

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:* Sue Husler  
*V.P. Vocations:* Jim and Judy Heinze  
*V.P. Programs:* Sharon Stetson  
*V.P. Affirmation:* vacant  
*Club Trustee:* Sue Husler

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

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Serrans - As I prepare your heart to receive Jesus at Christmas, I am giving thanks for the many blessings bestowed upon me this past year. Certainly the love and support that I have received from many of you is near the top of the list! I would not want to take this for granted, so as we move into the next year please both keep our apostolate in your prayers and continue to provide your support and feedback.

Please note the following in your plans for the new year:

1. The general meeting will begin at 11am in Jubilee Hall on Friday January 6th, 2023. I will be the breakfast host and have something light in mind, as you will have the opportunity to attend mass at 12:10pm. The Board meeting will begin at 10am. We are trying this time through April so that members will not need to come out in the dark when there is snow or ice. A zoom link will be available if you can not make the in-person meeting. Please let me know if you could also come at 10am to setup tables and make coffee as some of our kitchen angels are going into retirement, and please also thank them for their many years of service!
2. We will be piloting the following for the 2nd meeting of the month, with four options:
  - a) meet at parishes and hosted by members
  - b) meet at SHJ and working on committee work to help prepare materials for the affirmation dinner and altar server awards.
  - c) visit Serrans who are not able to come to meetings and pray for vocations with them
  - d) make a holy hour or attend a mass and make your intention the Apostolate's intentions (new members, vocations, our prayer list)

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## CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Advent is a time of preparing for the coming of the Lord. Christmas is coming in which we celebrate that God became one of us to reconcile us to the Father. God became man so that we could enter into the life of God. God continues to be born in hearts that are humble. Salvation history continues and we are called to participate with God in saving the world.

May you have a Blessed Advent and Merry Christmas.

Fr. Mark

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 3 — Christmas Party 2-4 PM; SHJ Jubilee Hall

Jan. 6 (Friday) — Sacred Heart of Jesus Boulder: 11 AM General Meeting; 10 AM Board Meeting; 12:10 Mass

Jan. 19 (Thursday) — St. Scholastica Erie; 5 PM Adoration & Confession; 6 PM Mass; 7 PM Meeting and potluck dinner

Feb. 3 (Friday) — Sacred Heart of Jesus Boulder: 11 AM General Meeting; 10 AM Board Meeting; 12:10 Mass

Feb. 15 (Wednesday) — St. Martin De Porres Boulder: 5PM Adoration & Confession; food and fellowship to follow at a local venue

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The second meetings for January and February are scheduled as follows:

DATE & TIME	HOST	LOCATION	NOTES
Jan. 19 2023 Thursday 5PM Adoration & Confession 6PM Mass 7PM Meeting & Potluck	Peggy Morrow	<a href="#">St. Scholastica</a> 575 Wells Street Erie, CO	The mass intention is Priests, Deacons, Religious, and Future Vocations in the Boulder Deanery. The meeting speaker will be Paul VanHoudt who will be ordained a deacon in June 2023
Feb. 15 2023 Wednesday 5PM Adoration & confession Food and Fellowship to follow at a local venue	Mary Ellen Thorne	<a href="#">St. Martin De Porres</a> 3300 Table Mesa Dr. Boulder, CO 80026	

For option a (meet at parishes) — Mike Downey, the President of Serra US, emphasized that it is important to have meetings that are available to working people from ages 35-55, so with that in mind, the following are parameters for the 2nd meeting: it should ideally be at night or on the weekend, parishioners can be encouraged to attend an existing mass or holy hour, it should occur during the 3rd week of the month, parishioners should be invited to either attend a formal Serra meeting at a parish facility, or host a food and fellowship event where people can learn more about Serra such as donuts after mass, coffee at a nearby venue, or something else that you know will reach the people at your parish.

Your ideas are welcome! Please let me know if you would like to host a month at your parish. If you are unable to attend the 2nd meeting, a sign-up list will be available to indicate your intention for option c and d. This will help us determine if the pilot is working, needs adjustments, or other ideas should be tested.

Mary Mother of Vocations and Saint Junipero, Pray for us!  
In Christ Through Mary,  
Peggy

**November 4 Meeting**

Peggy presented Fr. Mark with the Best Chaplain award from the Serra Convention in October.

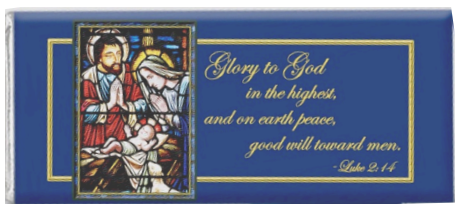
Ramon solicited donations for the Serra Foundation. Donate here:

<https://www.theserrafoundation.com/donate>

Stan is fixing up used bicycles for donation to Redemptoris Mater seminarians. He is currently working on six more bicycles. He replaces the tires and inner tubes, and tunes the wheels. He also cleans and lubricates the gears and adjusts the brakes. He says it now costs about \$600 for a refurbished bicycle. The seminarians also need a helmet, a pump, a repair kit, and a spare tube to go with their fixed-up bicycles.

Amy brought a Hershey bar she had completed wrapping for the Altar Server Christmas gift effort. It was passed around so everyone could get a look at it. On the front is "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. - Luke 2:14" and on the back is "Merry Christmas! The Saint Serra Apostolate of Boulder County thanks you for serving as an Altar Server." It has a stained glass nativity scene on the front. Amy completed the wrapping and delivered the Hershey bars to Deacon David on Nov. 16.

We spent about 15 minutes at our Christmas Party committee tables planning our party.

**November 18 Meeting**

Fr. Mark presided over the induction of two new members: Jan Landers and Dave Denfeld.

Fr. Cliff McMillan spoke at our retreat about the priesthood and diaconate through history. It had snowed the day before. About half of us were able to attend in person, and the rest attended by zoom.

**Serra Rally January 12-15**

<https://serraus.org/serra-rally-2023/>

Serra: Now More than Ever!

The Westin Irving Convention Center  
At Las Colinas Irving, Texas

This year's featured speakers include Serra International Episcopal Adviser Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, Fr. Jorge Torres, Executive Director, USCCB Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations, the Most Rev. Edward Burns, Bishop, Diocese of Dallas, and Dr. Jonathan Sanford, President, University of Dallas.

**Serra Meets Fr. Brett Brannen**

In case you missed it, Fr. Brannen's Serra Meets on speech for November 12 is available on YouTube (52 minutes):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VtUyirKV3ak>

He is the author of *To Save A Thousand Souls*, the book from which our President reads during meetings. This speech is "The Four I's of Vocations."

All of the Serra Meets videos are available on the [SerraUS Serra Meets](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPLPIA8SaAjazSjQym1E9TheOmQxO2O-9Th) YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPLPIA8SaAjazSjQym1E9TheOmQxO2O-9Th>

Calendar

**Birthdays and Anniversaries**

**December Members Birthdays**

Dec. 10 – Arlin (Chuck) Meis  
 Dec. 11 – Bill Fitzgerald  
 Dec. 20 – Jerome Higgins  
 Dec. 24 – Mary Ellen Thorne  
 Dec. 30 – Cathy Rogowski  
 Dec. 31 – Nancy Harris  
 Jan. 1 – Daisy Rhoades  
 Jan. 4 – Irma Joos

**December Seminarians Birthdays**

Dec. 3 – Fernando Leija Huerta  
 Dec. 8 – Peter F. Brancale  
 Dec. 28 – Nikolai Ciancio  
 Jan. 7 – Javier Moretton

**December Members Anniversaries**

none

**December Religious Anniversaries:**

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

**December – no meetings**

**Dec. 3 – Christmas Party** 🎄

Dec. 7-8 – [Immaculate Conception](#) Dec. 7 Vigil Mass 6:30 PM; Dec. 8 Mass 8:30 AM, 5:45 PM  
 Dec. 9,10,11 – [St. John the Baptist](#) Christmas Market; music, gifts, food  
 Dec. 15-18 – [Redemptoris Mater Christmas concerts:](#) lunch/dinner & carols; \$45 adults, \$25 children; St. Anthony of Padua, Redemptoris Mater, St. Nicholas  
 Dec. 18 – [St. Theresa](#) Frederick fundraiser raffle drawing 2022 Toyota Corolla, \$1000, \$500  
 January 12-14 2023 – [Serra Rally](#), Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas; <https://serraus.org/serra-rally-2023/>  
 Jan. 28 – [Beacon of Hope Gala](#); Marisol Services benefit; Gaylord Rockies Aurora  
 Jan. 28-29 – [Lanteri Center of Ignatian Spirituality](#), Denver, \$50, [The Letters of St. Therese of Lisieux](#), Fr. Timothy Gallagher, OMV; 9 AM - 3 PM; \$50  
 Feb. 4 – Nativity of Our Lord school gala fundraiser: [Knight of Joy](#) 5 PM - 11 PM The Establishment Westminster; <https://school.nool.us/gala>  
 Feb. 4-5 – [World Day for Consecrated Life](#)  
 Feb. 22 – Ash Wednesday  
 Mar. 12-18 – National Catholic Sisters Week  
 Apr. 9 – Easter Sunday  
 Apr. 23 – [St. Louis](#) Angel Gala; school fundraiser  
 Apr. 30 – [World Day of Prayer for Vocations](#)  
 May 1 – Religious Brothers Day  
 May 5 – [Sacred Heart of Jesus](#) Mayfair: Hearts & Horseshoes; school fundraiser  
 June 22-25 – [Serra Convention, Thailand](#)

**Prayer List**

Please pray for those in need of healing:

Fr. Greg Ames  
 Rosemary Ames  
 Bill Bowe  
 Teresa Christoff  
 Lorna Christoff  
 Chase Curfman  
 Jeanette Denfeld

Bill Eck  
 Betsye Feauto  
 Judy Heinze  
 Pauline Higgins  
 Audrey Kenney  
 George Morzinski  
 Marcus Poulin (Annette & Chase)

Matthew Hibl  
 Stan Peterson  
 Helga Riedl  
 Mary Safranek

Pray also for new members for our Apostolate.