Dear Parents,

Congratulations to our 8th grade students! This past weekend they signed the book of enrollment as they begin their confirmation journey. Please keep them in your prayers.

This week we will pray the Living Rosary. We will pray the Rosary by the Mary grotto in front of the gym. There will be less parking available so some of you may want to park in the north and South lots or the chapel lot.

Our Tuesday class at 5:15 will also pray the floating Rosary. This is a very special opportunity for our PSR community. All are invited. It is a very uplifting experience. Please join us and invite your friends!

When we look into the eyes of another, we are looking at the face of Christ. When we Encounter Others, we Encounter Christ!

Pax et Bonum

Barb Morgan SFO

**OCTOBER IS...**

The perfect month to pray the Rosary together as a family or perhaps one decade before meals. Everyone is in the car a lot, so why not pray it on the way to practice or going to an event?

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| Oct. 10, 11 and 12 | Living Rosary  
Report to classroom  
Floating Rosary will be  
Tuesday @ 5:15 |
| Oct. 17, 18 and 19 | All students to class |
| Oct. 24, 25 and 26 | 7th grade Recon/Church  
All others to class  
PRETZEL SALE!!!! |
| Oct 31     | NO CLASS                                  |
| Nov. 1     | All Mass  
Meet in classroom  
Pick up in church |
| Nov 2      | All students to class                     |

What Makes for a Great Catholic Family? Make Sunday Mass the Center of Your week

The foundation of solid Catholic family life—‘the glue that keeps you together’—is Sunday Mass. If you have young children, getting out the door to church is almost as much of a challenge as keeping the kids quiet during the homily. If you have teens, the biggest challenge (after getting them out of bed) is to get them to pay attention. Yet, going to Mass each week is worth the work. When we approach God’s altar to receive the Eucharist, our share in Christ’s Body and Blood deepens our communion with Him and, through Him, builds up his Body, the Church. Together in community, we sing hymns and learn how our voices blend. We listen to the Word of God and learn how to follow Jesus. We pray together and learn about silence and humility. On Sunday we are reminded that the center of our family life is Christ.

Don’t forget to check out the attached flyer about ICD’s Octoberfest!
Francis was a young nobleman at the court of the King of Spain. He became a Duke when he was only thirty-three and lived a happy, life with his wife Eleanor and their eight children. Francis was a perfect Christian gentleman, a true man of God and his great joy was to receive Holy Communion often. This happy life ended when his wife died. Francis did something that astonished all the nobles of Spain; he gave up his Dukedom to his son Charles and became a Jesuit priest. So many people came to his first Mass that they had to set up an altar outdoors, but his Superior tested him by treating him in exactly the opposite way he had been used to all his forty-one years of life. He who had once been a Duke had to help the cook, carrying wood for the fire and sweeping the kitchen. When he served food to the priests and brothers, he had to kneel down in front of them all and beg them to forgive him for being so clumsy! Still he never once complained or grumbled. The only time he became angry was when anyone treated him with respect as if he was still a Duke. It was not too long before the humble priest accomplished wonderful works for God’s glory as he preached everywhere and advised many important people. He spread the Society of Jesus all over Spain and in Portugal. When he was made Superior General of the Jesuits, he sent missionaries all over the world. Under his guidance, the Jesuits grew to be a very great help to the Church in many lands. Through all such success, St. Francis Borgia remained completely humble. He is the patron saint of Portugal and earthquakes.

DON’T MISS OUT! PRETZEL SALE
In two weeks! October 24, 25 and 26

We will have our pretzel sale in two weeks! At all PSR sessions we will be selling Gus’ pretzels. These are the most delicious pretzels! The cost of the pretzels is only $1.00 each or 6 for $5.00.

This year we will donate our proceeds to a very special charity, the CURE SANFILIPPO FOUNDATION. Carson is 6 years old, goes to Ostmann Elementary and a member of ICD who was diagnosed this past summer with Sanfilippo Type A, which a rare neurodegenerative disorder much like Alzheimer's. Please check out the website to find out more about this disease.

Carson Burroughs - Cure Sanfilippo Foundation.

Make sure you buy enough for the whole family! They are delicious!

Alive in Faith
Sunday’s Gospel
October 16, 2016
Luke 18:1-8

Gospel Reflection:
This is the first of two parables that Jesus tells in Luke 18 about prayer. This first parable is a lesson in persistence in prayer. While the parable seems to present prayer as nagging God for what we want, such a reading misses the point. God is not like the judge in the parable, worn down by requests and coerced to respond. The key is found in the description of the judge as corrupt and unjust. Since God can be neither, we must understand Jesus to be saying that if even an unjust judge responds to the persistence of the widow, how much more so will God listen to our prayers. God truly wants us to be persistent in prayer. Make sure you buy enough for the whole family! They are delicious!

St. Vincent DePaul Collection
Can You Spare some change?

Please remind and encourage your children to bring in their change for St. Vincent DePaul. Working together we can make a difference in many lives.