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MISSION STATEMENT: *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.*

Mass and Breakfast: 1st Friday, January 3, 2014

Rosary
6:40 a.m.

Rosary for our Bishop's intentions & Serra's prayers
Leader of the Rosary: John Stratman

Mass:

7:00 a.m.
Celebrant: Father Thom Hennen
Reader:

Monthly Newsletter	If you have any information or suggestions you would like to have in the newsletter, please email me at pajbeaudry@hotmail.com . Thank you!
Fr. Thom Hennen Director of Vocations	<p>Dear Serrans,</p> <p>Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to come! As we celebrate the birth of our Lord with family and friends, let us not forget those who have served us so well as priests, deacons, and religious over the years. Also, keep our seminarians in your prayers. They have completed their first semester and after a short break to visit family will head back to their respective seminaries soon to start second semester. As always, thank you all for your prayerful support and commitment to fostering vocations. May the Lord bless you and your families in the year to come.</p> <p>In Christ, Fr. Thom</p>

<p>Message from Bill Barrett President</p>	<p>Serrans: We have entered Advent and are preparing the way for Christmas and the birth of our Savior. Be thankful for what we all have had for the last year and hopeful for the upcoming Year. Please review your last year and how you were able to help in the Support, Encouragement and Promotion of Vocations within our Church. <i>The Messenger</i> two weeks ago had a great article in it from Bishop Amos of the situation we are in with possible retirements of our priests in the next few years. We all need to put forth additional effort in our service for Vocations so we can reverse the trend and help serve the Church.</p> <p>Thank you for your service and have a Blessed Holidays. Bill</p>
<p>Serra</p>	<p>Each Serra member is asked to submit names of five perspective new members.</p>
<p>Articles from the Catholic Messenger</p>	<p>12/5/13:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nuns Build in New Orleans. Four Clinton residents traveled to New Orleans in November, representing the Sisters of St. Francis at the annual Nuns Build. Gabriela and Lou Egging, Sojourners with the Clinton Franciscans; Julie Ferraro, Sojourner and coordinator of volunteers for the Sisters; and Amanda Eberhart, office manager, participated in the project. Nuns Build is a week where Sisters, associates and their friends come to New Orleans from across the country to assist in the ongoing effort to rebuild houses devastated by Hurricane Katrina and the subsequent flooding. The event is coordinated by the St. Bernard Project, a nonprofit organization which has already completed more than 500 houses in New Orleans – with many more to be done. The team from Clinton worked with Sisters of Charity from New York and Cincinnati, as well as Americorps volunteers, dry-walling the home of Raymond Lee. He lives in an area hard hit by the levee breaches after the 2005 hurricane. • Ecumenical project assists agricultural programs around the globe. Greg Klein and Father Richard Gaul harvest corn in late October in a field owned by St. Mary's Parish Cemetery Association in Manchester, Iowa. Proceeds from the sale of the crop – about \$13,000 – were being donated to "Seeds of Hope" an ecumenical charity involving area Catholic, Lutheran and Methodist congregations to help an agricultural program in the Dominican Republic., • Despite typhoon damage, seven priests ordained. Seven priests of the Archdiocese of Palo were ordained amid the ruins of the typhoon-ravaged Cathedral of the Transfiguration of Our Lord in Nov. 25 ceremonies. Although Super Typhoon Haiyan caused the roof of the 16th-century cathedral to collapse and destroy much of the interior furnishings, Archbishop John Forrosuelo Du decided to ordain the priests in the church as a sign of hope for the Catholic community. "We may have lost everything, but our faith is becoming stronger than ever. No trial or storm or typhoon can destroy our resolve to have faith in Jesus. And it should be manifested in action," Father Amadeo Alvero, the archdiocese's spokesman, told the Asian Church news agency UCA News. The new priests will play a major role in helping Catholics reeling from the typhoon's effects, he added. <p>12/12/13:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Father Joseph Nguyen thanks diocese. I would like to take this opportunity to express my deep gratitude to Bishop Emeritus William Franklin of Davenport,

Bishop Robert Gruss of South Dakota, and Father Chuck Adam of Davenport for accepting me to be a seminarian of the Diocese of Davenport. My sincere thanks go to Father Marty Goetz, who was my vocation director and patiently nurtured my vocation director and patiently nurtured my vocation of priesthood, and special thanks to Bishop Martin Amos, who ordained me to the priesthood. I wish to express many thanks to Bishop Amos for allowing me to continue performing my priesthood ministry in the Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y. I would like to write words PRIESTHOOD MINISTRY in capital letters because I want to emphasize the importance of their meaning. For me, it is a sacred vocation we receive from Jesus Christ, and not merely a jog. We need to perform our ministry of priesthood with our passion, and not just emotions. The vocation to serve in priesthood ministry is to be ready to live and to die serving in that ministry.

12/19/13:

- Bishop Amos gives hope to prisoners. Bishop Martin Amos and Father David Wilkening and Deacon David Sallen of Holy Family Parish in Fort Madison, exchange the sign of peace with inmates during Mass Dec. 4 at the Iowa State Penitentiary in Fort Madison. It is a rare occasion for a bishop to celebrate Mass at the maximum security prison, said Deacon Sallen, who helped organize the bishop's visit.
- Priest offers tips for promoting vocations. Building relationships with young people is key for individuals, parishes and schools working to encourage religious vocations, said Father Thom Hennen, vocations director of the Diocese of Davenport. During a Dec. 3 webinar, he gave about 20 Catholics tips for creating a culture of vocations. One suggestion: Invite people who know and trust you to consider the priesthood, diaconate or religious life. In surveys, a high percentage of people with religious vocations have reported they'd received a personal invitation, and that it played a very important role in their discernment. Parishes and schools could also consider:
 - Starting a vocations committee and organizing two vocation events each year.
 - Holding regular holy hours for vocations.
 - Hosting a Project Andrew Dinner in which people with religious vocations share a meal with people who may be discerning a calling.
 - Offering a traveling chalice/crucifix programs
 - Recognizing parish altar servers.
 - Creating a local or regional discussion and discernment group for young people.
 - Organizing a visit to a seminary, monastery or convent.
 - Adopting a seminarian in prayer or creating a seminarian/religious pen pal program. Contact Father Hennen for seminarians' addresses: Hennen@davenportdiocese.org or (563) 888-4255. For more information, visit www.davenportvocations.com.

January Priest Ordinations	Patrick Lumsden	1/20/96
	James Burnett	1/25/74
	John Stecher	1/29/72