Good morning, school parents! It was good to see so many of you at the back-to-school picnic.

If you have any interest in joining me, I'm going to offer a formal novena of rosaries to kick off the academic year for the sake of a healthy, holy, and happy school year. Novenas don't come easy for me, so this something I'm partially doing to deepen my priestly vocation.

I'll be in our small chapel around 7:10 to silence my mind for a few minutes. I'll then pray a rosary with anyone who wishes to join me from 7:20 to about 7:45, which will be a good time for us to carry on with our mornings.

A novena is a nine-day series of prayers, so this will be from September 1st to 9th. I will be in the chapel for that 7:20 rosary on Saturday the 5th as well as Labor Day (September 7th). The only day that needs to be different is Sunday as I'll be hearing confessions at that time. So for Sunday, we'll pray that rosary right after the 8:00 Mass.

As this is a school thing, I don't want to disrupt the folks who pray morning rosaries already. I'm inviting staff and school families to join me, and I'll let our parishioners carry on with their devotionals as usual. Naturally, I won't turn anyone away who wants to join me, but I also won't "advertise" these prayers to the general parish.

If you are not available to physically join me so early in the morning, you can always offer a rosary on your own time and spiritually offer it along with the 7:20 chapel's rosary.

Thank you to all of you, enjoy the final weekend of the summer, and I'll see you in no time at all once school is properly in session!

Sincerely,
Father Justin