



Serra Club News

Meetings are held the first and third Friday of each month at noon at WesBanco Arena

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Schedule of Meetings

Friday, August 6th -Speaker – Bernadette McMasters, Director of Office of Worship and Sacraments. She will be giving a power point presentation regarding the changes in the wording of the Mass that will go into effect in the fall of 2011. Prayer leader – Joe Pangilinan

Friday, August 20th. Fr. James DeViese, He will talk about his own vocation and his upcoming training regarding Canon Law. Prayer leader – Frank Carenbauer

Recent speakers/programs

At our first July meeting our own Jeff Smay, who teaches at Central Catholic High School, gave an informative and inspiring presentation regarding Catholic education. Catholic education has been Jeff's personal lay vocation all of his adult life and one that he not only practices during his work hours but in his life in general. He noted that Jesus not only baptized his apostles but commanded them to "teach everything I have taught you." Our Catholic schools are one of the most important mechanisms for teaching the faith, for evangelization of our youth.

Jeff emphasized that it is critical that we have Catholic schools to teach children about the church, the values and about faith. The media, other friends and society in general have a profound influence on students and it is critical that they also receive the positive influence of the Catholic faith in action. Jeff called on parents to continue to be committed to Catholic education for their children. I think it is safe to say that Catholic education is the early fertile ground in which the seeds of vocations

can begin to take root. Thank you, Jeff, for your talk, your commitment, and your life long service in catholic education.

Our second meeting in July featured Fr. Jeremiah McSweeney, pastor of St. Michael parish, who gave a moving presentation regarding Eucharistic adoration. As you likely know, Eucharistic adoration is the act of worshiping God as He is present in the consecrated Eucharist. The consecrated host is placed in a monstrance and placed in exposition for viewing by the faithful.

Fr. McSweeney frequently emphasized the highly spiritual, very emotionally powerful and very personal nature of Eucharistic Adoration. He noted that the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist is the church's most cherished possession and is at the very heart of our faith. Eucharistic Adoration is an opportunity to spend face to face time with Our Lord. He stated, "It is an opportunity to experience a joy and peace we can experience no other place on the earth." Serrans, this would be an excellent place and time to pray for vocations while in the presence of Our Lord.

Eucharistic Adoration is available at St. Michael church Monday 8:00am – 5:00pm, 6:00pm – 11:00pm; Tuesday – Friday 8:00am – 5:00pm. The adoration room entrance is on Seibert Street, the last door on the upper right hand corner of the church.

Thank you, Fr. McSweeney, for your inspiring talk and for your dedication to your priestly vocation. We are blessed to have you in Wheeling.

Upcoming Events

Priest Picnic, Tuesday, August 31st at Bethlehem park.

Rosary rally, Sunday, October 10th at the Cathedral of St. Joseph.

Who will go? Can you? Will you?

We have been very blessed with excellent attendance at the regional conventions that we have held here in Wheeling. Let's do our best to support our fellow Serrans in the Cincinnati area by attending this year's regional convention. The conventions are educational, enjoyable and a great opportunity to give and receive support from many other Serrans to continue our common mission. It is as noted below.

Serra Ohio Valley – Great Lakes Regional Convention – October 8-10, 2010

I hope we can have a good turnout from our club. For more information go to www.CincySerraVocations.org and click on convention.

Serra 68th International Convention September 2 – 5, 2010. Anchorage, Alaska

Links for more Information about Serra USA Council of Serra International:

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Prayer for Vocations

Lord, Jesus Christ, You are the Saviour of the world. Please manifest in Your church, the Spirit whom You also abundantly bestowed on Your apostles. Call many to the priesthood and religious life. May zeal for Your glory and for the salvation of the world inflame those You have chosen. May they be saints in Your likeness. May Your Holy Spirit strengthen them. May they be priests and religious according to Your own Heart. Amen