

November 2025

Monthly Newsletter



Saint Serra Apostolate
of Boulder County, Colorado



District 6, Club #723
Region 13 Chartered

Initiated September 29, 1990

President: Stan Peterson
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V.P. Affirmation: Bill Fitzgerald
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PRESIDENT'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

Dear Serrans,

This past month I've witnessed ordinary people doing some extraordinary things. We have accomplished what could be construed as a trifecta of successful events, "*We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song!*" - Saint Augustine

Number one: The Bingo Game. Deacon David MC'd, Steve Sparough and Peter Henthorn together procured 17 sponsors which contributed generously to the game, and several of our members donated gift baskets for a silent auction. There were startup costs of equipment, banners, and advertising. However, in the end, it resulted in our largest gross profit for a Bingo Game.

Number two: Serra Salute was a huge success, Rev. James Crisman and Rev. Felix Medina-Algaba were honored, along with Sue Husler for her dedication and commitment to Serra and the Church. 171 people attended; our club, (the only one) paid for an extra table in support of the Seminarians, many people commented on the amazing food and service, and personally, my steak was delicious and cooked to perfection!

Number three: Our Discernment Retreat, overseen by Jan Landers, was absolutely the best! Fr. Mark Yavarone, OMV, presided with a confident, calm demeanor and a fascinating presentation, which left us feeling as though we were experiencing a true shepherd in the persona of Christ. Many volunteers, led by Lisa Hodges, provided the wonderful morning treats, and "Chef" James Mino offered up a delicious lunch of fricassee chicken and vegetables.

Sorry, there is not enough space to mention all the ordinary people that contributed to these extraordinary events.

God Bless,

Stan, Serra Apostolate President

CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

Dear Serrans,

November 2 is All Souls' Day in which we pray for the Souls who have passed away and are in purgatory. We are encouraged to pray for the dead during the entire month of November.

Purgatory is for those who will spend eternal life in heaven but still need some purification before being in the presence of God who is truth and holiness. The souls in purgatory know they will eventually experience the beatific vision.

Our prayers can shorten their time in purgatory. Let us pray for the souls in purgatory and when they enter full communion with God they can intercede for us.

God bless,

Fr. Mark, Pastor of SHJ, Serra Apostolate Chaplain.

Recap of October Events

Fr. Chris Considine Pastor St Thomas Aquinas



Bingo with Pope Leo's Chicago Style Hot Dogs



The Serra Salute



Fr Mark Yavarone, OMV Ignatian Discernment Inst



Highlights of Talk:

This year 4 parishioners of St Tom's entered religious life.

With over 450 students attending the Welcome Dinner at the Drago Center, St Tom's has been successful engaging the CU college community.

Fr Chris believes the increase of faith amongst students, as evidenced by the attendance at the Welcome back dinner and their use of the Adoration Chapel during school days, is attributed to the realization that the secular world does not offer the joy and peace afforded by GOD.

Evening Highlights

Many thanks to:

- ❖ Dcn David for his entertaining Bingo calls.
- ❖ Stan Peterson and Jan landers for Prize Distribution and Game Quality Assurance.
- ❖ Peter Henthorn and Steve Sparough for securing \$1750 in prizes from 18 sponsors including Mustard's Last Stand. Please support the event sponsors.
- ❖ Sue Husler, Marlene Dichtl, and Rita Roberts for providing gift baskets for the Silent Auction.
- ❖ Rudy Dichtl for managing registration
- ❖ KoC's Jason Pastric, Bob Gills, James Mino and Jerry Malia for preparing and serving the "Chicago Style" hot dogs

Highlights of the Evening:

With 2 + tables, the Serra Boulder Club was well represented and recognized, with thanks to Jan Landers, as the only Serra Club that had sponsored a table for seminarians.

Sue Hussler was recognized, by Serra Boulder President, Stan Peterson and Serra Trust President Paul Bergman for her 30+ years of service to the Serra Club holding virtually every office locally, as a Trustee and serving as the District Leader.

Fr Jim Chrisman was honored and recognized for his pastoral ministering of St Francis of Assisi parish.

Fr Rev. Felix Medina-Algaba was honored and recognized for his pastoral ministering of Queen of Peace parish.

Highlights of the Talk:

Rules for Discernment:

#1: In the state of sin, the Evil One will try to induce more.

#2: In the state of grace, be aware that the Evil One will try to disrupt it with anxiety, sadness and obstacles preventing it from continuing.

#3: Strive for times of consolation where the love of God is evident in your life.

#4: In times of Desolation, strive to recognize the distance from God's love.

#5: In times of Desolation, do not make changes. Seek the advice of your spiritual counselor, go to confession and pray to return to Consolation.

Rules 6 – 14 are covered in the Book *The Discernment of Spirits* by Fr. Timothy Gallagher, OMV.

New Members

None

Birthdays and Anniversaries**November Members Birthdays**

Nov 5: Dori Mooney Fitzgerald
Dick Stadler

Nov 6: Mary Safrank

Nov 20: Joe Calabria

Nov 24: St Junipero Serra

Nov 30: Jim Heinze

November Seminarians Birthdays

Nov 9: Teekeke Anterea

Nov 24: Jose Manuel Ruiz

November Religious Birthdays

None

**November Member Anniversaries**

Nov 25: Bob and Donna Farrell (1988, 27th)

Nov 27: Vern and Cathy Rogowski (1957, 68th)

Nov 28: Ed and Sue Husler (1964, 61st)

Joe and Brenda Davis (1974, 51st)

November Religious Anniversaries

None

Upcoming Events**John Paul II Monstrance**

On November 24, 2004, the late St. John Paul II blessed six Monstrance's for use during the Year of the Eucharist for people to pray for an increase of vocations to ordained ministry and consecrated life. The Monstrance's were distributed to each of the 6 continents Pope John Paul II visited.

The monstrance for North America was presented to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, which entrusted it to the USA Council of Serra International.

Its primary purpose is to facilitate Eucharistic adoration for an increase in vocations to ordained ministry and consecrated life.

The monstrance travels to parishes, cathedrals, seminaries, and youth ministry programs throughout North America.

On Thursday, November 18, 2025, the Vocations Monstrance will be at Sacred Heart of Jesus and present all day during Adoration.

We will be seeking volunteers to make sure a Serran is present the entire time the Eucharist is exposed.

Christmas Matching Donation Challenge

Our club has received a challenge from an anonymous donor who will match up to \$1000 of our club members donations for our Christmas Party, etc.

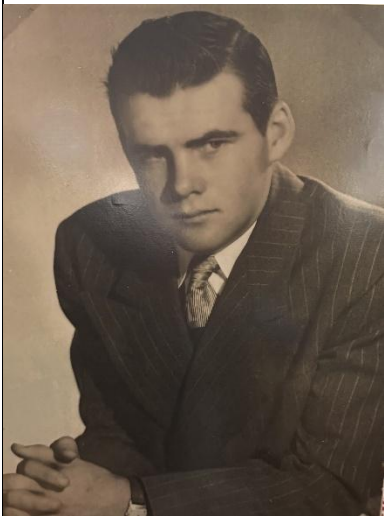
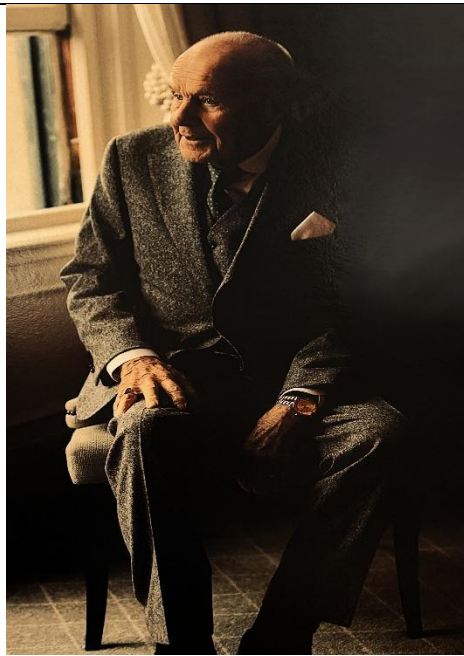
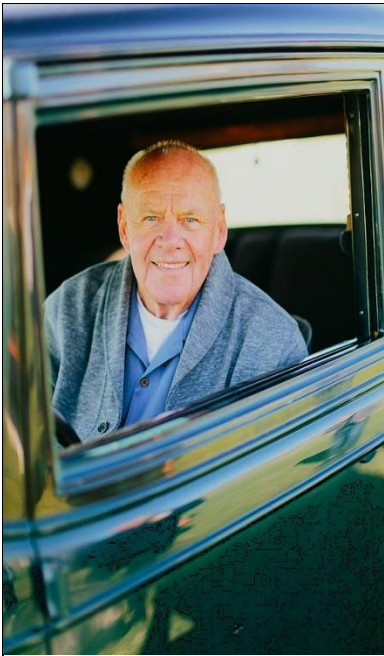
Each board member will make a donation that will total \$400.00 in order to jump-start meeting the goal.

The challenge to the rest of the members of our Serra Club is to make donations by December 15.

Donations can be made on our website Portal on the tab. "\$1KBoard Match" or by mailing a check made out to Serra Boulder (make a note 1K Board Match on the check) and mail to: Serra Club of Boulder, PO Box 1693, Boulder, CO 80306

In Memory of Our Serra Friend Terry Gallagher

On Tuesday October 28, our dear friend Terry Gallagher left us. His friends gathered for a rosary on his behalf on Oct 30 followed by his life's celebration, Oct 31. Fittingly All Saints Day was the following day.



Excerpt from Terry's Obituary

[Terrence "Terry" P. Gallagher](#)
[Obituary October 28, 2025 -](#)
[Greenwood & Myers Mortuary](#)

Terry served on the Sacred Heart Parish Council and School Board numerous times through the years. He and Nancy also served as Homeroom Couples multiple times at Sacred Heart as their five children progressed through school. He was devoted to Sacred Heart and gave his time, talent and tithe generously in many different ways until his death. In 2025 Sacred Heart Church and School honored Terry at their annual Mayfair as the recipient of the first ever "Pride of Sacred Heart" award. This award was very meaningful to Terry and he cherished it.

Terry was a member of SERRA International for over 50 years. He loved that ordinary Catholics, with a passion for vocations, worked around the globe creating and promoting events for vocation within the church and having interactions with clergy in many ways. Terry was an International Trustee in 1996 and 1997. Terry was also a member of the Knights of Columbus through Sacred Heart for over 50 years and was very active in the organization as a younger man.

Rest in God's peace our friend!

Pease Remember in Your Prayers:

Our Denver Seminarians at St John Vianney

Rev. Blaise Buches	Michael Irlbeck
Rev. Jose Delgado	Will Ives
Rev. Jason DiRito	James Joseph
Rev. Jonathan Francois	Joseph Machado
Rev. Mr. Daniel Rivas	Noah Martinez (SFA)
	Ashton Mendoza
James Berg	Luke Metzger
Cody Bliss	Thomas Myers, Jr.
Dominic Borchers	David Napierkowski
Jack Brustkern	Jeremiah Obiano
Thaddeus Conder	Daniel Olivas-Rey
Enrique Cruz-Bautista	Francisco Perez
Isaac Cunnings	Michael Randolph
Cooper Eitel	Joseph Tynan
James Finders	Steven Zarian
Manuel Hinojosa	
Daniel Igoe	

Our Redemptoris Mater Seminarians

Mr. William Clemence	Antonio Barba
Mr. Giovanni Capucci	Gianluca Gomez
Mr. Emilio Franchomme	Jorge Payano
	Leonardo Pineda
Michael Pitio	Paul Sanchez
Joshua Rodriguez	Marcus Chua
David Frazier	Matthew Zumiga
Daniel Rivas	Noah Alo
Gabriela Pineda	Matheo Cuartas
Andres Losada	Joan Carlos Guevara
Eric Eccleston	Lucas Cruz
Octavio Alexis Hernandez	Rafael Lerma
Giovanni Tolentino	Raphael de Jos Reyes
Andres Zepeda	Timothy Rodriguez
Javier Arambula	Teoti Bainai Benauki
Isaias Vargas	Nawaia Tebou
Jeremiah Hernadez	Julian Aguilar Ayala
John Nunez	Kevin Guillen
Carlos Giovana Reyes	Samuel Sandoval

For Our Ailing Serra Members, Spouses & Family Members

Audrey Kenney	Lorna Christoff	Mary Safranek
Betsy Feauto	Marcus Poulin	Bob Serafin
Bill Bowe	Mary Quilici	Dick Stadler
Bob Brockish	Matthew Hibl	Nancy Sorenson
Corky Jaster	Pauline Higgins	Wayne Stetson
Chase Curfman	(Annette & Chase)	Dcn. George Thierjung
Ed Husler	Sr. Roseann Barman	
Fr. Bill Breslin	Teresa Christoff	
Fr. Greg Ames	Woody Roberts	
Jane Kryska		
David Florsek		

For our Recently Departed Members

Adrian Leyva	John Bernard Price
Bill Eck	Mary Ann Hibl
Betty Jancosek	Omar Salazar
Bob Farrell	Patricia Warner
Bridget Price	Ramon Jesch
Carol Brockish	Rosemary Ames
Dcn. Dave Arling	Terry Gallagher
Dcn. Chris Byrne	Warren S. Peterson
Gilbert J. Garcia	
George Morzinski	
Helga Riedl	
Jeanette Denfeld	

[Thank you](#) to the parishes that support our commitment to Religious Vocations!

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CONCEPTION

SACRED
ST. FRANCIS HEART
OF ASSISI OF JESUS ST. THERESA

ST. JOHN
THE
BAPTIST

ST. THOMAS
AQUINAS
(ST. TOM'S)

SACRED HEART
OF MARY

ST. MARTIN
DE PORRES

ST. RITA

OUR LADY
OF GRACE

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