



# Serra Club

## KANSAS CITY, KANSAS

### WHAT DO SERRANS DO?

Occasionally somebody will ask, “what do Serrans do?” They are under the impression that we just get together and pray for Vocations. So I have put together a list of our activities, other than our biweekly meetings.

In February there is the “Valentine Mass and Dinner”, where Serrans and their significant others can have a Romantic dinner. This is one of the occasions where spouses are invited.

The next event in March pits the” Runnin Revs” (Seminarians and Priests) against the “All Stars” (High School players) and is a way to see some great basketball and at the same time support our Seminarians.

April, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Vocations (a seminar explaining the meaning of Vocations). After the seminar the students are served hot dogs for lunch by Serrans, with the help of some of the Cafeteria Ladies.



The ”6<sup>th</sup> grade Essay Contest”, gives prizes to the first and second place winners (one boy and one girl are chosen for each place). Essays are judged by selected (volunteer) Serrans. Prizes are presented at a Serran Luncheon following the selection of the winners.

May has “Blisters for Sisters”, a fundraiser put on by C.O.R.E. and the Kansas City Missouri Serrans. The money raised helps the Religious Sisters in the Kansas City Metro Area.



June, do you play golf? We have a golf outing for the Priests, Seminarians and Deacons in the Kansas Archdiocese. It is also when we acknowledge those Priests celebrating a Quintennial Anniversary. The tournament ends with a social hour and steak dinner.



August is “Religious Sisters Appreciation Day”. Each year we invite all the Nuns in the area to get together, play Bingo, converse and have a little Barbeque. It is when we can thank the good Sisters for all the work they have done for our Community.

September is time for a Golf Tournament put on by C.O.R.E. for the benefit of Seminarans, Deacons and Priests in the Kansas City Area.

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

# CALENDAR

The System Rolls with a Pause at the Cross

Dear Serrans and Friends,

The Serra Club of Kansas City in Kansas continues to roll on with the successful efforts of a beautiful Seminarian-Parent Mass and Luncheon (thanks mostly to Fritz Vertz), the upcoming Sister Servants Spaghetti Dinner, and anticipation of our Valentine Mass & Dinner. Nestled, however, in the snowy days of January was the Mass at the Sister Servants of Mary.

The extreme cold and plentiful snow kept a few folks away, but our Chaplain, Msgr. Mullen, delivered the most unique message on love in our crucified Lord. For the married couples, if each party took hold of one arm or side of the cross in their marital lives, and if their children grasped the feet or base of the cross, such unity with the suffering Christ would withstand whatever threatened their love of God and each other.

Similarly, if the priest or religious grasped the one arm or side of the cross, and all the faithful whom he or she touched were holding on the other side or arm, and those who followed

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## February

- 11 Valentines Mass/Dinner Milburn Country Club  
5:00 P.M.
- 16 Board Meeting – Cure of Ars – 9:00 A.M.
- 21 Vocational Mass 9:00A.M. at Holy Cross
- 24 Regular meeting, Hilton Garden Inn, speaker:  
Phillip Nguyen - Deacon Aspirant

## March

- 7 Runnin Revs vs. All Star Basketball game:  
**7:00P.M** at Bishop Miega High School
- 9 Regular meeting, Hilton Garden Inn, speaker:  
Fr. Simon Baker – “Path to Priesthood”
- 15 Board Meeting – Cure of Ars – 9:00 A.M.
- 23 Regular meeting, Hilton Garden Inn, speaker:  
Kevin Steele – Dignitary Protection

## April

- 6 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Vocation Day
- 13 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Essay Contest
- 18 Board Meeting – Cure of Ars – 9:00 A.M.
- 27 Regular meeting, Hilton Garden Inn, speaker:  
Sister Rose Mc Larney – “From Prison to Society”

## May

- 11 Regular meeting, Hilton Garden Inn, speaker:  
Fr. Meinard Miller
- 17 Board Meeting – Cure of Ars – 9:00 A.M.
- 25 Regular meeting, Hilton Garden Inn, speaker:  
Ken Williams – Catholic Charities of North east Kansas

# SERRA E

## **Sister Servants of Mary Annual Spaghetti Dinner**

**February 7th 2016**

**Saint Patrick's Parish Center  
1086 North 94th Street  
Kansas City,  
Kansas 66112**

**11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.**

**Eat there or take home,  
no cooking on Super bowl Sunday!**



*Remember February 11th, 2016*

*Valentine Day Mass and  
Dinner*

*Milburn Country Club*

*Opens at 5:00 P.M.,  
Mass at 5:30 P.M.*

*Social hour and dinner follow*

*Take your Spouse out for a nice  
romantic Evening*



## **TWENTY FIRST ANNUAL**

### **“Runnin Revs Vs Serra All Stars” Basketball Game**

**When: Monday March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
Time: 7:30 P.M.**

**Where: Bishop Miege High School  
Gym**

**5041 Reinhardt Drive  
Shawnee Mission, KS 66205**

**Who: Runnin Revs Vs Serra All Stars**

This is a great night out for all Serrans;  
bring your family and friends

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Auction

Come and support your favorite team and  
see some really great basketball!

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# SERRA ETREAT

1/29/2016

Members of the Board of Serra,

Msgr. Mullen has offered to hold a Retreat for us this spring at Savior of the World Pastoral Center on March 19, the Feast of St. Joseph. During this Year of Mercy, proclaimed by Pope Francis, the theme will be "Year of Mercy and Catholic Social Teaching." Msgr. Mike will collaborate with Bill Schull to lead us. The **tentative program** will be as follows, and all Archdiocesan Serra Club will be invited. Last year, our spouses were invited and did attend, as should be the case this year. Gene, would you contact Msgr. Mike to set a suitable charge for the event? Frank and Dr. Bob, please prepare a reservation sheet to accompany the March **Newsletter and Website**. I will contact the other Serra Clubs with invitation info.

8:30 Assembly w. donuts and coffee

9:00 Table discussion of selected topics

11:30 Mass & lunch

1:00 Presentations by Msgr. Mike and Bill Schull

2:30 Dismissal

Msgr., do you want the KCK Serrans to assign Mass duties? We can do it. We can also include Jo.Co. and Topeka Serrans for Mass assignments. Also, I can cantor, and Cindy should be able to accompany.

David Boone, please anticipate assigning Mass responsibilities.

Let's get behind this valuable event.

John Coakley

President

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**PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES IN YOUR PRAYER**

Lyette T. Schuchardt – Wife of Frank	Roger Meador
Mary Lou Albaugh – Wife of Merlyn	Bill Mc Hale
Ralph Richardson	Wayne Jenicke
David Boone	Bob Vohs
Joe Kolich	Glen Swoyer
Dr. Jim Pretz	Bob Clune
Joan McHale – wife of Bill McHale	Maria Bowers- Mother of Fr. Larry Bowers
Beth Conrad – Daughter-in-Law of	Abbot Ralph Koeler, OSB

Jim Conrad

Jane Dougherty - Daughter-in-Law of

Margaret Lawrence- Sister-in-law of Jack Lawrence

Bob Dougherty

Lucy Griffin – Neighbor of Jack Lawrence

**PRIEST AND SEMINARIAN BIRTHDAY**

Priest		Birthday	Priest	Birthday
Msgr. Thomas Tank		February 2	Rev. Anthony Ouellette	February 14
Rev. Marcos Tillia		February 7	Rev. Larry Bowers	February 16
Rev. Daniel Schmitz		February 8	Rev. Patrick Sullivan	February 23
Rev. Harold Schneider		February 11	Rev. Craig Maxim	February 24
Rev. Carrol Thorne, C.P.		February 11	Rev. John Melnick, SSA	February 28

**Seminarians**

Jonathan Fox

February 19

Mark Ostrowski

Feb

15

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***Presidents Message***

both sides grasped the foot or base----the continuous transference of Christ's saving love would be sustained against any suffering or loss. Moreover, the eternal joy awaiting those who remained connected would be unimaginable.

Such an image to prayerfully ponder, given by our Chaplain, energizes our promotion and appreciation of our priestly, religious, and married vocations. What a grand enlightenment in a beautiful and prayerful setting, in the shadow of Our Lady of Guadalupe! Gracias, Monsignor Mike!

Respectfully,

John L. Coakley

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***What do Serrans Do?***

Fall is now in full swing and in November we have a "Mass and Dinner of Remembrance" to honor those Serrans who have preceded us to the next life.

The forgoing is not a complete list of our activities, but if someone is interested in learning more about who we are and what