



The Wabasha County SERRAN

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Are You Ready to Zoom?!

Serra Club February Meeting Plans – Save the Date

To start the New Year for Serra, our county-wide club will meet on **February 16, 2021 at a new time: 6:30 pm** using ZOOM. Members have been polled and most have used this online technology already. This meeting will be a practice run to have members comfortable with using Zoom. There will be a short program and a business meeting by Dorothy Arendt.

What do you have to do:

- Watch for an email meeting notice for that Tuesday from Dan Schaefer. Open the message at 6:25 pm and click on the Zoom meeting link to join.
- We will spend a few minutes to get everyone settled and able to view and hear.
- Call me at 608-780-8183 if you are having issues at 6:30 for guidance.

Looking Forward – What's in the Works?

- Serra USA materials for our spiritual growth and understanding vocations in society
- Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) in our diocese and nation
- Vocation Stories from our priests, deacons and diocesan seminarians
- Pilgrimage program by Aiden and Ann Baxter to ROMA and the Vatican City



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER OF CONSECRATED LIFE

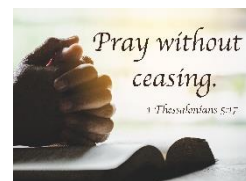
February 2, 2021 (Celebrated in parishes February 6-7)



In 1997, Pope John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on Feb. 2nd. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day, a day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. The celebration is transferred to the following weekend in order to highlight the gift of consecrated persons for the whole Church. Please pray for those consecrated to God by the vows of chastity, poverty and obedience that they may seek to live their baptismal promises more intensely and have the grace to persevere in their commitment to the Lord and serve with open hearts and willing spirits. (USCCB)

Seven Sisters Prayer Team-Prayer Warriors Needed!

In the words of past Serra US Council President Judy Cozzens, "Vocation Directors need our prayers...NOW!" As part of our mission to support our priests, I am confident the Serrans of Wabasha County will make a commitment to become a team to pray for our Vocations Director Father Jason Kern. Patterned after the Seven Sisters Apostolate praying for priests, we would need seven Serrans to choose one day a week to pray for an hour on that day for rest of this year in support of Father Kern and his mission for our Diocesan Vocations. Prayers could include Mass and Communion, a rosary, Adoration, private prayer. Please consider your willingness to commit time in prayer with this program encouraged by Serra US. Call or text me at 507 254 8840 to confirm a day of the week you could commit to. Looking forward to your response...Dorothy



Presidents Corner

Dear Friends, It is a busy calendar for our Serra Club! I hope you will take the opportunity to choose the activity that best suits your interest and time. I always appreciate our prayer time together at the churches in our Serra area. Dan has arranged to use the Zoom format for our meetings and programs during the winter/spring months. It allows us to stay connected during the pandemic SAFELY. Feb. 16th will be our initial go at this. Be patient as we all get comfortable. (That includes me!) Please respond to Dan's emails with Zoom instructions for our local, regional and international meetings and programs. Wednesday, February 17th marks the beginning our Lenten journey. I share this prayer for Lent: God of love, giver of all that is good, help me to let go of all that is not good. May I become more open to your love and more available to those who need my love. May this season of Lent be a time of transformation so that I may become more fully the person you created me to be. Amen (Fr. Kenneth E, Grabner, C.S.C.) Blessed and so Grateful to be a part of the Serrans of Wabasha County, Dorothy

Calendar

Dates to Remember

Tuesday Feb. 2, Feb. 6&7 World Day for Consecrated Life
Friday Feb 5 2PM Mass St. Felix Church followed by Serran led Rosary for Vocations.
Saturday February 13 11AM Zoom SERRA MEETS "Lent with Bishop Daly and St. Vincent de Paul."
Tuesday February 16 6:30 PM Zoom Serra of Wabasha County General Meeting and Program
Wednesday February 17 Ash Wednesday
Sunday March 7 6PM Stations of the Cross St. Agnes Parish, Kellogg, followed by Serran led Rosary for Vocations.
March 8th-16th National Catholic Sisters Week
Saturday March 20 10AM Zoom Memorial Service for Serrans Region 8
Sunday April 4th Easter

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Club News

NEWS FROM THE VP'S

Membership (John Hampe): Our club is registered for a membership contest sponsored by Serra Int'l called Missionaries of St. Junipero Serra. The contest runs from 7/1 2020 thru 6/30 2021. There are prizes/incentives with categories to fit club size. Details will be shared at our February 16 Zoom meeting and in our March newsletter. Please inform me of any potential members so I can contact them. Let's find wonderful new Serra members like we did in 2020!

Program (Dan Schaefer): Watch for details of our winter/spring general meetings and programs using Zoom. "join meeting" Link information will be sent before each meeting. Watch for emails from me with information of each meeting. Any questions, please give me a call.

Vocations (Betty Fischer): Traveling Chalice Partners. February Jim and Dorothy Arendt, March Tom Peyla. April Dan Langlois, May Kathy Tentis. Our Seminarians are back to classes. They would love to hear from you!

Serra Regional and International

A Memorial Service to honor Serrans who died in the past 12 months will be held on Saturday March 20 10AM ZOOM. It was originally scheduled for the then cancelled Regional Meeting in November. Our member, the late Jerry Harney, will be one of the 28 honored. We will be posting a link using your computer or phone closer to the actual date.

The 2021 International Serra Conference in Toronto has been rescheduled for 2022.

Serra continues its Serra Meets series with reflections "Lent with Bishop Daly and St. Vincent de Paul." Bishop Thomas Daly of Spokane, Washington will lead us in weekly reflections for the holy season leading up to Easter. He will use the book Lent and Easter Wisdom by Fr. John Rybolt. His Excellency will begin this on Saturday, February 13th, 11AM. Please be checking your emails for information on joining this webinar.

Birthdays!

Seminarians

3/5 Teagan McDermott

3/7 Riley Betcher

3/8 Nicholas Gawarecki

3/14 Alexander Peters



Prayer Requests

Pray for strength and healing for members Tom Bouquet and John Hampe. Pray for patience and hope as we triumph over COVID. Pray we may faithfully fulfill the Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Meet Our Seminarians

Isaiah Olsem- Senior

Grew up: On a farm near Fulda, MN

Birthday: July, 23rd

Siblings: Seven, I'm the 6th

Favorite Food: My Grandma's peach pie

Favorite Movie: None- I'm not a movie person

Hobbies: Running, Hiking, Biking, Kayaking, Playing board and card games

Favorite place traveled to or want to travel: I would like to someday go for a long hiking trip anywhere in the mountains.

Favorite Color: Green

Favorite Sweet: Brownies with Ice Cream

Career Choice if not in the priesthood: Farming

Favorite Hymn: "Gather Us In"

Favorite sport/team: Mn Vikings

Favorite Holiday/Time of the Year: Easter

What do you hope to be remembered for: Making time for people

Fun Fact: I ran cross country and track in college for three years

What else should we know about you: In high school, I was a workaholic who loved working for many different farmers in the area, doing things such as bailing hay, picking rock, taking care of sheep, and cleaning out livestock barns.



Alex Peters- Pre-Theology 1

Grew up: Kasson, MN.

Birthday: March 14th

Siblings: 1 younger sister

Favorite Food: Pasta

Favorite Movie: Miracle on Ice

Hobbies: Disc golf, sports (both watching and playing), hanging out with friends

Favorite place traveled to or want to travel:

I would love to take a road trip around the Great Lakes

Favorite Color: Blue

Favorite Sweet: Anything Chocolate

Career Choice if not in the priesthood: College Campus Ministry

Favorite Hymn: "Hail Mary Gentle Women" or any other Marian hymn

Favorite sport/team: Hockey/Mn Wild

Favorite Holiday/Time of the Year: Christmas – I love the joy in the air and celebrating Jesus' birth.

What do you hope to be remembered for: that I cared for others and my sense of humor.

Fun Fact: I crew for Hot air balloons.

What else should we know about you: I was a FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) missionary before coming to the seminary.



Jesus, dear Savior, during these days of Lent, I want to fast to repent and to pray. Above all else I want to stay in the circle of Your love. Walk with me and surround me with Your light; lead me and guide me in Your footsteps. During this season of Lent help, me to follow You and Imitate Your love. May this nail remind me today and throughout Lent of Your great love for me. Amen