



Saint Serra

Saint Serra Club of Colorado Springs

"Always forward, never back"



ST. SERRA CLUB OF COLORADO SPRINGS NEWSLETTER

November 2025

President Janet Zabukovic's Message



Dear Fellow Serrans,

November is a month when we seem to focus on gratitude, at least for Thanksgiving Day. But perhaps we need to develop an "attitude of gratitude" that is not restricted to a season, a month, or a day. As a Serran, that attitude of gratitude must extend to our gratitude for our Priests, our seminarians and the other religious vocations. We need to be conscious of expressing that gratitude in words, deeds, and prayers. This November and beyond, let us be especially purposeful about gratitude!

The last day of November, Sunday, November 30, marks both the beginning of Advent and the first day of the new liturgical year. As I've been reflecting on these themes, it seems that they all have a common thread: preparation.

As a year ends, be it a liturgical or calendar year, it is a time to take a close look at where we are in our relationship with God. Are we living the life God created us to live? Are we on a path that will lead us to sharing eternity with God in Heaven? I think most of us, upon reflection, would identify ways in which we can grow in faith, increase in humility, enrich our prayer life, be of service to our community, our Catholic Church, our parish and our Priest. But change and progress requires preparation! When we think about the truly important events in our lives, events like graduation, the birth of a baby, a family holiday celebration, wedding, funeral, career preparation, I think we would all recognize that a good deal of preparation goes into those life events. We should not then be surprised that in order to attain our ultimate goal- sharing eternity with our Creator- that preparation is key to reaching that goal.

Preparation is also key to our responsibility as the Church Militant to pray for the Church Suffering. November is a month for remembering and praying for the dead in a special way. Do we set aside time in our busy schedules to pray for the holy souls in Purgatory? Do we prepare a place where we can lose ourselves in prayer? Do we prepare ourselves to pray by limiting the seemingly endless distractions of our busy and noisy world? I know for me personally, even though I have an ongoing dialogue with God throughout the day, it makes a critical difference if I am thoughtful about preparing for prayer.

The theme of preparation brings to mind our Priests, who are integral in helping us live out our faith life as we strive to become the saints we were created to be. The theme of preparation also brings to mind our seminarians, those men who have answered God's call to prepare for the Priesthood, and those who are in formation for the diaconate, or as Religious Sisters and Brothers. Please be purposeful, as you prepare each day, to remember them in your prayers!

Jan Zabukovic

Prayer List

Continue to pray for all our members and supporters, especially: **Joe DeBenedittis; Marlene Kondrup; Miki Feldman; Jan Zabukovic; Tom Plush; Loretta Bocast; Rudy Legleiter; Mary Hayes; Joan Gawlik and her family; Bishop Richard Hanifen.**

1st Thursday Prayer Hour – November 6th

Please join us! **Serra Prayer for Vocations - Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet Prayed Silently; Monthly at 11am - Noon on the first Thursday, In-person at St. Mary's Cathedral.**

You are welcome to stay for Mass at 12:10pm.

We are asking all Serra members and friends to please pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet for vocations on First Thursdays, at your parish or at home, even if you are not able to participate with us in-person at the Cathedral.

SAVE THE DATE!!

Thursday, November 20

**Join us for our Monthly Gathering with Guest Speaker
Brea Reimer-Baum**

Chief Advancement Officer for Catholic Charities

Brea will continue our theme of "Jubilee Year of Hope"

With Hope for the homeless and others in need.

We will start with adoration at St. Mary's Cathedral at 11:00am, then Mass at 12:10pm,

(See information below about our SPECIAL adoration this month!)

followed by our **\$11 catered charcuterie lunch which includes**
drinks and dessert in the Cathedral Center!

(If you are coming, please let us know of any food allergies ASAP!!)

Serrans – We need volunteers for clean-up after the luncheon.

Please RSVP for the luncheon NO LATER THAN Wednesday, Nov 12th!!

RSVP TO: SerraCOSprings@DioCS.net, or call/ text Beth at 806-789-9002

Serra Meets – Monday, Nov 17 at 6pm MT

Serra Meets the Most Rev. Thomas A. Daly, Bishop of Spokane and Episcopal Adviser to Serra's US Council, for a reflection to kick off Advent, Monday, Nov. 17 at 6pm Mountain time Passcode: 85355

<https://zoom.us/j/95992451924?pwd=RFdzZjgybDk0VVIKVlhyYXNlNkpkUT09>

The Saint Pope John Paul II Monstrance Coming to the Diocese of Colorado Springs!!

The Saint Pope John Paul II Monstrance is a monstrance blessed by the late Pope in 2004 to promote prayer for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Six such monstrances were created for the Year of the Eucharist, and one was given to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) for North America. It is entrusted to the care of the Serra Club and travels to various parishes and dioceses to facilitate prayer and Eucharistic adoration for vocations.

Purpose:

The primary purpose is to encourage prayer for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life.

Origin:

Pope John Paul II blessed six monstrances in 2004 for the "Year of the Eucharist" to serve this purpose.

North American Monstrance:

The monstrance for North America was given to the [United States Conference of Catholic Bishops](#) (USCCB), which then entrusted it to the [USA Council of Serra International](#).

Touring and Usage:

The monstrance travels to local parishes, cathedrals, and other Catholic communities across the United States and Canada. It is used for [Eucharistic adoration](#) where people gather to pray for vocations.

Availability:

Due to high demand, the monstrance's availability has been extended beyond the initial year.

Diocese of Colorado Springs Adoration Schedule for the John Paul II Monstrance

Wednesday, November 19, 12noon – 6pm; St. Francis of Assisi, Castle Rock

Thursday, Nov 20, 7:30am – 12noon; St. Mary's Cathedral

Thursday, Nov 20, 12:30pm – 6:30pm; The Shrine of OL of Guadalupe, Mother of the Divine Redeemer

SAVE THE DATE!!
Thursday, December 18
Join us for our Annual
MEMBERS ONLY
SEMINARIAN CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON!!

We will start with adoration at St. Mary's Cathedral at 11:00am, then Mass at 12:10pm, followed by lunch downstairs in the Cathedral Center. Our Apostolate chef, Yvonne Schaefer will prepare a wonderful meal for us to enjoy while we visit with our honored guests. Please make plans to join us!

RSVP NO LATER THAN DEC. 12!!

Serrans, we'll need help with set-up, serving, and clean-up!

For more information, to volunteer, or to RSVP:

SerraCOSprings@DioCS.net, or call/ text Beth at 806-789-9002

FYI – The next World Day of Prayer for Vocations is April 26, 2026!!

St. Patrick holds a Mass followed by a Holy Hour for Vocations every First Saturday of the month. Join us First Saturday, December 6 at 9:00am at St. Patrick to pray for Vocations! 6455 Brook Park Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80918



Treasurer's Report – October 2025

We have 56 members, all dues are paid.

Dues Payments will come due again in January. Please consider paying full amount of \$120 in one payment, if possible, to lessen the bookkeeping and paperwork. Thank you!

Treasurer Jerry Schaefer

October 16th Speaker

Our October speaker, Fr. Jason Keas, gave an interesting talk about the “Milk Cave” as part of our Year of Hope talks – this one for infertile couples. The Cave is in the Holy Land, and is believed to be a place Mary nursed baby Jesus. Father Keas personally knows many infertile couples who have been helped by having the wife take a drink that contains wall scrapings from the Cave.

**US Serra Leadership Rally, St. Louis MO
January 22-25, 2026**

**Convention Location: Augustine Institute
16805 New Falls Ferry Road
Florissant, Missouri 63034**

Join your fellow Serrans on the banks of the Missouri River at the Augustine Institute for the 2026 Serra Leadership Rally. The Serra US Council invites new and seasoned Serrans for training, workshops, and spiritual inspiration so your club can take its mission to the next level.

Our Event Center is large, with connected indoor spaces that may require walking between sessions and venues. We recommend wearing comfortable shoes. If you have mobility concerns or require accommodation, please let us know in advance — we're happy to assist.

Check-in begins at 4:00 PM, and check-out is at 11:00 AM. Late arrivals and late departures are available upon request but are subject to availability.

The nearest airport is Lambert-St. Louis International Airport (STL), located approximately 11 miles from the Augustine Institute and a 20 to 30-minute ride to the Event Center. FOR INFORMATION: <https://serrastl.org/serra-rally-2026>

****A few corrections / additions to last month's Newsletter:****

Susan Curtis is not Deacon Yunion's sponsor, she just stopped to see him at seminary while on vacation.

I did not give acknowledgement to some photos. The group photo of the Sisters and Women Religious was used by permission of the Colorado Catholic Herald.

The other photos of the sisters were taken by Serran Charlene Pardo.

I apologize for the error and omissions.

Beth Pressley - Editor

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ON THE FACEBOOK PAGE:**

Colorado Springs Priest Vocations | Facebook



Are You on Facebook?

Check out our Serra Club of Colorado Springs Facebook Page!

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61553890047739>

Or search "Serra Club of Colorado Springs"
Our FB Admin has wonderful vocation links.
Please follow our page and invite your friends!!

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 for many years. We also pray for the Vocations Director in Salt Lake City, as they do not have a Serra Club at this time. If you have not participated and would like to commit to praying for Fr. Kyle or Fr. Carlos Guzman and his work for one hour on a specific day every week, please notify Jan Zabukovic at JRZabukovic@comcast.net.

Seven Serrans praying for Fr. Kyle

Day of Week	Name
Monday	Patty O'Connell
Tuesday	Mary Ellen Castillo, Anna Maria Trupp Hughes
Wednesday	Rosemarie Stimpfl, Marty Broestl
Thursday	Charlene Pardo, Ray Gentilini
Friday	Pat Van Matre, Bob Applegate
Saturday	Jeanne Frey, Maria Augusto
Sunday	Suzy Ferguson

Seven Serrans praying for Salt Lake City Vocations Director, Fr. Carlos Guzman

Day of Week	Name
Monday	Rose Marie Stimpfl, Regina Applegate
Tuesday	Diane Hemstock
Wednesday	Maruquel Reich
Thursday	Rose Marie Stimpfl
Friday	Karen Wagner
Saturday	
Sunday	Nell Smith

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

Priest Birthdays

Rev. Kirk Slattery	11/3
Rev. Jarrod M. Waugh, CSC	11/5
Rev. Abraham Kannampalackal, CMI	11/23
Rev. John Toepfer, OFM, Cap.	11/26
Rev. Jaimes Ponce	11/29
Rev. Amlesom G. Gawed, OFM Cap	12/1

Priest Ordination Anniversaries

Rev. August Stewart	11/5/94
Rev. Michael Goodyear	11/25/94

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

Please help fill the calendar!!

**We're thrilled to have more than one person for some dates,
because we can never have too many people praying for vocations!!**

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. **Only five open days (days 7, 11, 12, 18 & 29)!!! Can we add YOUR name?!**

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.
8. Nell Smith
9. Regina Applegate
10. Pat Van Matre
- 11.

DAY of the Month. Name

- 12.
13. Maruquel Reich
14. Maria Augusto and Shirley Plush
15. Joel Kostyrka
16. Karen Wagner
17. Patty Townley & Sr Marietta Spenner OSF
- 18.
19. Charlene Pardo
20. Angie Stattman
21. Jerry Schaefer
22. Sue Harman

DAY of the Month. Name

23. Patty O'Connell
24. Robert Applegate & Jeanne Frey
25. Eleanor Gentilini
26. Gail Donnelly
27. Margarita Treviño-Waters
28. Mike Larsen
- 29.
30. Jon and Claudine Duncan
31. Connie Pratt

Serra Club Officers

Effective July 1, 2025

President – Jan Zabukovic

Vice-President – Jon Duncan

Secretary – Marty Broestl

Treasurer – Jerry Schaefer

VP Vocations – Angie Stattman

VP Programs – Robert Applegate

VP Membership – Karen Wagner

VP Communications – Beth Pressley

Hispanic Ambassador – Margarita Waters

Trustees – Charlene Pardo, Eleanor Gentilini, Rose Marie Stimpfl

Serra Foundation Representative - Charlene Pardo

Newsletter Editor – Beth Pressley

Contact Beth to be added to our Newsletter email list at: medmep@sbcglobal.net

Contact Serra Club of Colorado Springs: SerraCOSprings@dioCS.net



"The Summit with Father Kyle Ingels" is a radio show that airs on Sunday afternoons at 2:30 p.m. on Catholic Radio Network 1120 AM. It's also available as a podcast at

<https://thesummitwithfatherkyleingels.podbean.com/>.

PS – Check out the videos of our Seminarians! <https://giving.diocs.org/Seminarian-Appeal>

PLEASE TAKE A MINUTE TO PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

<https://serraus.org/vocations-resources/#bulletin-messages>

My dear Jesus, by Your most loving Heart, I implore You to inflame with zeal for your love and glory, all the priests of the world, all women religious, all missionaries and those whose office it is to preach Your word. Inflamed with this zeal, may they snatch souls from the devil and lead them into the shelter of Your heart where they may glorify You forever. Amen.

Adoration Prayers For Priesthood and Religious Vocations; Sponsored by St. Serra Club of Des Moines; For more information go to dmserra.com.

Sponsors and those communicating with the newest seminarians:

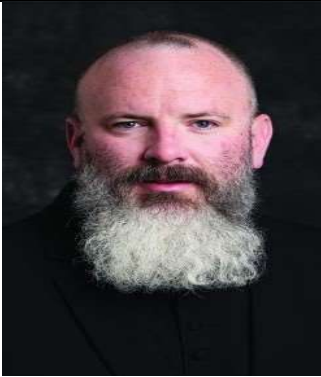
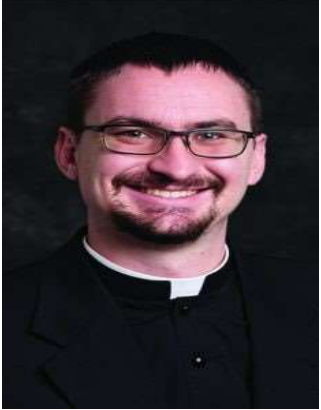
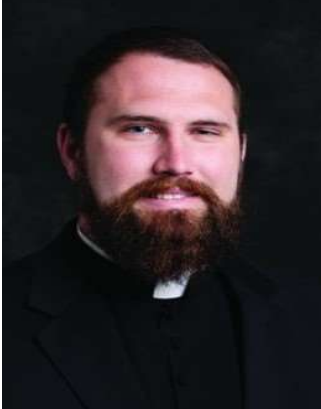
Five of our new men are in the spirituality year at Seminary, which means their ability to communicate is limited. They are fasting from technology to enhance inward reflection. They have limited access to social media and phones, and extended periods of silence and retreat. Please don't be concerned if you don't hear back or don't hear back in a timely manner from these men. Letters by mail are the best way to correspond with them.

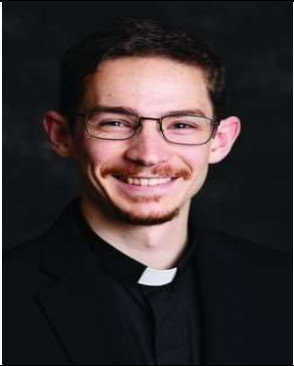
Pray for our Seminarians Diocesan Seminarians and electronic calendar access:

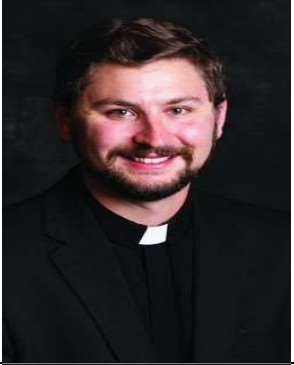
<https://www.diocs.org/Offices/Office-of-Vocations/Priestly-Vocations/Vocations-Prayer-Calendar>

Seminarians	Name & Address	Status
	Dcn. Dominic Ambuul Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797	4th Theology
	Stephen Ambuul St. Gregory the Great College Seminary 800 Fletcher Rd. Seward, NE 68434	2nd College
	Robert Ancona Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797	Propaedeutic Stage
	Jonathan DeCock Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797	2nd year of Pre-Theology

	Aaron Doyle St. Gregory the Great College Seminary 800 Fletcher Rd. Seward, NE 68434	College Propaedeutic Stage
	Joel Flinn Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797	Propaedeutic Stage
	Dcn. Yunior Gonzalez Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology 7335 S. Hwy 100, Hales Corners, WI 53130-042	4 th Theology
	Joseph Hourigan St. Gregory the Great College Seminary 800 Fletcher Rd. Seward, NE 68434	2 nd College
	Trevor Keene St. Gregory the Great College Seminary 800 Fletcher Road, Seward, Nebraska 68434	2 nd College

	James McCann Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797	3rd Theology
	Evan Morgan Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797	2nd year of Pre-Theology
	Christopher Oram Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797	1st year of Pre-Theology
	Michael Pokorny Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797	1st Theology

		Mark Rocco Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797	3 rd Theology
		Vincent Smith Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797	3 rd Theology
		Vincent Staverosky Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797	2 nd year of Pre-Theology
		Garin Tretter St. Gregory the Great College Seminary 800 Fletcher Rd. Seward, NE 68434	College Propaedeutic Stage

	Kevin Ward Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797	3 rd Theology
	Dcn. Ian White Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797	4 th Theology
	Joshua Wojcik Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797	3 rd Theology
	Matthew Zimmer St. Gregory the Great College Seminary 800 Fletcher Road, Seward, Nebraska 68434	2 nd College

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						1 Joseph Hourigan College II St. Gregory the Great College Seminary
2 <u>Dcn. Ian White</u> Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	3 Fr. Kirk Slattery	4 <u>Evan Morgan</u> Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	5 Fr. August Stewart, 11/5/94	6 Fr. Jarrod Waugh, CSC	7 <u>Jonathan DeCock</u> Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	8 <u>James McCann</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
9 Permanent Deacons in the Diocese	10 <u>Joshua Wojcik</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	11 <u>Christopher Oram</u> Pre-Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	12 <u>Matthew Zimmer</u> College II St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	13 <u>Vincent Staverosky</u> Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	14 <u>Robert Ancona</u> Propaedeutic Stage Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	15 <u>Kevin Ward</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
16 <u>Dcn. Dominic Ambuul</u> Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	17 <u>Vincent Smith</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	18 <u>Garin Tretter</u> College Propaedeutic St. Gregory the Great College Seminary Fr. Roylan Reio-Mirabent	19 <u>Dcn. Yunior Gonzalez</u> Theology IV Sacred Heart Seminary	20 Fr. Warren Broussard, SJ	21 <u>Mark Rocco</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	22 <u>Stephen Ambuul</u> College II St. Gregory the Great College Seminary
23 Fr. Abraham Kannampalackal, CMI	24 Fr. Kyle Ingels	25 Fr. Michael Goodyear, 11/25/94	26 <u>Joel Flinn</u> Propaedeutic Stage Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	27 <u>Michael Pokorny</u> Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	28 <u>W. Trevor Keene</u> College II St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	29 Fr. Jaimes Ponce
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Eternal Father, we lift up these seminarians and priests of our diocese. Sanctify them and mold them into the likeness and holiness of Your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May our Blessed Mother, Mary, wrap her mantle of love and protection around them. Amen.

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

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21 <u>Matthew Zimmer</u> College II St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	22 Fr. Robert Newbury, 12/22/07	23 Robert Ancona Propaedeutic Stage Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	24 Fr. Ricardo Rosales, 12/24/97	25 Fr. Sean McCann	26 <u>Vincent Smith</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	27 Fr. Sijo George, OSB, 12/27/03
28 <u>James McCann</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	29 Fr. Jacob Anil D'Sa, SDB, 12/29/09 Fr. Shijan Antony, OFM Cap, 12/29/07 Fr. Augustine Nellary, 12/29/93	30 <u>Stephen Ambuul</u> College II St. Gregory the Great College Seminary Fr. Jang Ethan Seongkeun, 12/30/14	31 <u>Evan Morgan</u> Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary			

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