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Dear Parents,

I can't believe that the year is over already. It doesn't seem that long ago that we were having our Open House for parents and children. It has been a year filled with many blessings for our PSR families.

Thank you so much to each and every parent and student for your support of our PSR program this year. We are certainly blessed to have such great parents who guide our children in faith.

I know that schedules get very hectic in the summer. There is so much to do and so little time and our weekends are jam packed with activities. Make sure that you take time every weekend to attend Mass. Vacationing? No problem. You can go online to www.MassTimes.org and you will find churches and Mass wherever you are traveling.

I wish each of you a very blessed and safe summer. Know that you are in my prayers each day.

How did you Connect with Christ this week?

Peace and Goodness,

Barb Morgan SFO

PSR Office Summer Hours

The office will be open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am –3:00 pm. Don't forget you can also email me (barb.morgan@icdparish.org) with any questions. Our phone number is 636-561-1974.

ARE YOU REGISTERED FOR NEXT YEAR?

If you have not yet registered for next year, now is the time!! It is very helpful to us to get as many registered as possible prior to the end of the year. This allows us to determine our needs for catechists, books, etc. ALL children in grades 1-8 who attend public school should register for PSR. It is so very important that you put your child's religious education as a number one priority and that they attend every year. .

No child will be turned away because of inability to pay. It is vitally important that all children receive religious education.

If you register now, it will save a lot of time in the office as we call every family that has not registered.

CONGRATULATIONS PSR STUDENTS!

This year you have done a wonderful job of serving other people. Many of our classes visited the food pantry and then made donations of food and household items. As a community we donated to the Haiti disaster and helped by bricks to build a new church in Haiti. At our Advent prayer service we collected hundreds and hundred of pairs of socks and mittens.

In addition to all of this the PSR community continually helped our St. Vincent De Paul Society. We collected thousands of household items at our Opening Mass, worked together and gave our dimes each week and gave a fantastic Mardi Gras carnival. We donated thousands of dollars to help those who need our help.

YOU are an AWESOME !!



May 16 St. Simon Stock

Although little is known about Simon Stock's early life, legend has it that the name Stock, meaning "tree trunk," derives from the fact that, beginning at age twelve, he lived as a hermit in a hollow tree trunk of an oak tree. It is also believed that, as a young man, he went on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land where he joined a group of Carmelites with whom he later returned to Europe. Simon Stock founded many Carmelite Communities, especially in University towns and he helped to change the Carmelites from a hermit Order to one of mendicant friars.

Simon Stock's lasting fame came from an apparition he had in Cambridge, England, on July 16, 1251, at a time when the Carmelite Order was being oppressed. In it the Virgin Mary appeared to him holding the brown scapular in one hand. Her words were: "Receive, my beloved son, this scapular of thy Order; it is the special sign of my favor, which I have obtained for thee and for thy children of Mount Carmel. He who dies clothed with this habit shall be preserved from eternal fire. It is the badge of salvation, a shield in time of danger, and a pledge of special peace and protection." The scapular (from the Latin, scapula, meaning "shoulder blade") consists of two pieces of cloth, one worn on the chest, and the other on the back, which were connected by straps or strings passing over the shoulders. In certain Orders, monks and nuns wear scapulars that reach from the shoulders almost to the ground as outer garments. Lay persons usually wear scapulars underneath their clothing; these consist of two pieces of material only a few inches square. The Catholic Church has approved eighteen different kinds of scapulars of which the best known is the woolen brown scapular, or the Scapular of Mount Carmel, that the Virgin Mary bestowed on Simon Stock.

2010 ICD Parish Picnic Come join us June 4th, 5th and 6th!

Carnival RIDE Armbands on Sale after masses

ADVANCE SALE PRICE

1 Day = \$20.00 (Sat or Sun)

2 Day = \$30.00

Armbands Price at Picnic

1 Day = \$25.00 (Sat or Sun)

2 Day = \$40.00

Raffle Tickets!!

\$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00

1st Prize-- \$1000.00

2nd Prize--\$500.00 & 3rd Prize--\$250.00

Quilt Raffle tickets

A Beautiful one of a kind quilt crafted by our own ICD Quilters!

COUNTRY STORE

Please help out the Country Store booth. Each family is asked if they can please donate at least one item. These items can be dropped off at the POC. **DONATIONS NEEDED:** plants, fresh vegetables, home baked goods, home canned good, afghans, decorative toss pillows and any new toy.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS NEEDED—Each family is asked to donate home baked desserts for our Chicken and Beef Dinner on Sunday!

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* **A Summer Prayer** *
* Long warm days... *
* The pace of life slows... *
* A time for picnics and rest in the shade... *
* Lord, *
* help me to rest awhile in the cooling shade of your pres- *
* ence. *
* Slow down my restless heart and fill me with gentle *
* compassion for all your people. *
* Amen. *

Connect With Christ



Ascension Sunday's Gospel Luke 24:46-53

Jesus ascends into Ascension

Family thoughts: The ascension is the last of the appearances of the risen Jesus to his apostles. In a way, we can say that he "saved the best 'til last," because at this time Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to the apostles. At the time, they had no idea what "power from on high" would mean for them or how this Power would change their lives.

How do you feel when someone makes a promise to you like, "We're going someplace special on Sunday"? Or, "I promise to help you with your math every night"? Sometimes the promise is a promise of a surprise. "Be sure to come next week because we're having a surprise." How do you feel while you wait for the surprise? How do you feel when the promise (even if it isn't a surprise) is kept?

Pentecost was Jesus' big surprise for his apostles. How does the Holy Spirit surprise you in your life? How do you and the Holy Spirit work together to surprise others? How could you, your group, and the Holy Spirit work together to surprise the poor, the sick, the lonely, or others in need?

Are you called to help?

Each time we put gas in our cars, the thought might be, "How can I cut down on my driving?" I have the answer! Why not stay and help out during PSR instead of going home? Children love to have their parents involved in what they are doing.

We have openings each session for catechists. Many of our first thoughts are: Me! I can't do that, I don't know enough about my religion to teach. But you can do it! Teaching is a way of learning. I have a week by week curriculum that each teacher receives and we have resources, etc. to make your teaching experience a positive one, so that our children can also have a positive experience. We have openings at all timeslots, especially the early sessions.

Please call me if you have any questions! Barb @ 636-561-1974