

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



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 – It has been an exciting year that began with virtual meetings and a transition back to meeting in-person. Looking back, we've been blessed with many opportunities to fulfill the objectives to grow in holiness, foster vocations, and establish and maintain relationships with clergy and other vocations organizations! In pursuit of these, many challenges have arisen ranging from illness to technological limitations.

Despite these, you've persevered and we've accomplished quite a bit! Thank you for your commitment, prayers, and perseverance! As we move into 2022, may God continue to send us His Holy Spirit to guide us, His eucharistic presence to feed us, and an increase of vocations in our deanery!

May He also bless you and your family this Advent and Christmas season.

Mary Mother of Vocations and Saint Junipero, pray for us!

In Christ,  
Peggy Morrow

CHAPLAIN’S MESSAGE

Advent is a time of waiting, preparation and hope. We prepare to receive our promised Savior who comes to where we are. He descended to live among us. May we prepare a humble place where He may truly be born. May you and your family experience the peace of the Holy Family of Nazareth this Christmas Season.

May you have a Blessed Advent and Merry Christmas,  
Fr. Mark

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec. 3 & 17 - no meetings
- Dec. 4 - Christmas Party SHJ 1:30-4PM
- Jan. 7 - general & board meeting
- Jan. 21 - general meeting

## Ideas for 2022

In January we will begin the strategic planning process suggested by Serra US, and modeled after the Duluth MN Serra Club. As God has given us each unique charisms to fulfill our mission. Please reflect on the different areas of our goals and objective and the individual gifts that God has given you to fulfill them. How is He calling you to build up His church in 2022? To begin to answer this question, following are some idea starters which are organized around the Club's goals and objectives and based on what members are already doing:

### **Grow in Holiness**

- Listen to the Bible In A Year podcast: <https://media.ascensionpress.com/all-bible-in-a-year-episodes/> Fr. Mike Schmitz guides you through the **entire Bible** in 365 episodes, each about 25 minutes.
- Read the Scribe Blog: <https://sjvlaydivision.org/the-scribe-blog/> or sign up to get posts delivered to your e-mail inbox. Posts are about once a week.
- Take a Short Course: <https://sjvlaydivision.org/short-courses/> The next one is Saint Augustine's Confessions with Dr. Seth Fabian (online) which starts Monday Jan. 10 (six Mondays) and is open to all interested persons, near and far (even those in outside Colorado).

### **Foster Vocations**

- Sign up for the Always Forward Never Back Serra International bimonthly newsletter: <https://www.serrainternational.org/always-forward-never-back-newsletter-serrans>
- Attend Serra Meets: <https://serraus.org/serra-meets>
- Pray the global rosary for vocations: <https://serrainternational.org/global-rosary-vocations>
- Join the 7 Serrans Apostolate: <https://serraus.org/seven-serran-prayer-teams/>

### **Establish and Maintain Relationships with Clergy and other Vocations**

#### **Apostolates**

- Become a parish liaison
- Become a club officer
- Mentor a young person with a vocation
- Share a meal with a priest, deacon or religious

As the Holy Spirit works through you, it will be fun and surprising to see how He pulls us together!

## [Request for Donations](#)

To help fund our seminarian Christmas gifts and pay for operating expenses, please consider bringing your donation to our Christmas Party Dec. 4, if you haven't already done so.

### November Meetings Recap

We viewed a new Doors to Vocations video <https://www.serraclubbouldercounty.org/doorstovocations> of Fr. Crisman.

Amy gave a recap of the October District Conference at the Newman Center in Colorado Springs.

Judy told us about St. Junipero Serra, topic of one of the concurrent workshops at the District Conference, from the book [Junipero Serra: California's Founding Father](#), winner of the Historical Society of Southern California's 2015 Neuerburg Award for the best book on Pre-Gold Rush California.

### 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 Hibel, Angie McCann, Mary Safranek.

Please pray also for Jonathan Padrnos in seminary at Gonzaga.

### Upcoming Parish Events

**Dec. 8** - [Immaculate Conception](#) - Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass in English 8AM

**Dec. 18,19,20** - [St. John the Baptist](#) Christmas Market

**Dec. 26** - [St Theresa](#) - Building Fund fundraiser Raffle Drawing: 2021 Nissan Sentra, plus other prizes

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

### Our New Name

The Serra Club of Boulder County has a new name. We are now the **Saint Serra Apostolate of Boulder County**. The word SAINT will now be used and fully spelled out to avoid confusion with the Sierra Club, and to clearly demonstrate that we are carrying on the work of the Apostles (the meaning of the word "Apostolate"). Moving forward we'll call ourselves by the new name, but for tax purposes will be known as the old name.

[Serra is recognized by the Holy See as the Global Lay Apostolate](#) for vocations. Serra is the only lay organization aggregated to a primary pontifical work, namely, The Pontifical Work for Priestly Vocations.

The web site has been updated to reflect this change, where it shows up in text.

Still pending is a new URL for the website. The existing <https://www.serraclubbouldercounty.org> will remain in use.

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Birthdays and Anniversaries**December Members Birthdays**

Dec. 10 – Arlin (Chuck) Meis  
 Dec. 11 – Bill Fitzgerald  
 Dec. 20 – Jerome Higgins  
 Dec. 24 – MarryEllen Thorne  
 Dec. 30 – Cathy Rogowski  
 Dec. 31 – Nancy Harris

**December Seminarians Birthdays**

Dec. 8 – Peter F. Brancale  
 Dec. 21 – Sebastian Rubio  
 Dec. 28 – Nikolai Ciancio

**December Religious Anniversaries**

Dec. 1 – Fr. Mark Kovacik (2007)  
 Dec. 19 – Msgr. Bob Amundsen (1969)

**January Members Birthdays**

Jan. 1 – Daisy Rhoads  
 Jan. 4 – Irma Joos  
 Jan. 10 – Donna Jorgenson-Farrel  
 Jan. 16 – Judy Heinze

**January Seminarians Birthdays**

Jan. 7 – Javier Moretton  
 Jan. 11 – Paolo Mori  
 Jan. 13 – Daniel L. Correia  
 Jan. 18 – Tawaia Natibu  
 Jan. 25 – Christopher Lems

**January Religious Anniversaries**

Jan. 1 – Dcn. Christopher Byrne (2014)  
 Jan. 19 – Dcn. Jim Mackin (2014)  
 Jan. 27 – Dcn. George Thierjung (2014)

Serra Dates

**Dec. 3 & 17 - no meetings;** Christmas break

**Dec. 4 - 🎄 Christmas Party 🎄**  
**1:00-4:00 PM SHJ Jubilee Hall**  
**Bring some finger food to share!**

**Dec. 11 — [Serra MEETS](#):** 10AM His Excellency Thomas Daly, Bishop of Spokane WA

**Jan. 7, 2022 -** General meeting & Board meeting

**Jan 13-16, 2022 - [Serra Rally](#)** Dallas/Ft. Worth

**Jan. 21, 2022 -** General meeting

**Feb 2, 2022 (5-6) - [World Day for Consecrated Life](#)**

**Feb. 28 2022 —** no meeting

**Apr. 15 2022 —** no meeting

**May 8, 2022 - [World Day of Prayer for Vocations](#)**

**July 1 2022 —** no meeting

**July 2022 - [Serra International 79th Convention](#)** *Toronto Canada*

**Dec. 2 2022 —** no meeting

**Dec. 16 2022 —** no meeting