Saint Serra Apostolate of Boulder County

October 2023

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
Treasurer: Mary Ellen Thorne

V.P. Membership: vacant

V.P. Communications: Amy Michaelis

Parish Liaison: vacant

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Serrans,

The relationship of a mother and her priestson is deep beyond words, enduring yet tender and even enchanting. Nothing really compares. We were blessed with the honor of Fr. Greg Ames sharing delicate experiences of love and humility from and for his late mother, Rosemary. We are so blessed with such holiness and compassion; a testament of the Holy Spirit moving profoundly in our midst.

Fr. Greg also shared a little history of our Serra Apostolate during our new member induction ceremony. Our Apostolate here in the Boulder Deanery has a remarkable heritage in our precious members.

And to our new members, we all extend a heartfelt welcome. We are so glad you have joined us! Our journey now, with you and all our combined talents in concert, will be even more fruitful in fulfilling our mission. Thank you for your commitment.

Our next First Saturday travel-meeting is upon us; Oct. 7th at St. Francis of Assisi. We'll hear Fr. Micah Flores share his journey through his first year of priesthood; the blessings, joys, and challenges our newly ordained priests encounter. It presents another perfect opportunity to share our Serra Apostolate, so bring a guest.

October is ripe with events for learning and fellowship, so please reserve your place at our District Conference and our Boulder Serra Club Retreat soon. I look forward to seeing you there.

Jan Landers President "All my life I have wanted to be a missionary - to carry the gospel message to those who have never heard of God and the kingdom He has prepared for them."

Saint Junípero Serra

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

The Body of Christ

On November 1 we celebrate All Saints Day and on November 2 we celebrate All Souls Day. We are connected to those who have gone before us. We can pray for the souls in purgatory that they enter into enternal rest. We can also ask the souls in heaven to intercede for us so that we may one day join them in the presence of God. We can also pray for each other here on earth as we are still engaged in the spiritual battle.

God bless, Fr. Mark

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 7 — <u>St. Francis of Assisi</u> 8:30 AM Mass; general meeting in basement; Fr. Micah Flores

Oct. 8 — <u>Deacon Sunday</u>

Oct. 14 — Serra District 6 Convention at <u>St.</u> Thomas More in Centennial

Oct. 20 — SHJ ANNUAL RETREAT after 7AM mass; Fr. CJ Mast

Nov. 4 — <u>St. Scholastica</u> Erie, general meeting after 7:30 AM Mass

Nov. 5-11 — <u>Vocations Awareness Week</u>

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Fr. Greg Ames

Fr. Greg Ames, former pastor at Sacred Heart of Jesus and our founding chaplain, spoke at our September 15 meeting.

His father Keith, founding and current member of our Apostolate, says Hi.

Serra Club is the pride of his life. His mother, Rosemary, was the first woman Serran.

Priestly vocations are born in the heart of a mother and grandmother. A mother plants the seed of vocations in their sons. His grandmother would kiss him on the forehead and tell him "someday you will make a great priest."

He went to SHJ school through 4th grade, and then when his parents moved, he went to SJB through the 8th grade. He was at CSU. He and 3 classmates took their friend Kevin to seminary in Kentucky. On the way the other 2 decided to join the seminary too. Fr. Greg did not. During Spring of his sophomore year he told his girlfriend Susie that he would not be registering for his junior year because he might be joining the seminary. As it turned out, he became the first priest ordained by Cardinal Stafford on Aug. 2, 1986. The other three guys did not become priests.

A vocation is born in our ability to say yes to God. A problem that keeps us from saying yes is we think we are God; because we are relatively successful people we think we can control everything in life. We question God when bad things happen. We believe we are above the trials and sufferings of life. Self giving is a response to suffering. A vocation is born in self giving.

Practice the virtue of humility. Let people help you. Ask for help.

New Member Induction

Five members were inducted Sept. 15: Mary Pat, Kathleen S, Richard S, Kathy K, and Mary Q. Fr. Greg performed as Chaplain.

October Annual Retreat

Please make every effort to register by September 30 so we can have a more accurate count for our caterer. You can also register for the retreat at our Oct. 7 meeting, but tell Stan before then so he can coordinate with our caterer.

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The Saint Serra Apostolate of Boulder County invites you to attend its annual retreat October 20.

When: Friday, October 20, 7 AM – 2 PM Schedule:

7:00 AM Mass

7:45 AM Continental Breakfast

8:30 AM - Program Begins

11:30-12:30 PM - Catered Lunch

2:00 PM - Closing Prayer

Location: Sacred Heart of Jesus - Jubilee Hall

Theme: "Prayer: The Eucharist" Retreat Master: Fr. CJ Mast

Scheduled Speaker: Fr. Mark Kovacik Fee: \$25 includes Breakfast and Lunch

Register with the Payment Portal on

https://www.serraclubbouldercounty.org

For more information, contact

serraclubbouldercounty@gmail.com

October Parish Feast/Memorial Days

The following parishes celebrate their patron saint feast days this month:

Oct. 1: St. Theresa: https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-therese-of-lisieux/

Oct. 2: Guardian Angels: https://catholicsaints.info/guardian-angels/

Oct. 4: St. Francis of Assisi: attend a parish concert Oct. 3; 6:30 PM; free

District 6 Convention

Mark you calendar and register for attending the upcoming District 6 Convention on October 14th. Spouses are invited too! It is a one day convention this year, hosted by the S.E. Denver Serra Club. The venue is <u>St. Thomas More</u> on the west side of South Quebec St. in Centennial about 1/4 mile north of C-470.

The theme is This is My Body and goes hand in hand with the U.S. Bishops decree of a Eucharistic Revival in 2023.

The Keynote speaker Kevin Wells is a nationally known Catholic author and speaker. Also speaking are President of Serra U.S. Mike Downey, former District Governor Fr. Ron Cattany, CEO of The Catholic Foundation Dcn. Steve Stemper, and Transitional Deacon Zach Michalcyck.

Please don't wait. Register now! Cost this year is \$70.00 per person.

You may give your registration form and check to Bill F., or Jan or mail it to the address shown on the form. To get a registration form, email Bill F:

billfitzgerald46@gmail.com

Peggy Coppom in the News

98-year old Peggy Coppom, a life-long Sacred Heart of Jesus parishioner, is featured in a four minute video and article in the Denver Catholic. She is a CU Buffs football fan.

https://denvercatholic.org/98-year-old-sacred-heart-of-jesus-parishioner-meets-coach-prime/

No-Golf Fundraiser

It's time again for our annual no-golf fundraiser. Jerome says it was a lot of fun having an annual golf tournament, but it was also a lot of work planning and preparing for it. Tickets were about \$100. During COVID our apostolate started its annual no-golf fundraiser. Next year, one of our members might set up a fun event at TopGolf.

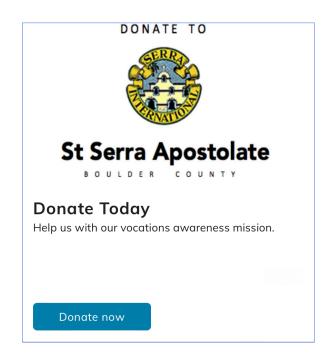
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Calendar

Birthdays and Anniversaries

October Members Birthdays

Oct. 16 — George Morzinski

Oct. 22 — Nic Christoff

Nov. 5 — Dori M. Fitzgerald

Nov. 5 — Richard Stadler

Nov. 6 — Mary Safranek

October Seminarians Birthdays

Oct. 6 — Aime G. Izineza

Oct. 31 — Manuel Alarcon Salinas

October Member Anniversaries

Oct. 12 — Nancy & Larry Sorenson (1963)

Oct. 31 — Peggy & Dennis Morrow

October Religious Anniversaries:

None

9 AM Winter Meetings Starting in November

As the dark mornings return with the time change Sunday November 5, our winter meetings at Sacred Heart of Jesus will be at 9AM.

Miami Serra Rally 2024

January 18-21st Miami Marriot Dadeland

Speakers:

Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski

Bishop Thomas Daly

Fr. Jorge Torres

Sr. Irene Regina (Paulinas)

Sr. Margaret Ann (ABCC)

Sept. 29-Oct. 7 — Our Lady of the Rosary Novena (Handbook for Serrans p. 186)

Oct. 1 — <u>St. Theresa</u> 2023 Raffle: Toyota Tacoma; \$50 raffle tickets

Oct. 3 — St. Francis Day: Sacred Music Concert; 6:30

PM; organ and choir; free

Oct. 6-8 — Shroud of Turn exhibit SFA

Oct. 7 — <u>St. Francis of Assisi</u> Saturday 8:30 AM Mass; general meeting in basement; Fr. Micah Flores

Oct. 7 — <u>Brown Robe Benefit</u> - Denver Sheraton

Oct. 8 — Deacon Sunday

Oct. 14 — <u>Serra Meets</u> 10 AM; Sr. Rosann, OSB

Oct. 14 — Serra District 6 Convention at St.

Thomas More in Centennial

Oct. 20 — SHJ Friday ANNUAL RETREAT after 7AM mass; retreat with Fr. CJ Mast

Oct. 20-22 — <u>Denver Marian Conference</u>

Oct. 27-Nov.4 — <u>St. Charles Borromeo novena for seminarians</u> (Handbook for Serrans p. 187)

Nov. 4 — <u>St. Scholastica</u> Erie, Saturday; prayer meeting after 7:30 AM Mass

Nov. 5 — Time Change - set clock back 1 hour

Nov. 5-11 — <u>Vocations Awareness Week</u>

Nov. 11 — Nativity 60-YEAR ANNIVERSARY <u>FALL</u> <u>GALA</u>; 5 PM; Omni Interlocken; Broomfield; school fundraiser

Nov. 17 — SHJ Friday 9 AM General Meeting, Board Meeting; Christmas Party planning December - no meetings

Dec. 2 - Christmas Party SHJ Jubilee Hall

Jan. 6 — St. Scholastica, Saturday travel meeting after 7:30 AM mass

Jan. 18-21 2024 — Serra Rally Miami

Jan. 19 — SHJ Friday general & board meeting

July 2024 — SI Convention New Orleans LA

Prayer List
Please pray for those in need of healing:

Fr. Greg Ames Bill Bowe Bob Brockish Teresa Christoff Lorna Christoff Chase Curfman
Bill Eck
Betsye Feauto
Judy Heinze
Matthew Hibl
Pauline Higgins
Jane Kryska
Audrey Kenney
George Morzinski

Marcus Poulin (Annette & Chase) Helga Riedl Woody Roberts Mary Safranek Larry Sorenson

and for the repose of the souls of

Rosemary Ames Jeanette Denfeld Betty Jancosek Ramon Jesch Omar Aguirre Salazar

Pray also for new members for our Apostolate.