



780 W. Central Park Ave.  
Davenport, IA 52804

# SAINT SERRA CLUB OF DAVENPORT

SEPTEMBER 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.*

## LEADERSHIP

<b>Ex Officio</b>	Bishop Thomas Zinkula
<b>Chaplain</b>	Fr. Joseph Sia
<b>President</b>	Bill Barrett
<b>V.P. Programs</b>	Jim Tiedje Thom Hart
<b>V.P. Membership</b>	Dr. Larry Huber Bill McAfoos
<b>V.P. Vocations</b>	Donna Golden
<b>V.P. Communications</b>	Deb McAfoos
<b>Secretary</b>	Peg Beaudry
<b>Treasurer</b>	John Stratman
<b>Trustees</b>	John Miller Sandra Frericks John Stratman

### *Letter from Bill Barrett, President*

Greetings and thank you for your vocation!

We want to thank Bishop Zinkula for his accounting of Ragbrai and for his attendance at our summer gathering. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our summer gathering; it was a great success, with our highest attendance in years. We are grateful for the years of service for all priests, deacons, and sisters and to be able to thank them personally for all they have done for us

It was a great opportunity to meet and visit with almost all of our seminarians, what a great group of men. We are fortunate to have a good number discerning the priesthood. I know they really enjoyed the fresh baked cookies supplied by Donna Golden. Thank you, Donna! We want to thank John Stratman, as he is always there making sure everything is organized. Thank you, also, to the McAfoos', who are always there to help.

You'll want to mark your calendars for Nov 16th. our Thanksgiving Gala at the Outing Club. We are very grateful to have Fr George McDaniel as our presenter that evening. Please plan on being there and bring a friend!

We are very thankful to have our First Friday Mass back at St Vincent's, with our retired priests. The Rosary is at 11:10, with Mass at 11:30, followed by a brief meeting and lunch with the retired priests. A great opportunity to stay connected.

There are many exciting possibilities for future vocations coming down the chain. We look forward to any assistance we can offer in implementing some of these programs. We're going to need plenty of helpers, so stay tuned.

Enjoy the cooler weather and enjoy all the blessings we have received!  
Bill Barrett  
President, Saint Serra Club of Davenport

### *Letter from Fr. Joseph Sia, Vocation Director*

Dear Serrans,

In the midst of the current crisis that is surrounding the Catholic Church, not only in the United States but all over the world, I hope that you as a Serran can find deeper meaning in your ministry of praying for seminarians and priests.

I'm sure a seminarian or priest appreciates a fine dinner or a generous check, but perhaps the most precious gift that you can give to them is your time and effort in trustful intercession for their well-being. That is a sure sign of your love for them. Just like any human being, a seminarian or priest can get lonely, or feel unwanted, or get stressed out. The best remedy in these situations is to give them a generous, joy-filled love.

All of us Catholics already experience this kind of love through the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross which we make present again every time we celebrate the Eucharist. When you pray for a seminarian or priest, whoever he may be, whatever he may have done – you are living your call to be more like Christ. You are giving love without expecting anything in return.

Best regards, Fr. Joseph Sia

## FIRST FRIDAY MASS

SEPT. 7TH, 2018

St. Vincent's

11:10 Rosary

11:30 Mass

**Mass of Prayer and Penance for the current abuse crisis.**

---

## **CATHOLIC MESSENGER NEWS**

- <https://www.catholicmessenger.net/2018/08/reflections-on-my-first-half-marathon/>
- <https://www.catholicmessenger.net/2018/08/two-bvms-celebrate-jubilees/>
- <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2018/08/seminarians-learn-about-mercy-at-convocation/>
- <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2018/08/clinton-franciscans-celebrate-jubilees-at-mass/>
- <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2018/08/a-celebration-of-life-with-mass-gala/>
- <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2018/08/campus-ministry-the-power-of-invitation/>
- <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2018/08/bishop-zinkula-on-the-death-penalty/>
- <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2018/08/bishop-zinkula-responds-to-pennsylvania-grand-jury-report/>

---

## **ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES – SEPTEMBER: NONE**

---

### **A CALL TO ACTION FROM BISHOP ZINKULA'S LETTER REGARDING THE ABUSE**

#### Prayer

I encourage families, groups of the faithful, and parishes to set aside time for prayer: for the healing of the victims of abuse, in reparation for the sins of omission and commission that have led to this crisis, for our own conversion. Some suggestions might include:

- The Liturgy of the Hours, especially Evening Prayer, when we pray the Magnificat, and are reminded (as Pope Francis notes) that “Mary’s song is not mistaken and continues quietly to echo throughout history. For the Lord remembers the promise he made to our fathers: ‘he has scattered the proud in their conceit; he has cast down the mighty from their thrones and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty’ (Lk 1:51-53). We feel shame when we realize that our style of life has denied, and continues to deny, the words we recite.”
- The Stations of the Cross, especially on September 14.
- The Rosary, focusing on the Sorrowful Mysteries.
- A Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament

#### Fasting

Pope Francis reminds us that fasting opens our hearts to the suffering of others; it helps us grow in our solidarity with them. Our fasting can take many forms. Abstaining from meat, or fasting from food as we do on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, are appropriate disciplines. Or we may choose to fast from practices that might distract us from the suffering of others, such as electronic media or other forms of entertainment. There are many possibilities. The key is to choose something that will help remind us of those who have suffered abuse at the hands of the Church.

#### Almsgiving

The third traditional penitential practice is almsgiving. During Lent, for example, many of us take part in Catholic Relief Service’s Rice Bowl Program. Perhaps we might, at this time, choose to donate to or volunteer with ministries or community organizations that care for victims of sexual and physical abuse; for example, a domestic violence shelter or counseling service.

#### Just the Beginning

Naming, and condemning, the sins of sexual abuse, of the abuse of power, of clericalism is essential. Holding perpetrators and those who looked the other way to account is essential. But these are not enough. We are called to solidarity and to a deeper holiness. Our labors must be ongoing, and solidly rooted in the person and example of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. Otherwise, we simply build on sand.

### **SAVE THE DATES**

First Friday Mass: September 7th,  
11:10 Rosary, 11:30 Mass

Business Meeting: September 19th,  
7:00pm St. Vincent’s Center

November 16th: Annual Gala at The Outing Club