



Serra Club of Southwest Denver

NEWSLETTER

September 2024

< **Calendar of Upcoming Events** >

- **Club Meetings Every First and Third Friday of each month at 7:30 AM in the St. Agnes Center at Holy Name Church (Oct. 4 at Notre Dame at 8:10 AM)**
- **September 28, 2024 at 7:00 AM – Serra Global Rosary for Vocations**
- **September 29, 2024 – Priesthood Sunday**
- **September 29, 2024 at 2:00 PM – Serra Club Picnic, Bear Creek Lake Park**
- **October 10, 2024 at 12:00 Noon – Affirmation Mass, All Souls Church**
- **October 12, 2024 at 10:00 AM – Serra MEETS on-line video speaker/presentation**
- **October 25 & 26, 2024 – Serra District 6/ Regional Conference, St. Francis of Assisi Church, Castle Rock, CO**
- **October 26, 2024 at 7:00 AM – Serra Global Rosary for Vocations**

TRAVELING CROSS

September 6 – September 20: Suzanne Reinert
September 20 – October 4: Ken Krug

October 4 – October 18: Julie Keller
October 18 – November 1: Henry Nieto

ATTENDANCE & GUESTS

September 6, 2024 – 24 members and 2 guests attended the meeting. Our guests included Mr. Joe Chochoe and our speaker, Mr. Tim Glemkowski.

September 20, 2024 – 23 members and 1 guest attended the meeting. Our guest was Richard Stika, spouse of Mary Stika.

DEACON'S CORNER

September 6, 2024

Deacon Don was purportedly in Montana this day, so Harry Schreiber took a turn quizzing us on some things Catholic. Among other things we heard... The vestment colors that can be used at funerals are black, white, and violet. The age of reason is seven, the youngest age one can be ordained a priest is 25 years, the youngest age one can become a bishop is 35 years, and a cardinal more than 80 years old can no longer vote. Deacons can baptize and witness marriages, but a priest is needed for the other five sacraments of the church. Pope Francis is the 266th pope. Brazil is the country with the largest Catholic population. The inscription placed above Jesus' head on the cross was written in the languages of Latin, Greek, and Hebrew.



Dcn Don Schaefer

September 20, 2024

Deacon Don educated us with some information regarding the "Hail Mary" prayer. The first phrase of the prayer (Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you) comes from The Annunciation—the archangel Gabriel's greeting to Mary at the announcement that she was to conceive and bear the Son of God. The next phrase (Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb) comes from The Visitation—St. Elizabeth's (Mary's cousin) greeting to Mary when Elizabeth was pregnant with St. John the Baptist. In 1261, Pope Urban IV added the name Jesus to the end of this phrasing. St. Dominic composed the remaining part of the prayer and promulgated reciting the rosary in prayer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 6, 2024

- **Diane Schreiber:** reviewed the club calendar and advised us the next **Affirmation Mass** will be at Christ on the Mountain Church on Thursday, **September 12 at 8:00 AM**. Breakfast at Las Fuentes Restaurant will follow the Mass.
- **Diane Schreiber:** also reminded us the **Serra Salute** will be on **Tuesday, September 24** this year at the Denver Athletic Club. The annual **Serra Club picnic** is scheduled for **Sunday, September 29** at Bear Creek Lake Park. Because **September 29 is Priesthood Sunday**, priests and seminarians will be invited to join us. A sign-up sheet for the picnic was distributed. The **Serra District 6 Convention** will be held at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Castle Rock, CO on October 25 and 26.
- **Phil Ryman:** noted our club is sponsoring a table for ten at the Serra Salute and our club members who help in the kitchen to prepare our meeting breakfasts will be attending with our thanks.
- **Stanton La Breche:** reviewed the efforts of our parish liaisons in inviting parish priests and deacons to attend our club picnic.
- **Tony Schaffhauser:** Tony asked members to invite guests to the Serra Club picnic to be held on Sunday, September 29 at the Bear Creek Lake Park. A sign-up sheet for the picnic was passed around.

September 20, 2024

- **Diane Schreiber:** reminded us of upcoming events. She pointed out the **Serra Salute** to be held on **Tuesday, September 24** at the Denver Athletic Club. **Priesthood Sunday** is September 29, the day of our club picnic. The **Serra District 6 Convention** will be held on **Saturday, October 26** at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Castle Rock, CO. Keynote speaker will be Candace Tyrell, Serra U. S. Council Vice President of Membership. A hospitality event on Friday, October 25 will precede the convention (further details to come). Diane announced our breakfast prep team will be given a break in October. Our **October 4 club meeting** will be held at Notre Dame Church after the 8:10am Mass. This will be a “Come and See” meeting for Notre Dame Parishioners. We will serve a continental breakfast and give a brief presentation on what Serra Clubs are and do. Our **October 18 club meeting** will meet at 8:00 am at Mullen H.S. We will meet in a room at the high school for a light breakfast before touring the new construction at the high school.
- **Phil Ryman:** advised us the financial records for the club are being internally audited over the next few weeks. He also mentioned second quarter dues statements will be sent out in a couple weeks.
- **Ben Cobos:** told us the next **Affirmation Mass** will be at **All Souls Church on Thursday, Oct. 10** at their **noon Mass**. Lunch at Romano’s Restaurant will follow the Mass. He passed around a card to sign in order to present a “spiritual bouquet” to Fr. Rick Nakvasil after the affirmation Mass.
- **Bruce Keller:** told us he would be giving a presentation on our Serra Club to the Ladies of Charity group at St. Francis Cabrini Church on Wednesday, October 2 at 6:45pm. He mentioned registration information for the Serra District 6 Convention is in the mail. Registrations and payments should be sent to Bruce Keller (Serra District 6 Treasurer).
- **Stanton La Breche:** noting our picnic will be on Priesthood Sunday, requested all parish liaisons to invite the priests in the parishes they liaison with to our club picnic and let Tony Schaffhauser know if a parish priest or deacon is coming to the picnic. Stanton is arranging a time with the This Man is You group at St. Bernadette Church to present the Serra Club introductory presentation.
- **Tony Schaffhauser:** is waiting for reports from the parish liaisons for a final headcount of attendees to our Serra Club picnic that will be held at Bear Creek Lake park on Sunday, September 29 at the Skunk Hollow picnic shelter. Set-up begins at 1:30pm and the picnic begins at 2:00pm. There is a \$5/car fee to enter the park, but guests will be reimbursed their entrance fee.
- **Deacon Don Schaefer:** mentioned the annual Mass for Veterans and their families to be held on September 21, 2024 at 11:00am at the Colorado Freedom Memorial. He also requested that we pray for the repose of the soul of former Director of Deacons, Deacon Al Sandoval, who was ordained in 1977.
- **Newsletter:** If you wish to have information included in the newsletter, please e-mail the information to Communications VP, Bruce Keller (www.lakewoodkellers@q.com)

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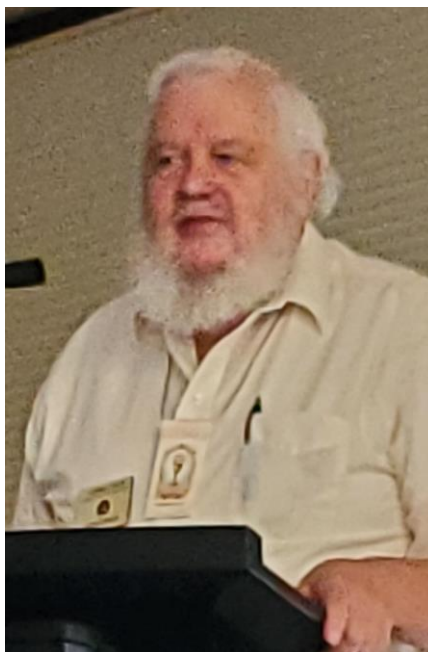
September 6, 2024

Mr. Tim Glemkowski was our speaker. He is a former Director of Strategy for the Archdiocese of Denver, author of Made for Mission and Renewing Your Parish Culture, Founder of the Alto Catholic Institute, and current Executive Director of Amazing Parish. Mr. Glemkowski was CEO of the recent National Eucharistic Congress held this summer in Indianapolis, IN. He began by noting Serrans supported the National Eucharistic Congress with \$150,000 and how Judy Cozzens (our former club member) traveled the country raising support for the event and hosted 400 religious organizations at the event. He spoke about how the event was initiated by Bishop Cozzens (son of Judy Cozzens) and Bishop Robert Barron. The U.S. Council of Catholic Bishops engaged a 501(c)3 organization to plan and execute the National Eucharistic Congress. Mr. Glemkowski was hired three years ago to be the CEO of that organization. He related the challenges of planning the event and the rewarding successes that came from the event. He recognized the event as a grass roots revival— God visiting His people and considers it to be just the beginning of an ongoing revival in the U.S. Catholic Church. He told us

an early decision to focus on Jesus led to unity among the numerous and diverse perspectives within the Church. He related many stories of his experience at the Congress and how remarkable and joyful it was. He felt the event displayed the truth and goodness of Catholicism and freed Catholics to be unafraid to show charitable love to our neighbor and be unapologetically Catholic. Noting the many young people in the 60,000 who attended the congress, he feels it will set a tone for the Church going into the future. He mentioned the very large investment made in developing priests and his concern that the diminishing number of priests is leading to burnout among priests and may result in the further loss of young priests. Mr. Glemkowski now leads the Amazing Parish Movement. This is a movement that works with parish priests to save their vocation. The organization is a resource for priests to help with their challenges in working in their parishes.



Tim Glemkowski



Ken Krug

September 20, 2024

Our speaker was our own club member, Ken Krug. Mr. Krug recounted for us his personal experience in attending the National Eucharistic Congress. His “ground-level” perspective of the congress as an attendee expanded on our understanding of the event beyond the managerial perspective of the congress Tim Glemkowski had provided us at our previous club meeting. Mr. Krug told us he registered to attend the National Eucharistic Congress as soon as he heard about it because he had previously attended a Mass with 10,000 other people in Salt Lake City and found it to be a marvelous spiritual experience. Ken recalled his registration process as one of 60,000 Congress participants. He told us about the pilgrimage processions that had crossed the United States from four different borders and that converged in the stadium across the street from St. John the Evangelist Church in Indianapolis, IN and met at the altar set up in the stadium. His photographs of the event gave us a sense of the huge crowd and grandeur of the venue. He recounted the closing Mass and the procession of 1500 priests and 120 bishops who attended it. He noted the speakers and their inspiring talks. He told us he went to this event looking for a better way to communicate with God and seeking an idea of what Jesus looked like. He was fulfilled in his quest by the speakers’ offerings and by the Shroud of Turin display he found at the Congress. Ken summarized the 5-day National Eucharistic Congress as a great out-pouring of God’s grace.

PRIEST/ DEACON ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES

There are no known ordination anniversaries in the month of October.



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