Saint Serra Apostolate of Boulder County

February 2024

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

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Parish Liaison: vacant

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Serrans,

Great progress is already marking our New Year!

Our Travel Meeting to St Scholastica with Fr. Brady Wagner proved to be inspiring and fruitful. We are successfully raising awareness of our Apostolate and extending the invitation to join us.

Thank you in advance for continuing to share our mission as soon, we'll visit Sacred Heart of Mary.

We have extended an invitation to the Northern Colorado Serran Apostolate to attend our upcoming Lenten Retreat. Fr. Jason, Retreat Master and Fr. Mark will open our Lenten Journey this year with messages of hope, healing and spiritual growth. Please register today and bring a friend, we are anticipating an inspiring, holy retreat.

One of the most important gifts we can give to each other is our presence. I would like to personally encourage all our members to come to our meetings, retreat and events. Time gathered in camaraderie, fellowship, prayer and support offered to each other is precisely where the Holy Spirit moves and grows.

Let's walk our Serran journey being fully present to one another! See you soon.

Jan Landers

President

"A deep, prayerful relationship with Christ generates a mutual bond of fellowship with one another." - Anonymous

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Recently we have celebrated the funerals of George Morzinski and Mary Ann Hibl. We are all here for a short time; life on earth is a preparation for eternal life. Faith is clearly important as we contemplate the reality of death. We have a Savior who conquered sin and death and we know that nothing is greater than the love of God manifested in Jesus Christ.

God bless,

Fr. Mark

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 3 — <u>Sacred Heart of Mary</u> Mass 8 AM Saturday (Novus Ordo Latin); Fr. Jonathan Dellinger

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Fr. Brady Wagner

Fr. Brady spoke at our Jan. 6 meeting at St. Scholastica. Fr. Brady was ordained in 2011. He is a Formation Advisor at SJV seminary and is a director for 1st year seminarians.

Fr. Brady is the second of six children and the oldest son. He grew up Catholic, attending Catholic schools north of Indianapolis. Every night before bed his father would bless him saying "God bless you, I love you, Jesus loves you, good night." In his high school years he became distracted with sports. Before his senior year in high school his family moved to Colorado. He attended Mullen High School, then CU Boulder, majoring in Accounting and Business.

His sisters strong faith influenced his own faith. He was in a FOCUS bible study when he was asked "are you discerning?" "What is that?" he replied on Oct. 6 that year. On Oct. 7 2002 he started praying the rosary. He read a John Paul II apostolic letter about Mary, Rosarium Virginis Mariae. He was amazed!

Not letting the clergy sex abuse scandal dissuade him, in 2003 he decided to enter the seminary. Once he took this leap of faith he experienced a rush of peace. His heart was at rest.

Fr. Brady says Mary's faith makes a priest fruitful. He says many parents of seminarians really worry that their sons are headed for a life of loneliness, which is not the case.

He encourages us to continue praying for vocations.

Fr. Adam Bradshaw

Fr. Adam spoke at our Jan. 19 meeting. Fr. Adam Bradshaw is the Sacred Formation Advisor at SJV Seminary for 2nd and 3rd year seminarians.

He was ordained in 2019. Fr. Jim Crisman was the vocation director when he entered seminary.

He was baptized at the age of 20. He is the middle child of three boys. His mother had grown up Catholic but stopped going to church after high school, yet kept her faith and told him about God while he was growing up.

One Christmas his mother had a strong desire to go to mass so they went to the midnight mass at the Denver Cathedral celebrated by Archbishop Chaput. Fr. Adam loved it. It was filled with pageantry. It was a mesmerizing experience for him.

He then went to mass with his mother in Golden, and attended bible study, young adult group, and eventually daily mass. "I soaked everything up."

While in RCIA he talked frequently with the ladies who worked at the parish, who encouraged him. He was thinking "wouldn't it be great to give everything to this?" Life was empty outside the church. He talked to the vocations director, Fr. Jim, who was always very encouraging through the three years of steps he completed before entering the seminary.

He says priesthood has revealed his faults as he realizes he can't meet the ideal; he finds it challenging to be always giving himself, overcoming his own selfishness, and trying to get out of his own way.

Fr. Adam says that the holy spirit is the primary divine agent. His job as a formator is to represent the church as a guide to seminarians.

Our Lady of Bethlehem

View a new 32 minute video of Our Lady of Bethlehem, Fr. Serra's life size statue of Mary in Carmel California. "Discovering Our Lady of Bethlehem, California's Oldest Marian Statue"

> https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=JK1LEx75kU8

Membership Dues Notice

Annual Membership dues of \$100 are past due. If you haven't yet paid, 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 <u>Notice of Our Dues Increase</u> on our Member's Only web page for more information.

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George Morzinski

George Morzinski died on January 17. His funeral was on January 26 at Sacred Heart of Jesus.

George joined Serra in 1999. He had been VP of Affirmations, and held affirmation dinners at the Red Lion and picnics at the Ames residence. He was also in charge of some Golf Fundraisers.

He was a Knight with <u>council 1183</u>, and was a Grand Knight and a 4th order Knight. He was active with <u>CU Boulder's FOCUS</u>.

https://

memorials.greenwoodmyersfuneral.com/george-morzinski/5363196/index.php

Dcn. David Arling

Dcn. David Arling died on January 1. His funeral was on January 17 at Nativity of Our Lord.

Dcn. David spoke to our club on Sept. 18, 2020, outside on the SHJ rectory lawn. You can read about it in the October 2020 newsletter.

Dcn. David started Angel Haus https://www.angelhaus.org/ to help his son.

https://obits.cfcscolorado.org/obituary/deacon-david-arling

Nativity of Our Lord's <u>January 28 bulletin</u> has an article about his funeral on page 6 with some photos, one of which shows the many deacons in attendance.

Fr. Jason Wallace

Father Jason will be leading our Feb. 16 retreat. Read this interview with him from November 2023:

https://denvercatholic.org/the-power-of-witness-building-a-culture-of-vocations/

Mary Ann Hibl

Mary Ann Hibl died on January 20. Her funeral was on January 30 at Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Mary Ann joined Serra in 1990. She assembled gift bags for the Golf fundraisers. She was the original Kitchen Angel. She worked at the Sacred Heart of Jesus School cafeteria.

She was active with the SHJ Quilters and donated hundreds of quilts to the Saint Bonaventure Indian Mission and School in New Mexico. Her family cherishes the quilts she made for them. Bob B delivered the quilts to the mission about twice a year during his road trips to California.

https://

memorials.greenwoodmyersfuneral.com/mary-ann-hibl/5365690/index.php

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2024 Lenten Retreat Friday, February 16, 9 AM – Noon

Fr. Jason Wallace Archdiocese of Denver Director of Priestly Vocations

Fr. Mark Kovacik Sacred Heart of Jesus Pastor Saint Serra Apostolate Chaplain

8:30 Breakfast 9:00 Retreat

12:10 Mass



Sacred Heart of Jesus Jubilee Hall \$25 includes a light brunch

Register with the Payment Portal on

https://www.serraclubbouldercounty.org

For more information, contact

serraclubbouldercounty@gmail.com

Calendar

Birthdays and Anniversaries

February Members Birthdays

Feb. 11 — Kathleen Stadler

Feb. 18 — Bill Eck

Feb. 22 — Dona Padrnos

Feb. 26 — Nancy Sorenson

Feb. 28 — Jan Landers

Feb. 28 — Bob Gills

Mar. 2 — Stan Peterson

Mar. 2 — Brenda Davis

February Seminarians Birthdays

Feb. 13 — Jacob Velez

Feb. 14 — Matthew Zuniga

Feb. 20 — Antonio Barba

Mar. 4 — Marcus Chua

February Members Anniversaries

Mar. 4 — Bob & +Betsy Serafin (1961)

February Religious Anniversaries:

None

9 AM Winter Meetings

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

Feb. 2 — World Day for Consecrated Life

Feb. 3 — <u>Sacred Heart of Mary</u> Mass 8 AM Saturday (Novus Ordo Latin); Fr. Jonathan Dellinger

Feb. 9 — <u>St. Francis of Assisi Mardi Gras</u> 6:30-8:30 PM St. Clare Hall; Knights; Jambalaya; RSVP by Feb. 6

Feb. 10 — <u>Serra Meets</u> 10 AM; <u>Kathleen Beckman</u>,

author of Praying for Priests

Feb. 10 — <u>St. Scholastica</u> Feast Day; Souper Bowl Potluck 6-8PM

Feb. 14 — Lent Begins with Ash Wednesday

Feb. 16 — SHJ Lenten Retreat; Fr. Jason Wallace; 9 AM to noon; \$25

Feb. 20 — <u>Immaculate Conception</u> Blood Drive; Nuoci

Hall; 10 AM - 2 PM

Feb. 24— Serra Global Rosary for Vocations 7AM

Mar. 2 — <u>Sacred Heart of Mary</u> 8 AM Saturday

Mar. 8 - 10 — <u>Colorado Catholic Retreats: Women's</u> <u>Journey</u>; YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park, Colorado

Mar. 11-19 — Novena to St. Joseph; p. 125 Serra Handbook; intention: "for the continued supply of our spiritual food, the Holy Eucharist"; https://

<u>www.catholicnewsagency.com/resource/55369/novenato-st-joseph</u>

Mar. 15 — $\frac{SHJ}{SHJ}$ Friday 9AM general & 8 AM board meeting; treat bag assembly

Mar. 31 — Easter Sunday

Apr. 5 — no meeting Easter Break

Apr. 19 — $\frac{\text{SHJ}}{\text{SHJ}}$ Friday 8AM general meeting and board meeting to follow

Apr. 21 — World Day of Prayer for Vocations

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
Mary Ann Hibl
Matthew Hibl
Pauline Higgins
Ed Husler
Jane Kryska
Audrey Kenney

Marcus Poulin

(Annette & Chase)

Helga Riedl Woody Roberts Mary Safranek Larry Sorenson 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 George Morzinski Omar Aguirre Salazar

Pray also for new members for our Apostolate.