. Patty O'Connell
- 24.
25. Eleanor Gentilini
- 26.
- 27.
28. Sr. Diana White
29. Sr. Michelle Micek
30. Jon and Claudine Duncan
31. Connie Pratt

No Priest Ordinations for September

Priest Birthdays for September

Rev. Frank Grinko, OFM Cap	2-Sep
Rev. Robert Newbury, Jr.	13-Sep
Rev. Daniel Ayers	15-Sep
Rev. Marek Krol	19-Sep
Rev. David R. Price	19-Sep
Most Rev. James R. Golka	22-Sep
Rev. Brandon R. Berg, , OFM, Cap.	24-Sep
Rev. Jeffrey A. Cooper, C.S.C.	24-Sep
Rev. August Stewart	5-Oct

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: medmep@sbcglobal.net


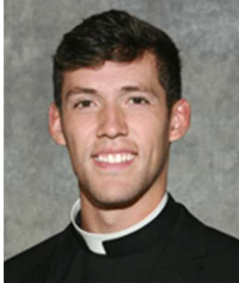


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We are asking all Serra members and friends to please take time to pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet for vocations on First Thursdays at 11:00am or any other time, at your parish or at home, even if you are not able to participate with us in-person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

FOLLOW OUR COLORADO SPRINGS SEMINARIANS ON THE FACEBOOK PAGE:

Colorado Springs Priest Vocations | Facebook

Pray for our Seminarians 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

September 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<u>1</u> <u>Joshua Wojcik</u> Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	<u>2</u> Fr. Frank Grinko, OFM Cap.
<u>3</u> <u>Mark Rocco</u> Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	<u>4</u> <u>Michael Pokorny</u> Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	<u>5</u> <u>Fr. Joseph Pedersen</u> , CSC, 9/5/20	<u>6</u> <u>Dcn. Anthony Ambuul</u> Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	<u>7</u> <u>Jonathan DeCock</u> Spirituality Year Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	<u>8</u> <u>James McCann</u> Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	<u>9</u> <u>Christian Vaca-Rodriguez</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
<u>10</u> <u>Evan Morgan</u> Spirituality Year Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	<u>11</u> <u>Stephen Ambuul</u> Spirituality Year St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	<u>12</u> Fr. Stephen Akujobi	<u>13</u> Fr. Robert Newbury	<u>14</u> <u>Dcn. Patrick DiLoreto</u> Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	<u>15</u> <u>Dcn. Sean O'Connor</u> Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	<u>16</u> <u>Dominic Ambuul</u> Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
<u>17</u> Permanent Deacons in the Diocese	<u>18</u> <u>Ian White</u> Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	<u>19</u> Fr. David Price	<u>20</u> Fr. Marek Krol	<u>21</u> <u>Vincent Staverosky</u> Spirituality Year Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	<u>22</u> Most Rev. James Golka	<u>23</u> Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
<u>24</u> <u>Priesthood Sunday</u> Fr. Jeffrey Cooper, CSC	<u>25</u> All the Seminarians of the world	<u>26</u> <u>Joseph Hourigan</u> Spirituality Year St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	<u>27</u> <u>Vincent Smith</u> Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	<u>28</u> Holy Cross Novices	<u>29</u> Fr. Vijay Kumar Bonajiri	<u>30</u> <u>Kevin Ward</u> Theology I 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.

October 2023						
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<u>8</u> <u>Christian Vaca-Rodriguez</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	<u>9</u> Fr. Sijo George, OSB	<u>10</u> <u>Vincent Smith</u> Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	<u>11</u> <u>Stephen Ambuul</u> Spirituality Year St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	<u>12</u> <u>Kevin Ward</u> Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	<u>13</u> Permanent Deacons in the Diocese	<u>14</u> <u>Joshua Wojcik</u> Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
<u>15</u> Fr. Brian Mohan	<u>16</u> <u>Ian White</u> Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	<u>17</u> Fr. Randall Rentner, CSC	<u>18</u> <u>Dcn. Anthony Ambuul</u> Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	<u>19</u> <u>Fr. Gene Emrisek, OFM</u> Cap, 10/19/68	<u>20</u> Fr. James Gordon, FSSP	<u>21</u> <u>Evan Morgan</u> Spirituality Year Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
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<u>29</u> Military Chaplains	<u>30</u> Fr. Michael Goodyear	<u>31</u> Fr. Nathaniel Hinds				