



Saint Serra

Saint Serra Club of Colorado Springs

"Always forward, never back"



ST. SERRA CLUB OF COLORADO SPRINGS NEWSLETTER

August 2026

President Janet Zabukovic's Message



Dear Fellow Serrans,

Summer is often a time of the year when we step away from some of the whirlwind of activity that happens during the other seasons. Most kids are still on a break from school, days are longer and filled with outside activities, and many people take a vacation to "get away", to relax and rejuvenate and have some fun. Thinking about summer started me thinking about the need to retreat more often from the hectic pace of daily life, not only in the summer but also throughout the year to spend purposeful time with God.

There are many times in the Bible where we read about Jesus retreating to pray. What better model for us than that of Jesus going off by himself to spend time with the Father? For me the most powerful image is his time in prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane before the Roman soldiers seized him. When I think about this poignant image, I am reminded that I need to more frequently step away from daily life and find quiet time to spend with God, to read his Word, to ask for guidance, to offer thanks

and worship, to pray, and to quiet my thoughts so that I can listen for God's voice. Our relationship with God is meant to be mutual- we not only need to talk with God but also to listen for his voice. It's hard to do either of those things if we don't disconnect from the loudness and busyness of the world.

Our July luncheon with our seminarians was such a joyous occasion! Seeing these men of faith commit themselves to discerning and answering God's call fills me with such hope and optimism for the future of our Church. Thanks to Jerry and Yvonne for preparing a delicious lunch. Thanks also to all who helped with planning, set up and clean up for this event.

Please be thinking of "adopting" one of the seminarians. If there is a seminarian you would like to "adopt" please contact Laura Jean Hawley, who maintains the list of seminarians and their Serrans. Our goal is that each seminarian has at least one Serran who adopts them, building a personal relationship with them and keeping them in prayer daily.

Let's make it a point to carve out some quiet time to spend with God praying for our seminarians and for our priests and other religious. Let's also remember to pray for all those discerning and for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life- more men and women to hear God's voice and answer yes!

Let's also pray for each other as we all continue our journeys to become the saints God created us to be!
Jan Zabukovic

Prayer List

Continue to pray for all our members and supporters, especially:

**Loretta Bocast; Joe DeBenedittis; Marlene Kondrup; Miki Feldman; Jeanne Frey
Jan Zabukovic; Pat VanMatre; Tom Plush; Rudy Legleiter; Mary Hayes;
Eva Hart; Joan Gawlik and her family; Charlene Pardo; Bishop Richard Hanifen.
Please pray for our next Bishop. We don't know who he will be, but God knows!!**

Next 1st Thursday Prayer Hour – Aug 6th

Please join us! **Serra Prayer for Vocations - Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet
Prayed Silently; Monthly 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!! SERRA MONTHLY GATHERING Our Annual Luncheon with The Religious Women of our Diocese!! Thursday, Aug 20, 2026

We will start with Mass at **St. Mary's Cathedral** at 12noon,
followed by lunch in

St. Mary's Center - Parish Hall.

**As always, servers and a clean-up crew are
required! Volunteers are very much
appreciated!**

**Please RSVP to offer help and/or to
attend the luncheon by**

Monday August 10

Serran's lunch is \$10/person

To RSVP - email SerraCOSprings@DioCS.net



**Congratulations to the newest Colorado Serra Club,
sponsored by the Serra Club of Colorado Springs!!!**

**New Spanish Club – San Junípero Serra Apostolate
Lafayette in North Central Colorado
Apostolado San Junípero Serra Centro Norte Colorado**

Colorado Springs members, please join us in celebrating!!



**All Serrans welcome to attend!
No charge for the dinner; no RSVPs needed!**

SAVE THE DATE!!

Serra Meets – Monday, August 17, 6:00pm MT

Join this online session featuring Fr. Tim Monahan

Fr. Tim Monahan, who served for nine years as the Vocation Director of the Archdiocese of Chicago, is the author of “**Jesus Is the Vocation Director**,” a new book that sets out key principles for accompanying discerners and building collaborative relationships throughout the diocese. Above all, whether the harvest is rich or lean, Fr. Monahan shows how Vocation Directors can sustain their friendship with Christ while finding joy in their work. **Serra Meets Link** ZOOM: Passcode: 85355

SAVE THE DATE!!

First Annual Mass for All Serrans

Celebrated by **Archbishop James Golka, of Denver**



Serra District Six **Saturday, August 29, 10am.**

The Serran Mass will be held at Christ the King Chapel on the campus of the Archdiocese of Denver. This Mass will be for Serrans. I have been asked if relatives and neighbors can be invited and I stress that the Mass is for **Serrans only**. This Mass begins promptly at 10:00 and you can refer to the map (SEE LAST PAGES OF NEWSLETTER FOR MAP) for parking and the location of the chapel.

Saint John Vianney Theological Seminary -Saint John Paul II Center for Evangelization

1340 South Steele Street, Denver, CO 80210 Reception to follow at the Refectory
RSVP not required



St. Patrick holds a Mass followed by a Holy Hour for Vocations every First Saturday of the month.
Next 1st Saturday Mass – Sept 5, 2026
6455 Brook Park Dr., CO Springs, 80918

Treasurer's Report

1. We still have a few unpaid dues. Letters were sent.
2. Dues for the second half of the year are due (\$60 each)

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. 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 Pastor if YOUR parish could be involved!!**

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

Priests Ordination Anniversaries

Rev. James Williams	8/02/97
Rev. Stephen Akujobi	8/15/98
Rev. Jaimes Ponce	8/25/01
Rev. William Kraus OFM Cap	8/25/73
Rev. Vincent Nguyen, CSC	9/05/20
Rev. Joseph Pedersen, CSC	9/05/20

Priests Birthdays

Rev. Carlos Gallardo-Morales	8/2
Rev. William Kraus, OFM Cap	8/3
Rev. Kenneth Przybyla	8/6
Rev. Gregory Golyzniak	8/12
Rev. John "Jack" Fitzpatrick	8/13
Rev. Ricardo Rosales	8/19
Rev. Andrzej Szczesnowicz	8/21
Rev. Edward Kinerk, SJ	8/30
Rev. Lawrence Solan	8/30
Rev. Frank Grinko, OFM Cap	9/2

Seminarian Birthdays

Michael Pokorny	08/17
Stephen Ambuul	08/30

**FOLLOW OUR COLORADO SPRINGS SEMINARIANS
ON THE FACEBOOK PAGE:
Colorado Springs Priest Vocations | Facebook**

Seven Serran Prayer Program

Serrans, please check out the boxes below for the names of those people praying for Fr. Kyle Ingels and/or Fr. Carlos Guzman. Thank you so much for your prayers for our priests!! If your name is on the list, are you still praying for your priest? Can you continue to pray for him for another year? Please let us know so we can be sure that these two priests are being covered in prayers every day! Also, if your name is NOT on the list, but you would like to be one of their Seven Serrans, please let us know. Priests cannot have too many people praying for them!!

Send responses to SerraCOSprings@DioCS.net.

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 Beth Pressley at SerraCOSprings@DioCS.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 three open days (days 7, 12, 26)!!! 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

DAY of the Month. Name

23. Patty O'Connell
24. Robert Applegate & Jeanne Frey
25. Eleanor Gentilini
- 26.
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

Check your email for this year's Officer Election Ballot!

President – Jan Zabukovic

Vice-President – Open

Secretary – Marty Broestl

Treasurer – Jerry Schaefer

VP Vocations – Angie Stattman

VP Programs – Robert Applegate
VP Membership – Karen Wagner
VP Communications – Beth Pressley
VP Cultural Outreach– Margarita Treviño-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 Seminararians! <https://giving.diocs.org/Seminarian-Appeal>

PLEASE TAKE A MINUTE TO PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

Serra Prayer for Vocations

O God, Who wills not the death of a sinner, but rather that he be converted and live, grant we beseech You through the intercession of the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin, Saint Joseph, her spouse, Saint Junipero Serra, and all the saints, an increase of laborers for your Church, fellow laborers with Christ to spend and consume themselves for souls, through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever. 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

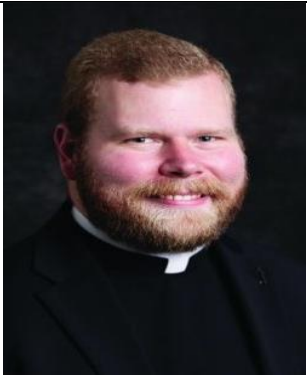
retreat. Please don't be concerned if you don't hear back or don't hear back in a timely manner from these men. Letters by mail are the best way to correspond with them.

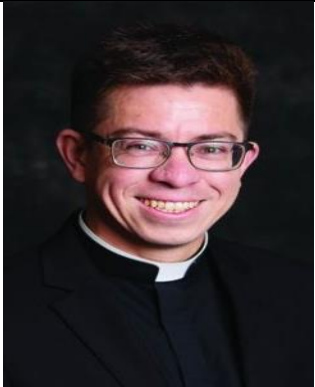
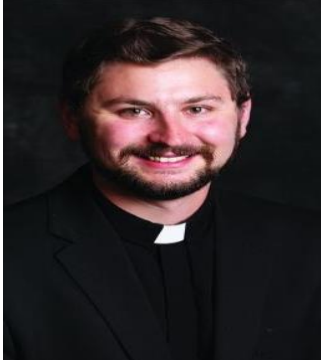
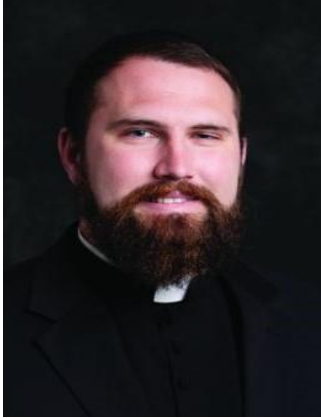
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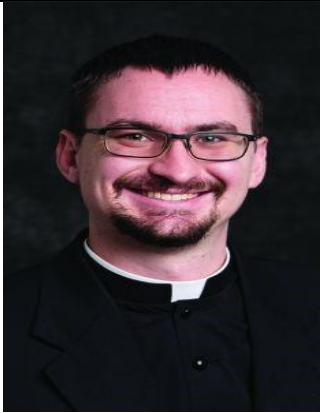
<https://www.diocs.org/Offices/Office-of-Vocations/Priestly-Vocations/Seminarians>

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
	James McCann Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797	Theology IV
	Mark Rocco Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797	Theology IV
	Vincent Smith Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797	Theology IV

	Kevin Ward Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797	Theology IV
	Joshua Wojcik Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797	Theology IV
	Michael Pokorny Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797	Theology II
	Drew Garcia	Theology II
	Jonathan DeCock Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797	Theology I

	Evan Morgan Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797	Theology I
	Vincent Staverosky Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797	Theology I
	Christopher Oram Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797	Pre-Theology II
	Robert Ancona Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797	Pre-Theology I
	Joel Flinn Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797	Pre-Theology I

	Peter Tran Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797	Pre-Theology I
	Stephen Ambuul St. Gregory the Great College Seminary 800 Fletcher Rd. Seward, NE 68434	College III
	Joseph Hourigan St. Gregory the Great College Seminary 800 Fletcher Rd. Seward, NE 68434	College III
	Matthew Zimmer St. Gregory the Great College Seminary 800 Fletcher Road, Seward, Nebraska 68434	College III
	Aaron Doyle St. Gregory the Great College Seminary 800 Fletcher Rd. Seward, NE 68434	College I

	Garin Tretter St. Gregory the Great College Seminary 800 Fletcher Rd. Seward, NE 68434	College I
	Evan Bowers Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797	Spirituality Year
	Gregory Ambuul St. Gregory the Great College Seminary 800 Fletcher Rd. Seward, NE 68434	College Spirituality Year
	William Anderson St. Gregory the Great College Seminary 800 Fletcher Rd. Seward, NE 68434	College Spirituality Year
	Diego Sosa St. Gregory the Great College Seminary 800 Fletcher Rd. Seward, NE 68434	College Spirituality Year

Serrans – Keep praying for ALL our seminarians as they start their new semesters! Also, pray especially for the top five Sems listed – James McCann, Mark Rocco, Vincent Smith, Kevin Ward, and Joshua Wojcik. They will be ordained as transitional Deacons in December!!

August 2026						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Fr. Urumees "Rajeev" Palliathra, OSB, 8/1/07
2 Fr. James Williams, 8/2/97	3 Vincent Smith Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	4 W. Trevor Keene College II St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	5 Jonathan DeCock Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	6 Joseph Hourigan College II St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	7 Vincent Staverosky Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	8 Dcn. Dominic Ambuul Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
9 Kevin Ward Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	10 Matthew Zimmer College II St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	11 Mark Rocco Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	12 Fr. Gregory Golyzniak	13 Fr. John "Jack" Fitzpatrick	14 Joel Flinn Propaedeutic Stage Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	15 Fr. Stephen Akujobi, 8/15/98 Fr. Brandon Berg, OFM Cap, 8/15/20
16 Robert Ancona Propaedeutic Stage Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	17 Michael Pokorny Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	18 Dcn. Yunior Gonzalez Theology IV Sacred Heart Seminary	19 Garin Tretter College Propaedeutic St. Gregory the Great College Seminary Fr. Ricardo Rosales	20 Fr. Brandon Berg, OFM Cap	21 Fr. Andrzej Szczesnowicz	22 Joshua Wojcik Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
23 James McCann Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	24 Dcn. Ian White Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	25 Fr. Jaimes Ponce, 8/25/01	26 Evan Morgan Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	27 Christopher Oram Pre-Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	28 Aaron Doyle College Propaedeutic St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	29 Permanent Deacons in the Diocese
30 Stephen Ambuul College II St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	31 Fr. Vijay Kumar Bonagiri					

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

Serran Mass with Archbishop Golka- Information:

1. St. John Vianney Seminary
 2. Cardinal Stafford Library
 3. Catholic Pastoral Center
 4. Prophet Elijah House
 5. Maintenance & Archives
 6. Bonfils Hall
 7. Convent
 8. Redemptoris Mater Seminary
 9. Redemptoris Mater Seminary
 10. St. John Vianney Seminary Kitchen & Refectory
 11. Christ the King Chapel
 12. Spirituality House
 13. Holy Trinity Center
- ★ Visitor/Student Parking
- Employee Parking

These are directions to Christ the King Chapel on the campus of the Archdiocese of Denver.

This will be for the Mass and reception on Saturday, August 29, 2026. Mass will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will be celebrated by Archbishop James R. Golka.

Christ the King Chapel is numbered 11 and is near the top of the diagram. Parking is available where the 'star' indicates Visitor/Student parking. There is also parking available in the Employee parking lot noted by the round circle. There are other events that are frequently scheduled so please arrive early enough to ensure that you have a parking spot. This is especially important for those who will be bringing supplies/food for the reception. Carts will be available for your convenience, but you must let the guard on duty know this when you arrive.

When you enter the building marked 3, there will be a guard on duty on Saturday. I will make certain that he is aware of Serrans who arrive to attend Mass in Christ the King Chapel. It will be necessary for you to proceed down the hallway marked 1 to arrive at the entrance of the Chapel.

Following Mass the reception will be in the refectory that is adjacent to the chapel and is marked 10 on the map.

If you have any questions about the map, the Mass time, reception time, please ask your club president. They can reach out to me for additional information.

Thank you,

Nancy Akers
Serra District 6
District Governor

