



# The Wabasha County SERRAN

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WELCOME to 2024. I'm looking forward to the rest of my term as your President. The last year and a half have gone by very fast. I'm asking that those of you who are Vice-Chairpersons of the different Committees of the Serra Club will continue to do so. Pat Kolb will take over the role of President at the end of June 2024. I ask that someone please step forward to accept the position of President elect. It isn't a hard task to take on and remember as President of an organization you have the authority of designating other members to help with various projects. Mary Lu



**Traveling Chalice**—Following is the schedule for the upcoming months of having the Traveling Chalice in your home. February-Cameille Goihl, March-Pat Kolb, April-need someone, May-Jim and Dorothy Arendt, June-need someone, July Mary Lu Harney, August-Bill and Sandra Allaire, September, October, November, December-need someone. The Chalice can be picked up at the St. Felix Parish Office unless other arrangements have been made. Please let me know if you would take any of the open months so I can get it in the Newsletter.



According to the listing there are no birthdays in February but there are upcoming birthdays in March: Samuel Miron, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Riley Becher, March 7<sup>th</sup> Deacon Nicholas Gawarecki, March 8<sup>th</sup>, Alexander Peters, March 14<sup>th</sup>, and Timothy Kujawa, March 16<sup>th</sup>. Note...some of the seminarians didn't list their birthdate or contact information/email address.

## PREVIOUS "SERRA CLUB OF WABASHA COUNTY" HAPPENINGS.....

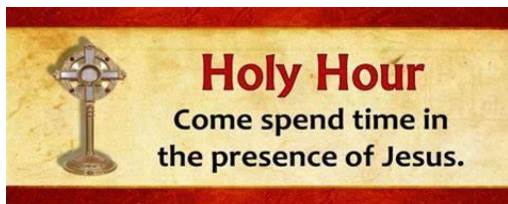


Photos from the assembling of treats etc. for the seminarians of the Diocese of Winona/Rochester which took place on December 11<sup>th</sup>. Treat bags were put together as a special incentive to help the seminarians prepare for their finals in December. Study and eat. We hope the results were great. The treats were transported to IHM by Sandra Allaire & Co.



Photos from the Serra Club/Knights of Columbus Epiphany Pot-Luck Supper held on January 7<sup>th</sup> at the St. Agnes Hall. We had Fr. The Hoang, Pastor of St. Mary's of the Lake in Lake City and St. Patrick's Church in West Albany as our guest speaker. He spoke on his discernment to enter the Seminary. A fantastic speaker. Thank you to Fr. The. So appreciated....





RIGHT AROUND THE  
CORNER. LET US PREPARE  
FOR THIS HOLY SEASON

Holy Hour and Benediction will be held on Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary's Church of the Lake, in Lake City. Devotion begins at 12:00 PM with Benediction of the Blessed Sacreament at 3:00 PM. Following the Benediction we will have a Guest Speaker followed by a short meeting and ending with fellowship enjoying a pot luck supper. Try to attend this function as we pray for Vocations.

**SERRANS CALLED TO ACTION**-----

John Hampe and Dorothy Arendt have been contacted by Michael Sheehan and Paula Harrigan, concerning the upcoming invitation to the DOW-R Vocation Discernment Events. Paula Harrigan, a fellow Serran, and assistant to Fr. Jason Kern is asking the Serra Club of Wabasha County to promote these upcoming vocational discernment events. There are three conferences planned with the **first event** to be held at the St. Thomas Moore Newman Center in Mankato on February 24<sup>th</sup>. It is primarily intended for high school age boys and girls. The **second event** is being held at Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary "Visitation Days" the weekends of February 24<sup>th</sup> and March 16<sup>th</sup>. These weekends are open to young men who are Juniors/Seniors in High School and college age and post college age men. The **third event** is the "Open Hearts" Conference at St. Mary's University in Winona, co-sponsored by St. Mary's and the Diocese - of Winona-Rochester. This event is scheduled for April 13 and open to young women aged 14 years and up into early adulthood. There is a small charge for the first and third event which we should consider paying for any person who attends these conferences from Wabasha County.



- \*Holy Hour—St. Mary's, Lake City, February 18<sup>th</sup>, Begins at 12:00 PM with Potluck Meal at 4:30--
- \*Pre-Lenten Meat and Cheese Trays for all DOW-R seminarians-to be delivered to IHM Seminary--
- \*Soup Suppers at individual parishes during Lent after Stations of the Cross—(display Serra materials)
- \*Annual Fish Fry, Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at Roy's Saloon in Theilman, 2:00 PM. Invite area priests and deacons---
- \*Bishop and Rectors Dinner, Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, International Event Center, Rochester—

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**MAIL FROM THE SEMINARIANS**

**Mail from the Seminarians:** Here are a few of the "Thank You" cards received from the seminarians after they received their Christmas Gift Bags in December. **Timothy Zappa:** Thank you so much for all the prayers and the gas card. I greatly appreciate it as I will be doing a great deal of driving this season. You will be in my prayers. **Isaiah Lippert:** Thank you for your Christmas card and generous gift. It was a delight to receive. Please pass along my thanks, especially for the prayers you all offer on our behalf. **Deacon Nicholas Gawarecki:** Thank you for the card, prayers, and gift card. It has been a long journey and as I approach the end, I am still touched by all the prayers and support. It is encouraging to see all the upcoming seminarians and am sure it is in part due to you Serrans'. (More responses back from the seminarians in the next Newsletter)

**SPECIAL NOTICE:** The February Serra Meeting will be held the same day as our Holy Hour/Speaker/Potluck Supper on February 18<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary's in Lake City. The minutes say February 20<sup>th</sup>, but that is incorrect.