



SERRA CLUB

OF WICHITA DOWNTOWN

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St. Teresa of Calcutta

Canonized September 4, feast day September 5



Dear St. Teresa of Calcutta, you said “How close we must keep to Our Lady who understood what depth of Divine Love was being revealed as She stood at the foot of the Cross and heard Jesus cry out: ‘I thirst.’”

St. Teresa, despite the darkness that surrounded you, you allowed the thirsting love of Jesus on the Cross to become a living flame within you, and so you became the light of His love to all.

I ask for the grace to learn from Our Lady to quench Jesus’ thirst as She did, especially during October, the month Our Lady’s rosary.

Please Note

Changes of information -In an effort to keep our membership information current, please forward any personal changes you make. This would include changing parish, telephone number, mailing address, email address, etc. Please email it to: waynemikols@mac.com.

The Serran -The September issue of The Serran has photos of the SI Convention in St. Louis. To view past issues please click [here](#). If you do not already receive The Serran by email, contact Peter Cunningham. pcunningham@serraus.org

Serran Directories -The 2016/2017 Serran Directories are now available. If you do not already have yours, please contact Dick Dwyer at 685-1942.

Shirley Logan has moved and is in need of friendly cheer. -Let us shower Shirley with cards at: Meadowlark Homes, 254 S. Robin Rd, Wichita, Ks. 67212



Sister's Appreciation Dinner

The Sister's Appreciation Dinner

is October 19. Please remember to RSVP for the dinner by October 12. Please see the advertisement in this newsletter.



Save the Date - Mike Wescott is setting up a trip to Rome/Assisi during these dates-June 19-30, 2017. The Serra International Convention is set for June 22- 25 June. Further details of the trip will be out soon.

Seminarian Highlight

Deacon Andrew 'Drew' Hoffman



Congratulations to Deacon Drew on his ordination last May. He is in his 4th Theology at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary in St. Louis, Mo. Deacon Drew graduated from Bishop Carroll Catholic High School and attended University of Kansas before entering the seminary. Deacon Drew and his parents Mark and Sue Hoffman call St. Elizabeth Ann Seton their home parish.

"I was in for quite a surprise when I finally had the opportunity to "hang out" with a number of priests for the first time. Through this time spent together, I saw that these priests truly were: ordinary men with an extraordinary call. I finally saw the incredible joy that is present in these men—a joy that could only come by following God's will."

Andy Churray - Dirty Vagabond Ministry

"I prefer a church that is dirty because its been on the streets" Pope Francis



On Sept 7, 2016, Downtown Serra Club had the privilege to hear Andy Churray speak about the newest ministry in Wichita, Dirty Vagabond Ministries. Andy and his wife have 2 children with one on the way! They moved to Wichita in 2013 after serving DVM in NY City. Andy started working at St Thomas Aquinas Catholic School as a middle school religion teacher. He started DVM part-time and began discerning the move to full time ministry a year ago. God called his family to move to the north end of Wichita, where they would be able to live with whom they serve. A second

missionary is coming in January, 2017 to help Andy.

With the blessing of Bishop Kemme, Andy is working with donors and community members to take the Gospel to the streets of Wichita, KS through DVM. Like many cities, Wichita has many areas of poverty spread throughout its boundaries. We are reaching out to teens on the north side of the city where I am working alongside Fr. Jerome of St. Patrick's Parish. "We can't wait to see what God has in store. Please pray for our city."



Andy Churray with his godson Jamique on his coming into the Church on Easter in NYC

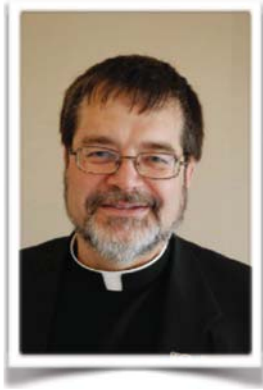
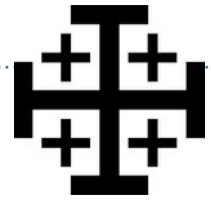
DVM aims at raising up saints in a grassroots effort and incarnational model of ministry. All ministry that happens in Dirty Vagabond Ministries, happens in conversation, relationship, and recreation, as opposed to formal youth group functions. Though our goal is the same as any Catholic youth ministry program - raising saints, rooted in the sacramental life of the Church - the approach is different. An Important part of Dirty Vagabond Ministries is its community centers". These centers, located in the heart of urban communities, are a place where catechesis happens, in the midst of holistic ministry focusing on the physical, educational, emotional, and spiritual needs of the young people. The Dirty Vagabond youth workers live as missionaries, volunteering 3 to 5 years of their lives to be Christ among the people.

DIRTY VAGABOND MINISTRIES TRANSFORMING (THE) ONE KID AT A TIME



Struck by the absence of visible urban youth ministries in normal Catholic youth service, veteran youth ministers Bob and Kate Lesnfsky founded the ministry in Stuebenville, Oh 15 years ago hoping to stand in the gap. Bob and Kate heard the Holy Spirit's call to the Church, the call to serve the poor, the forgotten, and the marginalized, and to labor with the Gospel in often inhospitable territories and transform them for Christ. They have received the Holy Spirit's vision and love for urban communities, and believing that every person deserves Christ, they are Jesus to those in the "distressing disguise" of inner city youth.

Chaplain's Corner - ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA



Pope Francis canonized Blessed Teresa of Calcutta in Rome on Sunday, September 4, 2016. Known by many throughout the world as Mother Teresa, she now officially bears the title that many people were willing to bestow upon her during her life because of her tireless work for the poor and disadvantaged in the world.

She was born Gonxha (Agnes) Bojaxhiu on August 26, 1910 in Skopje, Macedonia. At the age of twelve she first sensed the desire to be a nun. She also realized her call was to serve the poor. Thus, at the age of eighteen she left home for Dublin, Ireland, where she entered the convent of the Sisters of Loreto. After a year of formation she went to India where her life and lives of the poor were about to change for ever. St. Teresa enjoyed her students and her vocation as a teacher, but she was deeply disturbed by the overwhelming poverty she saw in the streets of Calcutta. On September 10, 1946, she received what she called her "call within a call." St. Teresa was to leave the convent and help the poor while living like them and among them.

The Missionaries of Charity, the religious order founded by St. Teresa, possessed the following nine qualities at their inception: 1) Nuns from India, victims of God's love, who would be so united to God as to radiate His love on the poor, the sick, the dying, the beggars, and little street children; 2) their work would be: nursing the sick in their homes, helping the dying make peace with God, free schools in the slums, visiting the poor in hospitals, and helping beggars; 3) the sisters would be formed with a complete knowledge of the spiritual life which would include living in close union with God through contemplation; 4) they are women 16 years of age and older who are strong in body and mind with plenty of common sense; 5) they would begin their work in the slums and on the streets of Calcutta and later the big towns of India; 6) Nuns from India dressed in Indian clothes leading the Indian life; 7) their work would be a continual self-forgetting and immolation for others; 8) their success would be based on quantity but on faithfulness to God; 9) the sisters would support themselves by raising their own food, make toys, pictures, and other hand work, striving to keep absolute poverty.

After a two year process to be released from her original religious order she replaced her European religious habit of the Sisters of Loreto with a white Indian sari of the Sisters of Charity and began her mission to serve the poorest of the poor. Yours in Christ, Fr. Ken



Pray the Rosary

Bishop Carl A. Kemme has invited the faithful of the Diocese of Wichita to gather on October 8 at 9am for a rosary to celebrate the Memorial of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, wherever the Blessed Sacrament is reserved. Bishop will lead a rosary at that time in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Wichita.



THE SERRA CLUB OF WICHITA
INVITES YOU TO ATTEND THE

18th Annual
Sisters Appreciation Dinner
CELEBRATING OUR GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION

Wednesday, October 19, 2016

AT
CHURCH OF THE MAGDALEN
12626 E 21ST ST N, WICHITA, KS 67206

Evening Prayer at 5:30 pm
Social and Dinner to Follow

COST: \$20.00 PER SPOUSE/GUEST

**PLEASE CONSIDER SPONSORING A SISTER
WHEN YOU MAKE YOUR RESERVATION**

for reservations contact
Mike Wescott

AT
316-269-3917 (OFFICE)
OR EMAIL AT
WESCOTTM@CATHOLICDIOCESEOFWICHITA.ORG

PLEASE RSVP BY
October 12, 2016

WICHITA SERRA DOWNTOWN							2016
October	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
25		26	27	28	29	30	1
							*Month of the Rosary
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	J Hay / M Bartlett
	*Fr. Ben Shockey	*Board Meeting *Fr. Andrew Kuykendall	*Reg Mtg: Fr Jim Billinger	*Fr. Nicholas Voelker	*Our Lady of the Rosary	*Pray Rosary in your Church *Fr. Leon Kerschen	
D Dwyer	S Logan	D Cummings	G Lavid	E Flax	R Gorges / J Kastens	W Rohling	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	*Fr. Michael Linnebur
					*Fr. David Voss	*Fr. Theodore Khin	
M Wescott	M Huffman	G Lavid / R Kerschen	R Marney	B Hogan	N Masterson	J Weisen	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	*Fr. James Weldon
			*NO Regular Meeting *Sister's Appreciation Dinner(see ad)	*Fr. Stephen Thapwa	*Newsletter Deadline *Fr. Curtis Robertson *Fr. Max Blitz	*Fr. James Weldon	
J Betsen	A Egan	J & M Sheldon / T Schaffer	M Jones	T Catanese	P Egan / T Duran	Volunteer needed	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
		*Fr. Jason Borkenhagen	*Vocations Mass 12noon Cathedral *David Sotelo	*Ty Taylor	*Michael Timmermeyer		
F Gorges	Volunteer needed	D Burrus / D Nolting	J Smith	K Hipp	C Nastars / J Forister	M Villanueva	
30	31	1	2	3	4	5	
*Priesthood Sunday *All Hallows Eve	*Halloween						
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Serra Events

- Oct Month of the Rosary
- Oct 4 Board Meeting 1130 Cathedral
- Oct 5 Reg Mtg- Fr Jim Billinger
- Oct 7 Our Lady of the Rosary
- Oct 8 Rosary being said in your parish
- Oct 19 NO Regular Meeting
- Oct 19 Sister’s Appreciation Dinner(see ad)
- Oct 21 Newsletter Deadline

Priest, Seminarian Birthdays

October Priest’s Birthdays

Rev. Ben Shockey	Oct 3
Rev. Andrew Kuykendall	Oct 4
Rev. Nicholas Voelker	Oct 6
Rev. Leon Kerschen	Oct 8
Rev David Voss	Oct 14
Rev. Theodore Khin	Oct 15
Rev. Michael Linnebur	Oct 15
Rev. Stephen Thapwa	Oct 20
Rev. Curtis Robertson	Oct 21

Rev. Maximillian Biltz	Oct 21
Rev. James Weldon	Oct 22
Rev. Jason Borkenhagen	Oct 25

October Seminarian’s Birthdays

<u>Miles Swigart</u>	<u>Holy Trinity</u>	Oct 6
<u>Matthew Nguyen</u>	<u>Conception</u>	Oct 23
<u>David Sotelo</u>	<u>Holy Trinity</u>	Oct 26
<u>Ty Taylor</u>	<u>Kenrick/Glennon</u>	Oct 27
<u>Mike Timmermeyer</u>	<u>Conception</u>	Oct 28

Pray for our Priests, Religious and Friends

Msgr. William Carr, Sylvia Duran, Dick and Pat Dwyer, Mary Edgington, Fr. John Foley SJ, Fr. Juan Garza, Bishop Gerber, Jeannie Gordon, Ken Hein, Ralph Hight, Dave Jones, Fr. Leon Kerschen, Shirley Logan, Viola Marstall, Sydney Ray, Paul Shinogle, Jennifer Vosburgh Waldemeyer, Bill Wiesner

RIP

Janet Eckberg, Deacon Len Fennewald, Msgr John Gilsenan, Shirley Mainzer, Mary Kriwiel(Metro Club), Brian Bergkamp, Dave Burrus, Ablena Billinger, Russell Krueger

For the seminarians around the world who we support through Unbound

Sebastian Gonzalez Giraldo (from Colombia), Royvincent Roa Husain (from the Philippines)

And Especially

For all our priests who would benefit from our prayers as they struggle with issues of any kind.

Please email Mike Corrigan at mikebeckycorrigan@gmail.com if you know of anyone who needs to be added or removed.

Prayer list Protocols

Nominations to prayer list may only be made by club members and spouses. Nominations should be made to Mike Corrigan, Third Year Trustee. Nominator is responsible for receiving the the nominee’s ok to publish their name. The list published in the newsletter will be read and prayed for at regular club meetings. Nominations will fall under 2 categories- Prayer Needed or RIP. Nominations will appear in newsletter for 2 months, then removed, unless resubmitted by nominator.



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Check out the website - <http://serraus.org/>

What's a Seminary Burse Endowment

Each year the Diocese of Wichita, in order to support the 54 young men in seminary and discerning their call to the priesthood for the Diocese, spends nearly \$1.9 million dollars on the education, room and board for our Wichita seminarians. A portion of that expense, just over 21%, is covered by the earnings from the 295 seminarian burse endowments.

Many of these burse endowments have been established in honor or memory of a loved one. For example, in 2003, Eileen (Freund) Raple established the Gerold and Eileen Raple Seminary Burse. Eileen's niece, Elisa (Freund) Barber, said that Eileen had a great love for the priests in our diocese and wanted to share some of the many ways in which God had blessed her and her late husband, Gerold. And then at the time of Eileen's death in 2006, Elisa, acting as the executor for Eileen's estate, discovered that Eileen had left a portion of her estate to the seminary burse. Seminarians for years to come will be educated and formed as priests in the Wichita Diocese as a result of the great generosity of Eileen and Gerold Raple.

"I remember 10 years ago with a group of people who pooled their gifts together to start the Friends of Father Philip Allen Seminary Burse", said Mike Wescott, Director of Development and Planned Giving for the Diocese. "Father Allen was a former pastor of their parish, St. Thomas Aquinas in Wichita, and the group wanted to show their love and support for this good and holy priest while he was living. Just two years later, in 2008, when Father Allen died, the memorial was established for this burse to further honor the example that Father Allen was to his parish family and to future priests.

Just recently, many people have given generously to support two seminary burses that honor a beloved priest of our diocese who died, Msgr. John Gilsenan and also a seminarian for the diocese, Brian Bergkamp. The income from both of these burses, joined with the others that have been established over the years, helps pay for our seminarians to freely enter the seminary, discerning God's will in their life. It also helps a seminarian freely leave the seminary without the burden of debt, should they discern that God is not calling them to the priesthood.

"I am so appreciative to the many people who have established seminary burses or given to support the education of our seminarians faithfully", says Father Mike Simone, Director of Vocations. "Without these gifts, we would be even more challenged to support such a large number of seminarians. These gifts are meaningful in many ways and I am so thankful."

If you are interested in contributing to or starting a seminary burse, please contact Mike Wescott at 316.269.3915 or at wescottm@CatholicDioceseOfWichita.org.