



SERRA CLUB

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Of Wichita Downtown Club

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By Father Ken Schuckman



RETREAT REFLECTIONS

From November 15 – 20 I made my annual retreat at the Spiritual Life Center. It was a private directed retreat with Bishop Gerber serving as my director. Bishop Gerber would be quick to remind anyone who asked that it was truly the Holy Spirit who directed the retreat; he was only an instrument of God. I thought I would share some of the Scripture passages I meditated on and the inspirations I received from the Holy Spirit. Perhaps they will be a helpful source of prayer for you during the holy season of Lent which begins on Wednesday, February 17.

Acts of the Apostles 2: 1-4. This passage is from the Pentecost story. The tongues of fire are a sign of the burning love of the Father and the Son sent through the Holy Spirit. Jesus' most Sacred Heart on fire with love for me is brought by the Holy Spirit to assure me of the love of the Most Blessed Trinity, but also to purify me of all that is sinful so that I might be more faithful. The Father who made me in his image, the Son who redeemed me by his suffering and death, and the Holy Spirit who continues to lead me and guide me in the love from the Father and Son help me to experience the love of the Holy Trinity.

Mark 15: 20-22. Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus carry his cross. Jesus, help me to carry the crosses that come into my life. I know you told us that your yolk is easy and your burden light. You have promised to never abandon us and to be present to help us. So often I want to get rid of the cross or complain about it. Jesus you want to be like Simon of Cyrene and help me carry my crosses. Help me to allow you to do that for me and may we carry those crosses together as I serve you. Jesus, help me when faced with crosses to carry, to turn to you and realize your readiness and willingness to support me and assist me. Help me to remember your words, "For human beings this is impossible, but for God all things are possible." Jesus carried his cross out of love for me so that it would become the instrument of his death and my salvation. Thank you Jesus for helping me to carry my crosses. Holy Spirit, fill me with wisdom, courage, and humility to ask Jesus' help when my crosses get heavy. Rather than letting myself become overburdened or feel that the task is too difficult, I need to call upon Jesus to walk with me and accept his help to carry my cross.

CHURCH OF THE MAGDALEN

PRE-LENTEN CONFERENCE

FEBRUARY 13th 2010

Keynote Speaker: PATRICK MADRID
Publisher of ENVOY Magazine
Biblical Scholar/ Author
International Speaker
EWTN Host

With Fr. PAT YORK, Pastor
CHURCH OF THE MAGDALEN

Tickets/Questions
316-259-6897 www.magdalenwichita.com

8:00 Mass
8:45 Registration
11:45 Box Lunch available
4:30 Closing Prayer
5:30 Mass

COST \$20 AFTER 2/1...\$30

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Message From The President



What are your plans for the second day of Lent?

Pope Benedict XVI has declared a "Year for Priests" beginning with the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 19, 2009. The year will conclude in Rome with an international gathering of priests with the Holy Father from June 9-11, 2010.

We, the Serra Clubs of Wichita are inviting the Lay Faithful to Christ the King Parish on February 18, the day after Ash Wednesday; for an Evening of Prayer for Our Priests. The Diocese of Wichita has been extremely blessed with many wonderful men who have accepted the call to lay down their lives for Christ and his Church in the vocation of the Priesthood. This will be an opportunity to thank God and to show appreciation for our blessings.

**Christ the King Parish - 4501 W. Maple St.
Thursday, February 18th
7:00 to 8:00 p.m.**

Please come and begin your Lenten Journey in prayer and appreciation of the Priests of the Diocese.



On January 6th, Father Shawn McKnight shared his excitement with us about his new position with the USCCB as the Secretariat of Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations. His new job will be providing leadership regarding priestly life and ministry, and while not wanting to guess at the issues he would be working with, he said that he could see himself involved with the Serra club nationally and would always have fond memories of the local Serrans who helped him nurture his own vocation.



Jim Sheldon showed a short video and spoke about "That Man Is You" at our January 20th luncheon. This is a program that started in Houston Texas about 6 years ago and has now grown to at least 24 states and parts of Canada. The program is currently being held at St. Thomas Aquinas in 2 - 13 week sessions. There is talk about a third session being developed. Several of our own downtown club members have had favorable experiences with the program and offered their unsolicited testimonials. It is one of the premier programs for men in the Catholic Church.

In Memoriam

Longtime member Rita Perkins, passed away Monday evening January 25th. She and her husband Morris have been married 64 years. The rosary will be this Friday evening at 7pm and the funeral mass at 10 am Saturday, both at Blessed Sacrament Church.



AN EVENING OF PRAYER FOR OUR PRIESTS Led by the Serra Clubs of Wichita
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Thursday, February 18th 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Our next speakers

February 3rd, Mr. Jim Rundell, currently administrator of the Spiritual Life Center, will speak to us about his involvement the past nine years with the Catholic prison ministries.

February 17th, Wendy Glick will visit our club and share her continuing story of The Lord's Diner, which just recently served it's milestone one-millionth meal at the downtown location.

Future Dates to Remember

June 17, 18,& 19 SERRA SUPER WEEKEND, Chicago, Ill.

September 2nd to 5th SERRA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION, Anchorage, Alaska

October 1,2 &3 REGION IX CONVENTION, Dubuque, Iowa

More information on these events will be forthcoming

Vocation Mass	
February 24, 2010 12:00 Noon at the Cathedral	
Altar Server: Dick Dwyer Lector: Linda Shinogle	
Priests Anniversaries	Seminarian Birthdays
Fr. Joseph Slomski Feb. 28	Logan Winter Feb. 12
	Alexander Gorges Feb. 14
	Samuel Brand Feb. 20
	Michael Maus Feb. 20
	Jorge Gutierrez Guzman Feb. 25
Priests Birthdays	New Officers for 2009-2010
Rev. Msgr. Charles Regan Feb. 02	Chaplain.....Rev. Ken Schuckman Phone: 796-1224
Rev. Stephen Gronert Feb. 03	President.....Mike Corrigan Phone: 942-1574
Rev. Michael Maybrier Feb. 04	President- ElectTony Duran Phone: 788-2251
Rev. Patrick Mannion Feb. 11	Secretary.....Juanita Smith
Rev. Patrick Malone Feb. 16	Treasurer.....John Marstall
Rev. Daniel Spexarth Feb. 17	VP Programs.....Elizabeth Flax & Michael Wescott
Rev. Jeames Spexarth Feb. 17	VP Membership.....Mark Wetta Phone: 682-5867
Rev. Ruben Ortiz-Montelongo Feb. 18	VP Vocations.....Barbara Pinaire Phone: 253-4943
Rev. Darrin May Feb. 19	VP Communications.....Dick Dwyer Phone: 269-3937
Rev. Edmond Kline Feb. 20	
Rev. Colin Boor Feb. 21	
Rev. Michael Nolan Feb. 27	
Rev. Larry Parker Feb. 28	



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“Always go Forward,
 Never Turn Back”
Junipero Serra
Franciscan Missionary



Check the Serra website at <http://www.serraus.org>

**Holy Hour For Vocations every 1st Sunday
 At Blessed Sacrament 4:00pm to 5:00pm.**

ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS Starts 30 Minutes before our Noon Meeting. Ask for Our Lady’s help in fostering vocations.

February Calendar	
Feb	2 February Board Meeting @ Newman U Lunch 11:30 Meeting @ noon
Feb	3 Regular Meeting –St Pius X room 12pm Speaker: Jim Rundell
Feb	7 Holy Hour for Vocations 4 PM At Blessed Sacrament
Feb.	17 Regular Meeting –St Pius X room 12pm Speaker: Wendy Glick (ASH WEDNESDAY)
Feb	18 EVENING FOR PRIESTS Holy Hour Christ the King Church 7 PM
Feb	20 Newsletter Deadline
Feb	24 Vocations Mass at Cathedral

**Pray for our Priests,
 Religious and Friends**



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| Msgr. McGread | Tuy Le Tran | Bill Janousek |
| Rev. Ron Gilmore | Rev. Don Thissen | Mary Blick |
| John Lekas | Elizabeth Corbett | Nick Logan |
| Al Schuckman | Kathy Logan | Sherry Logan |
| Janet Yocum | Morris Perkins | Sylvia Duran |
| Rev. Andy Kuykendall | Peggy Hipp | Kristin Mertes |
| Rev. Stephen Thapwa | Linda Lavid | Russell Carlile |
| Fr. Pepe (Pe-pay) | Arlen Freund | Joanne Hentzen |
| Betsy Montolio | Helen Bergkamp | Larry Nolting |
| Pete & Bonnie Aberle | John Cunningham | Ralph Hight |

**For all the military Chaplains, especially for
 Father Ned Blick And for all of the retired and
 ill priests of our Diocese.**

Recently deceased Larry Duran & Rita Perkins

Please call Mike Jones at 682-0576 if you know of anyone who needs to be added to or removed from this list.