

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: Dori Fitzgerald
V.P. Vocations: Jim and Judy Heinze
V.P. Programs: Sharon Stetson
V.P. Affirmation: Ed Theiss
Club Trustees: Sue Husler, Bill Fitzgerald

President-Elect: Jerome Higgins
Treasurer: Ed Husler
V.P. Membership: Stan Peterson, Mary Ellen Thorne
V.P. Communications: Amy Michaelis
Parish Liaison: vacant

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Serrans – as we enter into Spring and trees begin to bloom once again, I am really grateful that the people that owned my home before 1999 planted a few maple trees. My family has benefited from their shade and beautiful colors over the past 22 years! It has struck me while listening to vocation stories that like maple trees, it takes years for the seed that has been planted to form a vocation, and then for the vocation to grow and eventually mature. Not only does the formal preparation take a number of years whether it be a priest, deacon, or religious, but the discernment process is lengthy as well.

So like the work it took to plant my maple, the work that we are doing now to build a culture of vocations may not benefit us directly, but it may help make Jesus present for our children and grandchildren. It will eventually become our legacy. Please join me in praying for the seminarians that will be ordained soon, and for those for whom the seed of a vocation has been planted. May our prayers and efforts help to sustain them with the fertile soil of the sacraments and catechesis, the grace of “son” light from our Lord, and fill their hearts and lungs with the air of hope!

In Christ, Peggy

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Easter (April 17) is the center of the liturgical year; it is the holiest day. After 40 days of preparation during Lent, we celebrate the resurrection. Christ has entered into death with our sins and He has resurrected. He has conquered sin and death and shares His victory with us. Our sins are forgiven; we are reconciled with God. Jesus sends us the Holy Spirit so that we are sons and daughters of God. We have hope for ourselves and the world not because of ourselves, but we have confidence that Jesus was sent with the mission to save the world and we know that He will fulfill this mission.

God bless, Fr. Mark

UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr. 1 - general and board meeting; induction of new officers

Apr. 15 - no meeting Good Friday

Apr. 17 - Easter

May 6 - general and board meeting

March Meetings

March 4 -

Fr. Bob Amundsen conducted our Mini Lenten Retreat. He was at Immaculate Conception for 18 years. He says many people are missing the mark on sin and grace. Our individualism [in the USA] has our consciences focused on private sins rather than communal sins. He encourages us to reflect on the traditional works of mercy during our examination of conscience.

March 18 -

Deacon Steve Vallero attended via zoom. At present, he is Continuing Formation for Clergy Director at the Pastoral Center, coordinating the formation of both priests and deacons, and on weekends he teaches at the seminary and serves at Nativity.

In his youth he wanted to be a Franciscan because he admired St. Francis. He liked to be an altar server because he got out of school on occasion.

He met Deacon Pat Bradley at Nativity, and then in 1995 started deacon formation studies with the class of 2001. The class started with a priest director, then got a deacon director, Deacon Al Sandoval. Then the program changed from five to four years, and they were ordained on June 10, 2000. He was assigned a parish and a large prison ministry.

He encourages us to pray for prisoners. "97% of incarcerated people eventually become our neighbors."

Serra International Survey

Serra International requested a poll of Serrans regarding activity, prayers, and fundraising.

Our Apostolate reported the following:

1. Club sponsored events to support Vocations – on the actual survey form they indicated “public” events for affirmation only. So due to COVID we did not hold one last year.

2. Hours Spent praying for vocations:

7 Serrans praying 1 hour per week * 52 weeks
= 364 hours
Individual members reports = 56 hours
Prayers at meetings = 18 meetings * ~20 members
* 1 minute = 6 hours
364 + 56 + 6 = 426

Total time spent praying for vocations = **426 hours**

3. Total Fundraising efforts - **\$5,726.00**

 Serra US Newsletter Contest Award 

In September 2021, Amy submitted our newsletter to the 2021 Serra USA Council Newsletter Contest.

Our newsletter won

Outstanding Newsletter for the Rocky Mountain Region

Amy received a certificate as Newsletter Editor and an Amazon gift certificate.

Thank you to Nancy Harris for setting such a fine example. The feedback received from the 2020 contest that Nancy entered helped improve our newsletter’s score.

Vicky Kolman Piano Music CDs

Stan Peterson is helping Vicky Kolman, a blind pianist. He brought some of her CDs. Here is an article about her from 2010:

https://gazette.com/news/pulpit-blindness-wont-stop-the-music-for-catholic/article_24b97ca7-fba4-5015-8a4e-a9f27f998ef4.html

Vicky Kolman is a friend of Stan and Fr. Jose Andere of Cuernavaca, Mexico. She is a consecrated Virgin, blind since age 25. She has been able to support herself with her music; however, recently her sponsors have stopped their support and Vicky is finding it difficult to make ends meet.

In a world where there is chaos and noise, Vicky’s music soothes the soul and calms the mind. It enables meditation and contemplation and connects us to the beautiful music of the church.

Her beautifully orchestrated music would make a fine gift! To buy her CDs and mp3 recordings, contact Stan, or get them on Amazon or iTunes.

June Affirmation Dinner

Save the date! We are hosting an Affirmation Dinner either on Tuesday June 7 or Tuesday June 14 (planning is ongoing) at SHJ, in the rectory backyard or Jubilee Hall, depending on the weather. The evening starts with social hour at 5PM and dinner at 6PM. Contact Ed Theiss for more details. Help is needed to move tables and chairs before and after the event.

Upcoming Parish/Diocese Events

April 2 & 3 - [Immaculate Conception](#)
Mary’s Hands’ Book and Puzzle Sale

April 2 - [St. Louis 26th Annual St. Louis Angel Gala](#) at Omni Interlocken Hotel
5:30 “A Night of Friendship” \$75 dinner and silent auction

April 17 - [St. William](#) Irish Trip Drawing
KofC fundraiser \$10 ticket, or \$25 for 3

May. 22 — [St. Rita](#) of Cascia Feast Day
9:30AM Mass; Nederland

Serra Meets Webinar April 9

<https://serraus.org/serra-meets>

10-12:30 AM webinar: **Most Rev. Salvatore Cordileone, Archbishop of San Francisco**, will speak to Serrans on the topic: Protecting the Legacy of St. Junípero Serra in Modern Times.

2022 Serra District Conference

Please consider representing our Apostolate to help plan the October District Conference at Queen of Peace in Aurora.

Most meetings are expected to be on zoom.

Volunteer for one of the following committees:

- Awards - count votes and present awards
- Facilities - all things to do with the venue
- Hospitality - lodging, food
- Liturgy - liturgical activities
- Programs - speakers
- Publicity - get the word out
- Registration - sign up
- Workshops - coordinate speakers

Calendar

Birthdays and Anniversaries

April Members Birthdays

- Apr. 5 — Connie Christoff
- Apr. 14 — Ramon Jesch
- Apr. 18 — Sue Husler
- Apr. 22 — Bob Serafin
- Apr. 24 — Dick Padrnos
- Apr. 24 — Mike Taylor
- Apr. 29 — Betsye Feauto

April Seminarians Birthdays

- Apr. 13 — Eric Eccleston
- Apr. 16 — Ihan Pierre Sainea
- Apr. 25 — Dcn. Filipe Colombo da Silva
- May 3 — Daniele Arienzo

April Member Anniversaries

- Apr. 14 — Keith & Rosemary Ames

April Religious Anniversaries

- Apr. 21 — Very Rev. Michael Carvill (1990) Nativity
- May 9 — Dcn. John Pontillo (1987) IC

Prayer List

Please pray for those in need of healing:

- Fr. Greg Ames
- Rosemary Ames
- Teresa Christoff
- Lorna Christoff
- Chase Curfman
- Jeanette Denfeld
- Audrey Kenney
- Helga Riedl
- George Morzinski
- Marcus Poulin (Annette & Chase)
- Matthew Hibl
- Angie McCann
- Stan Peterson
- Mary Safranek

Apr. 1 - general and board meeting: induction of new officers, District President

April 9 - Serra Meets: 10 AM Mountain Time

Apr. 15 — no meeting Good Friday

Apr. 17 - Easter

Apr. 18-26 — Novena to Our Lady of Good [Counsel](#)

April 30 — Global [Rosary For Vocations](#) 7AM MT

May 1 - [Religious Brothers Day](#)

May 6 - general and board meeting

May 5-13 — [Novena to Our Lady of Fatima](#)

May 8 - [World Day of Prayer for Vocations](#)

May. 14-22 — [Novena to Saint Rita of Cascia](#)

May 20 — general meeting; Fr. Terry Ryan

May. 22 — [St. Rita](#) of Cascia Feast Day 9:30AM Mass Nederland

May 28 - Global [Rosary for Vocations](#) 7AM MT

June 3— general meeting and board meeting: Teresa Rodriguez, The Rosary Team

June 7 or 14 - Affirmation Dinner: SHJ

June 17 — general meeting: Dcn. Dan McConville of St. Louis

July 1 — no meeting; Independence Day

July 15 - general meeting: Sr. Evangeline Salazar

July 14-17 - [Serra International 79th Convention](#) Toronto Canada

Aug. 5 — general and board meeting

Aug. 19 — general meeting

Sept. 2— general and board meeting

Sept. 5 — Labor Day

Sept. 16 — general meeting

Oct weekend - District Conference at [Queen of Peace](#) in Aurora (planning barely started)

Oct. 7 — St Theresa dinner (tentative date)

January 2023 - Serra Rally, Texas

July 2023 - Serra Convention, Thailand