

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



President: Jan Landers
Secretary: Sue Husler
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V.P. Programs: vacant
V.P. Affirmation: vacant
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Parish Liaison: vacant

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Serrans,

I am so grateful for you all. Thank you for sharing your time to prepare gifts and deliver them to all Priests and Altar Servers in the Boulder Deanery; nearly 350 gifts. Most importantly, each gift went with a prayer; a little "love-touch" by the Holy Spirit.

This Spring, our club will be in a transition of sorts. Officers of the club either renew their annual commitments of service or step aside for new volunteers to participate in bringing us forward in our mission. We will look closely at identifying responsibilities of various open positions such as: Secretary, Vocations, Programs, Affirmations and even our Kitchen Angels' contributions. Please prayerfully consider how you can share your unique talents. We've all committed to this mission and received a blessing of the Holy Spirit to actively contribute to its continuance. We are the stewards of this treasure: The Serra Apostolate of the Boulder Deanery. Let's transition together, further into a vibrant vocations ministry!

Holy Week is now upon us; a perfect time to savor the nuances of Our Lord's gifts to us. I pray we cherish these Holy Thursday gifts of the Eucharist and the Priesthood with great reverence and allegiance. And that the deep sorrow and sacrifice of Friday and Saturday bursts fourth with such peace and joy on Easter Sunday that it surprises every one of us.

Jan Landers
President

"Private prayer is like straw scattered here and there: If you set it on fire, it makes a lot of little flames. But gather these straws into a bundle and light them, and you get a mighty fire rising like a column into the sky; public prayer is like that."

--St John Vianney

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

We are in the Easter Season. Christ is truly risen. He is alive and continues to act in history and in our lives. Jesus is present in the Church and shares His life with us in the Sacraments. He is victorious over sin, evil and death. There will be a new heaven and a new earth. Come Lord Jesus!

Happy Easter,
Fr. Mark

UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr. 5 — no meeting Easter Break

Apr. 13— [Serra Meets](#) 10AM Scott Hahn

Apr. 19 — [SHJ](#) Friday 8AM general meeting after 7AM mass

May 3 — SHJ Friday 8 AM general meeting

May 17— SHJ Friday 8AM general meeting

Deacon Owen Limarta

Our speaker on March 2 at Sacred Heart of Mary was Deacon Owen Limarta. Dcn. Owen is a transitional deacon ordained in 2023: <https://denvercatholic.org/meet-the-archdiocese-of-denvers-newest-transitional-deacons-ordained-feb-18/>

He is a seminarian in his last year of formation. He assists St. Francis of Assisi with weekend liturgies and OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults). He will be ordained to the priesthood on May 11. He will celebrate his first mass at St. Francis of Assisi on May 12 at 5PM.

He is from Indonesia (Batam). When he was in third grade his family converted from Chinese Buddhism. He received a rosary as a baptism gift, and he prayed the rosary before bed every night. He remembers in third grade telling everyone he would be a priest.

His parents wanted him to become a doctor, but because he did not like science, they encouraged him to go to business school. They contacted an education agent, who suggested Oregon State, Colorado State, and the University of South Florida (Tampa). His dad said CSU had a good business school, so he went to CSU to earn a business degree. There, he joined a strong Catholic community at the Newman center with Fr. Rocco Porter.

He says he always had a call to the priesthood. He considered religious orders. He considered the Capuchins and the Dominicans before Fr. Rocco encouraged him to consider being a diocesan priest.

At seminary, many times he felt like giving up, doubting his calling. He sought help from Msgr. Leone, who told him “you will be such a great priest” encouraging him to stick with it.

For Dcn. Owen, the academic studies were less challenging than the formation. During formation, seminarians are watched all the time and constantly being corrected. People can complain about tiny differences.

Dcn. Owen asks for our prayers. Priests and seminarians are under constant spiritual attack. We have to work together. He also encourages us to be an example of perseverance through suffering, for many young people who don't have any examples.

Sister Christine

At our meeting on March 22, Sister Christine Matheus MSC, a Missionary Sister of the Most Sacred Heart, came as a guest. She helped us assemble treat bags for our youth altar servers.

Inspired by Mother Cabrini, she is starting a school in Namibia.

<https://www.mscnamibia.org/about/>

Priest Makes Acting Debut

Here's an article about a priest who has an acting part in the movie *Killers of the Flower Moon*, released in 2023. “Father Chris Daigle Makes His Acting Debut as Real-Life Oklahoma Priest” on page 18 of the January/February 2024 Eastern Oklahoma Catholic magazine:

<https://catholicmagazines.org/magazine-archive/eastern-oklahoma-catholic/>

Military Archdiocese Appoints New Vocations Director

Fr. Taillon served as the vocations director for the Diocese of Providence. He has been appointed as an interim vocations director for the military archdiocese to recruit more Catholic chaplains. Currently, 7% of chaplains are Catholic priests even though a quarter of the U.S. military is Catholic.

<https://www.ncregister.com/cna/amid-chaplain-shortage-military-archdiocese-appoints-new-vocations-director>

Annual Serra Vocations Events

EVENT	2024 DATE	ACTIVITY
World Day of Consecrated Life	Fri, Feb. 2	bulletin/flocknote notice, prayers for the faithful
World Day for Prayer for Vocations	Sun, Apr. 21	bulletin/flocknote notice, prayers for the faithful
Feast of St. John Vianney, patron of priests	Sun, Aug. 4	novena July 27: bulletin/flocknote notice, copies at church
Feast of St. Lawrence, patron of deacons	Sun, Aug. 10	novena Aug. 2: bulletin/flocknote notice, copies at church
Priesthood Sunday	Sun, Sep. 29	bulletin/flocknote notice, prayers for the faithful, DIY cards
Deacon Sunday	Sun, Oct. 13	bulletin/flocknote notice, prayers for the faithful, DIY cards
Feast of St. Charles Borromeo, patron of seminarians	Mon, Nov. 4	novena Oct. 27: bulletin/flocknote notice, copies at church
National Vocation Awareness Week	Nov. 3-9	bulletin/flocknote notice, prayers for the faithful

Calendar

8 AM Meetings

Now that Winter is over, we return to our 7 AM mass, 8 AM meeting schedule for our SHJ third Friday meetings.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

April Members Birthdays

- Apr. 5 — Connie Christoff
- Apr. 18 — Sue Husler
- Apr. 22 — Bob Serafin
- Apr. 24 — Dick Padrnos
- Apr. 24 — Mike Taylor
- Apr. 29 — Betsye Feauto
- Apr. 30 — Rita Roberts

April Seminarians Birthdays

- Apr. 3 — Juan Gordillo
- Apr. 13 — Eric Eccleston
- Apr. 16 — Jhan Pierre Sainea Reyes
- May 3 — Daniele Arienzo

April Members Anniversaries

- Apr. 14 — Keith & †Rosemary Ames (1953)

April Religious Anniversaries

- Apr. 21 — Very Rev. Michael Carvill (1990)
- May 1 — Dcn. Ronald Darchewski (1979)

Apr. 5 — no meeting Easter Break

Apr. 6 — [Fr. Terry](#) Talk SHJ Jubilee Hall 9-11AM

Apr. 8 — [Solar Eclipse](#) 

Apr. 11 — SHJ school alumni reunion reception 6-8 PM

Apr. 12 — [Colorado March For Life](#) 11AM

Apr. 12 — [St. Louis Angel Gala](#) school fundraiser; Omni Interlocken 5:30 PM Check-In

Apr. 12 — St. Francis of Assisi [Eucharistic Adoration with Sacred Music](#) 6PM

Apr. 13— [Serra Meets](#) 10AM Scott Hahn

Apr. 13 — [St. John the Baptist](#) Masquerade; school fundraiser; raffle tickets \$5

Apr. 16 — [St. Drogo](#) Feast Day 

Apr. 19 — SHJ Friday 8AM general meeting and board meeting to follow

Apr. 21 — [World Day of Prayer for Vocations](#)

May 1 — [Religious Brothers Day](#)

May 3 — Friday SHJ 8 AM general meeting

May 3— Mayfair SHJ school fundraiser

May 11 — Dcn. Owen Limarta ordination

May 12 - [SFA](#) Fr. Owen Limarta first mass 5PM

May 17 — Friday SHJ 8 AM general meeting

May 22 — [St. Rita](#) Feast Day

May 24— [Redemptoris Mater](#) Friends of the Seminary Dinner

June 8 — [Beacon of Hope Gala](#); Denver Botanic Gardens; Marisol Services fundraiser

June 21-23 — [Steubenville of the Rockies](#): register by April 10th

June 22-30 — Novena to St. Junipero Serra

June 24 — World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests

Aug. 8-11 — [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
- Terry Gallagher
- Judy Heinze
- Matthew Hibl
- Pauline Higgins
- Ed Husler
- Jane Kryska
- Audrey Kenney
- Peggy Morrow
- Marcus Poulin (Annette & Chase)

- Helga Riedl
- Woody Roberts
- Cathy Rogowski
- Mary Safranek
- Dick Stadler
- Dcn. George Thierjung
- and for the repose of the souls of:
- Rosemary Ames
- Dcn. Dave Arling

- Jeanette Denfeld
- Mary Ann Hibl
- Betty Jancosek
- Ramon Jesch
- Warren S. Peterson
- George Morzinski
- Omar Aguirre Salazar
- Patricia Warner
- Pray also for new members for our Apostolate.