

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



*President:* Jan Landers  
*Secretary:* Sue Husler  
*V.P. Vocations:* Jim and Judy Heinze  
*V.P. Programs:* vacant  
*V.P. Affirmation:* vacant  
*Club Trustee:* Peggy Morrow, Jerome Higgins

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

**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE**

Dear Serrans,  
December is quite a cocktail.  
Festive gatherings with family and friends, delicious food and sweet treats abound - what a flashy, colorful whirl of rushing time! Somehow, though, it blends rhythmically with Advent Sundays, familiar holy music and the Silent Night of Christmas.

I hope your December cocktail of activities was refreshing and joyful and yet still offered you an opportunity to embrace the profound, beautiful birth of Our Lord.

As the days of this past year dwindle, my reflective pause is flooded with thankfulness. I am especially grateful for all of you on this journey of our Serra Mission. And as our new year opens before us, I pray that Our Blessed Mother continues to guide us steadfastly in the holy will of Our Heavenly Father.

We are already building a very full 2024 calendar. And I am looking forward to growing into it with you and offering it all to God. May He bless us all as we continue our Serra Mission.

Let’s start off with a great meeting at St Scholastica! See you there.

Jan Landers  
President

*“All that we do without offering it to God is wasted.”*

*St John Vianney*

**CHAPLAIN’S MESSAGE**

We are in 2024 and we do not know what this new year will bring. It seems that evil is increasing as a result of the world abandoning God. As confusion seems to be spreading, it is more important than ever to stay close to God and to prayer. We know that God will never abandon His Church. As things fall apart, it is an opportunity to evangelize as the truth which people are looking for is found in the Catholic Church. Let us abandon ourselves to God who has given us life and prepared us for these times.

God bless, Fr. Mark

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Jan. 5 — SHJ 7AM mass - intention for Tom and Jeanette courtesy of Mary Ann Hibl
- Jan. 6 — [St. Scholastica](#) Erie, Saturday; general meeting after 7:30 AM Mass; [Fr. Brady Wagner](#); bring continental breakfast
- Jan. 19 — [SHJ](#) Friday 7 AM mass; 9 AM General Meeting, Board Meeting 8 AM; bring continental breakfast
- Feb. 2 — [World Day for Consecrated Life](#)
- Feb. 3 — [SHM](#) 8 AM Saturday Fr. Jonathan Dellinger
- Feb. 14 — Lent Begins with Ash Wednesday
- Feb. 16 — [SHJ](#) Lenten Retreat; Fr. Jason Wallace; 9 AM to noon; \$25

**Mass Intention for Tom and Jeanette Denfeld**

Mary Ann Hibl has offered a mass intention at Sacred Heart of Jesus at 7 AM on Friday January 5 in memory of Tom and Jeanette, deceased Serrans.

**Miami Serra Rally 2024**

January 18-21st

It's not too late to register.

<https://serraus.org/serra-rally-2024/>

[Miami Marriot Dadeland](#)

Speakers:

- Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski,  
Archbishop of Miami
- Bishop Thomas Daly, Bishop of the  
Diocese of Spokane
- Fr. Jorge Torres, Executive Director of  
the U.S. Conference of Catholic  
Bishops' (USCCB) Secretariat for  
Clergy, Consecrated Life and  
Vocations (CCLV)
- Sr. Irene Regina (Paulinas)
- Sr. Margaret Ann (ABCC)

**Thomas Aquinas January 28**

b 1225 d 1274

\*from The Daybook Of Saints by Terry Matz

Dominican Friar and theologian

The Dominican Friar known to the church as the "Seraphic Doctor" was called a "dumb Sicilian ox" by his classmates in Paris, who mistook his silence for stupidity. His professor, St. Albert the Great, discovered Thomas's true intelligence and predicted that the "bellow of this ox would be heard over the whole earth." Through his career in teaching and leading his order, Thomas constructed a system of Christian philosophy using the Greek philosopher Aristotle's deductive science. Thomas's method, known now as scholastic theology, was a radical step in his time, because Aristotle's pagan works had previously been banned. Thomas never finished his Summa Theologia, because of a vision that made him realize the divine mystery was beyond his words.

**Membership Dues Notice**

Annual Membership dues of \$100 are due by 1/14/24. This date is specific because our Apostolate will pay Serra USA \$100 for each of our members on 1/15/24. Make your Serra Boulder check payable to Serra Apostolate of Boulder County and mail to our Treasurer:

Mary Ellen Thorne  
2060 Kohler Dr  
Boulder CO 80305

or [pay on-line using our website](#).

See the [Notice of Our Dues Increase](#) on our Member's Only web page for more information.

**Lenten Retreat February 16**

In early December Fr. Jason Wallace, Director of Priestly Vocations for the Archdiocese of Denver, contacted Jan about doing a retreat this coming Lent. He said he would like to come and hold a mini-retreat for us to kick off the Lenten Season.

Saint Serra Apostolate of Boulder County

**2024 Lenten Retreat**

**Friday, February 16, 9 AM – Noon**

Fr. Jason Wallace  
Archdiocese of Denver  
Director of Priestly Vocations

- 8:30 Coffee/light breakfast
- 9:00 Introduction and Opening Prayer
- 9:10 Fr. Jason
- 9:50 Break - 10 min
- 10:00 Fr. Jason
- 10:45 Brunch - 45 min
- 11:30 Fr Jason: Summary
- 12:00 Closing Prayer / Announcements
- 12:10 Mass

Sacred Heart of Jesus Jubilee Hall

\$25 includes Brunch

Register with the Payment Portal on

<https://www.serraclubbouldercounty.org>

For more information, contact

[serraclubbouldercounty@gmail.com](mailto:serraclubbouldercounty@gmail.com)

**Serra 81st International Convention: New Orleans**

August 8-11, 2024

*Explore the beautiful St. Louis Cathedral, stroll the renowned French Quarter, and savor delicious Cajun cuisine while connecting with Serrans from around the world. Every Serra Convention is a profound opportunity for spiritual growth and learning. Engage with well-known speakers who will inspire with their deep wisdom and insights. From practical workshops to inspiring keynote addresses, you'll enhance your faith and be equipped with the tools to strengthen your efforts to foster and promote vocations!*

<https://serrainternational.org/new-orleans-convention/>

Registration opens Spring 2024

**Speakers:**

- Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop Emeritus of Toronto and Episcopal Advisor to Serra
- Archbishop Aymond, Archbishop of New Orleans
- Dr. Thomas Neal, Professor of Spiritual Theology at Notre Dame Seminary
- Fr. Joshua Rodriguez, Rector of Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans
- Fr. Colm Cahill, Vocation Director for the Archdiocese of New Orleans
- Sr. Beth Fitzpatrick, Vicar for Religious at the Archdiocese of New Orleans

**In the News**

Four articles recently featured in the [Denver Catholic](#) are about priests, seminarians, and the priesthood:

- 1) See Fr. C.J. Mast, our retreat master, in a short (3:23) video recently aired on EWTN News Nightly talking about confessions at Bishop Machebeuf high school <https://denvercatholic.org/your-confessional-is-ready-buzzing-into-confession-at-bishop-machebeuf-high-school/> and another one (2:47) <https://denvercatholic.org/watch-father-cj-mast-dispels-common-fears-about-confession/>
- 2) Deacon George Thierjung is on sabbatical for six months and welcome to Deacon Timothy Vaughn at St. Scholastica <https://denvercatholic.org/official-deacon-appointments-dec-20-2023/>
- 3) Fr. Jason Wallace <https://denvercatholic.org/the-power-of-witness-building-a-culture-of-vocations/>
- 4) Dcn. Dan McConville and Fr. Shaun in article about Marshall Fire <https://denvercatholic.org/they-literally-put-a-roof-over-our-heads-marshall-fire-victims-rebuild-with-catholic-charities-help/>

**Discernment Retreats**

<https://archden.org/vocations/retreats-and-events/>

St. John Paul II Center for the New Evangelization  
1300 S Steele St, Denver, CO 80210

High School Boys' Discernment Retreat  
Saturday, Feb. 3 9 AM – 2:30 PM  
Sunday, Mar. 10 9 AM – 2:30 PM

Men's 18+ Discernment Retreat  
Sunday, Feb. 4 9 AM – 2:30 PM  
Saturday, Mar. 16 Noon – 8 PM

Calendar

**Birthdays and Anniversaries**

**January Members Birthdays**

- Jan. 1 — Mary Pat Gallagher
- Jan. 4 — Irma Joos
- Jan. 10 — Donna Jorgenson Farrel
- Jan. 16 — Judy Heinze

**January Seminarists Birthdays**

- Jan. 7 — Javier Maximiliano Moretton
- Jan. 11 — Paolo Mori
- Jan. 13 — Daniel Luis Correia

**January Members Anniversaries**

none

**January Religious Anniversaries:**

- Jan. 25 — Dcn. Christopher Byrne (2014)
- Jan. 25 — Dcn. Jim Mackin (2014)
- Jan. 25 — Dcn. George Thierjung (2014)

**9 AM Winter Meetings**

Our winter meetings at Sacred Heart of Jesus will be at 9AM, from November through March.

- Jan. 1 — Mary, Mother of God
- Jan. 5 — SHJ 7AM mass - intention for Tom and Jeanette courtesy of Mary Ann Hibl
- Jan. 6 — [St. Scholastica](#), Saturday travel meeting after 7:30 AM mass; Fr. Brady Wagner**
- Jan. 11 — [SHJ](#) 7PM; Eucharistic Revival Series: Movie on Carlo Acutis & Presentation of Eucharistic Miracles
- Jan. 13 — [Serra Meets](#) Bishop Andrew Cozzens
- Jan. 18-21 2024 — [Serra Rally Miami](#)
- Jan. 19 — [SHJ](#) Friday 9 AM general & 8 AM board meeting**
- Jan. 26 - 28 — [Colorado Catholic Retreats: Gathering of Men](#); YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park, Colorado
- Jan. 27 — [Serra Global Rosary for Vocations](#) 7AM
- Jan. 28 - Feb. 2 — Catholic Schools Week
- Jan. 28 — St. Thomas Aquinas
  
- Feb. 2 — [World Day for Consecrated Life](#)
- Feb. 3 — [Sacred Heart of Mary](#) 8 AM Saturday Fr. Jonathan Dellinger**
- Feb. 10 — St. Scholastica
- Feb. 14 — Lent Begins with Ash Wednesday
- Feb. 16 — [SHJ](#) Lenten Retreat; Fr. Jason Wallace; 9 AM to noon; \$25**
- Feb. 24 — [Serra Global Rosary for Vocations](#) 7AM
  
- Mar. 2 — [Sacred Heart of Mary](#) 8 AM Saturday**
- Mar. 8 - 10 — [Colorado Catholic Retreats: Women's Journey](#); YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park, Colorado
- Mar. 15 — [SHJ](#) Friday 9AM general & 8 AM board meeting**
  
- July 2024 — [SI Convention New Orleans LA](#)

**Prayer List**

Please pray for those in need of healing:

- Fr. Greg Ames
- Sr. Roseann Barman
- Bill Bowe
- Fr. Bill Breslin
- Bob Brockish
- Teresa Christoff

- Lorna Christoff
- Chase Curfman
- Bill Eck
- Betsye Feauto
- Matthew Hibl
- Pauline Higgins
- Jane Kryska
- Audrey Kenney
- George Morzinski

- Marcus Poulin (Annette & Chase)
  - Helga Riedl
  - Woody Roberts
  - Mary Safranek
  - Larry Sorenson
- and for the repose of the souls of

- Rosemary Ames
  - Jeanette Denfeld
  - Betty Jancosek
  - Ramon Jesch
  - Omar Aguirre Salazar
- Pray also for new members for our Apostolate.