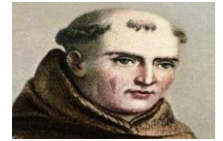




**SERRA CLUB OF WRIGHT COUNTY**  
**SERRA INTERNATIONAL REGION 8 DISTRICT 7**

St. J. Serra



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**Our Mission**

*As Serra International is the lay vocation arm of the church, our mission is to foster and affirm vocations to the ministerial priesthood and vowed religious life in the USA, and through this ministry, further our members common catholic faith.*

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**Presidents Report**

**Much to our disappointment Msgr. Odong Gulu, Uganda, Africa will not be our great speaker on September 8th because he will not arrive in the U.S.A. until two day later. I in turn then asked Joseph Kueppers to speak in September. Joseph has a great love of service, tirelessly dedicating his time and talents on numerous nonprofit organizations as a board member, officer and/or legal counsel. Joseph has served on the board of directors of 10 nonprofit organizations, five of which he served as president. In 2007, Joseph was honored to be the recipient of the Catholic Spirit's "Leading with Faith" award which honors individuals in the workplace who are guided by their Catholic values. Please bring a guest along that evening to hear this dedicated Catholic speaker!**

**Beginning September 2016, fifteen SJV seminarians will intergrate into residential, spiritual and formative life of the Pontifical Irish College in Rome. Please pray for our seminarians this fall in Rome and in St. Paul.**

**A special thank you goes to Mary Minnick for all her hard work for being the organizer for the Annual Appreciation Picnic. That is a load off the president's shoulders! Needless to say Mary, you do just a beautiful job! Thank you! The weather was comfortable, the food was delicious and the fellowship was great. Our Chaplain, Joe Kittok also did a good job leading us in prayer. Thanks to all that made it a wonderful day.**

**Marion Meyer  
President**

**The Serra Club of Wright County will meet at the Kings House in Buffalo on Thursday, September 8. Our meeting will start with a rosary in the Chapel at 5:10. This will be followed by 5:30 Mass and a dinner (cost \$15). Reservations are required for the dinner and can be made by calling Sharon, 763 497-2454 by Sept. 6. Joseph Kueppers will be our speaker. For the past three years, Mr. Kueppers has served as the Chancellor for Civil Affairs and Chief Legal Officer for the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. He has used his skills and profession to serve numerous organizations promoting Catholic values, including Cradle of Hope, Serra Club, Catholic Defense League and Laboure Society. He will speak at 7 p.m.**

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Oct. 30, 2016:  
Priesthood Sunday**

**Nov. 6-12, 2016:  
National Vocations Awareness Week**

**Feb. 5, 2017:  
World Day for Consecrated Life**

**Feb. 16-19, 2017:  
Serra Rally, Phoenix, AZ**

The Wright County Serrans invite you to join in praying for our local seminarians and those in religious formation: Dominic Shovelain, Andrew Zipp, Tyler Ferry, Josh Salonek, and Br. Maseo Marie O'Neil St. Michael, St. Michael; Cullen Gallagher and Deacon Aaron Loch, St. Timothy, Maple Lake; Douglas Weber and Christopher Vogel Sts. Peter & Paul, Loretto; Morgan Backstrom, Victoria Backstrom, RaeAnn Athman and Sr. Seraphine of the Heart of Jesus, St. Albert, Albertville; Deacon Bryce Evans, St. Thomas the Apostle, Corcoran; Deacon Tim Sandquist, St. Boniface, St. Bonifacius; John Braun, St. Francis Xavier, Buffalo; Michael Sester, Jerek Scherber, Dain Scherber and John Sester, Mary Queen of Peace, Rogers; William Schmitz, St. Anne, Hamel; Mitch Logeais and Morgan Fournier Church of St. Ignatius, Annandale; Sister Gianna Agnes Popp, St. Luke, Clearwater. Also Maddy LaFond, St. Luke's, Clearwater and Zachary Sandquist, St. Boniface, St. Bonifacius who are in NET Ministries and Kevin Hackenmueller, St. Michael, St. Michael who is serving with FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students).

**“Walk With Me” Vocation Prayer for those on their journey to ordination/final vows:**

Loving God, we ask you to guide the men and women of this Archdiocese who are considering religious life and those already on their journey towards ordination or final vows. Bless them in their decisions. Strengthen them in their love for you and their desire to serve you in this special way. Hold them close to your heart, especially during difficult or troubled times. Shower them with your love and fill them with courage and joy as they study and prepare themselves for your work. We pray for all on their journey to religious life. May they feel our loving and prayerful support. We ask this in the name of Jesus, your Son. Amen.



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES****August 1, 2016**

**Present: Edna Knoblauch, Marlene Lindenfelser, Marian Meyer, Mary Minnick, Jerry Niesen, Kate Theisen, Charleen Zachman and Sharon Berning**

**Meeting called to order by Marian at 8:00 a.m.**

**Prayer led by Charleen**

**Reviewed minutes of July 11, 2016**

**Approved treasurer's report for July 2016**

**Old Business**

**Coborns Brat sales by Jerry \$166.51 Thanks Jerry**

**Garage Sale July 21 - 22, \$1065.38 Thanks to Thomas' (Christmas trees didn't sell - had heat, humidity and early morning rain & wind on Thurs.)**

**Kate read Mary's e-mail on the picnic.**

**Thank you from Sister Jessica**

**VP Reports**

**Programs: Teri**

**Need Serran to take Marian's place**

**Aug. 14 - Picnic**

**Sept. 8 - (dinner) Msgr. Odong**

**Oct. 13**

**Nov. 10**

**Dec. 8 (dinner)**

**Discussed future speakers**

**Vocations: Kate**

**Serrans need to contact parish priests about vocation encouragement**

**Communications: Marlene**

**Aug. 16 St. Michael 6:30 Mass Send off for Rae Ann Althman entering religious life**

**Aug. 23 St. Michael 6:30 Mass Speaker Deacon Ralph Poyo**

**Sept. 8 beginning of Thursday Eucharistic Adoration for the Sanctification of Priests and Seminarians at St. Paul Seminary...7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in small chapel inside St. Mary's Chapel - break for Mass at 11:30 a.m.**

**Membership: Marian**

**Personally ask potential members**

**Discussed future trip to Sleepy Eye to tour Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary**

**New business:**

**Pray for board members sick family**

**Discussed future fund raisers**

**No further business.**

**Next meeting September 12, 2016. Prayer to be led by Marlene**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:58 am**

**Sharon Berning, Secretary**

## Dear Friends of Saint John Vianney College Seminary,

On this feast day of our patron St. John Vianney, I want to share the good news about a new partnership for SJV in Rome. Beginning September 2016, fifteen SJV seminarians will integrate into the residential, spiritual and formative life of the Pontifical Irish College in Rome. This collaboration connects SJV seminarians with Irish seminarians and priest residents from around the world, providing them with an opportunity to experience the vitality of the universal Catholic Church and form intercultural friendships while pursuing their studies at The Angelicum. I am pleased that Fr. John Bauer, formator and spiritual director from SJV, will live in residence with the men at the College during the 2016-2017 academic year as they literally live, study and pray in the center of our Holy Catholic Church. They are active participants in more than 2,000 years of Church history as they experience the great blessings of the Eternal City. Since 1998, SJV seminarians have participated in the University of St. Thomas' Department of Catholic Studies Rome Program. Accompanied by a faculty member, the seminarians previously lived at the university's Bernardi Campus. I am grateful to Rector Msgr. Ciarán O'Carroll and the staff of the Irish College for this new opportunity. Together, these men will rise up as disciples and priests of our Lord Jesus Christ to change the world. Please pray for our seminarians this fall - in Rome and in St. Paul - as they strive to be men in Christ, men of the Church, and men for others. St. John Vianney, pray for us!

Very Reverend Michael Becker  
Rector

### THE MONTHLY PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS --SEPTEMBER 2016--

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				<u>1</u> POPE FRANCIS	<u>2</u> YOUR PASTOR	<u>3</u> REV. PATRICK RYAN
<u>4</u> REV. GREGORY SCHAFFER	<u>5</u> REV. DAMIEN SCHILL	<u>6</u> REV. LEO SCHNEIDER	<u>7</u> REV. JAMES SCHOEN- BERGER	<u>8</u> REV. DONALD SCHWALM	<u>9</u> REV. ROBERT SCHWARTZ	<u>10</u> REV. MARTIN SHALL- BETTER
<u>11</u> REV. CHRISTO- PHER SHOFNER	<u>12</u> REV. PAUL SHOVELAIN	<u>13</u> REV. LEONARD SIEBENALER	<u>14</u> REV. MARTIN SIEBENALER	<u>15</u> REV. JOHN SIEBENALER	<u>16</u> REV. THOMAS SIEG	<u>17</u> REV. EARL SIMONSON
<u>18</u> REV. ROBERT SIPE	<u>19</u> REV. ANTHONY SKRIA CFIC	<u>20</u> REV. MICHAEL SKLUZACEK	<u>21</u> REV. GREGORY SKRYPEK	<u>22</u> REV. STANLEY SLEDZ	<u>23</u> REV. DAVID SMITH	<u>24</u> REV. LARRY SNYDER
<u>25</u> REV. WALTER SOCHACKI	<u>26</u> REV. JAMES SPAHN OP	<u>27</u> MSGR. STANLEY SRNEC	<u>28</u> REV. MICHAEL STELMACH	<u>29</u> REV. JOSEPH STENGER	<u>30</u> ABP BERNARD HEBDA	

### WOULD YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY? PRAYER SUGGESTIONS

Lord Jesus Christ, You ordained the apostles priests at the Last Supper to continue the mission of mercy to the end time. We believe that every Catholic priest traces his ordination to that first ordination on Holy Thursday night. We know how much You expect of Your priests, and we also know how weak and human they are. Inspire us, dear Jesus, to pray and sacrifice for Your priests, that by their faithfulness to You in this life they may bring countless souls to You in the life to come. Mary, mother of priests, pray for priests that they may love your Divine Son, even as you did unreservedly, all the days of their lives. Amen. (From Fr. John Hardon's Catholic Prayer Book)