



August 6, 2020

Hello St. Albert Parishioners,

I hope this letter finds you in good health during these uncertain times. For many years, St. Albert's Parish has enjoyed hosting an annual festival that has been both community building and financially successful. After prayerful consideration, we have decided that we will not have our traditional parish festival due to the need to protect the health and safety of our community members. While we are disappointed that we are unable to celebrate together in person this year, we are praying that all parishioners will still be able to come together to financially support our parish – it will just look a little different this year. We will be calling it a fundraiser rather than a festival being that we will not have all of our usual festival activities.

This year we will have the Grand Raffle, the Custom Cabinet Raffle and an **online** Silent Auction. Donated theme baskets, larger items, and premiere items will be available for bidding through an online software tool called ClickBid. Mystery bags for kids will be available online as well for a small donation. Please watch the bulletin and parish website for more information on registering for access to our Silent Auction. Our goal is to get at least 100 or more donated items from our fellow parishioners so that everyone joining us for the online Silent Auction will have many options to bid on. The Silent Auction will be open for viewing starting Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am and will be open for bidding starting Friday, September 18 at 8:00 am. Bidding will close on Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm when our raffle drawings begin.

This event is our only fundraising event of the year and the proceeds will go towards maintaining our parish operations and ministries. Please mark your calendar for September 20<sup>th</sup>. The Committee is looking forward to your participation in our **livestreamed event** from 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm on Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> as well as your creativity and generosity with making this fundraiser a success.

Enclosed you will find your raffle tickets and the donation Option Sheet with all the details. The success of this event is very important for the strengthening of our community. It is also vital to the financial well-being of our parish. Therefore, I look forward to your wholehearted participation.

Please keep this event in your prayers.

Sincerely,

*Fr. Brian Park*

Father Brian Park  
Pastor