# Saint Serra Apostolate of Boulder County

October 2022

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

Club Meeting Times: 1st Friday and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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: Amy Michaelis

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Serrans - your work is paying off! Besides the hours that our Parish Liaisons and Amy have invested working with parish office staff, another indicator is the number of visitors to our website and the information that they are accessing. Below are statistics on our website traffic for August 2020-September 2021 and then for August 2021 - August 2022. You can see that the number of people coming to the site in general, and most especially to the pages with information to help parishes celebrate the 4 special vocations awareness events has increased significantly! Not shown on the chart, is that in the last 30 days, there were 85 visits to the Priesthood Sunday page!

Thank you so much to our Parish Liaison V.P., to all the Parish Liaisons, and members who have helped to make this happen! The data also reveals that the homepage is visited more than any other page. From talking with Archdiocesan web site specialists, this is typical. For this reason, the homepage was recently overhauled to include the calendar of events, an updated welcome message, pictorial buttons to access frequently requested information, and the Doors to Vocations video series. To see the new page, point your browser at <a href="https://www.serraclubbouldercounty.org/">https://www.serraclubbouldercounty.org/</a>

Saint Junipero and Mary Mother of Vocations, Pray for us!

In Christ through Mary,

Peggy Morrow

#### **CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE**

October is a month of the rosary. The rosary helps us to sanctify the day. Meditating on the mysteries offers an opportunity for us to see our lives in connection with salvation history. Lifting our eyes to God helps us to focus on what is important. Let us unite our desires with the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

God bless, Fr. Mark

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Oct. 7 — general and board meeting: Sister Evangeline Salazar

Oct. 7 — St. Thérèse dinner - FOCUS

Oct. 21 — no meeting: District Conference

Oct. 21 & 22 - District Conference at St. Michael the Archangel in Aurora

**Nov. 4** — general and board meeting; District conference reports, Christmas party planning

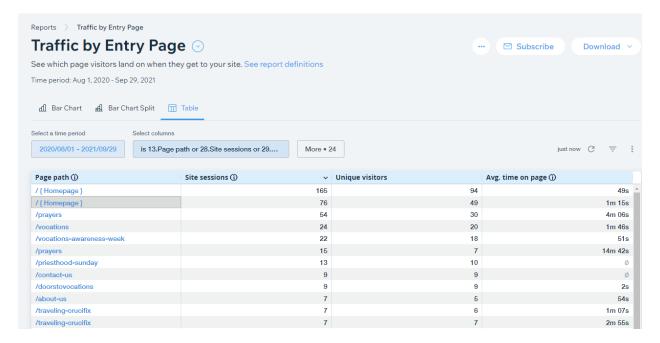
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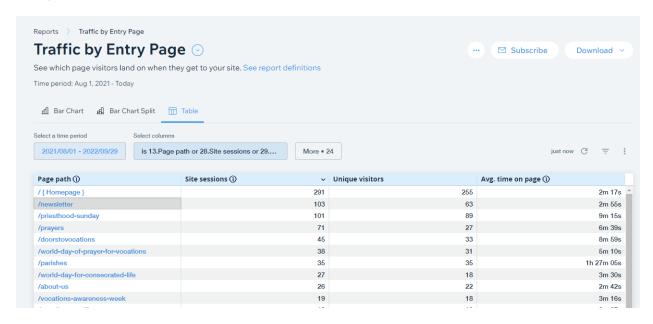
#### WebsiteTraffic

Traffic to our website has increased in the last year. Visits to our home page have increased, as has the time spent on our home page.

# August 2020 to September 2021



# August 2021 to September 29 2020



#### **FOCUS Missionaries**

On Sept. 2, **Spencer Purdy and Mark Harrington** spoke to us about FOCUS
missionaries on the C.U. campus. <a href="https://focusoncampus.org/campus/university-of-colorado">https://focusoncampus.org/campus/university-of-colorado</a>

There are about two dozen student leaders at C.U. with about a dozen students per leader, and at least 300 students in bible study.

If you know of a student that FOCUS should reach out to, send an email to Spencer (spencer.purdy@focus.org) and pray and fast for that student.

Donate to the FOCUS CU account: <a href="https://www.focus.org/about/campuses">https://www.focus.org/about/campuses</a>

FOCUS is effective. Fr. Peter Musset was one of the first vocations from FOCUS.

### **Altar and Master Servers**

Fr. Mark has encouraged us to consider supporting the Serra Spark Altar Server and Master Server initiatives.

In September, Amy met with Dcn. David and Arturo at Sacred Heart of Jesus, who are running the programs. There are about twenty altar servers and a few master servers. The master servers are in middle school, and lead the younger altar servers.

No plans have been finalized yet. Our Apostolate would sponsor three events: 1) an award ceremony and treats at 2) Advent and 3) Easter.

At the end of the school year, the award ceremony would include a mass followed by refreshments.

During Advent and at Easter, our Apostolate would give treats as an incentive.

Treat options and award categories are open for discussion.

### Fr. Matt Magee

On Sept 16, **Fr. Matt Magee**, at St. Thomas Aquinas, told us the Serra Club at Our Lady of Loreto in Aurora was praying for him. Growing up he always went to mass on Sunday. He was an altar server. He went to Regis High School, then spent a year at St. Louis University. As soon as he turned in his application to seminary in Denver, he felt an incredible peace.

His parents were very supportive. He said it is not normal for parents to be supportive of seminarians. His father was ordained a deacon during his first year of seminary.

He was ordained in 2016, then spent two years in Craig, Meeker, and Rangely. He was a priest-secretary for Archbishop Aquila for three years.

His greatest challenge is himself; not letting God work in and through him, but letting himself get in the way.

He asks for our prayers for himself and for his students.

## An Evening with St. Thérèse Oct. 7

The Fellowship of Catholic University Students (<u>FOCUS</u>) is hosting a fundraising dinner on Friday Oct. 7.

This 16th Annual St. Thérèse FOCUS dinner at Sacred Heart of Mary is sponsored by our Apostolate. Purchase tickets here. The Keynote Speaker is Fr. Kevin Dyer S.J., FOCUS Senior National Chaplain.

Our Apostolate is sponsoring this event.

#### Oct. 27 - Nov. 4 St. Charles Borromeo Novena

Pray this novena to this patron saint of seminarians on page 187 in our Handbook for Serrans.

for the sanctification of all seminarians

Also here: <a href="https://www.catholicdoors.com/">https://www.catholicdoors.com/</a> <a href="prayers/novenas/p03671.htm">prayers/novenas/p03671.htm</a>

### Friday Oct. 7th Sister Evangeline Salazar

Sr. Evangeline Salazar is the author of On the Border: The Way of the Cross. Books will be available for \$20.00 at the meeting.

### Priest softball game Aug. 26

Fr. Matt Magee's hit at the beginning of the game produced the first two runs. Read more in the <u>Denver Catholic</u>.

## Priesthood Sunday Sept. 25

Eight of our parishes published a Priesthood Sunday notice in their bulletins and/or flocknote on Sept. 18 and/or Sept. 25.

#### **October District Conference**

Many thanks to Bill, Jerome, Mary Ellen, Nancy S., Sharon, and Bob, who have been busy these last months planning various aspects of the conference.

Our Apostolate has sponsored this conference.

Register by October 8. Send in your registrations now! The registration form is attached to an email sent Sept. 29.

Theme: Witnesses of the Word

Location: St. Michael the Archangel Parish

19099 E. Floyd, Aurora, CO

Friday night

4:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Social gathering and Dinner Keynote Speaker: Fr. David Songy, O.F.M. Capuchin President, St. Luke's Institute, Washington D.C.

Saturday

8:00 Mass at St. Michael's Parish followed by continental breakfast.

9:30 Program begins with Keynote Address from J. Michael Downey, President U.S. Council, Serra International

4:30 Closing Remarks

### **Upcoming Parish/Diocese Events**

Oct. 1 -- St. Francis of Assisi Pig Roast 5:30-9 PM Longmont; jazz band, games

Oct. 2 — <u>St. Theresa</u>: <u>St. Theresa's</u> <u>Festival</u> 9AM-6PM; Frederick

Oct. 2 — <u>Sacred Heart of Jesus:</u> Visitation of the Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe 8 AM - 8 PM

Oct. 4 — St. Francis of Assisi Feast Day

Oct. 3 — <u>Mother Cabrini Shrine</u>: Mother Cabrini Day 12 PM Mass, scavenger

hunt

Oct 3 & 4 — movie: Mother Teresa No Greater Love; 7PM; local theaters

Oct. 5 — Fr. Terry Talk (zoom) snowmassbookstore.com

Oct. 7 — Sacred Heart of Mary: FOCUS St. Therese dinner: An Evening with St. Therese; fundraiser, silent auction; keynote speaker: Fr. Kevin Dyer, S.J., FOCUS National Chaplain; \$90

Oct. 15 — St. Scholastica Fall Festival 11AM-2PM food, activities, music

Oct. 15 — <u>Capuchin Franciscans Brown Robe</u> <u>Benefit; https://www.brownrobe.com</u> Sheraton Denver Downtown \$150 or <u>donate any</u> amount online

Oct. 19 — Fr. Terry Talk (zoom) snowmassbookstore.com

Nov. 18-19 — St. Thomas More Centennial The Eucharist: Our Source & Summit Scott Hahn and John Bergsma \$35

Dec. 9,10,11 — <u>St. John the Baptist</u> Christmas Market; music, gifts, food

Dec. 16-17 — Redemptoris Mater Christmas concert (tentative) tickets available in November

Jan. 28 — <u>Beacon of Hope Gala</u>; Marisol Services benefit; Gaylord Rockies Aurora

## Calendar

### **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

## **October Members Birthdays**

Oct. 16 — George Morzinski

Oct. 22 — Nic Christoff

Nov. 5 — Dori Mooney Fitzgerald

Nov. 6 — Mary Safranek

## **October Seminarians Birthdays**

Oct. 6 — JeanMarco Cajamarco (2nd phil)

Oct. 6 — Aime G. Izineza (2nd phil)

Oct. 31 — Manuel Alarcon (3rd theo)

Nov. 9 — Teekeke Anterea (3rd phil)

#### **October Members Anniversaries**

Oct. 12 — Larry & Nancy Sorenson (1963)

Oct. 31 — Dennis & Peggy Morrow

## October Religious Anniversaries:

none

#### Prayer List

Please pray for those in need of healing:

Fr. Greg Ames

Rosemary Ames

Teresa Christoff

Lorna Christoff

Chase Curfman

Jeanette Denfeld

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.

Oct.1 — St. Thérèse

Oct. 7 — general and board meeting; Sister

Salazar

Oct. 7 — Our Lady of the Rosary

Oct. 7 — St. Theresa dinner - FOCUS

Oct. 8 — Serra Meets: Fr. Paul Hoesing, President and Rector of Kenrick-Glennon

Seminary in St.Louis; 10 AM Mountain Time

Oct. 10 - Columbus Day

Oct. 21 — no meeting - District Conference

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at St. Michael the Archangel in Aurora

Oct. 27 - Nov. 4 — St. Charles Borromeo

Novena

Nov. 1 — Solemnity of All Saints

Nov. 4 — general and board meeting: District conference reports, Christmas party planning

Nov. 6 — Daylight Savings Time Ends; move

clocks back one hour (fall-back)

Nov. 6-12 — Vocations Awareness Week

Nov. 18 — fall retreat: Fr. Cliff; Jubilee Hall

Nov. 20 — Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King

of the Universe

Nov. 24 — Thanksgiving

Nov. 27 — Advent Begins

December — no meetings

Dec. 3 — Christmas Party 🚵



January 12-14 2023 — Serra Rally, Dallas-Fort Worth.Texas

Feb. 4-5 — World Day for Consecrated Life

July 2023 — Serra Convention, Thailand