



## Saint Serra Club of Louisville VOCATION DIGEST

**AUGUST, 2024  
Newsletter**

### MISSION:

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

Club chartered May 22, 1955

**"Always Forward, Never Back"**  
– Saint Junipero Serra

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### MASS AND INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

On July 1, the Feast Day of St. Junipero Serra, we gathered for a special Mass, which included the installation and blessing of new officers, followed by a luncheon, at which the outgoing and incoming

per will continue in their existing roles.

We also want to thank Fr. Casey Sanders for allowing us to have the Mass at St. John Paul II parish, the closest parish to where we have our regular lunches.

*(Thanks to Sally Lynch and Paul Willett for taking pictures at the July 1 Mass and luncheon.)*



presidents spoke about the club.

Fr. Pat Dolan, our Club Chaplain, celebrated Mass for us and gave us a homily about the feast day and our service as Serrans.

The officers are **Chuck Lynch** - President & VP of Communications; **Bob Hublar** - Secretary and VP of Vocations; **Jerry Gonsoski** - Treasurer; **Lynn Haner** - VP of Membership; **Melody Denson** - VP of Programs. The following will be Trustees: **Theresa Fiedler**, **Ken Peet**, **Debbie Farmer**, **Kevin Thieneman**, and **Lincoln Lewis**.

**Ken Peet** will continue as the Regional Director.

Our Chaplain **Fr. Pat Dolan** and Assistant Chaplain **Fr. Jeff Hop-**

### NEW MEMBER CHARLOTTE TUCKER

At the July 1 meeting, Charlotte Tucker was asked to introduce herself.



She said she grew up in St. Helen's parish on Dixie Highway. She even considered a vocation

herself as a youth, having interacted with the sisters who taught at St. Helen's.

Charlotte is now a parishioner at St. Gabriel parish.

She was an organic chemist for Seagram's Distillery. When Seagram research moved to White Plains, New York, Charlotte went to work for Rohm and Haas, from which she eventually retired after it was acquired by Dow Chemical.

Charlotte said she first heard of the Serra Club when she would visit the Newman Center while in college at UK; and she was a member of the UK Serra Club years ago in Lexington. She has nuns and priests in her family, and has always been interested in promoting vocations. Charlotte said she also has friends whose sons are priests.

Once married, Charlotte is now a widow and involved with her parish. She has three children and seven grandchildren. Having more time in her life now and feeling that group prayer for vocations is more powerful than individual prayer, she felt it was time to get back into a Serra Club.

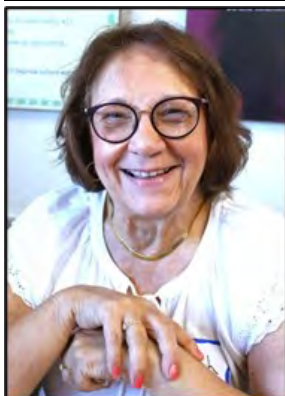
Charlotte, welcome to the St. Serra Club of Louisville!

### NEW MEMBER SARAH SCHURFRANZ

At the July 1 meeting, Sarah Schurfranz (pronounced shoor'fronz) was asked to introduce herself.

She started her faith career at

## **SARAH SCHURFRANZ** **(continued from page 1)**



St. Raphael parish, and now belongs to St. John Paul II parish.

She's been a widow for eight years and is retired, with three children and eight grandchildren. Sarah knows a lot of priests but has none in her family.

Sarah's mother was a doer and a joiner; and, like her mother, Sarah feels the need to be involved. Now that she's retired,

has more time, has been interested in promoting vocations, and gives at least half of her CSA donation to the education of seminarians, she felt it would be good to devote time to the St. Serra Club of Louisville. She was recruited by Serran Lynn Haner.

Sarah has also decided to help with the Parish Vocation Ministry at St. John Paul II parish.

Sarah, welcome to the St. Serra Club of Louisville!

## **SPECIAL PINS FOR PRESIDENTS AND SERRANS OF OVER 25 YEARS**

The Board decided to recognize certain Serrans for their past service and/or years of membership.

Our Past Presidents receiving special Past President Pins are **Jim Williams** (33 years a member, President for two years, VP of Programs, and emcee for the December Luncheon for sisters for 20 years), **Bob Hublar** (President for 11 years, and VP of Vocations), **Charlie Francesconi** (21 years a member, President for two years, VP of Communications, Secretary and Trustee), **Ralph Williams** (28 years a member, President for three years, VP of Programs, VP of Communications, District Governor, and Trustee), and **Theresa Fiedler** (30 years a member, President for three years, VP of Programs, Secretary, and Newsletter Editor).

Our Serrans who have been with the club 25 years or more this year are **Jim Williams** (33 years), **Ralph Williams** (28 years), **Theresa Fiedler** (30 years), and **Norman Beat** (27 years a member, as well as Treasurer, VP of Membership, and a Trustee).

**Chuck Lynch** (17 years a member, Trustee, VP of Programs, and VP of Communications) was given a President's Pin as the newly elected president.

## **OUTGOING PRESIDENT BOB HUBLAR SPOKE ON JULY 1**

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

**Regular meetings** - We target to have *most* meetings the first and third Mondays of each month, at **11:30 AM**, in the **Golden Corral at Hikes Point** (4032 Taylorsville Road). The charge will be \$12 for members and \$15 for guests. Non-members wanting to attend should contact Chuck Lynch in advance.

**Aug 5 (1<sup>st</sup> Mon)** - **No meeting** due to our special meeting on Aug 9.

**Aug 9 (Fri)** - **Luncheon for our seminarians** going back to school this month. Open to Serrans and the Vocation Office only. **Reservations required.**

**Aug 10 (2<sup>nd</sup> Sat)** - **"Serra Meets"** - 12 Noon Louisville time - national Zoom meeting for all Serrans - for details, click [here](#).

**Aug 12 (2<sup>nd</sup> Mon)** - **Rosary for Vocations**, 7 pm, by Zoom. See separate article for details.

**Aug 14 (2<sup>nd</sup> Wed)** - **Holy Hour for Vocations** - After the noon Mass in St. Margaret Mary Chapel.

**Aug 19 (3<sup>rd</sup> Mon)** - **Todd Popson, Associate Director of Vocations**, will speak on the journey that led him to the Vocation Office.

**Aug 27 (Tue)** - 11:45 - **Serra Board Meeting** - St. Margaret Mary Spirituality Center.

**Questions?** - Contact Chuck Lynch at (502) 442-9302 or [ChuckLynch4782@gmail.com](mailto:ChuckLynch4782@gmail.com).

Bob Hublar touched on a number of topics, starting with all that has happened since he became President around 11 years ago.



We have moved our meeting location from the U of L University Club. We had to deal with the Covid pandemic, and even had some of our meetings by Zoom.

We had to skip the Christmas Women Religious Luncheon some years due to the pandemic. But we tried to make up for it by purchasing boxes of candies, adding a note drafted by Fr. Pat Dolan, and had members deliver them all over the archdiocese. Although we've brought back the December Sisters' Luncheon, we are still delivering the boxes of chocolates.

We started back up the Vocation Poster and Essay Contest; and it ended up being adopted by the USA Council of Serra to be added to the [S.P.A.R.K.](#) pro-



## **BOB HUBLAR** **(continued from page 2)**

gram.

We started having a monthly Rosary for Vocations, by Zoom during the pandemic, and have continued it ever since, on the second Monday of each month.

We started a monthly Holy Hour for Vocations, now held on the second Wednesday of each month, after the noon Mass in the chapel of St. Margaret Mary parish. Bob even arranged for us

to also have the Holy Hour for Vocations once a year with the upper grade students at St. Albert the Great parish. The teachers and students led the prayers for the Rosary. This has been going on each of the last three years.

We also started offering a retreat for members as well as non-members. These have been very well received.

Some parishes and schools use the Traveling Chalice or Crucifix program for vocations; and we hope to get more groups involved.

We worked with both the Vocation Office and the USA Council of Serra to host an IGNITE Workshop in Louisville, to help train parishes on how to start a Parish Vocation Ministry. We hope to put on more of these workshops in the future.

Bob reminded us to never underestimate the power of prayer.

He also complimented the Vocation Office staff and Fr. Martin Linebach, Vicar for Vocations and Director of Vocations, for the great job they have been doing.

Bob felt very confident that we will continue to see good things happening with vocations in our archdiocese.

Speaking of the June 1 ordination of five new priests, Bob said that we can all see the fruits of our labors; and he said he'd like to think, "I played a little part in that person becoming a priest."

We want to thank Bob Hublar for his leadership and all he has done in his 11 years as President!

## **INCOMING PRESIDENT CHUCK** **LYNCH SPOKE ON JULY 1**

Chuck also commented on a few other things that happened during Bob's presidency. We've had a change in Archbishops, the death of Chaplain Fr. Joe Voor at age 97, the addition of a new Chaplain, Fr. Pat Dolan, as well as an Assistant Chaplain, Fr. Jeff Hopper.

We experienced several changes in the Vocation Directors.

Unfortunately, we've had around two dozen Serans, as well as Chaplain Fr. Joe Voor, who passed away in those 11 years. Fortunately, we have kept our membership numbers about where they were 11 years ago.

We now have the monthly, national Serra Meets Zoom meeting, which was started during the pandemic and is still going on.

The USA Council now promotes Challenge Coins, which we've purchased and continue to distribute to

priests and deacons.

In 2023, for the first time, we had paying sponsors for a Retreat and for the December Women Religious Luncheon. As a result, in 2023, our club was able to give to the Vocation Office over \$8,000 – more than we've ever given in Chuck's memory of 17 years of membership.

We've developed a great board; and thankfully, they're all staying on for the coming year, even though some are changing positions. And we're adding Lincoln Lewis to that august group of leaders.

Chuck said that Bob Hublar has been a great inspiration and a mentor to him; and he's glad Bob will continue as a member of the Board.

He also gave some thoughts about the coming year. Regarding the IGNITE Workshop, we expect to have our second one – reaching additional parishes about establishing Parish Vocation Ministries – sometime this fall.

We'll be looking for volunteers with various activities, including the next IGNITE Workshop. (And Chuck said not to forget - studies show that 80% of priests come from the 20% of parishes that have some sort of a program to promote vocations.) The Next Retreat has not yet been scheduled; but we'll definitely need help. We still want to continue promoting the Challenge Coins. We'll need help recruiting sponsors for the retreat and the annual Women Religious Christmas Luncheon.

We want to continue strengthening, as Bob did, our relationship with Archbishop Shelton Fabre's

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office and the Vocation Office.

And we continue to increase people's awareness of our club, so they're less likely to confuse us with the Sierra Club. Chuck said our newsletter now goes to 2,300 people.

We will continue encouraging member prayers for vocations - Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations, Zoom Rosaries for Vocations, Seven Serrans prayer group (people picking a specific day of the week to pray one hour for the Vocation Director and the staff of the Vocation Office).

Chuck spoke of one of his favorite verses in the Bible - "Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer." (Romans 12:12). He said it reminds him of the nature of all Serra Clubs. Hoping for an increase in vocations, especially to the priesthood. Suffering because our country continues to experience a priest shortage. Praying for vocations because we know prayer works.

Although we ordained five new priests last month, we've already heard from Fr. Martin Linebach that there will be at least six new seminarians this fall. Fr. Martin said there are also some others still applying and being considered.

So, like Bob, Chuck said he's excited about all that can happen in the coming year.

## JULY 13 ZOOM MEETING FOR "SERRA MEETS"

Our speaker for this 43<sup>rd</sup> *Serra Meets* was Fr. Thomas Gibbons, CSP, of the Paulist Fathers, the first religious order of men to come (in 1858) to the United States.

Fr. Tom, age 52, lives at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Community in Los Angeles, of which he is a past associate pastor. He has been a member of his order for 18 years and was ordained a priest in 2012.

For the last eight years, Fr. Tom has worked in media productions, including works aired through the [Public Broadcasting Service](#).

While working on a documentary about Fr. Kieser (1929-2000), being rolled out as "[Fr. Bud, Hollywood Priest](#)," and hearing of Confederate statues coming down, he decided to investigate stories on the statues of St. Junipero Serra which were being vandalized or torn down in California. He found our nation is increasingly polarized.



He discovered a NY Times bestseller book, "[Love Your Enemies: How Decent People Can Save America from the Culture of Contempt](#)" by Arthur Brooks, about all the disagreements in the country, and our need for more goodwill conversations.

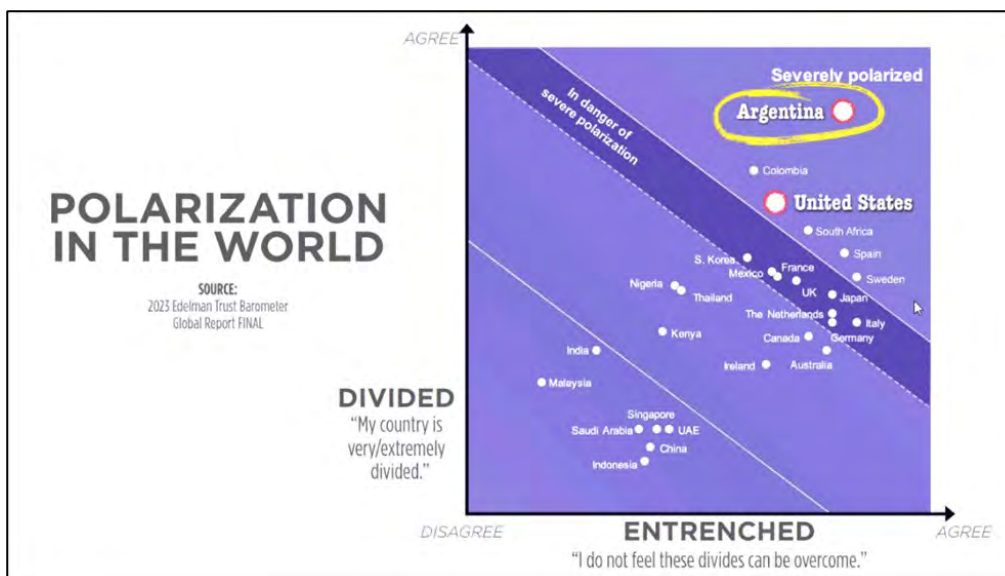
In the wake of the death of George Floyd in May 2020, the nation

had entered a deeper conversation on issues of civil rights. But in the wake of that conversation, controversies surrounding the legacy of Saint Junipero Serra have also risen to the surface and with it, concerns about historical preservation and religious freedom.

To this end, [Paulist Productions](#) has more fully explored the legacy of St. Junipero Serra along with a renewed historical appreciation of native peoples, presented in a documentary project entitled

"[Junipero Serra: Statue of Limitations](#)," (the link includes a 2-minute trailer). Top scholars representing many different perspectives have contributed to the project so that we can gain a fuller understanding of the major issues that lie beneath the usual talking points regarding Father Serra's legacy.

The main questions they are attempting to answer with this film are (a) When do we *judge* the past... and when do we *defend* the past? And (b) How





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can we *heal*... and what does *moving forward* look like?

Fr. Tom found that rabble-rousers were not interested in conversation, but only in tearing down statues. He said there are many people whose attitude is, "I love, but THEY hate." or, "I'm good, but THEY are bad." He found people who disagree on issues and are treating each other as enemies.

The presentation that Fr. Tom made included some great slides and statistics on ideological differences and polarization in the world. Interestingly, two of the most polarized countries in the world are the U.S. and Argentina, from where Pope Francis came. (See chart.)

Fr. Tom spoke of there being "Bonders" and "Bridgers". The bonders just want to stick with their team. The bridgers ask - who might we be able to connect to our point of view?

Arthur Brooks' book talks about America being a culture of bridgers. In Ventura, CA, it was decided to listen to both sides of the argument and then put up to a vote the issue about the future of the statues.

Since St. Serra founded what is now the town of Ventura, CA, where there are statues of St. Serra, this whole debate was a big one – primarily between a popular pastor and a representative of one of the tribes of Native Americans.

In March of 2024, it was voted that the statues were to be removed from public property and transferred to a Catholic mission.

The documentary film, presenting both sides of the arguments about St. Serra, is being presented publicly in October of this year at the [Newport Beach Film Festival](#). From there, Fr. Tom expects it could go to various platforms, such as PBS of Southern California, and then the national PBS station, possibly cable channels, and then eventually to YouTube.

Fr. Tom says the documentary will help with bridge-building between the two sides arguing over the history of St. Serra. And preliminary findings are that there are people on *both* sides thinking the film does too much for their opponents' arguments – which may indicate it is well balanced.

For anyone wanting to make a tax-deductible donation to help support the production of this documentary, click [here](#).

To view the entire presentation, as well as the business portion of this Serra Meets, click [here](#).

The next Serra Meets will be broadcast live on Saturday, August 10 from the Serra International Conference in New Orleans.

(PS from the Editor of this newsletter: For a good book on the same issues about St. Serra, read the book "[Saint Junipero Serra: Making Sense of the History and Legacy](#)," written from a historical perspective by Christian Clifford. I just finished the book and found it to be very well written.)

## **NEWLY ORDAINED FR.** **MATTHEW MILLAY SPOKE** **AT OUR JULY 15 MEETING.**



Fr. Matthew H. Millay, 28, was ordained a priest on June 1 of this year. He is a native of Guston, Kentucky (about 15 miles west of Fort Knox). He is the second of four sons of Harold and Kimberly Millay who live on the family farm in Guston.

He has earned a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Western Kentucky University. He also earned a Master of Arts in Catholic Philosophical Studies, and a Master of Divinity, both from Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology in St. Meinrad, Indiana.

Fr. Matt now serves as the Associate Pastor of Holy Spirit Catholic Church and St. Leonard Catholic Church, both in Louisville.

He joined us to tell us of his vocation journey.

Fr. Matt said his earliest memories with some sense of a vocation come from time with his grandfather, who babysat him while his grandmother was still working. It was always a "great time." He recalls his whole family was most prayerful; and he also "played Mass" as a young child.

His mother even made him a Roman collar to wear to school for career day!

Fr. Matt's grandfather was a man of deep prayer and said the Rosary frequently. He was an example of what it means to "pray without ceasing." Saying the Liturgy of the Hours five times a day now, plus celebrating Mass, Fr. Matt says he is often reminded of his grandfather.

As a child, Fr. Matt felt he "really belonged" to his parents, grandparents, and the Church. As he later considered the priesthood, his parents were very supportive, even though they, like any parent of a discerner, were occasionally nervous.

Late in high school, while he felt very serious about the seminary, his parents suggested he wait a

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while. So, he went to WKU, joined a fraternity, and participated in the activities of the campus Newman Center. Thinking he may get into dentistry, he majored in biology and minored in business and finance. For the ten years during college and seminary Fr. Matt and Fr. Kenny Nauert were very close friends, both being ordained at the same time.

Fr. Matt says that he learned what freedom meant; and it was during his WKU years that the call to priesthood was clarified.

At St. Meinrad Seminary, he learned that “My time is not my own ... It belongs to God.” He grew in self-understanding and spoke highly of the studies about being human (one of the four dimensions of seminary formation). The gift of self was one of the many things he learned.

He said the “priesthood is an immense gift to receive and to be shared. He’s looking forward to the school year at Holy Spirit parish because he’s already spent two years helping the parish and the school prior to ordination; and he really enjoys working with youth.

Fr. Matt says that he understands one of the big differences between seminary formation today versus many years ago is that previous generations of priests took a lot of English, liberal arts, history, etc. while many of today’s seminarians come from a background in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

Having young grade schoolers think about vocations is what he recommends. If we wait until high school, then it’s probably too late.

Talking about his role as an associate pastor, he tells his parishioners to contact him anytime. He says he was “ordained for interruptions.”

We want to thank Fr. Matt for speaking with us about his vocation journey.

You can also view his interview by Chancellor Brian Reynolds in the July edition of [What’s New in Arch-Lou?](#)

*(Thanks to Paul Willett and Ken Peet for taking pictures at this meeting.)*

**PRIESTS CELEBRATING**  
**ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES**

Congratulations to our priests celebrating anniversaries of ordination this month. We always include here any priests, from religious orders and other dioceses, who are working in our Archdiocese. The asterisk (\*) indicates “Retired.”

FABRE, ARCHBISHOP SHELTON, 8/5/89, 35 yrs.  
HAMILTON, REV. MARK M., 8/6/94, 30 yrs.

HERNÁNDEZ, REV. PABLO A., 8/12/06, 18 yrs.  
JOHNSON, REV. JOHN R. \*, 8/27/11, 13 yrs.  
JUDIE, REV. JOHN T. \*, 8/1/87, 37 yrs.  
MEIMAN, REV. LOUIS J., 8/1/87, 37 yrs.  
MUWONGE, REV. EXPEDITO, 8/20/89, 35 yrs.  
NICOLAS, REV. JEFFREY S., 8/7/93, 31 yrs.  
RANKIN, REV. JOSEPH M. \*, 8/4/79, 45 yrs.  
SSAMBA, A.J., REV. DEOGRATIAS, 8/21/10, 14 yrs.  
TOBIN, REV. T. MICHAEL, 8/7/93, 31 yrs.  
ZULU, REV. JACOB, 8/9/08, 16 yrs.

**SEMINARIAN BIRTHDAYS**  
**THIS MONTH**

Happy Birthday to one of our seminarians this month: **Thanh Phan – August 5**

You can get more information on all our seminarians, as well as their email addresses, videos on hobbies, and videos on vocation stories by clicking [here](#).

**KELLY MCLEMORE IS LEAVING THE**  
**VOCATIONS OFFICE.**



Kelly McLemore, who has been a secretary in the Vocations Office for 7 years, is leaving to go back to school. Her last full day was July 19; but she promised to assist part-time until classes start in August.

She has been instrumental in the success of the Vocations Office. And she has been very helpful to the St. Serra Club especially as it relates to coordinating the

Vocation Poster and Essay Contests, jointly sponsored by the Vocations Office and the St. Serra Club. She’s also been deeply involved with coordinating joint meetings, providing information on all our seminarians, and much more.

Fr. Martin Linebach, Vicar for Vocations, said, “I ask the Lord’s blessing and offer my best wishes to Kelly on her future educational and career pursuits. She will be sorely missed in the Office of Vocations. It’s always the person behind the scenes who makes ministry happen in exceptional ways. Kelly has been that for us. She is also a very kind and caring person. And a woman of deep faith. Join me in lending our gratitude and prayers!”

## DEACONS CELEBRATING ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES IN AUGUST

Congratulations to our Deacons celebrating ordination anniversaries this month. The asterisk (\*) indicates Retired; (^) indicates Senior Deacon. The names of the wives of deacons are in parentheses.

ABELL, JAMES H.^\* (MARY JO), 8/28/93, 31 yrs / AGE, STEPHEN A. (SHANNON), 8/20/16, 8 yrs / AUFFREY, TODD C. (ELIZABETH), 8/21/10, 14 yrs / AYERS, TIMOTHY B.^\*, 8/26/06, 18 yrs / BABIN, JEREMIAH S.^\* (SUSIE), 8/23/08, 16 yrs / BAKER, EARL (ELLEN), 8/29/20, 4 yrs / BARNES, DERRICK A. (MISTIANN), 8/25/12, 12 yrs / BARTLEY, RALPH E.^\* (JANE), 8/25/12, 12 yrs / BEAVIN, GREGORY A.^ (SHIRLEY), 8/23/08, 16 yrs / BECKMANN, CHARLES B.^\*, 8/28/99, **25 yrs** / BELL, KENNETH, 8/28/99, **25 yrs** / BENT, CHARLES "CHUCK" (CYNDI), 8/26/06, 18 yrs / BERGHAUSEN, IV, EDWARD J. "NED" (KATHERINE BULINSKI), 8/29/20, 4 yrs / BISIG, SR., DANIEL G., 8/21/10, 14 yrs / BLAND, JOSEPH E.^\* (VIRGINIA), 8/25/12, 12 yrs / BOWLING, T. STEPHEN (SUSAN), 8/23/08, 16 yrs / BROWN, ANTHONY T. (NAOMI MARIE), 8/20/16, 8 yrs / BROWN, CHARLES K.\* (FRANCES), 8/17/96, 28 yrs / BRYANT, ROBERT C.\*^, 8/17/96, 28 yrs / BUEHNER, JEROME L.^ (CONNIE), 8/25/12, 12 yrs / BURCHETT, K. MICHAEL^\* (CAROL), 8/21/10, 14 yrs / BUSH, R. BRYAN (JENNIFER), 8/20/16, 8 yrs / CALVERT, JOSEPH D. (BERTA), 8/23/08, 16 yrs / CARTER, KENNETH J.^ (LINDA), 8/28/99, **25 yrs** / CARUSO, LUCIO A. (THERESE), 8/21/10, 14 yrs / CARUSO, ROBERT R.^ (KIM), 8/25/12, 12 yrs / CECIL, JAMES A.^\* (PEGGY), 8/21/10, 14 yrs / CLARK, WILLIAM V.^ (NICKI), 8/17/96, 28 yrs / COOPER, ERNEST A.^\* (JOANN), 8/22/87, 37 yrs / COTTRELL, FRANK E.\* (ELLY), 8/24/02, 22 yrs / COULTER, WILLIAM DONALD, 8/21/10, 14 yrs / DACHILLE, NICHOLAS G. (CAROLYN), 8/29/20, 4 yrs / DALTON, DAVID L.^\* (KAYE), 8/17/96, 28 yrs / DANT, JOSEPH R. (LINDA), 8/18/90, 34 yrs / DAPONTE, STEPHEN J.^ (LYNDA), 8/26/06, 18 yrs / DIEMER, DARRYL J. (SUSAN), 8/23/08, 16 yrs / DOWNS, WILLIAM ARNOLD^\* (LINDA), 8/17/96, 28 yrs / DRERUP, KARL A. (PAT), 8/21/10, 14 yrs / DUGAN, LOUIS B.^\* (JOANN), 8/26/06, 18 yrs / EDWARDS, MICHAEL L.^ (JOYCE), 8/28/82, 42 yrs / FAGAN, RICHARD J. (JULIE), 8/20/16, 8 yrs / FAHRINGER, CARL A.^, 8/25/12, 12 yrs / FELLONNEAU, JOHN M. (KELLY), 8/20/16, 8 yrs / FITZMAYER, MICHAEL J., 8/20/16, 8 yrs / FROEHLICH, JOHN G. ^ (HELEN), 8/20/16, 8 yrs / GITSCHIER, GREGORY M. (TRACY), 8/21/10, 14 yrs / GIULITTO, DEAN R.^ (MAY), 8/29/20, 4 yrs / GRANT, JR., JOHN A. (KIM), 8/29/20, 4 yrs / HALL, ROBERT C.^\* (CHERI), 8/28/99, **25 yrs** / HANER, SCOTT R. (JOANN), 8/23/08, 16 yrs / HART, ROBERT J.^ (KATHY), 8/23/08, 16 yrs / HASSON, ANTHONY P. (TONY)^\* (JUDY), 8/20/77, 47 yrs / HEDGES, SCOTT T. (BETH), 8/29/20, 4 yrs / HEIL, STEPHEN A. "STEVE" (SUSAN), 8/29/20, 4 yrs / HEINSOHN, J. ANDREW (JOAN), 8/25/12, 12 yrs / HERBERT, CHRISTOPHER J. "CHRIS" (LESLIE), 8/29/20, 4 yrs / HETTICH, PHILIP L.^\* (THERESA), 8/28/99, **25 yrs** / JOHNSON, W. TIMOTHY (TRACY), 8/25/12, 12 yrs / JONES, J. MICHAEL^ (DEBBIE), 8/17/96, 28 yrs / JONES, WALTON G.^\*, 8/17/96, 28 yrs / KELLEY, MARK D. (JULIE), 8/20/16, 8 yrs / KING, SAMUEL J. (SHEILA), 8/20/16, 8 yrs / KINSELLA, BRENDAN E.^\*, 8/28/99, **25 yrs** / KLINGLESMTIH, GREGORY L.^ (PAT), 8/26/06, 18 yrs / KLUMP, WILLIAM R.^ (BARBARA), 8/17/96, 28 yrs / KOENIG, JOHN C.^ (DONNA), 8/25/12, 12 yrs / LUCKETT, THEODORE C. "TED" (MELINDA), 8/23/08, 16 yrs / MAGUIRE, TERRY W.^\* (DIANE), 8/24/02, 22 yrs / MAHER, JOHN P.^ (CAROLYN), 8/17/96, 28 yrs / MARKS, EDWARD M. "TED" (THERESA), 8/29/20, 4 yrs / MASTERSON, DONALD E.^\*, 8/21/76, 48 yrs / MATTINGLY, GERALD J.^\* (MARY JO), 8/26/06, 18 yrs / MAXWELL, DAVID S. (ANGELA), 8/29/20, 4 yrs / MCCARTY, JAMES M. (EMILY), 8/20/16, 8 yrs / MCDONELL, CHRISTOPHER F.^ (MELANI), 8/25/12, 12 yrs / MCGINTY, DAVID L.^\*, 8/22/87, 37 yrs / MCGOFF, JAMES I.^\* (CAROL), 8/21/10, 14 yrs / MCKENZIE, KEITH L. (CATHY), 8/26/06, 18 yrs / MCNALLY, THOMAS M.^\* (MARYSUE), 8/23/08, 16 yrs / MITCHELL, KENNETH J.^ (JAN), 8/28/93, 31 yrs / MOBLEY, III, JOSEPH V. "TREY" (KAREN SHEETS-MOBLEY), 8/20/16, 8 yrs / MOORE, JOSEPH F. (SANDY), 8/21/10, 14 yrs / MURPHY, MICHAEL J. (BETH), 8/28/99, **25 yrs** / NASH, DENNIS M. "DENNY" (TERESA), 8/25/12, 12 yrs / NIEMEIER, WILLIAM H.^\* (BEV), 8/26/06, 18 yrs / NITZKEN, SYLVESTER J.^ (JOAN), 8/28/93, 31 yrs / NOLTEMEYER, PHILLIP L.^\* (ALICE), 8/26/06, 18 yrs / OLRICH, JAMES C.^\* (BEV), 8/21/76, 48 yrs / PREISCHEL, MARK A. (HOLLY), 8/29/20, 4 yrs / PUGA, AURELIO A. (WANDA), 8/26/06, 18 yrs / RAIBERT, JOSEPH A.^\* (CISSY), 8/19/78, 46 yrs / RENDON, PETER "PETE" (CARMEN), 8/29/20, 4 yrs / RICHERSON, JAMES. D. JAMES D. "JIMMY" (THERESE), 8/29/20, 4 yrs / ROBERTS, JR., KENNETH E. "KEN" (TERRY), 8/29/20, 4 yrs / ROTH, THOMAS L. (BECKY), 8/26/06, 18 yrs / ROUGEUX, MARK J., D. MIN.^ (KIM), 8/23/08, 16 yrs / RYAN, MICHAEL A. (GINA), 8/20/16, 8 yrs / SEARS, DEAN W. (SUSAN), 8/29/20, 4 yrs / SHIELDS, JAMES F. "JIM" (LISA), 8/29/20, 4 yrs / SHUMWAY, MICHAEL M. (CHARLOTTE), 8/20/16, 8 yrs / SIMPSON, JOHN L.^\*, 8/18/90, 34 yrs / SMITH, DAVID U. (THERESA), 8/26/06, 18 yrs / SMITH, STEPHEN J.^\* (JAN), 8/24/02, 22 yrs / SOWERS, MICHAEL S. (TONI), 8/20/16, 8 yrs / STEWART, TIMOTHY E. (TOMMIE), 8/23/08, 16 yrs / STRAIN, JOHN P. (DEVON), 8/29/20, 4 yrs / SULLIVAN, BRUCE A. (GLORIA), 8/29/20, 4 yrs / TOLBERT, MICHAEL A.^\* (BONNIE), 8/29/81, 43 yrs / TOMES, DAVID R.^\* (DAYNA), 8/25/84, **40 yrs** / TRIBBEY, OFS, WILLIAM P. (MARTHA), 8/20/16, 8 yrs / TURNER, JAMES R.^ (ANNETTE), 8/29/81, 43 yrs / TURNER, SCOTT R. (WANDA), 8/23/08, 16 yrs / VESSELS, MICHAEL J.^\* (BETTY), 8/28/82, 42 yrs / VILLALOBOS, FRANCISCO "FRANK" (MONIKA), 8/23/08, 16 yrs / WALSH, RICHARD J.^\* (JUDY), 8/28/93, 31 yrs / WARREN, BRUCE J. (LAURIE), 8/20/16, 8 yrs / WRIGHT, JOSEPH P.^ (SANDY), 8/18/90, 34 yrs / ZOLDAK, RICHARD P. (CHERIE), 8/21/10, 14 yrs



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**ABBAY OF GETHSEMANI**  
**"COME AND SEE" VOCATION WEEKEND**  
**30 AUGUST TO 2 SEPTEMBER 2024**



Is the Lord calling you to follow him in the monastic life? Experience this beautiful vocation during a weekend at the monastery.

- You will attend the hours of prayer in choir with the monks, tour the work places of the monks, walk our extensive lands and enjoy the scenic knobs of Kentucky.
- On Sunday morning you will process into the Chapter Room with the monks and join the community for the Abbot's weekly spiritual talk.

There will be opportunities to learn how God has worked in the lives of current monks and share your experiences with other men discerning God's call.

Come and experience a few days in a monastery that has been praising and worshipping God daily in the heart of the Church for over ***175 years (1848-2024)***

**ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE**

**Friday, August 30** - arrival in the afternoon before 3 p.m.

**Monday, September 2** - departure in the morning (or Sunday afternoon)

Come and See weekend is open to all single men between the ages of 18 and 35. Participants must be Roman Catholic and enjoy good health of mind and body. Space is limited, so an early response assures a place in the weekend experience. A detailed schedule of the weekend will be given upon arrival.

***Meals and room accommodations are free. There is no charge or donation for this event.***

***Brother Bartholomew provides Airport/bus pickup in Louisville. If you are driving, "Abbey of Gethsemani" is a destination on Google maps and most GPS devices.***

Interested? Please contact Fr. Anton at [vocations@monks.org](mailto:vocations@monks.org) or call 502-549-4116.

Please tag the subject line on your email "Come and See."



## ALL NIGHT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS

Our [Archdiocesan Marian Committee](#) sponsored an all-night Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations at St. Edward Parish July 15-16. It ended with benediction and an 8 am Mass. People were signed up for every time slot during



the night. And over 100 attended the closing Mass. **Fr. Matt Millay** led the Mass, which was concelebrated also by **Fr. Martin Linebach** (Vicar for Vocations), **Fr. Scott Murphy** (pastor at St. Edward), and **Fr. Michael Schultz**.

**Deacon Cole McDowell**



served as the deacon for the Mass, where there were also about a dozen seminarians as servers – including five of the six seminarians who are starting seminary for



our archdiocese this fall. Fr. Martin gave the homily and reminded all the seminarians that, during their discernment process, “I’ll ride this horse with you.”





## COME & SEE DISCERNMENT RETREAT

**HÃY ĐẾN VÀ XEM | VEN Y MIRA**

**September 13-15, 2024**  
**St. Catharine Motherhouse, Kentucky**

Catholic, Single women, ages 18-45 are invited to attend a FREE 3-day Retreat to explore religious life as a Dominican Sister of Peace.  
*\*Travel assistance available*



**SPEAK LORD.**  
Your Servant is Listening



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There was a reception afterwards, and an opportunity for people to meet the seminarians. The St. Serra Club of Louisville helped serve pastries, and juice, while the parish provided coffee and a conference room for the reception. *(Thanks to Ken Peet for taking pictures at this event.)*

## VOCATIONS IN THE NEWS

The March 2024, CARA, 49-page [survey on newly ordained](#), which was commissioned by the USCCB, includes an executive summary. A related article can be read [here](#).

## CALLED BY NAME PROGRAM

Do you know a faithful young man or woman who may have a vocation to the priesthood or religious life? We believe that our future priests will come from our own parishes and schools, but we need your help to identify them.

The Vocations Office is looking for high school age and older, young men and women. Please feel free to submit names even if you do not have all contact information. Just click [here](#).

## **VOCATION CHALLENGE COINS FOR YOUNG MEN**

The St. Serra Club of Louisville has purchased Challenge Coins for young men. The idea is to give these coins to young men who may be good candidates for the priesthood. Ideally, the coins would be given out by priests since studies show that being approached on the subject by a priest carries a lot more significance than being approached by a lay person. However, we gladly let deacons and youth ministers give them out as well.



The front of the coin says "Have you considered becoming a priest?"

Our local St. Serra Club is also giving to priests a book "Five Conversations About the Priesthood: A simple way for busy priests to help men discern" by Fr Mike Pratt – packed with ideas, yet only 36 pages, which can be read in about a half hour.

All priests in the Louisville Archdiocese have been contacted on this subject to see if they wish to receive five Challenge Coins and the book.

For the **Challenge Coin for men**, see a related article [here](#).

Serra International is also coming out with a **Challenge Coin for women** considering the religious life. See a related article [here](#).

## **PREPARE FOR PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 29**

Now is the time to start preparing for Priesthood Sunday - 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 September each year (Sep 29th this year).

Some ideas for you, your family and your parish on celebrating this occasion: Pray for your priest and all priests. You could 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 click [here](#).

## **JOIN US BY ZOOM FOR OUR MONTHLY "ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS"**

Our Saint Serra Club of Louisville gathers online for our Zoom Rosary for Vocations at **7 pm**, on the **second Monday of each month**. To participate by link, click [here](#).

By phone, call (312) 626 6799. Meeting ID is 874 8155 6033.

## **SAVE THE DATE - PERMANENT DEACONS TO BE ORDAINED**

On Saturday, August 24, at 11 am at St. Peter the Apostle, there will be the **ordination of 10 men to the Permanent Diaconate**. (A new cohort of 18 men began studying last summer for the next class of Permanent Deacons.)

Let's keep all these men in our prayers!

## **VARIOUS ITEMS OF INTEREST**

### **Birthdays & Anniversaries this month:**

Archbishop Shelton J. Fabre, ordained 8/5/89

Deacon Bill Klump - ordained 8/17/96

Theresa Fiedler, Aug 25 birthday

Kevin Thieneman, Aug 27 birthday

Ralph Williams, Aug 28 birthday

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### **Pope's Prayer Intention for the month of August:**

**For Political Leaders** - Let us pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and the common good, taking care of those who have lost their jobs and giving priority to the poor.

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**Pray for Vocations** - To pray daily for priests, seminarians, and Vocation Office personnel, see the Vocation Office Prayer Calendar [here](#).

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