



St. Simon Community Cash Calendar Raffle



Dear St. Simon Parish Community,

Since 2013, through your on-going generosity, the *St. Simon Parish Life Group Cash Calendar Raffle* has raised over **\$560,000** in donations to support our education and faith formation programs, our parish ministries and outreach efforts, and investment in and maintenance of our parish and school facilities.

As we kick off our 2024-2025 raffle, we remind you that the *St. Simon Parish Life Group Cash Calendar Raffle* is a parish wide, united fundraising effort which minimizes the number of “asks” for donations throughout the academic year. Your participation helps to fund parish wide initiatives so vital to our entire community. Here are some examples of how cash calendar funds were used:

- **\$111,600 in cash prizes have been distributed to raffle prize winners.**
- **Over \$125,000 has been distributed to various organizations in support of our outreach efforts for the homeless, the Tijuana Ministry, relief to those suffering from natural disasters including hurricane, fire and floods, and financial support to other parishes in our Diocese.**
- **\$323,400 has been spent in support of our education and faith formation programs, our ministries and campus wide facilities. 2023-2024 Projects included:**
 - **Upgrades to Kindergarten classroom and Parish Center bathrooms.**
 - **Kiln upgrade for the school Art classroom.**
 - **Furnishings and supplies for the new Youth Ministry Center.**
 - **Church Technology Upgrades.**
 - **Replaced front entrance island lawns with California native plants and low flow drip irrigation system.**
 - **Supplies and training materials for Catechesis of the Good Shepard, our Montessori style Preschool of Religion program.**
 - **Relocated PLG storage bunker for safer access to stored materials.**
 - **Supplies and materials for our first ever weekend long Parish Retreat.**

We ask each family within our Parish and School to consider purchasing three books of virtual raffle tickets at \$100 per book (total of \$300). If you prefer not to participate in the raffle, you may make a donation in place of purchasing tickets.



You can purchase tickets by going online to [Cash Calendar Raffle](#) or by scanning the QR code. Online tickets are sold in books of 10 at \$10 per ticket. For every ticket purchased your name goes into the drawing for a chance to win cash prizes. All names stay in the drawing for the year. For those who prefer paper tickets, they will be available at the Parish office. Stop by between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm, call 650-880-1401 or email the Cash Calendar Raffle Team at cashcalendar@stsimon.org.

Don't miss our first two \$1,000 drawings, which will be held at the Parish BBQ on Saturday, September 7th. You do not need to be present to win.

We are looking forward to another successful year of the *St. Simon Parish Life Group Cash Calendar*. If you have any questions, please contact cashcalendar@stsimon.org. Thank you for your continued, much appreciated support.

Blessings,

Fr. Brendan McGuire, Pastor

Ann Kozlovsky, Principal

Cash Calendar Frequently Asked Questions

When are the raffle drawings?

Drawings are held at the following parish events. Get your tickets in early for the September 9th BBQ drawings!

St. Simon Parish Fall BBQ	9/7	2x \$1,000 prizes	Volunteer Dinner	1/18	2x \$500 prizes
Monster Mash	10/18	2x \$500 prizes	Fr. Murray Basketball Tournament	1/24	2x \$500 prizes
Turkey Bingo	11/21	2x \$250 prizes	Mardi Gras Ice Cream Social	3/4	2x \$500 prizes
Ladies Christmas Dinner	12/8	2x \$500 prizes	St. Patrick's Day Dinner	3/17	2x \$500 prizes
Plus 27 Weekly \$100 Drawings					

Why are we having a Cash Calendar?

The Cash Calendar is a raffle and runs under the guidelines outlined by the Diocese of San Jose and the State of California. We are eliminating many parish-sponsored fundraising efforts and the constant "ask". The biennial St. Simon School Walk-A-Thon, biennial Parish Auction, and other parish social events will continue.

How does it work?

Raffle tickets are \$10 each, in booklets of 10 tickets. Our goal is for each family to purchase 30 tickets. "Virtual" tickets are sold on line and go into the drawing at the time of the sale. Paper tickets are also available in the Parish Office. The entire Parish is participating in the Cash Calendar, including the School families, Children's Faith Formation, Middle School Youth Ministry, High School Youth Ministry, and other parish ministry groups.

Is my purchase of raffle tickets tax deductible?

Tickets are sold for a chance to win cash prizes. Your purchase of raffle tickets is not considered a tax-deductible donation. If you wish to support our parish ministries with a tax-deductible donation, mark your online Cash Calendar gift as a donation, or mark your check made out to "St. Simon Parish" with "Cash Calendar Donation" in the memo line. For donations, no tickets with your name will go into the drawing.

When does the Saint Simon Cash Calendar run?

The Cash Calendar raffle runs annually from August through May. Winners do not need to be present to win. Winning tickets are put back into the drawing to continue your chance to win prizes.

How do I buy tickets?

Our Cash Calendar Raffle is virtual. Please go to [Cash Calendar Raffle](#) or scan the QR code to purchase your tickets. With each ticket you purchase your name will go into the drawing. More tickets purchased equals more opportunity for winning! While we prefer you purchase tickets online, you may also purchase paper tickets or make a donation to the Cash Calendar by sending your check to the Parish office, 1860 Grant Road, Los Altos, Ca. 94024. You may purchase raffle tickets for your own use, or encourage family and friends to purchase by sending them this link.



How are winners notified?

Winners are notified by phone, email and/or mail. We publish the winner's name in the Church bulletin.

Winning tickets are re-entered for a chance to win again.