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SERRA CLUB OF THE FT. COLLINS DEANERY

District 6, Club #1078

Chaplain: Very Rev. Gregory Cioch V.F.

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EVENTS FOR SERRA CLUB OF THE FT. COLLINS DEANERY

Saturday, Sept. 12: Regular Club Meeting. 8:00 a.m.
Mass. Meeting in Emmitsburg Room.

Monday, Sept. 14: Serra Board Meeting 6:30.

Wednesday Sept. 16: Serra Trust for Vocations. Regular
Meeting – Cinzetti's, North Glenn. 11:30 a.m.

Friday, Sept. 25 – Serra Salute for Vocations – Pinehurst
Country Club, Littleton.

Saturday, October 3: Regular Club Meeting. 8:00 a.m.
Mass. Meeting to follow.

October 5: Serra Social – Harmony Grill 6:30 p.m.

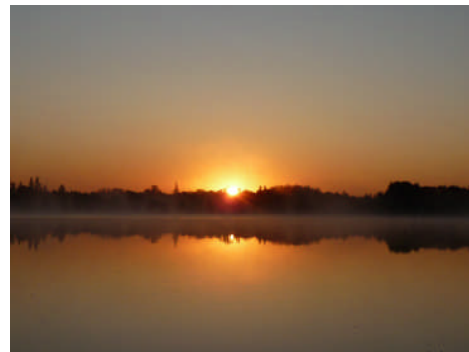


Seminarians of the Archdiocese of Denver

**Remember to pray for our seminarians
daily**

**MARY, MOTHER OF VOCATIONS,
PRAY FOR US.**

PRESIDENT'S NOTES:



Sunrise on Medicine Lake

As I write this column, we are enjoying a family vacation in the Minnesota north woods. I have had the chance to sit for nearly an hour in relative peace and quiet. It's hard to not experience the gifts God has given to all of us to use and enjoy. Often it's hard to appreciate these gifts when we live in the midst of a bustling city living.

I awoke at six A.M., waiting for the first person (anyone) to show up to go out on an early morning fishing jaunt. The next half hour was probably the most beautiful meditation I have had all summer. The clouds were beautiful, wafting their way from the northwest to the southeast. The sun was beginning to rise with those rays all little children draw to indicate a sunshine. A pair of loons were calling back and forth on the lake and a tiny little chipmunk scurried across the deck stopping in front of me just long enough to remind me I was in its territory. Mist was rising from the lake, indicating the air was cooler than the water. A clutch of goldfinches were settling in, eating

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SERRA RETREAT FOR VOCATIONS

On Saturday, August 1st, Serra District 6 held its first District-wide retreat. This was an experiment to see if Serrans would give up a Saturday in order to pray together. By any measure, it was quite a success. Some 60 or so Serrans showed up at the Church of The Risen Christ in Denver to celebrate Mass together and prepare for a day of reflection and prayer. Our previous club Chaplain, Fr. Larry Christensen was the celebrant. He has a great deal of experience with Serra and his homily reflected that.

After a brief period for registration and breakfast we settled down to the first session for the morning with Fr. Jon Budke LC, our retreat master. Fr. Jon is a member of the Legionnaires of Christ Order. He spoke to us about "Life as a Vocation" – looking at our own lives as vocations. He followed his primary remarks with several reflections on our lives. He reminded us that we need to "Live in the present, but look into the future."

Prior to a delicious lunch, we regrouped in church for a Scriptural Rosary for Vocations followed by a recitation of the Angelus. During lunch, Fr. Jim Crisman of the Archdiocese Vocation Office gave us a briefing on where we are right now on priestly vocations in the Archdiocese, and a glimpse into the next few years.

Following lunch, Fr. Jon again spoke to us. He started by reading the beautiful poem *The Touch of the Masters Hand*. By Myra Brooks Welch. This illustrates that "Gods grace works better when we give Him good material". Life is not always easy, but we are in it together.

**WEAR YOUR PIN
BE PROUD TO BE A SERRAN**

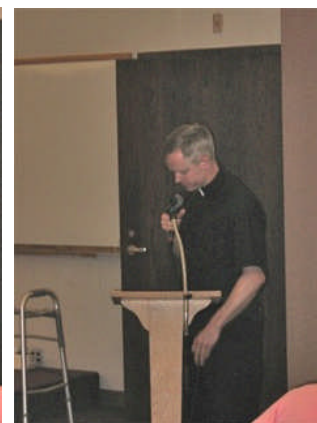


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whatever seeds they could find in the freshly cut grass. Then an eagle began to soar in the sky over the lake diving occasionally to search out breakfast for her family nesting in a tall tree at the resort's edge. A mallard mother was herding her near adult children along the shore preparing to feed on corn that children from the resort would be soon sharing. I was thinking this is the most precious morning meditation I have had in months. My morning meditation was abruptly interrupted by my son Bryan, rounding the corner of the cabin ready to go fishing. No, it was not interrupted, It was complete....all of this beautiful nature and now my own dear son who I was going to spend the next two hours on the lake with a morning fishing trip. Thank you God, Amen



Fr. Jon Budke



Fr. Jim Crisman



SAINT OF THE MONTH

ST. WENCESLAUS



St. Wenceslaus's feast is celebrated **September 28th**. He was a duke, and became a martyr, and patron of Bohemia, (now in the Czech Republic) He was born probably in 903; died at Alt Bunzlau, in 935. His parents were Duke Wratislav, a Christian, and Dragomir, a heathen. He received a good Christian education from his grandmother. After the death of Wratislav, Dragomir, acting as regent, opposed Christianity, and Wenceslaus, being urged by the people, took the reins of government. He placed his duchy under the protection of Germany, and introduced German priests. Wenceslaus had taken the vow of virginity and was known for his virtues.

For religious and national motives, and at the instigation of Dragomir, Wenceslaus was murdered by his brother Boleslaw. He was buried on the spot of the murder. Three years later Boleslaw, having repented of his deed, ordered the remains transferred to the Church of St. Vitus in Prague.

Legend of "Good King Wenceslaus"

Thanks to the popular carol, "*Good King Wenceslas*," we have traditionally come to associate this saintly monarch with The Nativity. The 19th century English verses relates an incident which took place "on the feast of Stephen," celebrated by the Church on December 27. If the incident is legendary, the hero most certainly is not. Outside of his native Czechoslovakia, however, few know the true story of this young Orthodox royal martyr, whose statue today dominates one of the principal squares in Prague, his nation's capital.

Karen Guyette

TWO NEW VOCATIONS

The Serra Retreat for Vocations is one of his final duties for **Ron Cattany** as Serra District 6 Governor. He will be leaving soon for the Blessed John XXIII National Seminary in Weston Mass. He will be joined by **Mike Hillebrand**, a former United Airlines pilot and trainer from Lafayette. That now makes four men from Colorado at the Seminary in Massachusetts.

Ron has completed a stellar career spanning 35 years with the State of Colorado in many positions most recently as the Director of the Colorado Department of Natural Resources, Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety. Governor Bill Ritter said "Ron's exemplary career with the State of Colorado epitomizes the ideal of public service. It's not at all surprising that Ron has chosen a new way to give back to the community." We will all be the better for his vocation.

We will now have 4 seminarians at Blessed John XXIII as Ron and Mike are joining Michael Bodzioch (2011) and Gene Chavez (2012).



Ron Cattany

**CALENDAR
PRAYER REQUESTS FOR PRIESTS AND CLUB PLANNER
SEPTEMBER 2009**

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
		<p>1 Rev. Joseph Toledo – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton</p> <p>Deacon John Kunsemiller – St. John The Evangelist</p> <p>Junior Morales - Seminarian</p>	<p>2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pray for all our Serra Chaplains</p>	<p>3 Rev. Joseph Hartmann – Our Lady of the Mountains</p> <p style="color: blue;">Happy Birthday Deacon Jim Devlin – St. Theresa/St. Scholastica</p>	<p>4 Sr. Maria Columba O’Leary- St. Walburga OSB</p> <p style="color: blue;">Happy Birthday Sr. Pauline La Plante – St. Walburga</p>	<p>5</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pray for Bishop James Conley</p>
<p>6 Rev. Tadeusz Kopczynski – St. Peter’s, Greeley</p> <p>Deacon John McKeown – St. John The Evangelist</p> <p>Geronimo Gonzalez - Seminarian</p>	<p>7 Michael Bodzioch – Seminarian</p> <p>Sam Morehead – Seminarian</p> <p>Sr. Maria Benedicta Oglesby – St. Walburga</p> <p>Brian Rollo – Seminarian</p>	<p>8 Deacon James Devlin – St. Theresa/St. Scholastica</p> <p>Anniv. Of Vows – Sr. Julis Headlee - Sr. Angela Read St. Walburga</p> <p>Joshua Peterson – Seminarian</p>	<p>9 Mother Maria Michael Newe OSB – St. Walburga</p> <p>Joe Doman – Seminarian</p> <p style="color: blue;">Happy Birthday Deacon John Kunsemiller – St. John the Evangelist</p>	<p>10 Sr. Luitgard Kussmann OSB – St. Walburga</p> <p>Deacon Edward Armijo – St. John the Evangelist</p> <p>Sr. Ancilla Armijo OSB – St. Walburga</p>	<p>11 Rev. Donald Willette – Bl. John XXIII</p> <p>Sr. Maria-Gabriel Pitpit OSB – St. Walburga</p> <p style="color: blue;">Happy Birthday Deacon Leonard Benzel – Blessed John XXIII</p>	<p>12 Rev. Roger Lascelle – St. Joseph’s</p> <p style="color: red;"><i>Regular club meeting 8:00</i></p> <p>Sr. Maria-Walburga Shortmeyer OSB – St. Walburga</p>
<p>13 Rev. Jacob Chennathu – St. Joseph</p> <p>Sr. Mary Sebastian Geary OSB – St. Walburga</p> <p>Maiser Espinoza - Seminarian</p>	<p>14 Rev. Damian de la Cruz, C.R. – Holy Family</p> <p>Sr. Angelika Fackler OSB – St. Walburga</p> <p style="color: blue;">Anniv. Of Vows Sr. Genevive Glen (1993) – St. Walburga</p>	<p>15 Sr. Mary Garcia S.S.S.F.– Holy Family</p> <p>Sr. Dominica Sieke – St. Walburga</p> <p>Sr. Scholastica England OSB – St. Walburga</p>	<p>16 Deacon Donald Weiss – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton</p> <p style="color: blue;">Happy Birthday Rev. Joseph Hartmann – Our Lady of the Mountains</p>	<p>17 Deacon Robert Haigh – St. John The Evangelist</p> <p>Sr. Augustina Hochbauer OSB – St. Walburga</p> <p>Roberto Rodriguez - Seminarian</p>	<p>18 Rev. Felicien Mbala – St. John The Evangelist</p> <p>Sr. Mary Alice Murphy – Center for Hope</p> <p>Sr. Magdalena Berndlmeier OSB – St. Walburga</p>	<p>19 Rev. Lawrence Christensen – Risen Christ</p> <p>Sr. Paulina La Plante OSB – St. Walburga</p> <p>Sr. Immaculata Bertolli – St. Walburga</p>
<p>20 Deacon Warren Lybarger – St. Joseph’s</p> <p>Sr. Maria Joseph Hombrebueno – St. Walburga</p>	<p>21 V. Rev. Gregory Cioch V.F. – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton</p> <p>Tyler Eberle - Seminarian</p>	<p>22 Deacon William McClellan – Bl. John XXIII</p> <p>Sr. Genevive Glen OSB – St. Walburga</p>	<p>23 Deacon Dan Marthe (ret.) – St. John The Evangelist</p> <p>Sr. Angela Read – St. Walburga</p>	<p>24 Deacon Howard Frisinger – SEAS</p> <p>Ryan O’Neill – Seminarian</p>	<p>25 Deacon Leonard Benzel – Bl. John XXIII</p> <p>Sr. Hildegard Dubnick OSB – St. Walburga</p>	<p>26</p> <p style="color: blue;">Happy Birthday Archbishop Chaput</p>
<p>27 Deacon William Trewartha – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton</p>	<p>28</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pray for Pope Gregory XVI</p>	<p>29 Deacon Richard Grimler – St. Joseph’s</p>	<p>30 Anniv. Of Ordin. Deacon John Kunsemiller (1978) St. John the Evangelist</p>	<p>31</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pray for Archbishop Charles Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.</p>	<p>Pray daily for your Seminarian</p>	