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SERRA CLUB OF DAVENPORT

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Letter from Bill Barrett, President

Greetings!

February is the month of Love, let's try to fulfill God's plan. Love God with all your heart, soul and mind. Love your neighbors as yourself. What a wonderful world it would be!

We are initiating our yearly first Friday schedule mass schedule throughout the Scott county area. We want to give great thanks to our VP of Communications for helping us with all the necessary planning. Also, we are looking for ideas from you about promoting vocations that we can incorporate with local parish bulletins throughout the year. Thank you for your help!

Thank you all for your vocations and support.

Bill Barrett, President
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Letter from Fr. Thom Hennen, Director of Vocations

Dear Serrans,

Though it hardly seems possible, in a few short weeks, we will begin the season of Lent (Ash Wednesday is Feb. 14 – Happy Valentine's Day!). This season provides us with a special opportunity to draw close to Christ through new disciplines we may take up or by reinforcing some of those spiritual fundamentals in which we may have grown slack. Often people will give up something for Lent. As laudable as this is, as it helps us grow in self-discipline and allows us to share in a very small way in the sacrifice of our Lord, I would propose taking up something instead (or at least in addition to giving up something).

As Serrans, perhaps you would devote yourself to praying more ardently for vocations during this Lent. Or perhaps you would resolve to ask just one person you know from your parish who exhibits the qualities you would like to see in a religious sister, brother, priest or deacon, to consider such a vocation. I know that we are always saying this. I also know that at the time it seems to have little effect. But I know (both anecdotally and statistically) that such an invitation can have a profound influence on a young person's discernment. I still remember the African priest (whose name I do not even know) who was subbing at my home parish for a mission appeal one Sunday when I was scheduled as an altar server. After Mass, in the parish hall, he told me, "You should be a priest." I had thought of it at least once before, but this was another nudge.

Let us keep each other in prayer in this sacred time and continue to do what we can in our little corner of the diocese to promote these noble callings.

In Christ,
Fr. Thom

FIRST FRIDAY MASS – NO MASS IN FEB.

Due to scheduling needs, we will not be having a First Friday Mass in February. A more complete schedule will be in the March newsletter. Thank you.

CATHOLIC MESSENGER NEWS

- Lay Carmelites build a community: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2018/01/lay-carmelites-build-a-community/>
- A “once-in-a-lifetime” blessing: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2018/01/a-once-in-a-lifetime-blessing-seminarian-serves-at-papal-mass/>
- Going to the peripheries: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2018/01/going-to-the-peripheries-bishop-zinkula-follows-the-example-of-pope-francis/>
- ‘Pro-life generation’ marches in Chicago, D.C.: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2018/01/pro-life-generation-marches-in-chicago-d-c/>
- Crowd braves cold for Civil Rights March: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2018/01/crowd-braves-cold-for-civil-rights-march/>
- Immigration policy should be grounded in the dignity and value of every person: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2018/01/immigration-policy-should-be-grounded-in-the-dignity-and-value-of-every-person/>
- The bicycling bishop: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2018/01/persons-places-and-things-the-bicycling-bishop/>
- KC Councils earn Star status: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2018/01/knights-of-columbus-councils-earn-star-status/>
- Stories of “Father” Mottet: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2018/01/stories-of-father-mottet/>
- Duo shares insights from African mission trip: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2018/01/duo-shares-insights-from-african-mission-trip/>
- Remembering the martyrs: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2018/01/remembering-the-martyrs/>

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES – FEBRUARY

Bishop-emeritus William Franklin, 2/4/56
Please take this time to pray for all vocations!

SAVE THE DATE

Business Meeting

February 21st, St. Vincent’s, 7PM.

Upcoming First Fridays

TBA