



NEWSLETTER

April/May/June 2011

SERRA CLUB OF KANSAS CITY-NORTH

Club 1072 * District 12-02 * Region 9

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A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Rick Grindel

At last Spring is here! Although the temperature keeps going up and down, at least we won't be seeing any more snow. We are all pretty tired of the white stuff.

Along with Spring comes the liturgical season of Easter, the most important event in Christianity. By the time you read this we will be most of the way thru Lent, our period of introspection, preparation and perhaps a little self denial. I don't know about you but I always seem to come up a little short of my expectations in that area. But I did go to a penance service at St. Charles last night and came away with an uplifted spirit. So I pray that all of you may be able to make a good Lent. And when the kids or grandkids are squealing with delight during the Easter egg hunt and devouring their chocolate, you too may have a joyous smile knowing the love of our Risen Christ.

As for our Serra Club, these next few months will be busy ones, and I invite all of you to participate as much as possible as many of these events define the very existence of Serra. In May we have the Blisters for Sisters, probably the biggest organized activity for our women religious in the KC metro area. Then we have the Worldwide Day of Prayer for Vocations. We also have separate Ordinations for the Priesthood and Transitional Diaconates. In June we have Ordinations for the Permanent Diaconates. In July we have our annual cookout for all of our seminarians hosted by our Northland club and attended by members of the other Serra clubs as well as the Vocations Office personnel and various priests from the area. This has been a very successful event since its inception several years ago, and also includes a Silent Auction. We also have the annual Mass and lunch with the Bishop. So please support all these events/activities with your time (presence) and treasure (it's dues time again.) The exact times and places will be noted in other articles in the newsletter.

One last thing...I want to encourage everyone to attend the general meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. We have good speakers lined up thanks to the efforts of our VP of Programs, Ken Karr. All of our VPs have just this month attended our annual Spring Leadership Training. Please sit with them and the other members of your assigned committees during the meal and they will get you energized and active in our mission that is Serra. Have a Blessed Easter!



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VP PROGRAMS – KEN KARR

APRIL 13, 2011

CASCONE'S

Speaker: Deacon Mike Lewis

Topic: The Permanent Diaconate

6:30 pm. social

6:45 dinner

7:30 speaker

MAY 11, 2011

St. Andrew the Apostle Church, 6415 NE Antioch Rd., Gladstone, MO

6:00 Mass said by Fr. Vince Rogers. Potluck Dinner immediately following Mass in St. Andrew's Cafeteria, across from Chapel. Board will bring meat dishes; members bring vegetable dish, salad, or dessert. Fr. Rogers will speak after dinner.

JUNE 8, 2011

CASCONE'S

Speaker: Fr. Greg Haskamp

6:30 pm. social; 6:45 dinner; 7:30 speaker

JULY 13, 2011

St. Therese, Parkville, MO

Wooldrige Center

Cookout with Seminarians and Northland Priests

Silent Auction

6:00pm to ???

VP MEMBERSHIP – JOHN LUSERO

On April 2nd, Region 9 members gathered at Avila University for the Spring Leadership/Incoming President's Conference. We had an excellent Membership meeting and gathered some interesting new ideas on securing and keeping new members. Membership VPs from our region shared what worked for them

in their clubs and discussed new ideas and information from Serra USA Council. We have two membership

promotions following Lent @ St. Therese and St. Patricks. I will have dates soon and ask that you consider taking part in assisting us to pass out info on our Serra Club. Hope to

see you all at the next meeting, and I will have more info for you then.

Godspeed, John

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER—*Fr. James Schrader, C.P.P.S.*

LENTEN REFLECTIONS

When the game gets tight and energy is running high, the coach calls for more timeouts. The team needs encouragement. On the 2nd Sunday in our Lenten journey, Jesus calls a timeout and gives the disciples a pep rally. They

need encouragement. And Jesus gives them a boost and lively hope. He reveals Himself to them in His future glory. He gives them a preview of the coming attractions. For a brief time, they are privileged to see Jesus in the mystery and wonder of the Resurrection. On His way

to Jerusalem, our Lord remains *with* the apostles. He must suffer, and die first, and then come to the rewarding experience of the Resurrection. The apostles resist His teaching that He (and all followers) must suffer. Peter actually called Jesus aside and remonstrated with Jesus.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER (Cont.)

Jesus responds: "Get behind me Satan." Satan means "obstacle." James and John are caught fighting over who will be the greatest when Jesus's Kingdom is established. With utmost assurance, Jesus says: Unless you take up your cross daily and follow me, you shall not be my disciples."

Lent is a special season for repentance... a change of heart, a change of attitudes. Lent is hard. Lent is suffering before our experience of the fullness of New Life in the Risen Lord. How hard it is to repent...to let go of that barbed word, or action, or inaction that is loaded for revenge. How we resist even the thought of disturb-

ing our complacency and pride by examining our conscience before the Lord in poverty-stricken prayer, reflection and listening to God in His Word in Sacred Scripture, in His Sacraments, and in the daily encounters of our lives. Who hasn't experienced the pain and struggle of seriously looking at the motivations of our lives. Looking at our temptations...the three p's...power, prestige and possessions. Those are the same temptations our Lord experienced in the desert. Our efforts at repentance are really God's grace. But how hard to say "Yes."

We need encouragement. We need a reliable hope. And Jesus gives us that

encouragement when He is transfigured before the Apostles. They see the Lord, however briefly, in the glory of the Resurrection. And that glory is our pledge, our guarantee. We too will experience the fullness of the Risen Life in the Lord Jesus if we persevere in the way of Our Lord...the way of faith, hope and love. Enjoy the liberating experience of a joyful Lent.



VP VOCATIONS

Pris Pawlikowski

Cards From Conception Abbey

You can send high quality cards to family and friends. Remember that purchasing cards through our Club benefits the funds that go to our seminarians and discernment activities. Members can go through me for cards from Conception.

RENEWAL TIME

DUES are an important means for a club to function. It is the responsibility of all members to be timely in submitting their dues. Please contact Madonna Davis to become up-to-date.

COLLEGE CONNECTION

College Connection for Catholics Launches NEW Website! The website is at

collegeconnectionforcatholics.org We have nearly 700 colleges in the program and will add more when we need them. Godspeed, John



LET US Pray....

For those who have died. For those who are ill, or are preparing for surgery, or are recovering from illness: Msg. Blacet, Fr. Pat Tobin, Fr. Shawn Ratigan, Clarissa Grill, Mark Spalding (brother of Sandy Sutton)

Special Intentions:

Pope Benedict XVI; Bishop Robert W. Finn; Bishop Emeritus Raymond J. Boland, all priests, deacons, men and women religious, for novices and postulants.

For all seminarians as they continue their studies and discernment.

For the successful efforts to charter a new Serra Club in the Diocese of Jefferson City, MO.

For Chapl. Lt. Daniel Joseph Reardon and all priests serving as Military Chaplains, and all who serve in the US Military Service at home or abroad.

WEBSITES WE CAN USE

Serra-US

www.serraus.org

Serra International

www.serra.org

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 13: Serra KC North Monthly Mtg.
April 24: Easter
May 7: Blisters of Sisters—Nativity, KCKS
May 11: Monthly Mtg - Install Officers
May 15: World Day of Prayer for Vocations
 May 21: Transitional Diaconate - 10:00 am - St. Thomas More
May 28: Ordination - Dcn. Louis Farley - 10:00 am - Downtown KCMO Cathedral
June 4: Ordination - Perm. Diaconate
June 8: Monthly Mtg.
July 1: Bl. Junipero Serra Feast Day
July 13: Cookout for Seminarians/Silent Auction
July 14-18: SI Annual Convention—Jerusalem
Aug 10: Monthly Mtg.
Sept 14: Monthly Mtg.
Sept. 18: Priests & Seminarians Golf Appreciation Day
Sept ???: District Governor Visit Board
Oct. 12: Monthly Mtg.
Oct. 14-16: Reg. Convention—Lincoln, NE
Oct. 30: 10th Annual Priesthood Sunday
Oct ???: District Governor visit Club
Nov. 9: Monthly Mtg.
Dec ???: Dinner with Bishop and Seminarians and their Families
December: Club Form Nominating Committee

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REMEMBER Our Priests and Seminarians on their Birthdays and Ordinations

PRIEST BIRTHDAYS

April
 02 Bishop Robert Finn
 11 Rev. Matthew Brumleve
 May
 12 Msgr. Joe Mancuso
 16 Rev. Thomas Albers
 29 Msgr. Brad Offutt
 June
 19 Rev. Pat Tobin, Retired
 July
 03 Rev. John Wolf
 16 Rev. Joe Sharbel

PRIEST ORDINATIONS

April
 25 1981 Rev. Michael Roach
 May
 10 1969 Rev. John Wolf
 14 1988 Rev. Matthew Brumleve
 20 1967 Rev. Gerald Waris
 22 1999 Rev. Charles Rowe
 26 2001 Rev. Jeffrey Stephan
 30 1968 Msgr. William Caldwell
 31 1969 Msgr. Robert Gregory
 June
 01 2002 Rev. Richard Rocha
 04 2004 Rev. Shawn Ratigan
 06 1964 Msgr. Joe Mancuso
 06 1992 Rev. Ken Riley
 16 1957 Bishop Raymond Boland

18 1977 Rev. Joe Miller CPPS

July
 05 1986 Msgr. Bradley Offutt
 07 1979 Bishop Robert Finn
 10 1993 Rev. Gregory Haskamp

SEMINARIAN BIRTHDAYS

June
 12 Ben Kneib (Kenrick-Glennon)
 26 Adam Johnson (Vatican)
 July
 02 Ian Murphy (Kenrick-Glennon)
 13 Ryan Koster (Conception)
 17 Michael Leeper (OL of Lourdes)
 17 Curt Vogel (Conception)
 22 Rev. Mr. Louis Farley