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SERRA CLUB OF DAVENPORT

JANUARY 2018

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.*

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Letter from Bill Barrett, President

Happy New Year to all. I hope you had a great Christmas holiday.

A new year gives us all an opportunity to review how we were blessed last year and how we might improve this year.

Please keep all the priests, sisters and deacons in your prayers this year. We want to thank them all for their commitment to our Lord.

We will be going to 8:00 Mass at St. Alphonsus on First Friday in January and St. Mary's on the First Friday in February, please join us.

The Serra Club thanks you for your support and look forward to a great new year.

Bill Barrett, President

Letter from Fr. Thom Hennen, Director of Vocations

Dear Serrans,

I hope this finds you well and still celebrating the Christmas season! One of the sad realities of an ever-more anticipated Christmas (starting commercially the day after Halloween) is that we tend to put it all away earlier and earlier too. What a sad sight it is to see Christmas trees already on the curb on December 26. One of the things I love about our Catholic faith is that we like to stretch out our celebrations. Heck, the Vatican doesn't take down the nativity scene in St. Peter's Square until after the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, February 2!

As we think of the Christmas story at this time of year, it is really a vocation story. Mary was called and said "yes." Joseph was called and said "yes." Jesus was called and said "yes," fulfilling the mission given to Him by the Father from all eternity. Let us pray in this holy season that many more will hear the call of the Lord to serve in the Church as priests, deacons, and religious and will respond with the same generous spirit as those who have gone before us.

Wishing you every blessing in this Christmas-tide!
In Christ, Fr. Thom

FIRST FRIDAY MASS— JAN. 5, 2018 ST. ALPHONSUS

First Friday Masses will be moving parish to parish.

January 5th will be at 8:00 AM Mass at

St. Alphonsus
2618 Boies Avenue.
Davenport, IA 52802

CATHOLIC MESSENGER NEWS

- Knoxville Knights support hometown seminarian: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2017/12/knoxville-knights-support-hometown-seminarian/>
- A vocation story: <https://www.catholicmessenger.net/2017/11/my-vocation-story/>
- NCYC 2017: Catholic youths are ‘called’ to embrace the faith: <https://www.catholicmessenger.net/2017/11/ncyc-2017-catholic-youths-are-called-to-embrace-the-faith/>
- Fr. William Meyer was willing to serve: <https://www.catholicmessenger.net/2017/12/fr-william-meyer-was-willing-to-serve/>
- Collection helps aging sisters, brothers, and religious order priests: <https://www.catholicmessenger.net/2017/12/collection-helps-aging-sisters-brothers-and-religious-order-priests/>
- Heading to Rome: New leadership post for Sr. Storms: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2017/12/heading-to-rome-new-leadership-post-for-sr-storms/>
- Advent is making all things new: <https://www.catholicmessenger.net/2017/11/advent-is-making-all-things-new-adviento-es-hacer-todas-las-cosas-nuevas/>
- Faith Formation Roundtable: from maintenance to mission: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2017/12/faith-formation-roundtable-from-maintenance-to-mission/>
- Light shining against the darkness: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2017/12/light-shining-against-the-darkness/>
- Make room in your hearts: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2017/12/make-room-in-your-hearts/>
- The ‘miraculous’ image of Guadalupe: <https://www.catholicmessenger.net/2017/12/the-miraculous-image-of-guadalupe/>

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES – JANUARY

Patrick Lumsden, 1/20/96; James Burnett, 1/25/74; John Stecher, 1/29/72
Please take this time to pray for all vocations!

SAVE THE DATE

Business Meeting

January 17th, St. Vincent’s, 7PM.

Upcoming First Fridays

January 5th, 8am, St. Alphonsus, Davenport

February 2nd, 8am, St. Mary, Davenport