# Saint Serra Apostolate of Boulder County

July 2023

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: Jan Landers Secretary: Sue Husler

*V.P. Vocations:* Jim and Judy Heinze *V.P. Programs*: vacant

V.P. Affirmation: vacant

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Club Trustee: Peggy Morrow, Sue Husler

President-Elect: vacant
Treasurer: Mary Ellen Thorne
V.P. Membership: vacant

V.P. Communications: Amy Michaelis

Parish Liaison: vacant

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Serrans,

We've had a very eventful Spring and Early Summer so far.

- 3 Men Ordained as Priests
- 21 Men Ordained as Permanent Deacons
- Multiple Men Celebrated Milestone Anniversaries
- Funerals of our very dear Serrans and Father Don Willette

Thank you all for your dedication and attention to our mission in attending these events, delivering gifts of affirmation to these men and comforting those who experience great loss. You are an inspiring group.

In the midst of all this activity, we have moved through the personnel transition of the Trustees and Board Members within our Club. We are so blessed to have members so patient through changes and dedicated to the overall wellbeing and progress of our Club.

Our patron, Saint Junipero Serra's feast day is upon us, July 1st. Please make a special effort to attend Mass on this day. What a wonderful prayer opportunity for an increase of vocations. To think we will be joining over 14,000 other Serrans and Catholics around the world in prayer on this day is a solid voice of intention lifted to Our Heavenly Father.

It is also the perfect time to take our summer break. Enjoy picnics, fireworks, and lots of friends and family, and always hold close those special quiet moments of reflection.

Love and Peace, Jan Landers

"All my life I have wanted to be a missionary. I have wanted 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**

On July 4, we celebrate Independence Day. Alexis de Tocqueville in early 1800's said that America is great because she is good. If she ceases to be good, she will cease to be great. In many ways, our country has abandoned God; a move that can only bear bad fruit. Let us pray for the United States that we may turn back to God and humbly follow His ways.

God bless, Fr. Mark

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

July 1 — <u>St. Junipero Serra</u> 1713-1784

July 7 — Friday SHJ board meeting 8-10AM (no general meeting)

July 21 — Friday; SHJ Boulder after 7AM mass; general meeting and board meeting; Speaker: Dcn. Jim Mackin; Memorial Service for deceased Serrans

July 27-August 4 — <u>novena to St. John Vianney</u> patron of all priests: prayer intention for priests

Aug. 5 — Saturday; St. Francis of Assisi west Longmont; 8:30 mass 9:15 general meeting Fr. Jim Crisman

Aug. 18 — Friday; <u>SHJ</u> General meeting after 7AM mass; board meeting

#### Sr. Hesed

On June 2 we were watching a fascinating and inspiring 33 minute video of Sr. Hesed telling us about her experience as a sister.

https://www.serraclubbouldercounty.org/doorstovocations

She is from Quebec. She received her religious call when she was 8 at her confirmation. In the video she talks about Mother Theresa whom she first met when Mother Theresa was just over 60, in Calcutta..She thinks of herself as an apostle of Mother Theresa. Mother sent her to start missions, one of which was Cuba. She was in Cuba for five years.

## **New Deacon Appointments**

Effective July 1 (from Denver Catholic)
https://denvercatholic.org/official-deaconappointments-effective-july-1-2023/
Deacon Stephen Boselli - St. Thomas Aquinas
Deacon Christopher Hora - Guardian Angels
Deacon Raul Martinez - St. Theresa
Deacon Paul VanHoudt - St. John the Baptist
in Johnstown
Deacon James Mackin is moving to St.
Scholastica

## **Kevin Wells video on Serra Meets**

Listen to this Serra Meets on the Serra International YouTube Channel

https://www.youtube.com/@serrainternational460

Kevin Wells speaks for the first 45 minute of the video recorded in June 2023. He is the author of The Priests We Need to Save the Church. In this video his speech is "Can Anything Save the Ailing Church and Priesthood?" He relates a story of his miraculous healing, and talks about Venerable Fr. Aloysius Schwartz.

# Fr. Frank Maroney

Fr. Frank spoke to us on June 16. He grew up Catholic in Syracuse NY. He studied accounting and worked for the government for many years, starting in Washington D.C., Delaware, Los Angeles, and Santa Barbara. In Santa Barbara he first felt the presence of God in his life. There in the late 1970s he was influenced by a youth group director who encouraged him to think about becoming a priest. His twin sister was already a nun. At Christmas he asked her for a bible.

After some months he became a Paulist novice in upstate New Jersey, then he entered seminary in D.C. Still discerning, he was sent to St. Thomas Aquinas in Boulder. He decided to leave the Paulists and return to his old job, but in Denver this time. He worked there two years, and then re-entered seminary, this time in Denver and was subsequently ordained a diocesan priest.

As part of his daily meditation, he reads from The Life of Mary as Seen by the Mystics compiled by Raphael Brown. He says it reads like a beautiful spiritual novel.

https://tanbooks.com/products/books/thevirgin-mary/devotions/the-life-of-mary-asseen-by-the-mystics/

### From Tan Books:

This book "combines the visions of four great Catholic mystics into one coherent story on the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary."
Revelations are from the writings of Blessed Anne Catherine Emmerich, Venerable Mary of Agreda, St. Bridget of Sweden, and St. Elizabeth of Schenau.

### 2023 District 6 Conference

The District 6 Conference will be held Saturday Oct 14 at St. Thomas Moore in Centennial. Contact Bill F. if you would like to be the Master of Ceremonies for this event. Mike Downey will be speaking.

# **Socks Fundraising Opportunity**

https://sockreligious.com/

On June 16 Kathy Kaler spoke to us about Sock Religious, a company in Indiana that makes and sells socks with Catholic saints. The company works with Catholic non-profit organizations, providing a venue for fundraising. Sock Religious will create a QR code for us to place on our website that enables those who buy socks to support our Apostolate.

The company also sells T shirts, sweatshirts, coffee mugs, onesies, and decal stickers. These would make great gifts especially for Christmas. Our Apostolate is considering this opportunity.

## The Serran May 2023

A new issue of The Serran Magazine was published. Read it on-line or print it out: <a href="https://serraus.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/The-Serran-May-2023-Digital.pdf">https://serraus.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/The-Serran-May-2023-Digital.pdf</a>

This issue covers the Serra US Rally in Dallas in January. Rose Marie Stimpfl of the St. Serra Club of Colorado Springs is in a photograph as one of the winners of the 2023 Face of Serra Award.

# **Denver Capuchin Poor Clares**

\*read full article from Denver Catholic:

https://denvercatholic.org/groundbreaking-in-plains-marks-a-new-beginning-for-capuchin-poor-clares

The Capuchin Poor Clare Sisters have decided to move to a new monastery on 100 acres donated to them in Byers.

Sister Maria says "our charism is fraternity, contemplation and, above all, prayer and work," she added. "We have hours of prayer in the morning, Liturgy of the Hours, Eucharist, and an hour of meditation. After 9 a.m., work begins until noon. We work in the bakery, we take care of the church, we make the habits for the Capuchin brothers. Above all, what distinguishes us is contemplation and fraternity."

The sisters are raising money through donations and sales of their popular "Clarisas' cookies," which over the years have gained more and more popularity in Colorado and even out of state.

https://capuchinpoorclaresdenver.org/

# New EWTN video featuring Fr. Serra

In Search of America's Catholic Founders: St. Junipero Serra July 4, 8:30 AM MT

Explore the true spirituality of St. Junipero Serra. Key contributions from Archbishop Cordileone help uncover the legacy of the Franciscan friar who founded the first nine missions in California. 60 minutes.

https://www.ewtnreligiouscatalogue.com/insearch-of-americas-catholic-founders-st-junipero-serra-dvd/p/HV00SJSD

### Sister Teresa Christine, O.C.D.

She lived in Boulder, attended RCIA, became Catholic, and then entered religious life as a Carmelite sister in Los Angeles. On July 16 she will profess her final vows.

https://carmelitesistersocd.com/sister-teresachristine-desgeorges/? source=FProfessionPage

https://carmelitesistersocd.com/2023/a-religious-vocation-a-daily-decision-and-a-daily-adventure/

### Calendar

# **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

# **July Members Birthdays**

July 9 — Doug Feauto

July 14 — Bob Brockish

July 25 — Nohemi Scott

Aug. 5 — Peggy Morrow

## **July Seminarians Birthdays**

July 7 — Tenanai Tebaoti

July 13 — Gabriel J. Pineda Mendoza

July 17 — Sile Wilfried Kone

July 24 — Adrian Ibarra

Aug. 4 — Kevin Mateo

## **July Members Anniversaries**

July 13 — Jeannine & Ronald Myers (1963)

July 23 — Pauline & Jerome Higgins (1960)

July 23 — Dona & Dick Padrnos (1956)

July 24 — Mary Ellen & Jonathan Thorne

# July Religious Anniversaries:

Aug. 2 — Fr. Greg Ames (1986)

## **Newly Assigned effective July 1**

Fr. Peter Srsich — St. Thomas Aquinas in Boulder

Fr. Guillermo Bustillos — St. John the Baptist in Longmont

Fr. Szymon Czuwara departs St. Francis of Assisi in Longmont for the Archdiocese of Lublin, Poland July 1 - St. Junipero Serra Feast Day

July 7 — SHJ board meeting 8-10AM

July 8 — Serra Meets 10 AM

July 10 — <u>St. Frances Cabrini</u> Littleton; 13th Annual Priest and Seminarian Appreciation Day (variety of activities) 8:30 AM - 7PM <a href="https://www.golf4priests.com/">https://www.golf4priests.com/</a>

July 21 — SHJ Boulder after 7AM mass; general and board meeting; Speaker: Dcn. Jim Mackin; Memorial Service for deceased Serrans

July 24 — World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

July 27-August 4 — novena to St. John Vianney patron of all priests: prayer intention for priests August 2-August 10 — novena to St. Lawrence patron saint of permanent deacons: prayer intention for deacons

Aug. 5 — St. Francis of Assisi 8:30 mass 9:15 general meeting Fr. Jim Crisman

Aug. 15 — Assumption

Aug. 18 — SHJ General meeting after 7AM mass; board meeting

Sept. 2 — no meeting Labor Day Weekend

Sept. 8 — Serra Salute: Fr. Rocco Porter; <u>Pinehurst Country Club</u> Quincy Ave. Denver

Sept. 15 — <u>SHJ</u> General meeting after 7AM mass; board meeting

Sept. 24 - Priesthood Sunday

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

Oct. 7 — Brown Robe Benefit - Denver Sheraton

Oct. 14 — Serra District 6 Conference at St.

Thomas More in Centennial

Oct. 20 — SHJ general meeting after 7AM mass; retreat with Fr. Jason Wallace

Nov. 5-11 — <u>Vocations Awareness Week</u> Jan. 18-21 2024 — Serra Rally Miami

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
Fr. Cliff McMillan
George Morzinski
Marcus Poulin
(Annette & Chase)
Stan Peterson

Helga Riedl Mary Safranek Jonathan Thorne

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.