

# Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time — July 1, 2018

## ST. ALICE CATHOLIC CHURCH Santa Alicia Iglesia Católica

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### ST. ALICE MISSION STATEMENT

*Seek Jesus, build relationships, and share the joy of the Gospel.*

*Busca A Jesus, construye relaciones, y comunica la alegría del Evangelio.*

### LITURGY SCHEDULE

#### Saturday Vigil Mass

5:00pm English

#### Sunday Mass

9:30am English

12:15pm Spanish

#### Weekday Liturgy (Ed. Center Chapel)

Monday: 8:30am Parish Weekday Prayer (English)

Tuesday: 6:00pm Spanish Mass (Church)

Wednesday: 8:30am English Mass

Thursday: 8:30am English Mass

Friday: 11:00am English Mass

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday: 5:00 - 5:45pm - With Adoration

Saturday: 3:30 - 4:30pm

Or by appointment

#### 1st Saturday Each Month

Reconciliation: 7:00 - 7:45am

Extraordinary Form Mass: 8:00 - 9:00am

Rosary: 9:00 - 9:30am

#### The Rosary (El Rosario) (Ed. Center Chapel)

Wednesday and Thursday: 8:00am English

#### Adoration of the Holy Eucharist

1st Friday in Ed. Center Chapel

12:00pm - 7:00pm

#### Office Hours

Monday: 9:00am - 4:00pm

Tuesday: 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Wednesday - Friday: 9:00am - 4:00pm

#### Office Closed Daily from 12:00pm - 1:00pm

**Are you engaged?** Congratulations! Please call Eva at the parish office right now to make an appointment with Fr. Mark. Spiritual and practical marriage preparation can take upwards of nine months.

#### **Baptism for Children Age 3 Months through 6 years**

If your child was not baptized as a newborn, you are encouraged to bring him or her for baptism on one of our regularly scheduled baptism dates, **Aug. 11/12 or Nov. 18/19**. Readiness to have your child baptized involves registering at the parish, attending mass faithfully for at least four months and participating in baptism preparation classes. To register call Norma at 541-747-7041 ext 206.

### **JULY 7-8, 2018**

First Reading	Ezekiel 2: 2-5
Responsorial Psalm	Psalms 123;1-2, 2, 3-4
Second Reading	2 Corinthians 12:7-10;
Gospel	Mark 6:1-6

Sat. 5:00 PM - **Reader:** Please See Schedule

**Extraordinary Minister 1:** Suzanne Graf

**Head Cup:** Carol Sirois

**Extraordinary Ministers 2:** Jeanne Bohlae

Sun. 9:30 AM - **Reader:** Please See Schedule

**Extraordinary Minister 1:** Jeanette Shibley

**Head Cup:** Blanca Berguin

**Extraordinary Ministers 2:** Debbie Goldsberry, Whitney Salgado, Cheryl Gesik, Jeanne Smith

Sun. 12:15 PM - **Reader 1:** Eligio Montes

**Reader 2:** Mariana Rivas

**Extraordinary Minister 1:** Please See Schedule

**Head Cup:** Please See Schedule

**Extraordinary Ministers 2:** Please See Schedule

<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b>Sat. 5:00pm</b>	<b>Sun. 9:30am</b>	<b>Sun. 12:15pm</b>
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<b>Cross</b>	Darrel	Miguel	Eduardo
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<b>Candle</b>	Dawn	Daniel	Johanna
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<b>Candle</b>	Mary	Finn	Finn
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#### **Intentions for the week of June 30—July 8**

June 30: 5 pm Dave Palahniuk †

July 1: 9:30 a.m Community of St. Alice

July 1: 12:15 pm Dean Hermance †

July 3: 6 pm Eddie Rivera †

July 4: 8:30 am Kelly Kordon †

July 5: 8:30 am Veronica Correa De Rosas †

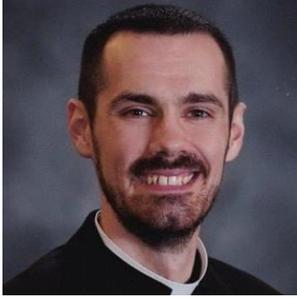
July 7: 5 p.m. George Soik †

July 8: 9:30 am Kelly Estes †

July 8: 12:15 pm Community of St. Alice

#### Parish Staff

Father Mark Bentz:	Ext: 204	Pastor
Eva Velasquez:	Ext: 200	Administrative Assistant
Danielle Plantz:	Ext: 203	Pastoral Associate
Peg Ries	Ext. 210	Interim Business Manager
Norma Ouellette:	Ext: 206	Director of Religious Education & Coord. Of Hispanic Ministries



## *Pastor's Corner*

This week the Bishops asked us to pray and work for the protection of religious freedom. It's a good theme to continue this week as we celebrate the 4th of July. Freedom is not free and requires continual diligence to prevent it being eroded away. A democracy is only as good as its people. Many people think that "freedom of religion" only applies to personal belief, but that is not what the founding fathers intended. The founding fathers of the U.S. saw the practice of one's faith as being an essential quality of religious freedom--being able to live the faith one professes in deeds without coercion. If our faith cannot leave the Church building, it is lifeless. Unfortunately, this view of religion is often touted by many politicians who claim to be Catholic and say "my faith doesn't affect my politics". Such an admission shows a person to be either a liar or one who has abandoned the faith, because Christ should determine everything for us as Catholics. "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which give life a new horizon and a decisive direction" (Pope Benedict XVI, *Deus Caritas Est* 1). If you encounter the love of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, it changes your whole life and every choice, personal or political. The shackles of sin and resentment are broken and we have the freedom to live as sons and daughters of God. If we don't believe such a thing is good news for everyone, we really do not understand the gift we have.

Christianity should make you stand out in a good way. Without even telling people what you believe, people should look at you and say, "You are different, I want what you have". If they don't, it's probably because we aren't imitating Jesus or we aren't fully abiding in His love. If you or I live just like everyone else around us who doesn't believe, then people can legitimately ask us, "Why should I believe in your God? He doesn't seem to make a difference in your life." We should be people of profound prayer and love. Our prayer needs to animate us to serve those most in need. We should be the first to stand up for the truth about the dignity of the human person and human sexuality, the first to extend mercy to the abused and downtrodden, and the first to forgive those who've wronged us. We all have room to grow. Let us beg God for grace and growth in the virtues we need to fight the good fight of faith. Indeed, to be a Catholic in today's world is a battle, but take courage in Christ your Head and Shepherd! He will defend and strengthen all who give themselves completely to His service. He doesn't promise you an easy life, but heaven! No trial can take away your joy if you abide in Him. He's already given us the gift of freedom from sin and the tools to stay that way in the Sacraments of the Church—let us use them with faith to welcome God's Kingdom here!

If you've been struggling to know the freedom I've been talking about, come to confession—God offers you real freedom from slavery in this Sacrament! We now have more time set on my calendar to do confession and inner healing prayer—call the office to see times when I'll be in Church throughout the week. You don't have to be defined by your failures and weaknesses—Jesus has overcome sin and death and can do so for you personally if you submit to His Lordship in your life. It is painful to admit our brokenness, but all that awaits you is freedom on the other side if you come with faith!

May the Lord grant you freedom and joy this week!

Fr. Mark

### POPE FRANCIS—PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JULY

**Evangelization – Priests and their Pastoral Ministry.** That priests, who experience fatigue and loneliness in their pastoral work, may find help and comfort in their intimacy with the Lord and in their friendship with their brother priests.

**St. Alice Events for the Week of  
July 1 through July 8**

**Sunday, July 1**

9:30am Mass English (Church)  
10:30am Coffee & Donuts  
12:15pm Mass Español (Church)  
1:15pm Coffee & Donuts  
3:00pm Middle School Youth Group  
5:00pm High School Youth Group

**Monday, July 2**

8:30am Parish Weekday Prayer  
10:00am VBS Camp Work day  
6:00pm Luz Da Vida

**Tuesday, July 3**

5:00pm Confessions (Church)  
6:00pm Mass (Spanish)  
6:30pm Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting

**Wednesday, July 4—OFFICE CLOSED FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY**

8:00am Rosary (Chapel)  
8:30am Mass (Chapel)  
6:30pm Choir Practice (Spanish)  
7:30pm Hijos De Maria Santisima

**Thursday, July 5**

8:00am Rosary (Chapel)  
6:45pm Choir Practice (English)

**Friday, July 6**

8:30am Morning Prayer  
Noon—8 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration  
7:00pm First Friday Benediction  
7pm Renacer Con Jesus

**Saturday, July 7**

7:00am First Saturday Confession  
8:00am First Saturday Mass  
9:00am First Saturday Rosary  
3:30pm - 4:30pm Confessions (Church)  
5:00pm Mass (English)

**Sunday, July 8**

9:30am Mass English (Church)  
10:30am Coffee & Donuts  
12:15pm Mass Español (Church)  
1:15pm Coffee & Donuts  
3:00pm Middle School Youth Group  
5:00pm High School Youth Group  
7:30—9:45pm Totus Tuus Middle/High School Retreat

\* The Chapel is in the Education Center.

\*\* See the calendar on [www.stalice.org](http://www.stalice.org) for the most current happenings.

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**

	Offertory	Budget	+/-
<b>June 23/24</b>			
Envelopes & eGiving	\$8916.00	\$10,830.06	-\$1,914.06
Maintenance Fund	\$2.00	\$392.16	-\$390.16
Poor Fund	\$0.00	\$172.55	-\$172.55
Raise the Roof!	<b>\$20,000.00</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
Raise the Roof! Match Collected to Date	\$17,824.00	\$ 20,000.00	-\$2,176.00
Pledges Receivable	\$5,240.00	N/A	N/A
<b>TOTAL Raise the Roof!</b>	<b>\$23,064.00</b>	<b>\$20,000.00</b>	<b>\$3,064.00</b>
* Match Collected + Pledges Receivable			
<b>Thank you for your stewardship (and thank you for using your envelopes and eGiving)!</b>			

**JUST 7% TO GO TO MAKE OUR GOAL ....  
for the 2018 Archbishop's Catholic Appeal!**

Thank you for your support for the annual Archbishop's Appeal! We have raised 93% of our \$28,181 goal, which means that raising an additional \$2,003 will put us over the top!

Meeting this goal is really helpful to our parish! Those that don't reach their goal lose eligibility for some valuable Archdiocese grants and programs — such as the *Safety First* matching grants that we received this year (because we made our goal last year).

To make a contribution, just submit a donation through regular offertory and note that it is for "Archbishop's Appeal."

**WHO'S NEW IN THE PEW?**

Welcome to the following NEW parishioners:

**Martin Aceves**

**Marezabel Delgado**

We are so happy that you've made  
St. Alice your home!

**ST. ALICE PRAYER CHAIN**

If you know anyone who is in need of prayer, or if you would like to volunteer to be a member of the prayer wheel, we welcome you. Please contact Shirley by text or phone at 541 -217-9468, or email [sliberante@gmail.com](mailto:sliberante@gmail.com).

**Prayers for the Faithful**

Don Waggoner  
Sandy Schmidt  
Norma Perez  
Anne Harris  
Bonnie Kauffman  
Anita Lindquist  
Angelina de Rivasa

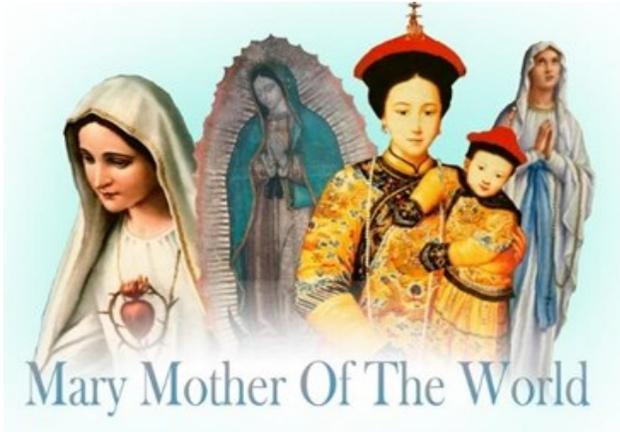
Mike Deminio  
David & Barbara Hays  
Nick Liberante  
Jessie Aguilar  
Carolyn Barr  
Ron Bohlae

**OUR NEW ROOF IS LOOKING GREAT!**

By the time you read this bulletin, our roofing job may be complete! The crew from Hope Construction, headed by Tony Guitierrez, has been working, working, working — and it shows!

Though we had some hiccups at the start — finding problems like dry rot and having to add plywood decking — it has been pretty smooth sailing this week. Those hiccups have caused increased costs, so if you haven't yet contributed, please ask the ushers for a pledge card!

**Registration is now open for  
St. Alice VBS Camp  
July 9th – 13th, 2018  
9am – 3pm**



**CAMP THEME**

Journey with us through stories, food, songs, games, crafts, and special guests as we learn about five countries and cultures where our Mother Mary has had an enormous influence.

Registration and payment can be done at the church office or by going to our website [www.stalice.org](http://www.stalice.org).

**MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH**

Your time and talents are needed at camp July 9th -13th from 8a.m. – 4p.m. We need you as mentors and counselors for the campers. This is a week filled with God's work, sharing his love and spreading the Good News all while having some fun. To sign up your options are, go to [www.stalice.org](http://www.stalice.org) and fill out the volunteer form or just contact Norma at 541-747-7041 ext.206.



**COOKIES, COOKIES, AND MORE COOKIES!**

To all our wonderful cookie bakers: St. Alice VBS camp is July 9th – 13th and we would like to continue our wonderful tradition (with your help, of course) of sending the children home at the end of the day with a delicious homemade cookie! If you are able to help, please drop them by the church during office hours.

**Please, nut-free cookies only!**



*Faith in Jesus Christ frees us from sin, sadness, emptiness, isolation. It is the source of a joy that no one can ever take away.*

Pope Francis @ Pontifex—June 25

**ST. ALICE VBS CAMP VOLUNTEERS**

St. Alice VBS Camp needs your help. We are in need of a few volunteers as our support team:

Decorators (week of July 2<sup>nd</sup>)  
Kitchen helpers  
Time keeper  
First aid station  
End of the day reorganizing  
Grounds patrol  
Clean – up at end of camp (July 13, 3:30-5:30p.m.)  
*Any time you can give is greatly appreciated, and it's fun!*

Also needed are a few supplies for our crafts and activities:

100 to 120 - Flat river rocks size of a tennis ball  
4- clear sealant spray cans  
240 - jumbo craft sticks  
6 - bags of small stones (Dollar Tree Store)  
60 - children's shoe boxes  
250 - sheets tissue paper/multiple colors  
180 - green pipe cleaners  
3 – large containers Side walk chalk  
5 - small piñatas

*Lastly, any religious articles or decoration for Our Ladies of Fatima, Lourdes, China and Shrine of Kibeho in Kenya, Africa.*

**CAMP SPONSORSHIP**

Would you like to help out with St. Alice VBS Camp but aren't sure how? How about making a child smile? Sponsoring a child or two is a great way! Any donation toward the fee for camp is greatly appreciated to help our families in need. Please address any donation to St. Alice VBS Camp.

*Mary Mother of the World pray for us.*

**ST ALICE MOM'S GROUP**

The St. Alice Mom's Group meets every Tuesday at 10:00 AM (except the first Tuesday of the month) in the Education Center. The group aims to build community through faith formation, fellowship, and service projects for our parish. Please come join us!

For more information contact:

Angela Stout 541-600-0671

Katie Haggard 509-438-2735

**THANK YOU, SHIRLEY!**

A big thank you is in order for Shirley Liberante, who has completed the monumental task of designing and populating our Volunteer Skills Database! This process began last July, when we asked parishioners to complete a skills and talents inventory. Shirley has compiled all the data that has been collected and created an easy-to-use, comprehensive source of information about the skills that our volunteers have offered in service to the parish. Shirley will be updating the database on a monthly basis - so it's not too late to add your skills to the mix!

### ST. ALICE RECEIVES MATCHING GRANTS FOR FIVE SAFETY-RELATED PROJECTS

St. Alice has received five grants totaling \$10,000 from the Archdiocese "Safety First" grant program for projects that protect people and property by reducing exposure to risk. ***A dollar for dollar match is required for all Safety First grants awarded, and therefore, the \$10,000 in funds granted represents only half the cost of the projects.***

Safety Modifications to Confessional and Cry Room will improve safety and security for our priest and penitents in the confessional and parents and children in the cry room by constructing alternative exits in both.

Estimated Cost: \$10,649.70 Grant Award: \$5,324.35

Campus-wide Rekeying Project will allow the parish to establish a true master key system by standardizing interior and exterior locks, modifying unnecessary exterior doors in two buildings to make them "exit only," and implementing a comprehensive key management program.

Estimated cost: \$3,435.30. Grant Award: \$1,717.65.

24-hour Keycard Access to the Chapel will provide the additional security necessary to allow the parish to move forward toward the goal of offering Perpetual Adoration in the Chapel.

Estimated cost: \$2,465. Grant Award: \$1,232.50.

Replacement of the Offertory Depository Safe in the Sacristy will increase the security of offertory funds (stored there over weekends) by replacing the current much smaller safe that no longer meets our needs.

Estimated cost: \$1,562.50. Grant Award: \$781.25.

Re-striping and Improvements to Parking Lots will help to more clearly delineate driving lanes, parking slots, and ADA stalls, and repair surface cracks to prevent potential potholes and trip-and-fall hazards.

Estimated Cost: \$1,291. Grant Award: \$645.50.

All of these projects represent significant improvements to safety on our campus. Please consider making a gift to help us complete these important safety projects. If you would like more information, please contact Business Manager Peg Ries at 541-747-7041, ext. 210.

**Religious Education  
Educación Religiosa**



#### **REGISTER NOW**

Though it may seem early to be thinking of registering your children for Religious Education for the next school year, registration *has* begun. Our hope is that it helps you by allowing you to get it done now so there is one less thing to remember to do in the fall along with getting children back into the school routine and schedule. It also helps us in planning and budgeting.

Registration forms can be found in the vestibule (on the forms rack) or online at [www.stalice.org](http://www.stalice.org).

**Music in  
Ministry**

St. Alice is looking to form new music groups! Our regular musicians will take a break from providing music for the 5 p.m. Saturday masses during the summer. We need vocalists, instrumentalists and folks who would like to lead a group. If interested, please contact our Saturday Mass Music Coordinator, Mary Sawyer at [mary.paxdomini@yahoo.com](mailto:mary.paxdomini@yahoo.com) or at 541-603-8108.

***Come use your talent in this Ministry and make a joyful noise unto the Lord!***

### MONEY MATTERS

**QUESTION:** When having my tax return prepared, my accountant mentioned that I probably won't be able to itemize in 2018, due to a higher standard deduction under the new tax law. Are there ways to help St. Alice that permit me to itemize?

**ANSWER:** There are ways to receive tax deductions for your generosity.

**Option one:** You might want to use appreciated securities to make your annual gifts. You will receive a charitable income tax deduction for the market value of shares on the date of your gift, avoiding capital gains taxes you would owe if you sold the shares then made your gift with the proceeds.

**Option two:** If you are at least 70 1/2, you can make your gifts directly from your IRA. There is no charitable deduction for a qualified distribution from your IRA, but because it can take the place of a required minimum distribution, you save taxes that you would otherwise owe. You simply request your custodian of the IRA to send the RMD directly to St. Alice. It cannot go to you first.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**  
**IS LOOKING FOR KNITTERS**

The St. Alice Conference of St. Vincent de Paul is looking for knitters. We would like to be able to give a homemade knitted dishcloth with a small bottle of dish soap and a St. Alice holy card tied together with a ribbon to the clients that we visit. Directions for the dish cloth would be provided. If you know how to cast on, knit, purl, cast off and count, you could make this dish cloth. If you are interested, contact Diane Soik at [dsoik@comcast.net](mailto:dsoik@comcast.net) or 541-731-7860.

**BULLETIN SPONSOR OF THE WEEK**

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de oracion los **Miercoles**  
comensando con el Santo Rosario  
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*St. Alicia*

*1520 E Street*

*Springfield, OR 97477*

*En la capilla de St. Alicia*

*Por el momento, no se recomienda niños  
antes de los 16 años.*

*Los esperamos!*

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

If you would like us to announce new births, please let the office know so we can give thanks publicly in the bulletin.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- July 1:** WIS 1:13-15; 2: 23-24; PS 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13;  
2 COR 8:7, 9, 13-15; MK 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35B-43
- July 2:** AM 2:6-10, 13-16; PS 50:16bc-17, 18-19, 20-21,  
22-23; MT 8:18-22
- July 3:** EPH 2:19-32; PS 117:1BC, 2; JN 20:24-29
- July 4:** AM 5:14-15, 21-24; PS 50:7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13,  
16BC-17; MT 8:28-34
- July 5:** AM 7:10-17; PS 19:8, 9, 10, 11; MT 9: 1-8
- July 6:** AM 8:4-6, 9-12; PS 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131;  
MT 9:9-13
- July 7:** AM 9:11-15; PS 85:9AB and 10, 11-12, 13-14;  
MT 9:14-17
- July 8:** EZ 2:2-5; PS 123:1-2, 2, 3-4; 2 COR 12:7-10;  
MK 6:1-6

**After your parent's death, divorce, or separation ...**

**YOUNG PEOPLE'S BEGINNING EXPERIENCE can help.**

*A weekend for youth ages 12-17*

**July 17-19, 2018**

*University of Portland, OR*



*Cost: \$225; some scholarships available.*

*Application deadline: July 10*

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*For more information, please see*

[www.beginningexperienceoforegon.org](http://www.beginningexperienceoforegon.org)

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- Enjoy and share with others in our local community!

**WE HAVE A PACKED SUMMER!**

Young adults (ages 21-39) are invited to join us for camping, game nights, service activities, retreat and more! Contact Eugene Catholic Young Adults for events coming up: [eugeneyoungadults@gmail.com](mailto:eugeneyoungadults@gmail.com) or 541-270-9329

## **TOTUS TUUS TO BRING ITS MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM TO ST. ALICE!**

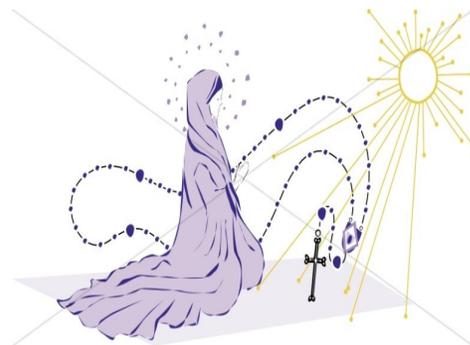
*Totus Tuus* will bring its youth formation program for middle and high school students to St. Alice from Sunday, July 8th through Wednesday, July 11, from 7:30—9:45 p.m. each evening. *Totus Tuus* is committed to bringing kids closer to Christ through the sacraments, prayer, and fun. Each evening session includes fellowship, snacks, and two instructional sessions; on one evening, Adoration and Confessions will take place. Curriculum will focus on the Apostles' Creed and the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary.

Each *Totus Tuus* team consists of two men and two women who are selected based on their commitment to the Catholic Faith, desire to teach the Faith, love of children, energy, enthusiasm, and leadership abilities.

The cost for the series is \$20 for one student, \$40 for two students in the same family, and \$50 for all students in the family.

Registration forms are available at the Help Desk in the vestibule and on the St. Alice website, [www.st.alice.org](http://www.st.alice.org). Payments are also accepted on the website, or can be dropped off at the parish office.

For more information, please contact Norma Ouelette at 541-747-7041 ext. 206.



### **Excerpts from the *Liturgical Handbook* of the Archdiocese**

#### **Rite of Peace [Sign of Peace]**

1.58.1 The Rite of Peace is a traditional practice by which the Church entreats peace and unity for herself and for the whole human family, and the faithful express to each other their ecclesial communion and mutual charity before receiving Holy Communion. Congregations should be catechized regarding the true meaning and purpose of the sign of peace. The sign of peace is an option in the Roman Missal that may be offered “if appropriate”. (231)

1.58.2 The sign of peace is not an act of reconciliation, which has already occurred in the Penitential Act at the beginning of the Mass, nor is it a neighborly greeting. This misunderstanding of the meaning of the sign has led to abuses, such as extended or protracted exchanges of handshakes, hugs, and kisses, which delay the Lamb of God and disrupt the flow of the celebration of the Eucharist.

1.58.3 The priest may give the sign of peace to the ministers, but he should always remain within the sanctuary, so as not to disturb the celebration. For those in the congregation, it is appropriate that each person offer the sign of peace only to those who are nearest, and in a sober manner. (232)

1.58.4 In the dioceses of the United States of America, for a good reason, on special occasions (for example, in the case of a funeral, a wedding, or when civic leaders are present) the priest may offer the sign of peace to a few of the faithful near the sanctuary. (233)

231 Cf. General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM) 181.

232 GIRM 82, 154.

233 GIRM 154 (USCCB adaptation).

#### **Pastor’s Note:**

Please be attentive to this and only offer the sign of peace to those closest to you. This is done appropriately by saying “Peace be with you” and offering a handshake or a ‘liturgical embrace’ (which you can see the priest do with the servers). Please don’t engage in other conversation because it isn’t the time for chit-chat—Jesus is on the altar and we should not become distracted or distract others from preparing for communion. Crossing the isles to greet others at this time is inappropriate and adds unnecessary commotion.