



# Serra Club of Louisville

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

– Saint Junipero Serra

**March, 2018**  
Newsletter

### MISSION:

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

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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.*

**Mar 5 - Mark Casper**, Exec Dir of St. Elizabeth Catholic Charities will speak on an "Update on St. Elizabeth Catholic Charities"

**Mar 19 - Fr. Peter Do** - "Update from the Archdiocesan Vocations Of-

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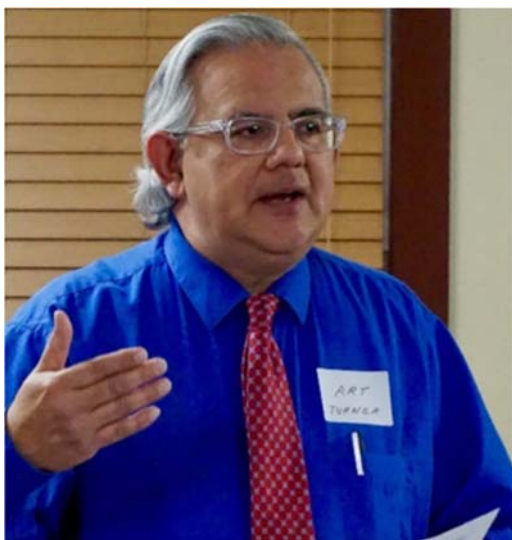
**Apr 2** - Sr. Ruth Ann Haunz, OSU - "A parish model that incorporates the Francis Center"

**Apr 16** – (at St. Bartholomew parish, Barth Hall) Archbishop Joseph Kurtz will speak on "The Gift of Religious Liberty" **Reservations required. See article.**

## ART TURNER SPOKE AT OUR FEBRUARY 6 MEETING

Our speaker for this meeting was Mr. Art Turner, Executive Director of the Archdiocesan Office of Formation. His topic was "What is Faith Formation?"

Art was born in San Angelo, Texas in April of 1965. For the first 10 years of his life, he was



an "Air Force brat" moving from place to place, living in cities like San Antonio, Texas, and Anchorage, Alaska. His father retired from the Air Force in 1975 and the family moved to his hometown of Columbia, Kentucky. There the family attended Good Shepherd parish, the only Catholic community in Adair County.

Art graduated from Adair County High School in 1983, St. Meinrad in 1987, and he has a graduate degree in theology from the Catholic University of America. Art was a seminarian for the Archdiocese of Louisville from 1983 to 1989.

He and his wife Tammy have been married 27 years and are now members of Mary Queen of Peace parish (formerly St. Helen). They have three grown children in their 20's.

Art became an employee of the Archdiocese in 1990, as a theology teacher for Trinity High School. He was the Director of Lifelong Formation and Education at St. Pius X Parish from 1997 to

## 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.

2005. He was Pastoral Associate at St. Stephen Martyr Parish from 2005 to 2013. Archbishop Kurtz asked Art to take the Director of Faith Formation position in 2013.

Art started out defining "formation" – speaking of the intellectual (Catechism) side as well as the spiritual side. He spoke of various aspects of formation – seeking holiness, treating this education as a life-long process, and putting an emphasis on a "personal relationship with Jesus Christ" (even though we used to associate that phrase more with Protestant, than Catholic, terminology).

Art also spoke of formation having an emphasis on Scriptures, teaching, participation, and witnessing.

He spoke of some of the questions we should be able to answer. For example, how do we define

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adoration; and can we explain it to non-Catholics? Formation can also prepare us to evangelize others, as Pope St. John Paul II frequently encouraged – being disciples and missionaries to the world. Art remembers Protestant friends inviting him to their church; but Catholics are often less comfortable inviting non-Catholics to our church services. His office exists to promote and support our parishes in these efforts at formation.

We used to think that if we opened the doors, outsiders would come; and we thought if Catholics left the Church, they'd later come around to prioritizing religion and then come back. However, it's not that simple. The Catholic message is only one voice among many religious messages the world hears, which often isn't interested in religious messages anyway.

We need to be comfortable sharing our faith. But first of all, we should ask ourselves – do we participate, or do we back away from participation in parish life, above and beyond attending Mass?

Art also spoke of the various programs that the Department of Formation promotes (e.g., the Discipleship Program, training of Catechists, helping with retreats and workshops). He said that last year, two women completing one of these programs decided to join religious orders. Others became deacons. Others attending these programs came away feeling they've been called to be more involved with their parishes and the Church. His department also promotes Faith Clubs – for older teens and young adults. There are now five of these in Jefferson County.

The Archdiocese also has a collaborative program with Loyola University so that people in our area can earn certificates or degrees through programs that are partly online and partly involving local gatherings.

Near the end of Art's presentation, Fr. Joe Voor and Fr. Pat Dolan also spoke up to remind us that at one time the Church never taught us how to discuss our faith with others, as if it was all about "God and me." They reminded us that Art's presentation is all about the central message of Vatican II. It was even stated that the Church once thought every Catholic adult should have six weeks of formation every year.

Fr. Joe and Fr. Pat also reminded us that we should be able to talk about our faith without necessarily attempting to convert others. We were also reminded that Jesus Christ *is* the Catholic Church – a missing ingredient – one that Vatican II promoted.

We want to thank Art for a presentation that generated a lot of discussion in this meeting.

*(Thanks to Jerry Zimmerer for the picture with this article.)*

## [FR. TOM BOLAND SPOKE AT OUR](#) [FEBRUARY 19 MEETING](#)

Our speaker for this meeting was Fr. Tom Boland; and he discussed "Signposts On Our Spiritual Journey."

Fr. Tom was born and raised in Louisville, an on-



ly child in his family, which belonged to Christ the King parish. He attended Flaget High School, St. Thomas Seminary, and St. Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore. He was ordained May 8, 1965. So, he's been a priest for 53 years this May!

Over the years, Fr. Tom has had assignments at Trinity High School, the Family Relations Center, the Family Ministries Office, St. Therese Parish, Holy Spirit Parish, and St. Patrick Parish. He was also the Consultor for the Priests Council for seven terms, and has a Certification in Spiritual Direction from Sacred Heart University.

Now that Fr. Tom is retired, he helps out at St. Edwards Parish.

Fr. Tom said that there is one thing we all have in common – we are on a journey. "Journey" is defined as an act of traveling from one place to another. Yet, our lives of filled with journeys – some of them ordinary, and some very extraordinary. Some might take three minutes and others might take weeks.

Along the way, there are various signposts, some

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of them very important (e.g., traffic lights, stop signs, maps, and GPS devices).

Life is also a metaphor for a spiritual journey – one whereby we are going home to God, the end of life, and eternity.

In the spiritual journey, we also have signposts. The first is prayer – e.g., Sunday Mass, private prayer, the Rosary, prayers to patron saints, grace before meals, etc.

Another signpost consists of the Scriptures, which give us a lot of guidance for the journey. We can use Scriptures in many ways along the journey – for example, in liturgies, as daily devotionals, and in *Lectio Divina* (see <http://ocarm.org/en/content/lectio/what-lectio-divina>).

Yet another signpost consists of the many forms of spiritual reading available to us. There is classical reading, as in the writings of the saints, as well as contemporary reading – such as things by Thomas Merton (<http://merton.org/chrono.aspx>), St. Teresa of Calcutta

(<http://www.catholic.org/clife/teresa/quotes.php>), or Pope Francis (<https://www.facebook.com/PopeFrancis.Video.Homilies.Writings.Articles/>).

Some signposts help us know where we are, maybe telling us the distance to our destination or telling us of a scenic vista around the corner, or keeping us from getting lost.

On the spiritual journey, how do we navigate? Are we paying enough attention? What feels right? What gives us a sense of being fed on the journey? What draws us closer to God? Are we bored? Do we feel our prayer life is too dry? Is it time to change the form of our prayers?

The Holy Spirit is talking to us in gentle whispers. Our own curiosity can lead us to new thoughts, directions, actions, and interests. This might result in our buying a certain book for spiritual reading, or joining a specific program or book club during Lent, or even making a weekend retreat (see <https://www.saintmeinrad.org/retreats/> and <https://mountsaintfrancis.org/retreat-offerings/>).

Fr. Tom had a handout with some popular authors, suggested readings, and other ideas. Here are some of those ideas:

Popular authors include Bishop Robert Barron (<https://www.wordonfire.org/>), Fr. William Barry, SJ,

Fr. Paul Coutina, SJ, Fr. Thomas Merton, OCSO, Fr. James Martin, SJ, Fr. Henri Nouwen, Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, Fr. Richard Rohr, OSF, Matthew Kelly, and Robert Wicks.

On the subject of a new cosmology, Fr. Tom recommends Judy Cannato's "Radical Amazement" and "Field of Compassion."

By Pope Francis, Fr. Tom recommended "Laudato Si" and "Amoris Laetitia."

On Centering Prayer, Fr. Tom recommended the "Contemplative Outreach" app, as well as materials by Trappist Monk Fr. Thomas Keating, OCSO (who is alive, in his 90's, has several books, and dozens of free videos online).

The Center for Action and Contemplation, founded by Fr. Richard Rohr, can be found at <https://cac.org/>, where you can also subscribe to a weekly or daily email meditation.

Fr. Tom also said there are a number of websites and smart phone apps that offer daily Mass readings and reflections, the Liturgy of the Hours, etc. Some of the free apps include the Laudate app, Reimagining the Examen app, the Centering Prayer app, and the Sacred Space app.

We want to thank Fr. Tom Boland for his insightful spiritual direction.

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## [SERRA CLUB WILL BE A SPONSOR OF THE ANNUAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE](#)

This year's Archdiocesan Louisville Women's Conference will be held on Saturday, March 10, at St. Patrick's parish (1000 North Beckley Station Rd, Louisville, KY 40245). The conference runs from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm; but pre-registration is requested. The theme this year is "Diverse Women of Faith." In addition to Mass with **Archbishop Kurtz**, and breakout sessions, there will be two keynote speakers – **Sarah Hart** and **Sr. Eva Marie Lumas, SSS**. For more information, or to register online, go to <http://cwclouisville.net/welcome/>.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS, AND THAT MORE MEN ANSWER THE CALL TO THE PRIESTHOOD.**

**VOCATION ESSAY AND POSTER CONTEST AWARDS WERE PRESENTED AT THE FEBRUARY 19 MEETING**

At our February 19 meeting, our guests included the First Place winners, along with their parents, teachers, principals and a pastor. The Vocation Poster Contest and the Vocation Essay Contest are a joint effort between the Archdiocesan Vocations Office and the Serra Club of Louisville. In addition to the awards listed below, the Serra Club also gave a \$50 check to each of the teachers of the First Place Winners.

**GRADES 4-6 POSTER CONTEST**

**FIRST PLACE (\$100): Joshua Fernandez** of Our Lady of Lourdes School (Grade 5). Joshua’s teacher is Mrs. Sunny Bowen.

**SECOND PLACE (\$75): Felicity Kaufman** of Holy Angels Academy (Grade 5).

**THIRD PLACE (\$50): Carlee Hite** of St. Joseph School in Bardstown (Grade 6).

**GRADES 7-8 ESSAY CONTEST**

**FIRST PLACE (\$100): Laurel Peyton** of St. Raphael School (Grade 8). Laurel’s teacher is Ms. Jennie Condra.

**SECOND PLACE (\$75): Lucas Wheatley** of St. James School in Elizabethtown (Grade 7).

**THIRD PLACE (\$50): Abby Hall** of St. Catherine Academy (Grade 8).



<<<<< Grades 4 through 6 - Vocation Poster Contest: Pictured from Our Lady of Lourdes Parish are (from left to right) Leona Fernandez, First Place Winner Joshua Fernandez (foreground), his brother John, and Principal Jennifer Barz. (Pastor Fr. Scott Wimsatt, teacher Sunny Bowen, and Joshua’s dad, Leon Fernandez, were unable to attend.)

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Grades 7 and 8 – Vocation Essay Contest: Pictured from St. Raphael Parish are (from left to right) First Place Winner Laurel Peyton, her parents Tony and Jenny Recktenwald, teacher Jennie Condra, Principal Jill Tabor, and Pastor Fr. Shayne Duvall.



## NATIONAL CATHOLIC SISTERS WEEK IS MARCH 8-14

Established in 2014, as part of Women's History Month, the National Catholic Sisters Week is March 8 through 14 each year. According to the national office, "The NCSW mission is to honor women religious through a series of events that instruct, enlighten, and bring greater focus to the lives of these incredible women. We welcome events of any type, and encourage organizations to think about creative ways to celebrate sisters for the entire week."

This is a good time for all parishes, schools, and others to choose some way to celebrate this occasion. Maybe you can simply take your favorite religious sister out for a meal.

For more information, see <http://www.nationalcatholicsistersweek.org/about.php>. For FAQ's, see [http://www.nationalcatholicsistersweek.org/resources/NCSW\\_FAQ.pdf](http://www.nationalcatholicsistersweek.org/resources/NCSW_FAQ.pdf). Events that some are considering include - a Mass and supper; a Sisters' Appreciation Day; a card or letter to your favorite sisters; Vespers; a Cupcakes, Coffee, and Conversation event; a retreat; etc. To see what others are doing around the country, see <http://www.nationalcatholicsistersweek.org/index.php>. To see if an event has been scheduled near your location, check out <http://www.nationalcatholicsistersweek.org/events.php>. For some great stories about women religious, check out the SisterStory at <https://www.sisterstory.org/>.

## ARCHBISHOP KURTZ WILL BE OUR SPEAKER ON APRIL 16.

The Serra Club will host a luncheon meeting at 11:45 on Monday, April 16, in Barth Hall at St. Bartholomew Parish, 2042 Buechel Bank Rd. Archbishop Kurtz will speak on "The Gift of Religious Liberty." **Reservations are required** no later than Wednesday, April 11.

The cost is \$15 if MAILED by April 9 and \$20 if received after April 11. For more information or to make reservations, call Jerry Gonsoski at 245-5392.

THE NEW WEBSITE FOR THE SERRA CLUB OF LOUISVILLE CAN BE FOUND AT

[www.ArchLou.org/Serra](http://www.ArchLou.org/Serra)

## KEN PEET'S MINUTES FROM THE PLANTING SEEDS COMMITTEE MEETING OF JANUARY 10

Present: Sr. Sarah Yungwirth, Kelly McLemore, Sr. Rachel Geracitano, Fr. Martin Martiny, Sr. Monica Seaton, Dr. Melanie-Prejean Sullivan, Ken Peet, Sr. Mai-Dung Nguyen, Sr. Mary Teresa Burns, Friar John Bamman, Sr. Chris Kunze

- 1) Parish Picnics - Instead of trying to draw lots of people to our own events, try to tag onto events like parish picnics that already draw large crowds.
  - 2) Busy Person's Retreats
    - \* UofL  
Currently looking at 2/19/18-2/23/18 but it hasn't been decided or planned out yet  
Would need help with counselors for spiritual direction
    - \* Bellarmine  
Week of 3/18/18 to coincide with 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Merton's experience on a corner.  
Goal is to have sign-ups by March 1, and then Melanie will contact the group for help.
  - 3) Serra Club Poster and Essay Contests - 11 schools participated with 390 entries this year - double last year's numbers.
  - 4) Vocation Visits - Visits going well. Grade schools are very receptive, but harder to get into high school because of more demanding schedules.
  - 5) Have received a number of requests for Vocation Materials from teachers, parishes, etc.
  - 6) Community Updates were given:
    - \* Sisters of St. Benedict – by Sr. Rachel
    - \* Ursulines of Mt. St. Francis – by Sr. Monica
    - \* Conventual Franciscan Friars – by Friar John
    - \* Sisters of Charity of Nazareth – by Sr. Chris Kunze
    - \* UofL – by Fr. Martin Martiny
    - \* Bellarmine – by Dr. Melanie-Prejean Sullivan.
- Next meeting is at Maloney Center, Room 5, 1200 S. Shelby St. on April 11 at 5:30 pm.

**"Christian perfection consists in three things: praying heroically, working heroically, and suffering heroically."**

**- St. Anthony Claret (1807-1870)**

**POTPOURRI –**  
**VARIOUS ITEMS OF INTEREST**

**Serran Birthdays this month**

Ken Peet, Mar 3      Norm Beat, Mar 21

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

Evangelization: Formation in Spiritual Discernment  
- That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

**Local women join the Carmelites** - see <http://therecordnewspaper.org/two-louisville-women-join-carmelites/>

**Quote from a Saint** – St. Anselm, a great teacher and Archbishop of Canterbury (1033-1109), spoke these words in a homily: "Without God's Son nothing could exist; without Mary's son, nothing could be redeemed."

**Lenten Quote** - "You will have found Christ when you are more concerned with the suffering of others than your own suffering." - Flannery O'Connor (1925-1964, American, Catholic writer)

**St. Joseph's feast day is March 19.** For reflections on the life of St. Joseph, see [http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint\\_id=4](http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=4)

**Archdiocesan Lenten Fish Fry Schedule** - <https://www.archlou.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/2018-Fish-Fry-Listing-1.pdf>

**Saintly quotes on fasting** - <https://churchpop.com/2017/06/27/secrets-of-the-saints-the-forgotten-spiritual-power-of-fasting/>

**Vocation Hour on WLCR** - Don't forget that you can listen to the Vocation Hour every Friday, from 11 am to 12 noon, on WLCR AM, Louisville Catholic Radio.

**Vocation Quote** - “Discovering vocation does not mean scrambling toward some prize just beyond my reach, but accepting the treasure of true self I already possess. Vocation does not come from a voice out there calling me to be something I am not. It comes from a voice in here calling me to be the per-

son I was born to be, to fulfill the original selfhood given me at birth by God.” - Thomas Merton

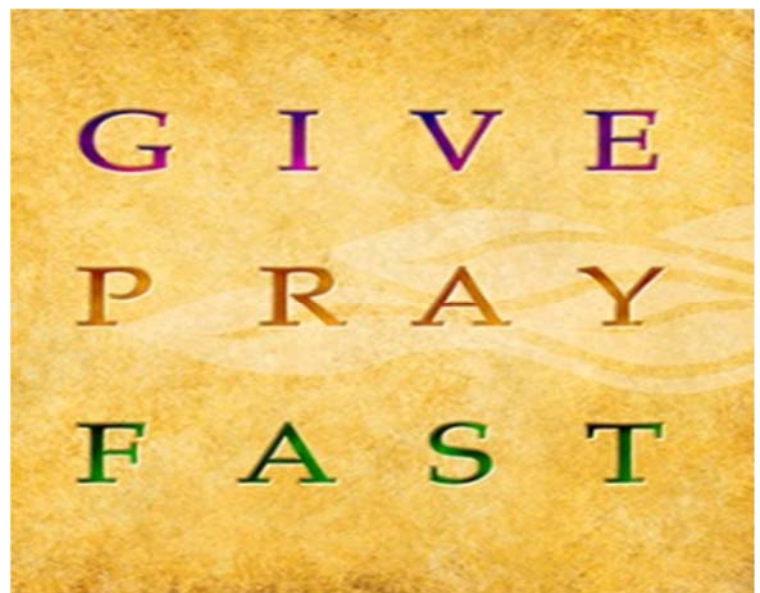
**Here's an Excellent Good Friday Meditation** – <http://www.aquinasandmore.com/catholic-articles/what-are-the-seven-last-words-of-christ/article/325>

**On Surrendering to God** - "The day you learn to surrender yourself totally to God, you will discover a new world, just as I am experiencing. You will enjoy a peace and a calm unknown, surpassing even the happiest days of your life." - Saint Jaime Hilario (1898-1937)

**Catholic Grandparents Association** - see <http://www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org/>

**Each of Us is a Letter From God** – “Every Christian must be a living book wherein one can read the teaching of the gospel. This is what Saint Paul says to the Corinthians, 'Clearly you are a letter of Christ which I have delivered, a letter written not with ink, but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh in the heart' (2 Corinthians 3:3). Our heart is the parchment; through my ministry the Holy Spirit is the writer because 'my tongue is nimble as the pen of a skillful scribe' (Psalms 45:2).” - from a sermon by Saint Joseph of Leonissa (1556-1612)

**Eucharistic Adoration times** in our Archdiocesan parishes - <https://www.archlou.org/parishes/eucharistic-adoration/> - click “VIEW TIMES” on the top right.



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