

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: vacant

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Serrans - thank you to Bill F., Amy, Bob S., Mary Ellen, Stan, Jan, Jim and Judy, Sharon (and Wayne), Hank, Vern and Cathy, Doug and Betsye, Nancy S. who were able to attend the meeting at St. Scholastica, and came with joy and cheer either virtually or in-person. Thank you also to everyone who later watched the recording. All-in-all it was a success, and I learned a few things about mobile meetings. I'm still following up with the parishioners that attended with recruitment efforts. Please let me know if you would like to host a meeting at your parish sometime during the 3rd week of the month.

Looking forward to February's 1st meeting.....in paragraph 1937, of the Catechism of the Catholic Church there is a quote from St. Catherine of Siena's dialogues with Christ that reads:

"I distribute the virtues quite diversely; I do not give all of them to each person, but some to one, some to others. . . . I shall give principally charity to one; justice to another; humility to this one, a living faith to that one. . . . And so I have given many gifts and graces, both spiritual and temporal, with such diversity that I have not given everything to one single person, so that you may be constrained to practice charity towards one another. . . . I have willed that one should need another and that all should be my ministers in distributing the graces and gifts they have received from me. "

You have an opportunity to share your distinctive virtues this month by taking the "Count On Me" survey. Without your talents our work is not complete; your generous gifts of your unique time,

talent, and treasures will greatly bless you and the apostolate!

Saint Junipero, and Mary Mother of Vocations, Pray for Us!

In Christ through Mary,
Peggy Morrow

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

This month we begin the season of Lent; February 22 is Ash Wednesday. Lent is a time of repentance and conversion. We should not be afraid to look at our lives with sincerity: we all fall short. Lent prepares us for the Good News of Easter. We have a Savior who conquered sin and death for us so that we may receive the gift of eternal life.

God bless,
Fr. Mark

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 3 (Friday) — SHJ Boulder: 11 AM General Meeting Speaker is Serra USA President Mike Downey; 10 AM Board Meeting; 12:10 Mass

Feb. 15 (Wednesday) — [St. Martin De Porres](#) Boulder: 5PM Adoration & Confession; food and fellowship to follow at a local venue

Feb. 25 (Saturday) — Jeanette Denfeld funeral mass 10 AM; rosary 9 AM; SHJ

Mar. 3 — [SHJ](#) Boulder: 11 AM general meeting Jubilee Hall; 10 AM board meeting

January 6 Meeting at SHJ

Our District Governor Ralph Hooyboer dropped off our Outstanding Serra Club trophy at the parish center the day before our meeting. The large trophy is a traveling trophy that will be returned at the district conference in the fall. The small trophy is ours to keep.

Deacon Chris Byrne was our speaker. Deacon Chris serves at St. Rita in Nederland and at Sacred Heart of Jesus. Deacon Chris is very active working with the Boulder Shelter for the Homeless:

<https://bouldershelter.org>

Deacon Chris, Deacon George, and Deacon Jim were in the same diaconate class of 2014.

Deacon Chris says "I did not choose God. God chose me." He says he felt like Jonah, going in the exact opposite direction. He was a gang member in Chicago in the 1970s. God led him away from that life, to Colorado.

One day he drove by Nativity of Our Lord, where the door was open. He went in, said a quick prayer, and left. Over time he started to go to daily morning mass, gradually becoming more aware of God's presence in his life.

He owned a car repair shop. A customer was homeless. He started to volunteer at the Boulder Shelter. In the Spring of 2008 George Thierjung talked him into attending a deacon discernment meeting. He did not think he would be accepted. There were 111 applicants. 28 were accepted. 10 were ordained.

He says Jesus chose people from all walks of life. He keeps his focus on the Blessed Virgin Mary. Deacons are called to serve others, to reflect God's light and love in dark places.

He finds the most enjoyment from watching people get to leave the homeless shelter and move into their own apartments. He asks us to donate household goods for the homeless to set up their apartments. Even a toaster can make a big difference.

January 19 Meeting at St. Scholastica

About 6 guests attended our potluck meeting. There was plenty of yummy food, including pizza (Stan) and cookies (Bob).

Paul Van Houdt was our speaker. This June he will be ordained to the diaconate.

He felt like he was living a successful life, but he realized he was not happy. He says "what the world tells us will make us happy is a lie." He started going to adoration daily, then daily mass. Eventually he discerned a calling to the diaconate.

After he started his diaconate formation, he experienced a major health challenge. He took a break to recover, and then started back where he left off. After much perseverance he expects to complete the program this semester.

He asks us to pray for him, that he complete his last semester and reach ordination.

Fr. Shaun in the Denver Catholic

A January 12 article in the Denver describes three priests who attended C.U. Boulder and found refuge at the St. Thomas Aquinas Center. The priests are Fr. Micah Flores, Fr. Chris Considine, and Fr. Shaun Galvin. Read it here:

<https://denvercatholic.org/diamond-in-the-rough-priests-find-faith-and-vocations-at-cu-boulder/>

2023 Serra Membership Dues

Please bring your \$77.00 dues payment to our next meeting. Make your checks out to Serra Club of Boulder County.

You may give them to Ed personally or mail to: Ed Husler, 297 Fourmile Canyon Drive, Boulder, CO 80302.

We may need to increase the dues in the future because this amount does not fully cover our assessment from Serra International, the district and the region.

Denver Cathedral Basilica Video

Take a virtual tour of our beautiful Basilica

<https://denvercatholic.org/watch-take-a-virtual-tour-through-denvers-cathedral-basilica-of-the-immaculate-conception/>

Slate of Officer Candidates for 2023/2024

Please consider serving as an officer in our Apostolate. If you don't want to be an officer, please consider helping our apostolate in the following upcoming activities:

- Altar Server Easter Gift Bags
- Affirmation Dinner
- Distribution of our recruiting flyer to all of the parishes in our deanery
- Offering ideas for speakers at our meetings
- Serve on the candidate search committee

2023 Member Survey

A member survey will be handed out at the first meeting in February. Our Apostolate sends birthday cards to seminarians, hosts breakfasts, signs up speakers for our meetings, and much more. Your help is vital to support our mission.

World Day for Consecrated Life

Our Apostolate's announcement for World Day for Consecrated Life appeared in 11 parish bulletins. The announcement in Sacred Heart of Mary Jan. 29 and Feb. 5 bulletins is superb:

<https://www.parishesonline.com/publication-page/sacred-heart-of-mary-church>

Easter Youth Altar Server Treat Bags

Serra Parish Liaisons have been contacting their respective parishes, asking how many youth altar servers they have. So far we are up to 100 youth altar servers for our Easter Treat Bag project.

12	Guardian Angels
30	Immaculate Conception
22	Sacred Heart of Jesus
30	St. John the Baptist
1	St. Rita
5	St. Scholastica

We need your help assembling the treat bags in March. We have small plastic treat bags that we will fill with Easter candy and tie with twist ties. We will add a note with the text

Happy Easter!
The Saint Serra Apostolate
of Boulder County
thanks you for serving as an
Altar Server.

If your parish is not yet listed, find out if your parish wants to participate, and how many youth altar servers the parish has, and tell Amy before March 1.

 Calendar

Birthdays and Anniversaries**February Members Birthdays**

Feb. 18 – Bill Eck
 Feb. 22 – Dona Padrnos
 Feb. 26 – Nancy Sorenson
 Feb. 28 – Bob Gills
 Mar. 2 – Brenda Davis
 Mar. 2 – Stan Peterson
 Mar. 7 – Terry Gallagher

February Seminarians Birthdays

Feb. 7 – Ianana Taranteuea
 Feb. 13 – Jacob Velez
 Feb. 14 – Matthew Zuniga

February Members Anniversaries

none

February Religious Anniversaries

none

Prayer List

Please pray for those in need of healing:

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

and for the repose of the soul of
 Jeanette Denfeld
 Omar Aguirre Salazar

Pray also for new members for our
 Apostolate.

Feb. 3 – **SHJ Boulder: 11 AM general meeting Jubilee Hall: Speaker is Serra USA President Mike Downey via Zoom; 10 AM board meeting**

Feb. 4 – **Nativity of Our Lord** school gala fundraiser: **Knight of Joy** 5 PM - 11 PM The Establishment Westminster; <https://school.nool.us/gala>

Feb. 4-5 – **World Day for Consecrated Life**

Feb. 8 – **Immaculate Conception** Lafayette: mass for archdiocese seminarians 8 AM

Feb. 11 – Serra Meets: 10 AM; Fr. Jorge Torres, Executive Director USCCB Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations: “The State of Vocations in the USA”, Eucharistic Revival <https://serraus.org/serra-meets>

Feb. 15 (Wednesday) – **St. Martin De Porres Boulder: 5PM Adoration & Confession; food and fellowship to follow at a local venue January 12-14**

Feb. 22 – Ash Wednesday

Mar. 3 – **SHJ Boulder: 11 AM general meeting Jubilee Hall; 10 AM board meeting**

Mar. 8-14 – **Catholic Sisters Week**

Mar. 17 – **SHJ Boulder: 11 AM general meeting; treat bag assembly**

Apr. 7 – **Good Friday no meeting**

Apr. 9 – Easter Sunday

Apr. 21 – **SHJ Boulder: general meeting Jubilee Hall: Sister Rose Ann Barmann "Maquita House" and Human Trafficking**

Apr. 21 – **St. Louis** Angel Gala; school fundraiser; Omni Interlochen

Apr. 30 – **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

May 1 – **Religious Brothers Day**

May 5 – **Sacred Heart of Jesus** Mayfair: Hearts & Horseshoes; school fundraiser Mayfair@shjboulder.org

May 29 – Redemptoris Mater **Friends of the Seminary Dinner** fundraiser 6 PM

June 22-25 – **Serra Convention, Thailand**