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Dear brothers and sisters in the Lord,

As summer draws to a close, our parish ministries and events are beginning to pick up again. I want to call your attention to a few things that will be happening in the next month or so.

We continue to make progress toward the start of religious education and sacramental preparation in our parish. Seven adults have expressed interest in serving as catechists and teachers for our programs and more than ten children have already signed up for the different classes that we will offer. We plan to announce the times that classes will meet and begin formal registration by September 1st. Please continue to pray and to encourage families with 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> graders to contact us.

The coffee gatherings that I announced on my first weekend are beginning this week. All available slots have been filled. Thank you to all who have so generously agreed to host. A few of the hosts have asked us to publicize their meetings so that all parishioners will have the opportunity to attend. Please check the bulletin to RSVP for those meetings.

The Men's Club is planning a Family Day BBQ after the 11am Mass on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. This will be held at the rectory. There will be food and soft drinks, snowballs and a bounce house for the kids. Please plan to join us for this day as we celebrate our parish family. (If you plan to come, please RSVP to the parish office so that we know how many to expect – [office@ourladyoftherosary-no.com](mailto:office@ourladyoftherosary-no.com) or 488-2659.)

On Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> the Archdiocese of New Orleans is once again hosting a night of Reconciliation. At every church across the archdiocese, confessions will be offered. Here at Our Lady of the Rosary, Fr. Jeffrey Montz and I will be available for confession from 5:00pm until 6:30pm (or later, if there are still lines). During this time of reconciliation, we will also have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the monstrance. Vespers (Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours) and a rosary will be offered. Please make plans to join us that night for confession and prayer before Jesus in the Eucharist.

To Jesus through Mary,

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