

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



*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  
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*V.P. Communications:* Amy Michaelis  
*Parish Liaison:* vacant

**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE**

Dear Serrans,

November started off with the perfect prayer! First Saturday Mass, Adoration, and Rosary all celebrated and led by Fr. Wedow at St. Scholastica.

The Holy Spirit seems to make the air glow with peace and joy in the quiet morning. How inspiring to be able to pray together in St. Scholastica’s intimate sanctuary. Thank you so much to the faithful Serrans who worshiped together at our prayer meeting! Prayer is the most important component of our Mission.

Our mid month General meeting was extraordinarily productive: Altar Server Gift Assembly, Seminarian Posters were delivered, Seminarian Birthday and Gift Cards were signed, and we kicked off our “Socks for Seminarians” fundraiser! If you haven’t [ordered your socks yet](#), please do so. They make great Christmas gifts while supporting the activities of our club, that’s an easy double win! Thank you to all members who participated in all these activities.

With our Christmas Party just days away, and the winter weather upon us, it’s a fast track into the beautiful Advent and Christmas Season. This is such a perfect time of year to be thankful for the many blessings and graces we have been given.

As we move into December, we will wind down a bit from the flurry of Serra activities and enjoy the nuances of the holiday preparations.

Enjoy the upcoming [Seminarian Dinner Concerts](#). It is always a favorite as attending these events support and encourage our seminarians. Watch for Sue Husler’s notes on the specifics!

Please make time to pray for our Apostolate, especially at the SFA Masses Deacon George Theirjung has reserved for us. Check our online calendar for dates and times.

December always surprises us with more activities and “to-do” lists that we plan on - so don’t let the time slip by without stopping to thank Our Lord for each other. We share specific goals, deep friendships, and a spiritual camaraderie that is precious. I am particularly thankful for all of you, your talents, your faithful generosity and steadfast dedication to our Serra Mission.

May God bless you all abundantly!

Jan

*"Change is inevitable. Growth is optional." — John Maxwell*

**CHAPLAIN’S MESSAGE**

The Church gives us the Season of Advent to prepare for the Season of Christmas. Advent is a time of waiting for, hoping for, and expecting the coming of the Lord. At Christmas we celebrate the Incarnation. God who is all-powerful, all-knowing, and outside space and time has entered into history and taken on human flesh. May Jesus truly be born in us this Christmas.

God bless, Fr. Mark

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

December - no meetings

Dec. 2 — Christmas Party SHJ Jubilee Hall; bring treats for our [seminarian](#) Christmas care packages (37!)

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



### **Socks and Stickers Fundraiser**

Our fundraiser with Socks Religious is underway until December 12.

Chairperson: Kathy Kaler (317) 627-2135 or [kmkaler@yahoo.com](mailto:kmkaler@yahoo.com)

ORDER NOW - Share with FRIENDS and FAMILIES

[https://stores.inksoft.com/st\\_serra\\_apostolate\\_of\\_bc/shop/home](https://stores.inksoft.com/st_serra_apostolate_of_bc/shop/home)

All funds raised will support our mission to foster and affirm vocations in our deanery - our priests, deacons, sisters, and seminarians!

These socks feature either a Saint or a religious theme, such as the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

See the 3 minute video from WRTV Indianapolis:

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=ozj2xXdZmZA>

### **Website Updates**

The Membership Roster and the Members Praying for Vocations Directors have been updated. They are available on the Member's Only page:

<https://www.serraclubbouldercounty.org/membersonly>

If you forgot the secret password, ask an officer.

<https://www.serraclubbouldercounty.org>

### **In the News**

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

- 1) Archbishop Aquila writes about forming priests and requests donations to the annual seminary appeal <https://denvercatholic.org/in-persona-christi-on-the-gift-of-holy-priests/>
- 2) See Fr. C.J. Mast, our retreat master, in a short (3:29) video recently aired on EWTN News Nightly <https://denvercatholic.org/watch-denver-priest-featured-on-ewtn-news-nightly-for-vocations-awareness-week/>
- 3) Daniel Rivas vocation story, entering SJV seminary <https://denvercatholic.org/seminarian-finds-vocation-while-suffering-from-leukemia/>
- 4) Fr. Daniel Leonard, Rector at SJV, writes about what's new in the priestly formation process <https://denvercatholic.org/training-the-priests-of-tomorrow/>
- 5) a psychologist writes about the high stress of priesthood <https://denvercatholic.org/the-joys-and-sufferings-of-a-priest-and-how-laypeople-can-help/>

### **Serra US Club Express**

The Serra Portal has been replaced by Club Express. Update your contact info. John Liston explains in this short video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KTbcV-wxtvc>

Afterwards, you can catch up on some of the videos available on Serra International's YouTube channel :

<http://www.youtube.com/@serrainternational460>

**November 2023 issue of the Serran**

<https://serrainternational.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/The-Serran-Oct-2023.pdf>

Some of our members are listed as Serra Foundation donors.

**Membership Dues Increase**

Membership dues have increased to \$100 for 2024, matching the increase for Serra US. Members pay the Saint Serra Apostolate, then The Apostolate pays one check to Serra US amounting to \$100 for each member. Make your check payable to Serra Apostolate of Boulder County or [pay on-line using our website](#).

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

**Miami Serra Rally 2024**

January 18-21st

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

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Speakers:

- Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski
- Bishop Thomas Daly
- Fr. Jorge Torres
- Sr. Irene Regina (Paulinas)
- Sr. Margaret Ann (ABCC)

**No-Golf Fundraiser**

Our annual no-golf fundraiser is in its third month. Please consider donating to our apostolate. You can use our website to pay with a credit card

<https://www.serraclubbouldercounty.org>

- click on Payment Portal (top right)
- select: Donate

or write a check payable to:

Serra Apostolate of Boulder County  
1200 Venice Street, Longmont, CO 80501

**Road to Roam Raffle**

Support the Capuchin Franciscan Friars. Three vacation packages: Greece, Vermont, and Italy will be awarded at the drawing on December 7.

<https://roadtoromeraffle.com/>

raffle tickets:

1 ticket	\$50
2 tickets	\$100
3 tickets	\$135
4 tickets	\$180
5 tickets	\$220
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10 tickets	\$400

Purchase Tickets by Dec. 4

Drawing Dec. 7

**Redemptoris Mater Christmas Concert**

Make your plans now for an evening of fun and entertaining international Christmas Carols performed by Redemptoris Mater seminarians.

<https://form.jotform.com/233235149192152>

Suggested Donation:

- \$55 adults
- \$35 children (3 - 12 years old)

Wednesday, December 20th

[St. Francis De Sales Parish](#), Denver, CO  
Concert: 6.00 pm - Donations at the door

Thursday, December 21st

[Redemptoris Mater Seminary](#)  
Dinner 6.00-7.30 pm & Concert: 7.45 pm

Friday, December 22nd

[Holy Trinity](#) Parish, Westminster, CO  
Concert: 7.00 pm - Donations at the door

Calendar

**Birthdays and Anniversaries**

**December Members Birthdays**

- Nov. 30 — Jim Heinze
- Dec. 10 — Arlin Meis
- Dec. 11 — Bill Fitzgerald
- Dec. 20 — Jerome Higgins
- Dec. 24 — Mary Ellen Thorne
- Dec. 30 — Cathy Rogowski
- Dec. 31 — Nancy Harris
- Jan. 1 — Mary Pat Gallagher

**December Seminarians Birthdays**

- Dec. 5 — Andres Zepeda
- Dec. 6 — Daniel Rivas
- Dec. 28 — Nikolai Ciancio
- Jan. 7 — Javier Maximiliano Moreton

**December Member Anniversaries**

- Nov. 30 — Joe & Brenda Davis (1974)

**December Religious Anniversaries:**

- Dec. 1 — Fr. Mark Kovacik (2007) SHJ
- Dec. 19 — Msgr. Bob Amundsen (1969)

**St. Serra Apostolate Mass Intentions**

Deacon George Thierjung has offered mass intentions at [St. Francis of Assisi](#) for our Apostolate. Please attend these Masses if you are able. Thank you Deacon George!

- 1) Sunday 12/10/2023 at 10:00am
- 2) Sunday 12/17/2023 at 5:00pm
- 3) Saturday 12/23/2023 at 4:30pm
- 4) Monday 12/25/2023 at 10:00am

**9 AM Winter Meetings**

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

**December - no meetings**

- Dec. 2 - Christmas Party SHJ Jubilee Hall 2-4 PM**
- Dec. 3 — Advent Begins
- Dec. 8 — Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Dec. 8-10 — [St. John the Baptist](#) Christmas Market
- Dec. 9 — [Serra Meets](#) 10 AM Bishop Thomas Daly
- Dec. 12 — Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Dec. 16 — [Wreaths Across America Day](#)
- Dec. 16 - 24 — Christmas Novena p. 114 handbook
- Dec. 20,21,22 - [Redemptoris Mater](#) Seminarians Christmas Concert; great fun for the family!
- Dec. 30 — [Serra Global Rosary for Vocations](#) 7AM
- Jan. 1 — Mary, Mother of God
- Jan. 6 — [St. Scholastica](#), Saturday travel meeting after 7:30 AM mass; Fr. Brady Wagner**
- Jan. 18-21 2024 — [Serra Rally Miami](#)
- Jan. 19 — [SHJ](#) Friday 9 AM general & 8 AM board meeting**
- 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](#) Friday 9 AM general & 8 AM board meeting**
- Mar. 2 — [SHM](#) 8 AM Saturday**
- Mar. 15 — [SHJ](#) Friday 9AM general & 8 AM board meeting**
- July 2024 — [SI Convention New Orleans LA](#)

**Mass Intention for Tom and Jeanette Denfeld**

Maryann 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.

<p><b>Prayer List</b> Please pray for those in need of healing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fr. Greg Ames</li> <li>Sr. Roseann Barman</li> <li>Bill Bowe</li> <li>Bob Brockish</li> <li>Teresa Christoff</li> <li>Lorna Christoff</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chase Curfman</li> <li>Bill Eck</li> <li>Betsye Feauto</li> <li>Judy Heinze</li> <li>Matthew Hibl</li> <li>Pauline Higgins</li> <li>Jane Kryska</li> <li>Audrey Kenney</li> <li>George Morzinski</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Marcus Poulin (Annette &amp; Chase)</li> <li>Helga Riedl</li> <li>Woody Roberts</li> <li>Mary Safranek</li> <li>Larry Sorenson</li> </ul> <p>and for the repose of the souls of</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rosemary Ames</li> <li>Jeanette Denfeld</li> <li>Betty Jancosek</li> <li>Ramon Jesch</li> <li>Omar Aguirre Salazar</li> </ul> <p>Pray also for new members for our Apostolate.</p>
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