



Saint Serra

Saint Serra Club of Colorado Springs

"Always forward, never back"



ST. SERRA CLUB OF COLORADO SPRINGS NEWSLETTER

February 2026

President Janet Zabukovic's Message



Dear Fellow Serrans,

Lent begins in just a few short days, a penitential season in preparation for Easter. I remember as a little girl giving up a variety of things for Lent...candy, ice cream, soda... and spending time in my Catholic school classroom learning more about Christ's Passion and Death. As the years have piled on much too quickly, my faith has matured and I find that now, while I usually do give up some "creature comfort", my focus for Lent is focused on growing in my Catholic faith. But as I have been reflecting on Lent, I have decided that I also want to focus on something that will help me grow as a Serran, such as offering extra Mass intentions and prayer for those already ordained, those in formation, and those in discernment. I encourage my fellow Serrans to also make our mission as Serrans a part of your Lenten journey as you prepare for the joy of Easter! I've found that both giving up something I enjoy as well as doing something extra during the

weeks of preparation for the celebration of Easter causes me to be more thoughtful about Christ's great gift of salvation and his victory over sin and death.

Fr. Mike Schmitz, who is likely familiar to most of you, encourages us to choose one prayer related thing to do that will draw us closer to God, something like spending 15 minutes reading scripture and reflecting on what we read. For a fasting-related penance, he reminded that fasting does not have to be restricted to food or drink but can include anything in our life whose absence or smaller presence would help us to purify our life and conform us more to living as Jesus taught- something like giving up some of the time we spend on social media or watching television or movies and spending that time in a different way. Finally, for almsgiving, he talked about it not being restricted to money things but also can mean giving time and treasure to others. He talked about discipline as being a good trait that is focused on us and what we do and generosity being a good trait that is focused on others. He said that discipline doesn't expand the heart, but generosity does. Perhaps the most thought-provoking idea he shared was that the best place to start as we identify our Lenten sacrifices is going to God in prayer and asking this question; "God, what is it that you want me to give to you this Lent?"

During this Lenten Season, as we prepare ourselves to focus on the Passion of Christ and then rejoice in his Resurrection, I encourage each of us to spend extra time in prayer. Imagine Lent and Easter without a Priest! That is the reality for some Catholics who do not have regular access to a priest and the Sacraments. Let's remember to add some extra prayers for an increase in vocations, for those in formation and for those discerning. This is a very busy time for our Priests, Deacons and other religious, so don't forget to thank them for their vocations and for shepherding us through this very special season.

May your Lenten Journey be fruitful!

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 – February 5th

**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.

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, February 7 at 9:00am at St. Patrick to pray for Vocations!
6455 Brook Park Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80918**



SAVE THE DATE!! Thursday, February 19th

Join us for our Monthly Gathering!

In keeping with our new theme, the Year of Grace, our guest speaker will be **Salesian Sister Quynh Pham**, Director of Young Adult Ministry and Coordinator of Women's Vocations, who will speak about her work and introduce the Friends of the Bridegroom program. Interested Serrans will have the opportunity to join this effort.

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. Lunch will be Leon Gessi Pizza, salad, drinks, and light dessert. Please make plans to join us! **RSVP by Feb 16th!!**

Serrans, we'll need help with set-up and clean-up. The cost for the lunch is \$10.

For more information, to volunteer, or to RSVP:

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

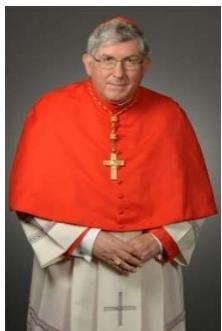
Serra Members and supporters – YOUR parish can be a part of our Traveling Crucifix Program!!



Aided by the constant visual reminder of a prominently placed crucifix, a family or individual prays for vocations for a week and, if desired, writes down their personal experiences in prayer. Many times, this effort turns into a great reflection on one's own vocation. Our Serra Club has a Crucifix to be used by parishes for this purpose. We'd like a

coordinator at each parish to help spread participation in this program. The Traveling Crucifix Program is a simple, effective way to get parishioners directly involved in supporting vocations. The parish usually keeps the crucifix for a month, giving it to a new family or individual each week. **Please read the info at the link below, and then ask your parish priest if YOUR parish could be involved!!**

Info about this ministry is available at <https://serraspark.org/tools-new/traveling-chalice-crucifix/> To request the crucifix or for more information, contact Angie at SerraCOSprings@DioCS.net.



SAVE THE DATE!! Serra Meets – Feb 16 at 6pm MT

Serra Meets – Archbishop Emeritus Thomas Cardinal Collins of the Archdiocese of Toronto Canada

Episcopal Advisor for Serra International,
from the Diocese of Bismarck, North Dakota.

ZOOM: 6pm Mountain time Passcode: 85355

Serra Meets Link

SAVE THE DATE!!
March 12, 2026
Newman Center Dinner for College Students!!

Calling all Serrans!! Our Club will be providing dinner for UCCS students at the Newman Center on **Thursday, March 12.**

WE NEED HELP FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP TO ACCOMPLISH THIS!!

From their spokesperson:

“You can drop off food any time after 4:45pm. Confessions and Adoration start at 5. If you need to drop off earlier, let me know so I can be sure someone is at the center. Our numbers vary but you can plan on 35-40 students. We ask that you provide a main dish, a side dish or salad, and a dessert. We provide paper products, all utensils, and drinks.

Mass is at 5:30 and dinner at 6:15. Usually there are announcements and a meal prayer before dinner. We will do the set up and clean up. You are welcome to attend the Mass and dinner. I will email you the week before your designated week and update the numbers and give you what has been cooked the previous Thursdays.

We do have several gluten free students, so if your meal includes something that is gluten free, please let me know. You don't have to cook a complete gluten free meal.

We're done by 7:00-7:15. Some nights they have a speaker after that. You're welcome to stay for the presentation.”

SERRANS: We need someone to step up and coordinate this event!! If you are able to help, either with planning or providing food, please contact Beth at

SerraCOSprings@DioCS.net. **Many hands make light work!!**

Treasurer's Report – February 2026

We have 58 members. **Dues payments are now due.**

\$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. Bring check (payable to Serra Club of CO Springs) to meeting, or mail to Diocese of Colorado Springs/ SERRA; 228 N Cascade Ave; Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Our current treasury balance is \$5,657.18, and all bills are paid.

Thank you!! **Treasurer Jerry Schaefer**



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

Saint Serra Anniversary Dinner and Silent Auction

Guest Speaker

Monday, April 27, 2026

***St Paul Catholic Church
Julie Penrose Hall
9 El Pomar Road, Colorado Springs, CO 80906***

5:00pm Mass – Wine Social & Auction – Dinner

\$45 per person

Bring a Priest, Sister, Deacon - \$25

RSVP by Thursday, April 17 (One \$25 guest per reservation, others welcome at \$45)
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

(Please detach and mail with your check)

Name(s) _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Number attending _____ X \$ 45 _____

Priest/Sister/Deacon attending _____ X \$ 25 _____

Name of Guest(s) _____

Donation to Serra Apostolate \$ _____

Total Amount \$ _____

**Anniversary Dinner and Silent Auction
Helpers Needed!!
Monday, April 27, 2026**

- *Plan seating arrangement after all reservations are complete.
- *Help sort and price items and fill out bid sheets -a few hours the previous week.
- *Set up and arrange auction items - 1pm day of dinner
- *Decorate and set tables (centerpieces provided). 2:30pm
- *Auction monitors to help bidders, answer questions, etc, during wine social/auction. Then help wrap, bag or box items and carry to cashiers at end of auction.
- *Cashiers to take payment and keep track of purchases
- *Clean up at end of evening

To sign up to help, please contact Serra at SerraCOSprings@DioCS.net.

**SAVE THE DATE!!
Tuesday, September 8, 2026
Lunch with Bishop James Golka!!**

To be held in St. Mary's Cathedral Center after 12:10pm Mass.

This is a great opportunity for all Serrans to invite friends who might be interested in joining Serra and adding to our efforts to support vocations to consecrated religious life!

If you know of someone you'd like to invite, please send their full name and address to Karen Wagner at SerraCOSprings@DioCS.net. They will receive an invitation to the lunch from the Bishop's office in July!

More information to come!

Priests Birthdays

Rev. James M. Baron	2/4
Rev. Brian Roeseler	2/10
Rev. Dennis Grabrian	2/17

Priests Ordination Anniversaries

Fr. Cyrus Gallagher, OFM Cap, 2/13/63 - Retired

**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.

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 two open days (days 7, 12)!!! Can we add YOUR name?!**

31 CLUB ROSTER

DAY of the Month. Name	DAY of the Month. Name	DAY of the Month. Name
1. Rose Marie Stimpfl	12.	24. Robert Applegate &
2. Mary Ellen Castillo	13. Maruquel Reich	Jeanne Frey
3. Dennis and Jan Palsgrove	14. Maria Augusto and Shirley Plush	25. Eleanor Gentilini
4. Ray Gentilini	15. Joel Kostyrka	26. Gail Donnelly
5. Bill McNamara	16. Karen Wagner	27. Margarita Treviño- Waters
6. Marty Broestl and Loretta Bocast	17. Sr Marietta Spenner OSF	28. Mike Larsen
7.	18. Patty Townley	29. Rafael and Zoraida Perez
8. Nell Smith	19. Charlene Pardo	30. Jon and Claudine Duncan
9. Regina Applegate	20. Angie Stattman	31. Connie Pratt
10. Pat Van Matre	21. Jerry Schaefer	
11. Carolyn Denaro	22. Sue Harman	
	23. Patty O'Connell	

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

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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!

Dear Lord,

we pray that the Blessed Mother wrap her mantle around your priests and through her intercession strengthen them for their ministry. We pray that Mary will guide your priests to follow her own words, "Do whatever He tells you" (Jn 2:5). May your priests have the heart of St. Joseph, Mary's most chaste spouse. May the Blessed Mother's own pierced heart inspire them to embrace all who suffer at the foot of the cross. May your priests be holy, filled with the fire of your love seeking nothing but your greater glory and the salvation of souls. Amen.

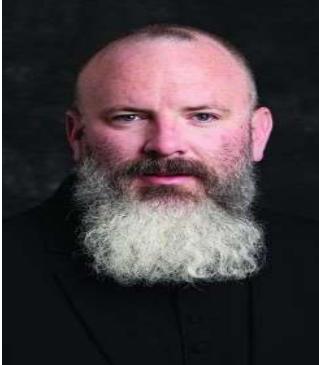
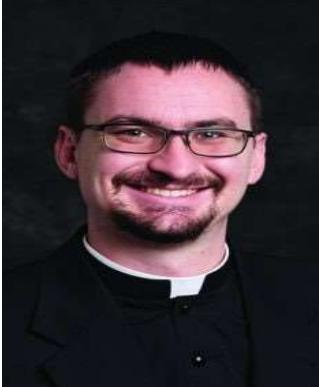
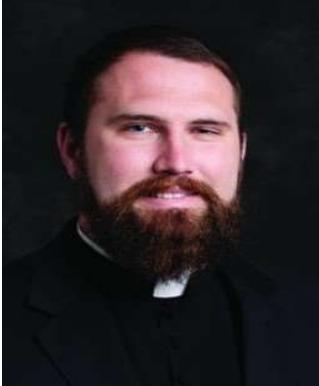
Sponsors and those communicating with the newest seminarians:

Four 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.

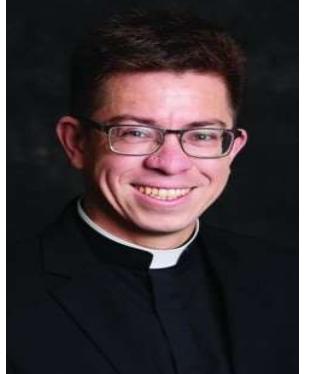
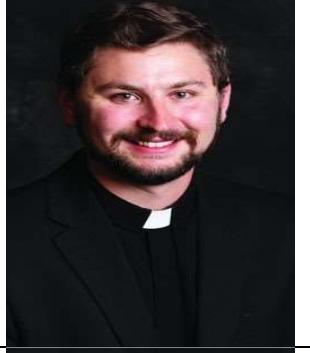
Pray for our Seminarians Diocesan Seminarians and electronic calendar access:
<https://www.diocs.org/Offices/Office-of-Vocations/Priestly-Vocations/Vocations-Prayer-Calendar>

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

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

	<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>

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

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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Fr. Joseph Laramie, SJ	2 Michael Pokomy Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	3 Vincent Staversky Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	4 Fr. James Baron	5 Stephen Ambuul College II St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	6 Matthew Zimmer College II St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	7 Jonathan DeCock Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
8 James McCann Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	9 Fr. Long Hai Do	10 Fr. Brian Roeseler	11 Dcn. Ian White Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	12 Joel Flinn Propaedeutic Stage Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	13 Fr. Cyrus Gallagher, OFM Cap, 2/13/63, Retired	14 Joshua Woicik Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
15 W. Trevor Keene College II St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	16 Robert Ancona Propaedeutic Stage Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	17 Kevin Ward Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	18 Dcn. Yunior Gonzalez Theology IV Sacred Heart Seminary	19 Permanent Deacons in the Diocese	20 Dcn. Dominic Ambuul Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	21 Garin Tretter College Propaedeutic St. Gregory the Great College Seminary
22 Mark Rocco Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	23 Fr. Bogdan Siewiera	24 Christopher Oram Pre-Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	25 Aaron Doyle College Propaedeutic St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	26 Joseph Hourigan College II St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	27 Vincent Smith Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	28 Evan Morgan 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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1 Fr. David Boroff	2 Joseph Hourigan College II St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	3 Robert Ancona Propaedeutic Stage Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	4 †Most Rev. Michael Sheridan, 2nd Bishop of Diocese	5 Joshua Woicik Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	6 Dcn. Ian White Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	7 Permanent Deacons in the Diocese
8 Evan Morgan Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	9 Kevin Ward Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	10 Vincent Staversky Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	11 Mark Rocco Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	12 Vincent Smith Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	13 Dcn. Dominic Ambuul Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	14 W. Trevor Keene College II St. Gregory the Great College Seminary
15 Fr. Urumees "Rajeev" Pallithara, OSB	16 Matthew Zimmer College II St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	17 Christopher Oram Pre-Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	18 Fr. Thomas Pressley	19 Fr. M. Joseph Pedersen, CSC	20 Michael Pokorny Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	21 Fr. Bradford Noonan
22 Fr. C. Chance Billmeyer	23 Jonathan DeCock Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	24 Garin Tretter College Propaedeutic St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	25 Fr. William Dwyer	26 Stephen Ambuul College II St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	27 Fr. Mark Zacker	28 Dcn. Yunior Gonzalez Theology IV Sacred Heart Seminary
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