



Saint Serra

Saint Serra Club of Colorado Springs

"Always forward, never back"



ST. SERRA CLUB OF COLORADO SPRINGS NEWSLETTER

December 2025

President Janet Zabukovic's Message



Dear Fellow Serrans,

Happy new liturgical year! Thanksgiving has passed and the flurry of activity in preparation for Christmas has officially begun! As Advent begins, I have been thinking about this season of joyful anticipation during which we prepare ourselves for celebrating the coming of Jesus in the incarnate form of a tiny, helpless baby. This time of the year can be stressful as we engage in the secular activities associated with Christmas. Like many of you, I'll be busy decorating, buying presents for loved ones, wrapping packages, getting Christmas cards ready for mailing, and thinking about Christmas foods.

But today, I took some time to just sit in quiet and think. I thought about my always too busy schedule and came to the realization that I need to be sure to make room in that schedule every day to prepare my soul for Christmas just as I am busy preparing my home. We need to find time to put aside the stresses and anxieties of the season to concentrate on that which matters most- making sure our relationship with God is flourishing so that we will be ready when Christ returns. We can prepare for the Nativity by making more time to pray and by setting aside time each day to reflect on scripture. I invite all of you to make a commitment to consciously prepare for the great and wondrous gift of Christmas!

As a Serran, we should also remember to pray for our seminarians, who are preparing themselves for the Priesthood, and for our Priests, Deacons, and other Religious 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 him in prayer. Take time to thank the priests, deacons, and other religious 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 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 – December 4th

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, 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. Drinks available will include wine, iced tea, lemonade and coffee. Please make plans to join us!

There is no charge for the lunch, but we need a head-count.

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

Serra Meets – Monday, Dec 15 at 6pm MT

**Serra Meets Chris Kreslins from Vianney Vocations,
who will be speaking on “Vocation Pathway”**

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

6pm Mountain time

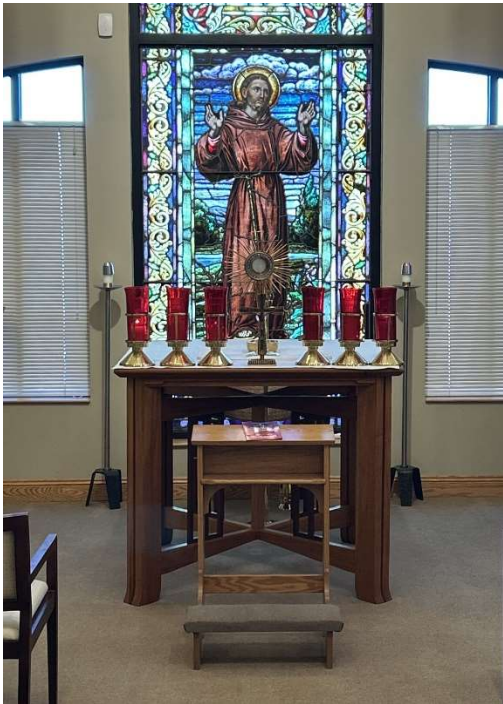
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The Saint Pope John Paul II Monstrance In the Diocese of Colorado Springs!!

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.

Diocese of Colorado Springs Adoration with the John Paul II Monstrance

**Wednesday, November 19, St.
Francis of Assisi, Castle Rock
Photo By Fr. Michael Goodyear**



**Thursday, Nov 20,
St. Mary's Cathedral
Photo by Angie Stattman**



**Thursday, November 20
The Shrine of OL Guadalupe
Mother of the Divine Redeemer
Photo by Sue Harman**



**Saturday, November 22
Sacred Heart, Cheyenne Wells
Photo by Beth Pressley**



All four of these churches are Pilgrimage sites, where a plenary indulgence can be gained with the usual requirements. We are very grateful to the Serrans who transported the Monstrance from Church to Church so as many people in the Diocese as possible could adore in the presence of a relic of St. Pope John Paul II

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



Thursday, November 20
Monthly Gathering with Guest Speaker
Brea Reimer-Baum

Chief Advancement Officer for Catholic Charities

Brea Reimer-Baum gave an excellent talk about the mission and accomplishments of Catholic Charities, including the opening in August 2025 of the Hunt Family Housing, which provides 24 apartment units to families experiencing homelessness! She continued our theme of “Jubilee Year of Hope”, with Hope for the homeless and others in need.



Treasurer's Report – December 2025

We have 56 members, all dues for 2025 are paid.

Dues Payments will come due again in January. I can accept payments starting at the Christmas luncheon. \$120 per member, \$180 per couple, \$60 for age 90 and above. Please consider paying full amount in one payment, if possible, to lessen the bookkeeping and paperwork. Thank you!

Treasurer Jerry Schaefer

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>

**FOLLOW OUR COLORADO SPRINGS SEMINARIANS
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, Rafael and Zoraida Perez

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	Rafael and Zoraida Perez
Sunday	Nell Smith

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

Priest Birthdays

Rev. Amlesom G. Gawed, OFM
Cap 12/1
Rev. Michael Holmquist
12/7
Rev. Tomasz Jamka
12/13
Rev. Ernest Bond
12/17
Rev. Rafael Torres-Rico
12/17
Rev. Bogdan Siewiera
12/21
Rev. Nathaniel James Hinds
12/27

Priest Ordination Anniversaries

Rev. Bradford Noonan
12/18/99
Rev. George Fagan
12/19/69
Rev. Robert Newbury
12/22/07
Rev. Ricardo Rosales
12/24/97
Rev. Sijo George, OSB
12/27/03
Rev. Dong Young (Augustine)
Kim 12/27/13
Rev. Shijan Antony, OFM Cap
12/29/07
Rev. Augustino Nellary
12/29/93

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 three open days (days 7, 12, & 18)!!! 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. Carolyn Denaro

DAY of the Month. Name

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

DAY of the Month. Name

24. Robert Applegate & Jeanne Frey
25. Eleanor Gentilini
26. Gail Donnelly
27. Margarita Treviño-Waters
28. Mike Larsen
29. Rafael and Zoraida Perez
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:

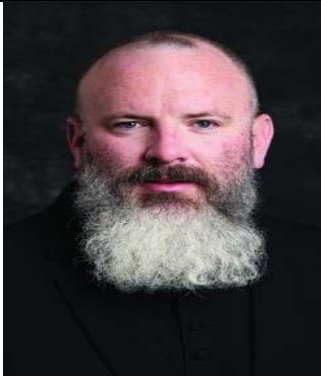
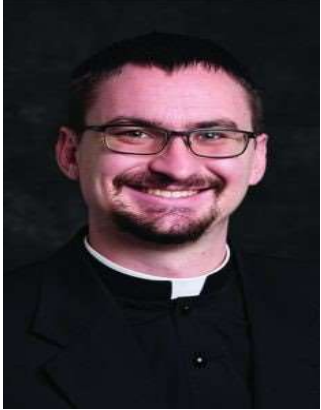

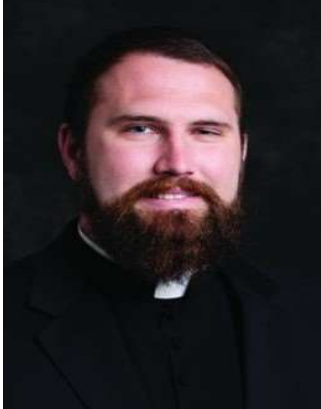
Five of our new men are in the spirituality year at Seminary, which means their ability to communicate is limited. They are fasting from technology to enhance inward reflection. They have limited access to social media and phones, and extended periods of silence and retreat. Please don't be concerned 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:



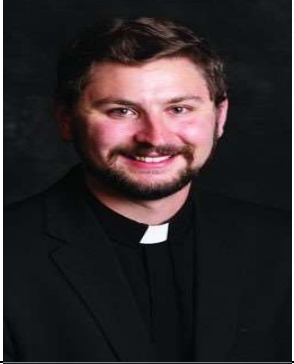

<https://www.diocs.org/Offices/Office-of-Vocations/Priestly-Vocations/Vocations-Prayer-Calendar>

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

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

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

		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

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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Fr. Amelsom Giam Gawed, OFM	2 Fr. Anthony Ambuul	3 Permanent Deacons in the Diocese	4 <u>Vincent Staverosky</u> Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	5 <u>Michael Pokorny</u> Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	6 <u>Jonathan DeCock</u> Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
7 <u>Christopher Oram</u> Pre-Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	8 <u>Dcn. Dominic Ambuul</u> Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	9 <u>Dcn. Yuniar Gonzalez</u> Theology IV Sacred Heart Seminary	10 <u>Dcn. Ian White</u> Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	11 <u>Joseph Hourigan</u> College II St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	12 <u>Joshua Wojcik</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	13 <u>Joel Flinn</u> Propaedeutic Stage Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
14 <u>Kevin Ward</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	15 <u>Aaron Doyle</u> College Propaedeutic St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	16 <u>Mark Rocco</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	17 <u>W. Trevor Keene</u> College II St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	18 Fr. Bradford Noonan, 12/18/99	19 Fr. George Fagan, 12/19/69, Retired	20 <u>Garin Tretter</u> College Propaedeutic St. Gregory the Great College Seminary
21 <u>Matthew Zimmer</u> College II St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	22 Fr. Robert Newbury, 12/22/07	23 <u>Robert Ancona</u> 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			

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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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 All the Seminaries of the world	2 Fr. Abraham Kannampalackal, CMI, 1/2/94 Fr. Rajesh "Tom" Palliyil, 1/2/01	3 Fr. Stephen Akujobi
4 <u>Dcn. Ian White</u> Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	5 Fr. Sean O'Connor	6 Fr. James Williams	7 <u>Joel Flinn</u> Propaedeutic Stage Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	8 Fr. Hanh Pham, SJ	9 <u>Vincent Staverosky</u> Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary Fr. Francisco Quezada, 1/9/88	10 <u>Joshua Wojcik</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
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