

St. Joseph Parish School of Religion (PSR) 2011-2012 Calendar

September 2011

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St. Vincent de Paul's Walk for the Poor is this month! Please participate as best as you can for the poor surrounding us! You can walk or sponsor someone else! Please pay attention to if your child's PSR class is planning to participate and support them either with your attendance or your sponsorship! Or how about your family making this a family event?! It's held right here in Schroeder Park! Please visit <https://www.svdpusa.net/pledgathon/public/> for more details on how to sponsor or register to walk!



Sunday PSR

11—FIRST CLASS!

9-10am

at 5pm join us for **OPENING MASS & FAMILY BBQ**

18—class

25—class

Monday PSR

11—PSR OPENING MASS & FAMILY BBQ-

1pm set up begins for cafeteria and gym and classrooms

4-4:45pm come meet the Catechist in the Classroom. Family packets will be in the gym. All student class information will be on your packet.

5pm Mass

after Mass dinner in the cafeteria/gym. Please bring a side dish to share (10-15 servings please)!

12—FIRST CLASS! 4:30-5:45pm or 6:15-7:30pm

19—class

26—class

6th Gr Scripture Presentation Service— At this service your 6th grader will receive their own bible. The parents will impart a special blessing on their child during this service. It is vital that a parent attend. (St. Jerome Sept 30)

Other important events & dates!

2 - PURE-NRG Open Gym Night! 6:30-9:30pm in gym. Bring friends! Bring \$2 to chip in on pizza!

13- PURE-NRG— 7th & 8th Gr Youth Ministry in church basement!

18- PSR Home School Parent meeting at 10am or 7:15pm. Attend ONE of these meetings. This is when you will get your text books and materials. In classroom #15.

21- ENCOUNTER in church 7:30-8:30pm. Encounter is a "family friendly" adoration hour with contemporary Christian music, scripture reading and reflection and Benediction. Start a monthly adoration prayer with your family and see how it can change your family! Held third Wednesday of every month!

24- Walk for the Poor at Schroeder Park with St Vincent de Paul Society of St Joseph Parish. Sign up your sponsors now!

Sept 30-Oct 2- LUKE 18 7th Gr Retreat! Sign up your 7th grader!! Have them invite a 7th gr friend to go, too!!

A Parent's Prayer for the Beginning of School

Here we are again, Lord. Their backpacks are loaded and their faces are scrubbed and their lunch accounts are full. And I know you'll walk with them, Lord. You always do. But a parent still has to ask. Will You walk with them? Will You whisper to them what they need to hear, when I'm not there to whisper it? Will You please, oh please, cover their school with the protection only You can give, and will You keep harm far away? Will You make their minds strong and ready to learn? Will You help them understand that hard work honors the One who created them? Will You guide their teachers, giving them patience and wisdom and creativity and more patience? Will You bless them for their efforts? Will You love all those children there, the ones whose lunch accounts aren't full, the ones who feel alone? Will You teach my children to be kind and unselfish and to love those who are different from them? Will You point them back toward home just as soon as you can? Lord, I give them to You today and everyday, trusting them to Your care. Amen



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October 2011

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October is the month of the Rosary! Learn more about your Mother, Mary, this month and share it with your children! Make a point of sharing family time by praying the rosary for a family intention! We celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7th. Have Mary join you at the family dinner on that day...place a statue or picture of Mary as your center piece! Any mother would love that expression of love!

Sunday PSR

2—class— Blessing of Pets...bring a picture of your pet to class!

9—**NO PSR Sausage Supper!**

16—class

23—class (RCIC 10-11:30am)

30—Class

Monday PSR

3—class

Blessing of Pets—to celebrate St Francis of Assisi's feast day, Oct 4. Students will have the opportunity to bring their family pet for a blessing. Watch PSR Newsletter for details!

Eucharistic Minister training for parents who would like to be a part of this ministry in the parish and PSR, held in church 5:45-6:15pm

Begin ALL PSR St Vincent de Paul Food Drive which will conclude at our All Saints Mass Oct 24

10—class

4th Gr Sandwich Ministry

Parent Meeting and In-Service with guest speakers the O'Learys

17—class

7th & 8th Gr EXTRA— on soccer field with Jeff Bunten "GOLF"

4th Gr Parent Meeting for introduction and preview of Human Sexuality programming (any 4-6th gr parent may attend).

24—**ALL SAINTS MASS**

ONE celebration with Sunday PSR,

Early and Late Monday PSR in attendance

begins promptly at 6:15pm in church

3rd Gr dress up as a Saint of their choosing and process in with Father. Invite Grandma, Grandpa, proud family and friends!

31—**NO PSR! Happy Halloween**

Other important events & dates!

Sept 30-Oct 2— LUKE 18 7th Gr Retreat Our parish holds a major retreat for 7th & 8th gr years. These retreats are great preparations for their Confirmation formation. It is highly recommended that each 7th & 8th grader attend their retreat. Details will be distributed in a timely manner.

4— Catholic High School Information Night at Kennedy High School at 7pm for any 6th/7th/8th graders considering a Catholic High School.

6—7th Gr Confirmation Rite of Enrollment 7pm in church; student AND Parent are to attend. This is the beginning of their Confirmation Preparations!

7— PURE-NRG Putt Putt Social! Details to come from Carrie Bajzath! Watch your emails!

8— Catechist Day 8:30am-12:30 at St Clement in Des Peres

9— Sausage Supper! Volunteer and Enjoy this Parish Family time together!

11— PURE-NRG— 7th & 8th Gr Youth Ministry in church basement!

13-16— ACTS Retreat for Women This is an awesome weekend to give yourself! What have you got to loose?!!

19— ENCOUNTER in church 7:30-8:30pm— **see Sept for details of this event

22—8th Gr Confirmation Retreat 9am-2pm in gym/church/church basement; bring sack lunch (unrefrigerated); drink provided; all 8th graders are to be in attendance. Attendance will be taken.

23— Soup Kitchen Trip by Mrs. Moore's 8th Gr class 8am-11:30am meet at parking lot at the end of St Joseph Lane

28- PURE-NRG Open Gym Night! 6:30-9:30pm in gym. Bring friends! Bring \$2 to chip in on pizza!

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November 2011

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The month of November is dedicated to the Souls in Purgatory, whose feast is celebrated on November 2. With the exception of the last Sunday, November falls during the liturgical season known as Ordinary Time and is represented by the liturgical color green. Put the color green at your family "space" be that the dinner table, the coffee table in the TV room, the island in the kitchen, or even the dash of the car! Talk with your children about the "colors" of our church! Then, the last Sunday, change it to purple, for the Advent season! Celebrate the seasons of our faith in the home!

Sunday PSR

6—class— NEW TOY DRIVE BEGINS! Concludes Dec 3 class or at PSR Donut Sunday on Dec 11! (RCIC 10-11:30am)

13—class

20—class—PSR At Home Packets will be sent home. (RCIC 10-11:30am)

27— **NO PSR Happy Thanksgiving! Advent begins!**

Monday PSR

7—class

NEW TOY DRIVE BEGINS! Concludes Dec 4 class or at PSR Donut Sunday on Dec 11!

8th Gr CELEBRATES!

1st Gr Church Tour

14—class— **REPORT CARDS**

OPEN HOUSE!

1st Gr Church Tour

PSR At Home packets will be sent home with youngest or only child tonight.

21—**NO PSR**

PSR AT HOME TONIGHT- packets were sent home Nov 14 with your child.

Catechist In-Service (Dr. Barbara Blackburn)

28— class

4th -6th Gr Human Sexuality #1 presented in class

Safe Touch 1st/2nd & 3rd/4th presented

Other important events & dates!

5—8th Gr **CONFIRMATION!** St Louis Cathedral 1:30pm; bring your blue card!

6—**Catholic High School Open Houses** for 6th/7th/8th graders considering entering a Catholic High School. Schedule is posted at www.archstl.org

8— **PURE-NRG**— 7th & 8th Gr Youth Ministry in church basement!

10-13— **ACTS Retreat for Men** This is an awesome weekend to give yourself! What have you got to loose?!!

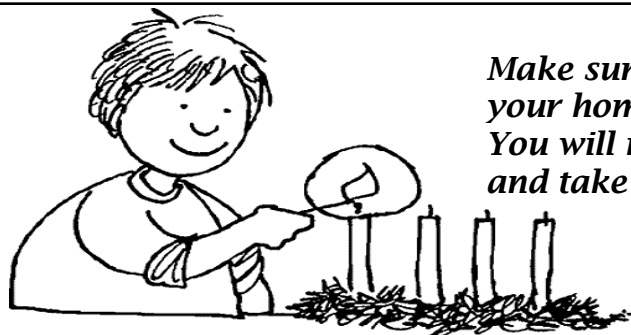
16— **ENCOUNTER** holy hour in church 7:30-8:30pm

18— **PURE-NRG Open Gym Night!** 6:30-9:30pm in gym. Bring friends! Bring \$2 to chip in on pizza!

22— **Advent Wreath Craft and Blessing** in the cafeteria 7pm. All supplies will be provided. We will each make our family's wreath and bless them.

27— **Advent begins!**

27— **Soup Kitchen Trip** for Mr Knef's Early Session 8th Gr class. 8-11:30am meet at parking lot at the end of St Joseph Lane



Make sure you have your family's Advent wreath for your home...come to our Advent Wreath Family Night! You will make your family's wreath and then bless it and take it home with you!

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The month of December is dedicated to the **Immaculate Conception**, which is celebrated on December 8. The first 24 days of December fall during the liturgical season known as **Advent** and are represented by the liturgical color purple. The remaining days of December mark the beginning of the Christmas season. The liturgical color changes to white or gold — a symbol of joy, purity and innocence.

Sunday PSR

4- class– Advent Prayer Service (RCIC 10-11:30am)

11- class

18- class (RCIC 10-11:30am)

25– **NO PSR Christmas Break**

Monday PSR

5- class

Last class for collection for New Toy Drive!

4th –6th Gr Human Sexuality #2 presented in class

Safe Touch 5th/6th & 7th/8th presented

12- class

REAP Team Chastity Presentation for 7th & 8th Gr parents and students in church during PSR. This class will last 15 minutes past dismissal. We will have childcare in the gym for your younger children who will be dismissed at the usual time. 6th Gr parents are invited to attend (not their child!) to preview this session that their child will attend next year.

4th –6th Gr Human Sexuality #3 presented in class

Our Lady of Guadalupe feast day

19- class

4th Gr Sandwich Ministry #2

2nd Gr First Reconciliation Presentation from Father on the “other side” of Reconciliation and 3rd Gr speakers about their experience last year with their First Reconciliation. Parents you are invited to attend!

26– **NO PSR Christmas Break**

Other important events & dates!

2– Advent Family Event for all grades. In church. Time to be determined. Watch bulletin and PSR newsletter for details.

4– 1st/2nd/3rd Gr Family Mass & Breakfast

4– Advent Tea! Please join us for an awesome afternoon of candlelight, desserts, prayer, song and a guest speaker for women on living Advent in their lives! It's a beautiful way to start our Advent journey to Christmas! See bulletin for details!

11– PSR Donut Sunday! Last chance to turn in NEW Toys for Toy Drive! Make sure you drop by for Donuts and to see what PSR has accomplished!

13– PURE-NRG– 7th & 8th Gr Youth Ministry in church basement!

17 & 18– Gift turn in for Fertile Giving Tree Gifts in the gym. Help load up the truck on 18th at noon!

18– Soup Kitchen Trip for Mrs Christian's 8th Gr class. 8-11:30am meet at parking lot at the end of St Joseph Lane

21– ENCOUNTER holy hour in church 7:30-8:30pm



Have an Advent evening of song and praise together as family!
Come, Dec 2! Watch the bulletin for details!

Moms, don't miss an event that will help you find peace and direction for the Advent season...

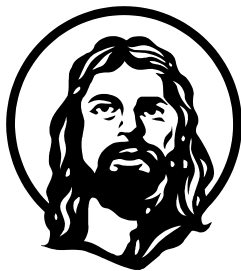
*St Joseph Advent Tea!
Dec 4 at 2-4pm*



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The month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus, which is celebrated on January 3. Take a few minutes to think of all the names you have for Jesus—Savior, friend, Emmanuel, Son of God, Incarnation, Light of the World, Lord, Lamb of God. Talk about what names your children would give Jesus. Talk about why they give Jesus that name. The first nine days of January fall during the liturgical season of Christmas which is represented by the liturgical color white. The remaining days of January are the beginning of Ordinary Time.

Sunday PSR

1— **NO PSR Christmas Break**

8— Epiphany prayer service (RCIC 10-11:30am)

Epiphany Door Blessing sent home with youngest/only child.

15—class—REPORT CARDS

22— class (RCIC 10-11:30am)

29—class— PSR At Home packets will be sent home with youngest or only child today.

Monday PSR

2— **NO PSR Christmas Break**

9- class

EXTRA for 7th & 8th graders during PSR class! Mike Burke guest speaker.

Epiphany Door Blessing sent home with youngest/only child.

16— **PSR MASS - ML King** one celebration for all PSR sessions at 6:30pm. Please arrive at 6:15pm in church.

23— class

30- class

PUPPET SHOW during PSR

2nd Gr First Communion Craft Parent meeting. Any parent who is interested in being involved in the development of the decorations for First Communion. In years past a large banner for the church and pew banners for each family were designed at this meeting. 6:15pm in school library located in the cafeteria. These volunteers then help with the children's part of creating during the First Communion Retreat held March 3. 6:15pm in school library located in the cafeteria.

PSR At Home packets will be sent home with youngest or only child tonight.

Other important events & dates!

7— **FIRST RECONCILIATION** for all 2nd graders at 10-12-2 in church

8—**Epiphany!** Bless your door posts with the Epiphany home blessing!

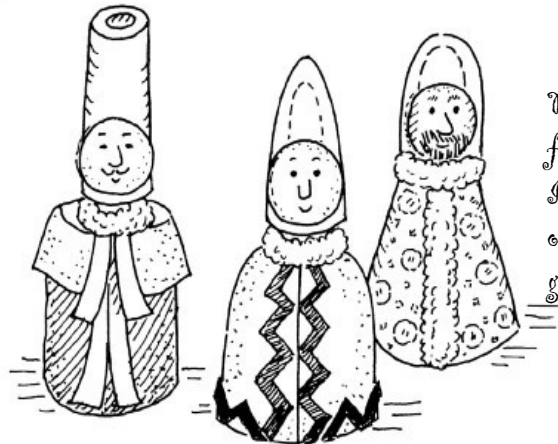
10— **PURE-NRG**— 7th & 8th Gr Youth Ministry in church basement!

12- **PURE-NRG BOWLING Social!** Details to come from Carrie Bajzath! Watch your emails!

18— **ENCOUNTER** holy hour in church 7:30-8:30pm

22— **Soup Kitchen Trip** Mrs. Aul's 8th Gr class. 8-11:30am meet at parking lot at the end of St Joseph Lane.

27- **PURE-NRG Open Gym Night!** 6:30-9:30pm in gym. Bring friends! Bring \$2 to chip in on pizza!



Don't forget! When the Epiphany Door Blessing comes home from PSR don't forget to celebrate this fun Catholic tradition! It's easy and the kids can help through the whole blessing! It only takes a few minutes to do. It's a reminder as you come and go all year long! So dig out some chalk and do the blessing!

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A CLUE FOR YOU!

Parkway & Rockwood are supportive of our faith! As we approach the season of Lent & Easter, please know that they support your choices for participating in the traditions of your faith. An idea...for many years now I have gone to 8:30am Ash Wednesday Mass with my kids, gone out for breakfast & then dropped them off at school tardy. They love it & so do I!

Sunday PSR

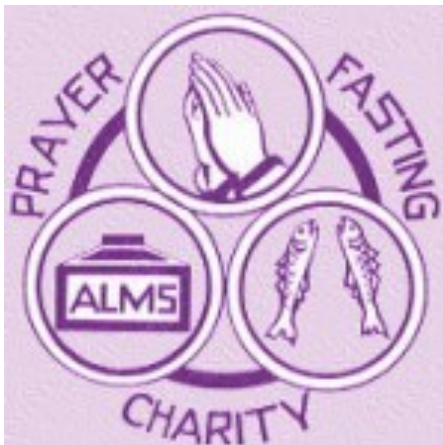
5- class (RCIC 10-11:30am)
 12- class
 19- **NO PSR President's Day Holiday** (RCIC 10-11:30am)
 26- class- Lenten prayer service

Monday PSR

6- **NO PSR**
PSR AT HOME TONIGHT- packets were sent home Jan 30 with your child.
Catechist In-Service held during PSR times.
 13- class
4th Gr Sandwich Ministry #3
 20- **NO PSR President's Day Holiday**
 27- class
 EXTRA for 7th & 8th graders during PSR class!
4th Gr Stations of the Cross PRACTICE in church

Other important events & dates!

2- **7th Gr Witness Assembly Retreat & Rite of Acceptance** 7pm in church; 7th grader AND sponsor must attend.
 5- **4th/5th/6th Gr Family Mass & Breakfast!** We will make Valentine's cards for the patrons of the Mother Theresa's Soup Kitchen! 9am Mass and breakfast after Mass in cafeteria.
 14- **PURE-NRG**- 7th & 8th Gr Youth Ministry in church basement!
 15- **ENCOUNTER** holy hour in church 7:30-8:30pm
 17- **PURE-NRG Open Gym Night!** 6:30-9:30pm in gym. Bring friends! Bring \$2 to chip in on pizza!
 22- **Ash Wednesday!** Lent begins!
 26- **Soup Kitchen Trip** for Mrs Cox's 7th Gr class. 8-11:30am meet at parking lot at the end of St Joseph Lane.



These three practices are a path during Lent. A path to grow closer to our Lord. Which path is weakest for you? Which path is strongest for you? The path of prayer is a great way to grow closer to the Lord. Possibly attending our parish ENCOUNTER adoration services is a way to strengthen your path of prayer. It's held the third Wednesday of every month, in the church at 7:30pm. By the way...take the whole family with you! It's a very family friendly adoration hour for all. Who knows, maybe your family will benefit from this adoration hour so much that it might become a new tradition in your family!

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A CLUE FOR YOU!

Next month there is a \$50 Early Registration discount that you can take advantage of! April 1st begins the Early Registration with the discount and it expires midnight on May 31st. We wanted to clue everyone in so you can make plans. So plan to take advantage of this great savings offer!

Sunday PSR

4- class (RCIC 10-11:30am)
 11- class (RCIC 10-11:30am)
 18- **NO PSR Spring Break**
 25- class (RCIC 10-11:30am)

Monday PSR

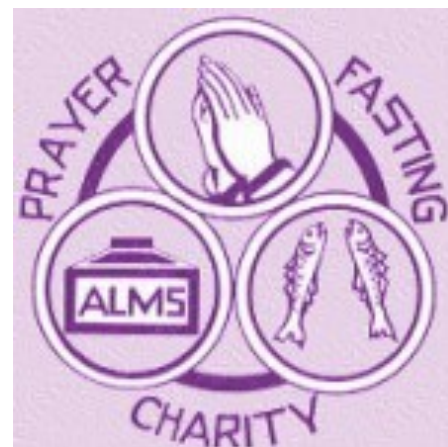
5- class- **REPORT CARDS**
Stations of the Cross for all grades
 12- class
3rd/4th/5th Gr Reconciliation during PSR in church. Parents be a great example and attend and take advantage of this sacrament for yourselves.
 19- **NO PSR Spring Break**
 26- class
6th & 7th Gr Reconciliation during PSR in church. Parents be a great example and attend and take advantage of this sacrament for yourselves.

Other important events & dates!

2- **PURE-NRG SKY ZONE Social!** Details to come from Carrie Bajzath! Watch your emails!
 3- **FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT** for all 2nd graders; parent and 2nd grader must attend. 9-11am
 13- **PURE-NRG**– 7th & 8th Gr Youth Ministry in church basement!
 21- **ENCOUNTER** holy hour in church 7:30-8:30pm
 24- **PURE-NRG Open Gym Night!** 6:30-9:30pm in gym. Bring friends! Bring \$2 to chip in on pizza!
 25- **Soup Kitchen Trip** for Mr & Mrs Sipp's 7th Gr class. 8-11:30am meet at parking lot at the end of St Joseph Lane.

Look at what ways your family can grow in these three paths!

Charity... does not need to be a monetary thing. How about some charity and have the family send cards to those on the sick list in the bulletin? Or to the newly baptized each week? Or to "welcome" those who have recently joined our parish? Now **THAT** is charity!!



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April 2012

EARLY REGISTRATION DISCOUNTS BEGIN!

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A CLUE FOR YOU!

Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday & Holy Saturday) is the HOLIEST season in our church! Triduum is ONE celebration! We go home in between each service but it is continued, it does not conclude until Holy Saturday at the Easter Vigil. We encourage all to participate as much as possible in these celebrations. See the bulletin or the St Joseph website for times of services & Masses. Teach your children by participating!

Sunday PSR

- 1-class (RCIC 10-11:30am)
- 7- (RCIC Vigil practice in the a.m. and Easter Vigil at dusk.)
- 8- **NO PSR Happy Easter!**
- 15- class
- 22- class
- 29- class

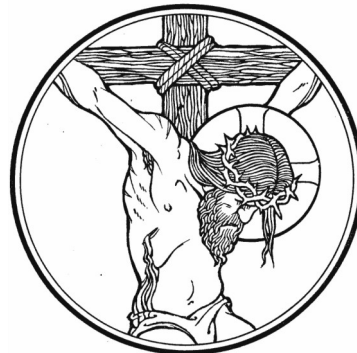
Monday PSR

- 2- class
 - Passion Mime for all grades in church 6:30pm
- 9- class
 - 4th Gr Sandwich Ministry #4
- 16-class
 - 2nd Gr Lord's Supper with Father in church basement.
- 23- class
 - 3rd Gr Rosary session in church basement.
- 30- class
 - EXTRA for 7th & 8th graders during PSR class!
 - 3rd Gr Living Rosary & May Crowning PRACTICE in church

Other important events & dates!

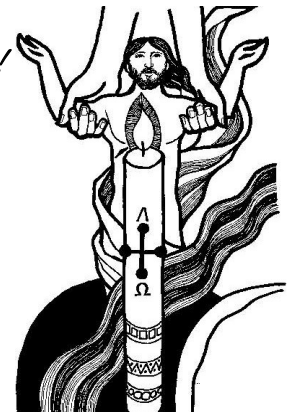
- 6- **NO SCHOOL** for Parkway on Good Friday!
- 5, 6 & 7- **TRIDUUM!** Try to participate as much as possible in these holy days! See bulletin for times & services.
- 10- **PURE-NRG**- 7th & 8th Gr Youth Ministry in church basement!
- 14- **FORGIVENESS FESTIVAL** for all 1st Graders; 1st grader & parent must attend. 9-11am in cafeteria.
- 18- **ENCOUNTER** holy hour in church 7:30-8:30pm
- 20- **PURE-NRG Open Gym Night!** 6:30-9:30pm in gym. Bring friends! Bring \$2 to chip in on pizza!
- 22- **Soup Kitchen Trip** for Mr Moeckel's 7th Gr class. 8-11:30am meet at parking lot at the end of St Joseph Lane.
- 27-29- **TIMOTHY 4** 8th Gr Retreat

Holy Thursday- the Last Supper & the washing of the feet reminds us to serve others.



Good Friday- the Cross reminds us Jesus' death is a source of his love for us.

Holy Saturday- Easter Vigil reminds us Jesus is RISEN and we renew our Baptismal Vows! Alleluia!



Come celebrate these Three Days with your parish family!

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May 2012

EARLY RESITRATION DISOUNTS END MAY 31!

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The month of May is dedicated to The Blessed Virgin Mary. The entire month falls within the liturgical season of Easter, which is represented by the liturgical color white — the color of light, a symbol of joy, purity and innocence. We are an Easter People! Let's live like it!

Sunday PSR

6— **LAST CLASS-** May Crowning of Mary. Happy Summer!

13— **NO PSR** Happy Mother's Day!

Monday PSR

7— class— **Children's ACA Drive begins!**

Living Rosary & May Crowning for all grades

14—class

Parent/Student meeting for 5th Graders who would be interested in being a server for Masses. If your child is interested please show your support to their decision by attending this mandatory meeting with them. Held at 8pm in church.

21— **Closing Mass and Ice Cream Social!!**

Our children will get to turn in their money they saved for the Children's ACA Drive at the Offertory during this Mass!

Other important events & dates!

5— **FIRST COMMUNION** at 10-12-2 in church

6— **7th & 8th Gr Family Mass and Dinner!** 5pm Mass, then "try on" Youth Group, then dinner in the cafeteria!!

8— **PURE-NRG**— 7th & 8th Gr Youth Ministry in church basement!

11— **PURE-NRG INCREDIBLE PIZZA LOCK-IN Social!** 11:45pm-6am. Invite your friends!! Watch your emails for more details!

16— **ENCOUNTER** holy hour in church 7:30-8:30pm

June-July 2012

June

July. Hopefully VBS 2012 will be held this month!!

Other important events & dates!