

District 6                      Club #723                      Region 13  
 Chartered September 29, 1990      **Chaplain: Fr. Mark Kovacik**



Club Meeting Times: 1st Friday and 3rd Friday of each month following the 7:00 a.m. Mass at SHJ. Selected member chefs bring breakfast for those present. Bring a friend and encourage them to join our club.

*President:* Peggy Morrow  
*Secretary:* Sue Husler  
*V.P. Vocations:* Jim and Judy Heinze  
*V.P. Programs:* Sharon Stetson  
*V.P. Affirmation:* vacant  
*Club Trustee:* Sue Husler

*President-Elect:* vacant  
*Treasurer:* Ed Husler  
*V.P. Membership:* Mary Ellen Thorne  
*V.P. Communications:* Amy Michaelis  
*Parish Liaison:* Amy Michaelis

**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE**

Dear Serrans -

Congratulations for earning the Best Serra Club at the District 6 Conference! Your years of hard work and dedication supporting vocations in the Boulder Deanery has paid off in more than one ways. Thank you for all that you have done not only this past year, but for the many years of service that you have offered to ensure that future generations can receive the body and blood of our Lord! I sincerely appreciate all of the help and support that you have given and continue to give.

For example, with National Vocations Awareness week coming up Sunday November 6th, 2022, four parish bulletins are already announcing the event. Thank you to our parish liaisons for getting the word out. To prepare for the week, the Serran handbook has the St. Charles Borromeo Novena for vocations which you can begin now. If you've misplaced your copy, you'll also find it here: <https://www.praymorenovenas.com/st-charles-borromeo-novena> His feast day is this coming Friday, the day of our next meeting.

May St. Charles, St. Junipero, and Mary our Mother intercede for us,

In Christ through Mary,  
 Peggy Morrow

**CHAPLAIN’S MESSAGE**

On November 1, we celebrate All Saints Day. Let us ask all the saints (the Church triumphant) to intercede for us so that we also become saints. We should desire to become saints because we recognize it is more God’s work than our own. We should never doubt that God is much bigger than our sins and weaknesses. On November 2, we celebrate All Souls Day. Let us pray for the souls in purgatory (the Church suffering) that they may quickly enter into the presence of God. We are the Church militant who are still involved in the battle; our mission is not yet finished. We are all connected.

God bless, Fr. Mark

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Nov. 4** — general and board meeting; District conference reports, Christmas party planning
- Nov. 6-12 — Vocation Awareness Week
- Nov. 18** — fall retreat: Fr. Cliff; Jubilee Hall
- Dec. 3** — Christmas Party
- No Meetings in December
- Jan. 6** — general and board meeting

**Friday Oct. 7th Sister Evangeline Salazar**

Sr. Evangeline Salazar, OSB from the Benet Hill Monastery <https://benethillmonastery.org> in Colorado Springs spoke to us about her book On the Border: The Way of the Cross. The book is a stations of the cross guide with her reflections on the stations while she was volunteering in El Paso in 2019 helping migrants.

Years before she had started carving the stations on wood for installation in the Black Forest outside Colorado Springs leading to the Benet Hill Monastery cemetery. While talking to the migrants she would be reminded of a station. She said "in the monastery we never retire."

She encourages us to pray the stations, even just one or two stations, every day, not just during Lent.

Sr. Rose Ann Barman told us about her work with the Bakhita Mountain Home to help women over age 18 who have been freed from human trafficking. Its website is

<https://www.bakhitamountainhome.org>

We learned that after Vatican II the sisters were told to get modern, so they took off their habits then. In the Benedictine order, every monastery is autonomous.

Visit the monastery for an individual or group retreat, or walk the gardens, or worship with them on Sundays, or shop at their gift shop. They also operate Sisters' Thrift & Boutique in the Briargate neighborhood.

**National Vocation Awareness Week**

Nov. 6-12 is National Vocation Awareness Week. Jim and Judy gave our parish liaisons information to forward to all the parish bulletin editors to include in their parish's bulletins and/or flocknotes and bulletin boards. <https://www.serraclubbouldercounty.org/vocations-awareness-week>

**Christmas Cards for Seminarians**

Bring spare Christmas cards for us to send to our seminarians to the Nov. 4 meeting. Every year we send Christmas cards to them, and they really do appreciate it. Many seminarians live far away from their families and need some extra TLC over the holidays.

**No-Golf Annual Fundraiser**

Bring your voluntary contribution to our Our Annual No-Golf Tournament Fundraiser for any of the next three meetings November 4, November 18, and December 3 Christmas party. Checks may be made payable to Serra Club of Boulder County.

**Betty Jancosek**

A former and long time member, Betty Jancosek, passed away on October 8, 2022. She was a very active member of our club and held several officer positions including president. She also served as District Governor. Many Serrans attended her funeral on Oct. 13.

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/dailycamera/name/elizabeth-jancosek-obituary?id=36768342>

**Altar and Master Servers**

In October, the Serra Board approved our Apostolate's support of the Serra Spark Altar Server #3 and Master Server #25 as a combined program.

We are starting with Sacred Heart of Jesus for the 2022/2023 school year. In June we will decide how to proceed for 2023/2024.

A date for the Award Ceremony at the end of the school year is being considered. Also, treats for Altar Servers are planned for distribution during Advent and Christmas.

Help is needed to plan treats for Easter and to plan awards for the Award Ceremony.

**November 18 Retreat**

Our annual retreat will be on Friday November 18th, 2022, at Sacred Heart of Jesus in Jubilee Hall, and will be led by Father Cliff McMillan.

The retreat is open to non-Boulder Serrans and non-Serrans, so invite your friends! Be sure that each person RSVPs with the link below so that we know how many tables to set up.

**Cost**

\$10 will be collected at the door to cover the speaker stipend

**Food**

To keep costs low, please bring the following to share:

Last Name begins with

**A - K: Main Dish** (breakfast burritos, quiche, egg casserole, etc.)

**L - P: Side Dish** (fruit, yogurt, hard-boiled eggs, muffins, bagels, etc.)

**Q - Z: Dessert** (cookies, mints, pies, cakes, etc.)

Please bring enough to serve 6 - 8 people. Please bring any condiments and serving spoons, etc. required to help make setup and cleanup work easy. Additionally, if you require gluten free, your dish should serve those needs as well as any other members with the same diet. Coffee, tea, creamer, juice, paper plates, napkins, utensils, and cups will be provided as a part of the \$10 fee

**Schedule**

8:00 check-in and breakfast

8:15 induction of new members

8:30 rosary for vocations

9:00 retreat

11:45 retreat concludes

**RSVP**

Please [click here to RSVP](#), and forward this to any other Serrans or non-Serrans that you think may be interested in attending.

### October District Convention

Several in our Apostolate attended the Serra District 6 Convention October 21-22 at the lovely St. Michael the Archangel in Aurora. Its theme was Witness of The Word.

Many thanks to Bill, Jerome, Mary Ellen, Nancy S., Sharon, and Bob, who have been busy these last months planning various aspects of the conference.

Bill Fitzgerald did a superb job in his role of Master of Ceremonies. He presented the Best Newsletter award to Amy, Best Serran to Peggy, Best Serra Chaplain to Fr. Mark, and Best Serra Club to the Saint Serra Apostolate of Boulder County!

The Friday dinner keynote speaker, **Rev. David Songy**, brought up Matthew 13:24, the parable of the wheat and the tares (weeds). We can't root out the tares without uprooting the wheat. He said the Word is not an idea it is an event.

The Saturday morning keynote speaker was **Michael Downey**, Serra US president. He told us why Serra club is so special in the Catholic church. "Serra is like the home in Bethany for priests" where Martha and Mary provided rest and a home base for Jesus during His ministry.

Also speaking Saturday morning was **Brett Manero**, an instructor for the lay division of St. John Vianney. He said God wants us to reach out to Him and to intercede for others. He also talked about St. Joseph, how Joseph should have been King of the Jewish people. He pointed out how after every period of crisis for the Church there is a golden age.

**Michael Downey** then spoke (again) about Serra SPARK <https://serraspark.org/> which stands for Serra Promotion And Resource Kit. It is a website which is a digital toolbox intended for Vocations Directors, but Serrans use it too. It lists 28 initiatives. Our own Apostolate uses it throughout the year for #11 {Priesthood Sunday, Vocation Awareness Week, etc.} and #3 Altar Server and #25 Master Server. He played the ten minute video on the home page "**Top Ten Friar Questions**" featuring a twenty-something Franciscan brother in full habit answering

humorous questions he gets asked all the time. It was the comic relief of the Convention and brought much laughter and smiles. This young Franciscan has a YouTube channel "Breaking in the Habit" with more videos.

After lunch **Sandy Gross** told us how it happened that her experience with Campus Crusade for Christ provided the know-how for Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) to be successful.

Campus Crusade for Christ figured out how to reach out to college students, but was entirely focused on Christian Protestants. Sandy Gross was one of the few Catholics working for Campus Crusade for Christ, and started an effort to focus on bringing Catholics into the program, but it wasn't working. Meanwhile, unbeknownst to Sandy, FOCUS in Greeley had enthusiasm and enough funding, but everything they tried was not working.

At one point FOCUS in Greeley had just about given up when one week it happened that both Sandy Gross and the FOCUS Greeley team independently called the Denver Archdiocese expressing their problems. The two teams were immediately matched up, and the rest is history. At present, FOCUS has become more successful than Campus Crusade for Christ.

Sandy says "life with God will never be boring because he will always challenge you with the next thing."

After that, three young **FOCUS missionaries** inspired us with their exuberant cheerfulness while telling us about how they go about their duties on their respective campuses. We learned that FOCUS is affiliated with a parish and not a university. Its missionary success is with bible study groups and events throughout the school year where Catholic students can gather together and support one another.

In one of three breakout sessions **Fr. Jason Wallace**, ArchDen Vocations Director, explained how he is constantly meeting small groups of 6 to 10 young men "fishing" for vocations. He meets with them once a week for six weeks. He is very busy recruiting potential seminarians.





Peggy Morrow Accepts Outstanding Serra Club Award

**St. Martin de Porres Lecture Nov. 3**

On Thursday from 5PM - 6PM the lecture series at St. Martin de Porres in Boulder continues on St. Martin's feast day with Fr. Angel Perez-Lopez: the Truth of Mercy and Christian Accompaniment.

**St. Cecilia Mass Nov. 12**

Fr. Chris Renner will be the celebrant at the St. Cecilia Mass held this year at [Spirit of Christ](#) in Arvada on Saturday Nov. 12. Prelude music starts at 10:30 AM, and the mass starts at 11AM.

This annual event is hosted by the Denver chapter of the National association of Pastoral Musicians <https://npm.org/>.

[Saint Cecilia](#) is the patroness of sacred music. Parishioners are encouraged to wear something red, as St. Cecilia was martyred.

**Upcoming Parish/Diocese Events**

Nov. 3 — [St. Martin de Porres](#) 5PM - 6PM Lecture Series Fr. Angel Perez-Lopez: the Truth of Mercy and Christian Accompaniment

Nov. 5 — [Nativity of Our Lord](#) Feast Day of St. Charles Borromeo, Fraternity of St. Charles Evening of Celebration, Cabrini Hall, 5:30 PM, register by Oct. 31

Nov. 5 — [St. Scholastica](#) Erie, 5th Annual Quilt Sale, other items, 8AM-6PM, fundraiser

Nov. 11-12 — [Lantern Center of Ignatian Spirituality](#), Denver, \$35, [Eucharistic Revival Conference, Consuming Love: The Eucharist and the Song of Songs](#), Fr. Greg Cleveland, OMV

Nov. 12 — [Spirit of Christ](#) Arvada, St. Cecilia Mass 10:30AM prelude music 11AM mass (celebrant: Fr. Chris Renner), Denver chapter of NPM

Nov. 12-13 — [Nativity of Our Lord](#) Women's Guild [Craft Fair](#)

Nov. 18-19 — St. Thomas More Centennial [The Eucharist: Our Source & Summit](#) Scott Hahn and John Bergsma \$35

Dec. 9,10,11 — [St. John the Baptist](#) Christmas Market; music, gifts, food

Dec. 16 — Redemptoris Mater Christmas concert: Carols & Dinner 6:30-9, tickets available in November

Dec. 17 — Redemptoris Mater Christmas concert: Carols & Dinner 12:30-3, tickets available in November

Jan. 28 — [Beacon of Hope Gala](#); Marisol Services benefit; Gaylord Rockies Aurora

Jan. 28-29 — [Lantern Center of Ignatian Spirituality](#), Denver, \$50, [The Letters of St. Therese of Lisieux](#), Fr. Timothy Gallagher, OMV

Calendar

**Birthdays and Anniversaries**

**November Members Birthdays**

Nov. 5 — Dori Mooney Fitzgerald  
 Nov. 6 — Mary Safranek  
 Nov. 20 — Joe Calabria  
 Nov. 30 — Jim Heinze

**November Seminarians Birthdays**

Nov. 9 — Teekeke Anterea  
 Nov. 19 — Patricio Chuquimarca  
 Nov. 24 — Jose Ruiz Medina  
 Dec. 3 — Fernando Leija Huerta  
 Dec. 8 — Peter Brancale

**November Members Anniversaries**

Nov. 25 — Bob & Donna Farrell (1988)  
 Nov. 27 — Vern & Cathy Rogowski (1957)  
 Nov. 28 — Ed & Sue Husler (1964)  
 Nov. 30 — Joe & Brenda Davis (1974)

**November Religious Anniversaries:**

Dec. 1 — Fr. Mark Kovacik (2007)

Prayer List

Please pray for those in need of healing:

Fr. Greg Ames  
 Rosemary Ames  
 Bill Bowe  
 Teresa Christoff  
 Lorna Christoff  
 Chase Curfman  
 Jeanette Denfeld  
 Bill Eck  
 Betsye Feauto  
 Judy Heinze  
 Pauline Higgins  
 Audrey Kenney  
 George Morzinski  
 Marcus Poulin (Annette & Chase)  
 Matthew Hibl  
 Stan Peterson  
 Helga Riedl  
 Mary Safranek

Pray also for new members for our Apostolate.

November: Black Catholic History Month

Nov. 1 — Solemnity of All Saints

Nov. 3 — St. Martin de Porres

Nov. 4 — St. Charles Borromeo

**Nov. 4 — general and board meeting;** District conference reports, Christmas party planning

Nov. 6 — Daylight Savings Time Ends; move clocks back one hour (fall-back) 🕒

Nov. 6-12 — [Vocation Awareness Week](#)

**Nov. 12 — [Serra Meets](#)** webinar 10 AM Fr. Brett Brannen (author of the popular book [To Save A Thousand Souls](#)) The Four I's of Vocations

**Nov. 18 — fall retreat: Fr. Cliff; Jubilee Hall**

Nov. 20 — Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Nov. 24 — St. Junipero Serra's birthday (1713)

Nov. 24 — Thanksgiving

Nov. 27 — Advent Begins

**December — no meetings**

**Dec. 3 — Christmas Party** 🎄

Jan. 6 — general and board meeting

Jan. 20 — general meeting

January 12-14 2023 — Serra Rally, Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas

Feb. 4-5 — [World Day for Consecrated Life](#)

Feb. 22 — Ash Wednesday

Mar. 12 — 18 National Catholic Sisters Week

Apr. 9 — Easter Sunday

Apr. 30 — World Day of Prayer for Vocations

May 1 — Religious Brothers Day

July 2023 — Serra Convention, Thailand