



# Serra Club of Louisville

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Newsletter

### MISSION:

To foster and promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

**“To always go forward – to never turn back!”**

– Saint Junipero Serra

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## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

*Unless noted otherwise, all lunches are at 11:45 at the Golden Corral in Hikes Point, and are open to the public.*

**Oct 2** - Sally Nancy, Regional Director of the Serra Clubs in Region 5, will speak on the Serra International Convention held in Rome this year, as well as next

year's convention to be held in Nashville, TN.

**Oct 16** - Fr. Pat Dolan will speak on "What really constitutes Priesthood?"

**Nov 6** - Joan Smith, Exec Director of Lifehouse, will give us an update on their activities.

## PUBLIC PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS:

**Each Mon.** - Holy Spirit Church, Lexington Road, Mondays at 7 pm.

**Each Tue.** - Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Holy Hour for Vocations - 9 to 11 am.

**Each Wed.** - St. Patrick Church, 7:30 am.

**Each Wed.** - St. Thomas Church, Bardstown, KY - 6 to 7:30 pm.

**2nd Mon.** - Mount St. Francis, Floyds Knobs, IN, 7 - 8 p.m.

## BECKY GLASSER SPOKE AT OUR SEPTEMBER 18 LUNCHEON

Jerry Zimmerer introduced our speaker, Becky Glasser. Becky is from the Marian Committee for the Archdiocese. She has been married to her husband Danny for 38 years. Her parents are still with us and she has eight brothers and sisters. She has two children and three grandchildren. She graduated from the old Kentucky Baptist Hospital School of Nursing and finished her BSN at Bellarmine University.

She worked for 39 years at the VA Hospital and continues to work part time.

The Living Rosary was started in 1952. The first Living Rosary event was at the old Parkway Field. The Knights of St. John were instrumental in starting the Living Rosary. Archbishop Floersch suggested to the

Knights that they make it a yearly event. When Becky was young she could not be a part of the Living Rosary since only high school girls were allowed to participate. In later years the event was moved to Freedom Hall. Becky showed a picture of about 20,000 attending. She said that when she was young, she dreamed of being a bead of the Rosary.

In 1989, Fr. Lawrence came to Becky's mother and asked her to take over the Living Rosary. She and Father Lawrence were cousins. It was not a one-person job and soon the whole family participated. Becky has records of every child who ever participated. In recent years, she has between eighty and one hundred children. The Knights of St. John form the Cross, but as their numbers have diminished, about five years ago the Knights of Columbus were asked to participate also.



This year is the sixty-sixth anniversary of the Living Rosary and the one hundredth anniversary of Fatima and the Miracle of the Sun. The visionaries, Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta are played in the Living Rosary by three local students and are at the statue during the crowning ceremony.

The event moved to Louisville Gardens in 1989 and on to Bellarmine in 1991. They left Bellarmine in 2007 and moved to St. Gabriel Church. Since you can't see the whole Rosary from the

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vantage point of a church, they moved on to Mercy for one year and Assumption for five or six years. St X had it one year and now it is at Trinity. In 2014, Father Matt Hardesty took over for Father Lawrence who had failing health.

Becky sends out a letter in Mid-August. Letters go to individuals, schools, and churches. Holy Angels and Immaculata have sent children. They have a statue that they send to the school that has sent the most children. Immaculata has had the statue for the last couple of years and appears to be the front runner for



this year. At this time, Becky has about forty children signed up for the event for this year.

Over the years, both boys and girls have begun to participate. They wear their own school's uniform and the blue cape. When there are third grade girls who participate who received their First Holy Communion in the second grade, they wear their First Holy Communion dresses. When the children are seniors in High School, that is their last year.

This year the event will be at Trinity Gym on October 8th and Archbishop Kurtz will be the featured speaker. He will dedicate the Archdiocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The Holy Name Band will play at 2:30 and the Living Rosary will begin at 3:00.

*(Thanks to Ken Peet for writing the article and to Jerry Zimmerer for the pictures with this article.)*

## [FATIMA – 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE FATIMA APPARITIONS AND THE MIRACLE OF THE SUN](#)

For eight incredible facts about Fatima you should probably know, click <http://epicpew.com/8-incredible-facts-fatima-never-knew/>.

For a very thorough article on the historical events related to Fatima, and the words of Mother Mary, click <http://www.loveandmercy.org/a-peace-plan-from-our-lady/>.

For an article on Pope Francis and the Unexpired Call of Fatima click [http://m.ncregister.com/daily-news/pope-francis-and-the-unexpired-call-of-fatima#.WUO9m\\_cpDqA](http://m.ncregister.com/daily-news/pope-francis-and-the-unexpired-call-of-fatima#.WUO9m_cpDqA).

## [SUNDAY OCTOBER 8 IS THE 66<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL LIVING ROSARY](#)

It will be held at 2:30 PM at Trinity High School Auditorium, 4011 Shelbyville Rd, 40207. This is a devotion wherein children from throughout the Archdiocese sit in chairs formed in the shape of a giant rosary on the floor of the venue. Religious Orders and Lay Associations form five groups around the rosary and they each lead the congregation in praying a decade of the rosary. The children stand and sit as each Hail Mary is said, thus depicting a "Living Rosary." Archbishop Kurtz will give a keynote address about the anniversary and an 8th grade girl will crown a statue of Our Lady of Fatima as is done in many parish-based "May Crownings."

## [ANNUAL LADIES OF SERRA MASS AND LUNCHEON](#)

The Ladies of Serra invite all ladies whose husbands are Serrans; all widowed ladies of former Serran members; or any female Serran members who would like to attend our annual Mass and luncheon to be held on **Wednesday, October 18** this year. The Mass will be at Our Lady of Lourdes Church on Breckenridge Lane at 12:00 noon, followed by a luncheon at the Louisville Boat Club, 4200 Upper River Rd. All deceased members of Serra as well as widows and widowers of Serra will be remembered in prayers at this annual Mass.

Come join us. If you would like more details, call Barbara Trompeter, (502) 895-4112. Ladies of Serra will be calling widows of deceased members around the first week or two of October.

## [PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY](#) [OCTOBER 29](#)

We Serrans wish to say thank you to every priest in the Archdiocese of Louisville – the Archbishop, all our 133 diocesan priests, and all of the 56 priests who are members of various religious orders or temporari-

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ly assigned here from other dioceses. Combined, this comes to well over **6,000 years of priesthood** – an average of over 30 years for each priest! This includes two ordained in May of this year and one ordained 67 years ago!

St. John Vianney once said “The priest continues the work of redemption on earth.... If we really understood the priest on earth, we would die not of fright but of love... The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus.”

Priesthood Sunday is a special day set aside for Catholics to thank, affirm and share their love and support for our priests. It is celebrated on the last Sunday of October (Oct. 29th this year), and has been promoted primarily by the USA Council (USAC) of Serra International (SI) and Worldwide Marriage Encounter.

Some ideas for you, your family and your parish for celebrating this occasion: Pray for your priest and all priests. Personally thank your priest on Priesthood Sunday, or any day. Send a thank you note or letter. Invite your priest for dinner with your family or friends. Send a card or letter to a priest who used to serve at your parish. Have children make a homemade card or color a picture. Go on an outing together - a restaurant, a play, golf, concert, or a movie. Send them goody baskets, balloon bouquets, or flowers. For more ideas see <https://focusoncampus.org/content/19-ways-to-let-your-parish-priest-know-you-appreciate-them>.

Have you lost track of your high school or college chaplain, the priest who performed your wedding, a retired priest, a former pastor? Look them up at [www.ArchLou.org/directory](http://www.ArchLou.org/directory). For some related Priesthood Sunday parish planning guides, church liturgies and school activities, see [www.priestsunday.org](http://www.priestsunday.org).

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**VARIOUS ITEMS OF INTEREST**

**Serran Birthdays this month**

Tom Ransdell, Oct 8  
Fr. Joe Voor, Oct 9

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**The Pope’s Prayer Intentions for this month**

**Workers and the Unemployed** - That all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.

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**Blessed John Henry Newman** - October 9 (the day in 1845 when he converted to Catholicism) was chosen as the feast day for this Cardinal, who started out as a minister and theologian in the Church of England. For more on the life and writings of Cardinal Newman, see <http://www.newmanreader.org/>  
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**The Priesthood Is a Heroic Vocation** – For an inspiring story, check this out - <https://www.bridgeportdiocese.org/priesthood-heroic-vocation/>.  
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**Open House at the new Archdiocesan Pastoral Center** – Keep an eye out in the Record for the time for the Saturday, Oct 28, Open House.  
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**The Spirituality of St. Junipero Serra** – See page 7 of <http://www.serrainternational.org/sites/default/files/serran%20june%202017%20web.pdf>  
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**Seminarian / Deacon David Farrell** – The Archbishop’s blog carried an article by Deacon David Farrell. Check it out. “What is a Theologian?” - [https://www.archlou.org/what-is-a-theologian/?utm\\_source=September\\_2017+CC&utm\\_campaign=Catholic+Connection&utm\\_medium=email](https://www.archlou.org/what-is-a-theologian/?utm_source=September_2017+CC&utm_campaign=Catholic+Connection&utm_medium=email)  
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**Pope Paul VI wrote a decree on the Apostolate of the Laity** (12 pages) – It can be found at [http://www.vatican.va/archive/hist\\_councils/ii\\_vatican\\_council/documents/vat\\_ii\\_decree\\_19651118\\_apostolicam-actuositatem\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/archive/hist_councils/ii_vatican_council/documents/vat_ii_decree_19651118_apostolicam-actuositatem_en.html)  
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**Vocation Quote from a Saint** - "Our business is to love what God would have done. He wills our vocation as it is. Let us love that and not trifle away our time hankering after other people's vocations." - Saint Francis de Sales  
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**Charity Quote** - "Nothing makes us so prosperous in this world as to give alms." - Saint Francis de Sales

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