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## PASTOR'S MESSAGE SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

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With Wednesday, September 20th quickly approaching, and with supper served at 5:30 pm, we are asking all parents to let us know who is coming to our first "Family Night". Sign-up sheets will be available after each mass and during the week. You can also let us know via email: [charlesgarnier@gmail.com](mailto:charlesgarnier@gmail.com). Please check our website for more information.

With Wednesday, September 27th not far behind, we are also asking all parents of **Confirmation** children to take a moment and register their child on-line or in our parish office. Confirmation classes will take place on alternate Wednesdays beginning on September 27th at 7pm in the parish hall. The \$60/student fee will cover all expenses.

**First Communion** classes will also begin on September 27th at 7 pm. Since the First Communion program has traditionally involved a take home component our first class will be with the **parents only**. Registration will be part of our first session together. The \$60/student fee will cover all expenses. It is important that all parents, no matter where their children go to school be in attendance.

Please spread the word to any families that might benefit from this information. Word of mouth is our best advertising.

We are also looking for a few young inspiring actors to help with the story component of the evening. Please contact Fr. Bart: 778-478-6288. It is a wonderful way to be involved and to share your talents.

Fraternally in Christ,

Fr. Bart van Roijen

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## PASTOR'S MESSAGE SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

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Family Nights are quickly approaching and the momentum is slowly building. Those who have caught the vision are beginning to see how this joint ministry can be one way to bring new life into the parish by supporting young families in their efforts to share their faith with their children and encourage their peers through word of mouth.

All families are welcome, no matter where the children attend school. Families with older children (youth) or a mix of younger and older children are also encouraged to attend. It is my hope that we can work with the older children (youth) to help with the skits or with music. In this way, we hope to have something for everyone, so that together we may grow in our faith and communicate the message. If you have older children of high school age, and they can help out let Fr. Bart know.

A sign up sheet has now been posted in the foyer for those willing to help prepare simple meals. The first meal on September 20th will be ordered in from an outside source and will be free of charge. Subsequent meals will be simple in nature (i.e. spaghetti, chili & bun, jambalaya, a hearty soup, etc.) but will need a small group of three people to prepare. Please consider sharing an evening with the young families of our parish. The cost for the ingredients, after the initial free evening, will be paid for by a small charge for supper (\$5/person to a maximum of \$20/family).

Let's make these evening a community event that strengthens the bonds we have with Christ and with one another.

Fraternally in Christ,

Fr. Bart van Roijen