



July E-News

*Holiday Office Hours
Closed Thurs., July 4 and Fri. July 5*

Daily Mass Schedule Change starting July 5th.

Update to the Weekday Mass Schedule: Starting on July 5th, the Friday daily Mass will be at 7:00 am. This will allow for better availability of the church for any practices or services that are scheduled on Friday evenings. And -- more importantly -- it will give our parishioners who attend daily Mass in the mornings an opportunity to join us one day during the week. As a result, there will no longer be a regularly scheduled 5:30 pm Friday Mass. If you have any questions please call the parish office. Thank you!

70th Anniversary T-shirts Order window open until July 1st Because so many have asked about them, you can order your red or blue shirt until July 1st. They will be distributed in the narthex when they arrive. They will be back in time to wear at the Benson Days Parade and for Ann's Attic and the Garage Sale. [Link to order](#)

July 4th Mass Join us for Mass at 9:00 am. Please note that there will be no 5:30 pm Mass on this Day.

Come walk with us! July 27, 10:00 am Benson Days Parade In celebration of St. Pius X 70th anniversary, we will be sharing the Pius spirit by walking (with a float) at the Benson Days parade. The parade route is about 1 mile, starting at Benson High School and Gallagher Park Parking Lot to 52nd Street, then NW Radial Highway, onto Maple Street through Downtown Benson until 63rd Street where it ends. Because of the limited number of people who we can have walk we do need you to sign up. [You can do so here.](#) The exact location of our placement will be sent to you.

Summer Stretch is back! Two dates remaining.. July 18, July 25, 9am-4pm For all outgoing 6th-8th graders three days of service in the morning and plus a fun activity in the afternoon. Cost is \$10 one-time cost for a T-shirt, \$25 per day. Youth can attend one, two, or all three dates. Contact Janet Drvol at janetd@stpiusxomaha.org for registration form and payment options.

Ann's Attic/ Garage Sale, July 25-27: (This date is later than usual due to the renovations happening in the school) Please continue to save your gently used clothing of all sizes, as well as linens, shoes, purses and accessories. **We are in GREAT need of children's and baby clothing**, shoes, coats, linens and accessories!! **We could also use some paper grocery bags.** The Garage Sale will be HAPPY to accept furniture, sports items, holiday items, books, toys and other **non-electronics**.

Collection/Volunteer days are: Saturday, July 20th: 8am-Noon and 5pm-8pm.

Sunday, July 21st: 8am-Noon

Monday-Tuesday, July 22-23: 8am-noon and 5pm-8pm

Wednesday July 24th: No Collection; finish up organization (volunteers needed)

[Sign up to volunteer here](#) or email: annsattic@stpiusxomaha.org or garagesale@stpiusxomaha.org

All are welcome! This is a wonderful opportunity to meet people and also be involved with a very meaningful activity!

Parish Religious Education is now enrolling grades 1-8 for the 2024-25 school year. Get program information and details at <https://www.stpiusxomaha.org/religious-education/> or contact Colleen at 402-558-1898 colleenc@stpiusxomaha.org.

Wanted: CCD program Graduates – If you are the beneficiary of a parish Religious Education program (formerly known as CCD), I invite you to give back to the next generation of parish children as a catechist or classroom aide. The time commitment is minor; the faith commitment is major: you must be a fully initiated (baptized and confirmed) Catholic who is in good standing with the Church, and who practices the faith and receives the sacraments regularly. Please contact Colleen at 402-558-1898 colleenc@stpiusxomaha.org

From the Finance Committee The fiscal year of the parish ends on June 30th and it will take a while for the parish business manager to provide a complete report of revenue and expenditures for the 2023/2024 fiscal year. Despite the many challenges of the past fiscal year the Finance Committee is grateful to all those who responded to our financial challenges with a spirit of “sacrifice, hard work, and simplicity.”

It was through the hard work and generosity of many that the parish was able to:

1. Make all of the payments to St. Pius X/St. Leo School after falling behind in payments during the first half of the fiscal year;
2. Fund the renovation of the rectory living quarters (with volunteer help playing a critical role);
3. Set aside a fund for needed updates to the Parish Center.

In addition to the many volunteers who worked on and contributed to our parish fundraisers, the parish received bequests and memorial gifts that aided the funding of the various parish ministries.

Challenges lie ahead in terms of meeting the budgetary commitments that are part of the 2024/2025 budget. But we are confident that with Fr. Mark’s leadership and our committed parish staff, our parish community will once again respond with a spirit of “sacrifice, hard work, and simplicity.”

Save the Date

August 24 at 10:30am, Dundee Days Parade. St. Pius X will be participating with a float to celebrate the Parish's 70th year. All Parish members and SPSL School community members are welcome to join! Be sure to wear your 70th Anniversary t-shirt or SPSL gear! The parade route begins on the north side of Memorial Park. If you have questions, please reach out to Colleen Morrissey at cdmomaha@gmail.com. Sign up will be available as we get closer to the date.

August 25, 70th Anniversary Mass, 9:30 am and Annual Parish Picnic 11:00 am -2:00 pm More information to come.

From SPSL School

New Leadership Team for SPSL

Beginning July 1, 2024, Mrs. Katy Chattin will be the Principal of St. Pius X / St. Leo School. Katy has been a member of the SPSL family for many years serving as a teacher, administrator, parent, and parishioner of St. Pius X Parish. Katy and her husband Chris are parents to Aiden (2018), Maggie (2020), and Evan (2024).

Mrs. Michaela (Messenger) Smith (1990) will continue as the co-leader of SPSL in the position of Director of Operations. Michaela is responsible for the business side of the school including the finances, fundraising, and facilities of SPSL. Michaela and her husband Mike are members of St. Pius X and have two sons: Connor (2021) and Thomas (2024).

Mrs. Terri Preston worked at SPSL from 1993-2022, and she is returning to SPSL School for the 2024-25 school year as the Assistant Principal. Terri is a member of St. Leo the Great Parish. She and her husband Tim are parents to Andrew (2009), Alexander (2013), and Anna (2017).

The SPSL School leadership team is committed to fostering an environment of excellence, faith, and community. We look forward to a wonderful 2024-25 school year!

SPSL is now enrolling all grades for the 2024-25 school year, Pre-K through 8th! To learn more or schedule a tour, please call the school office at 402-551-6667.

Save the Date! SPSL Fundraiser, Saturday, October 19, 2024! The 2024 SPSL Fall Fundraiser, "Preserving Our Presence, Sustaining Our Legacy" will be held at Creighton Prep from 5:30pm-10:00 pm and Chaired by Jesse and Lora Hansen and Matt and Lori (Lazure) Rusch. This event raises funds for SPSL School and supports teachers, technology, capital improvements, the school endowment, as well as the school operating budget. Our fundraiser is a welcoming and fun event, and parishioners are invited to attend! The evening will start with a cocktail reception, move to a program during dinner, and end with an announcement of Raffle winners. Please watch for more information throughout the summer.

From the Archdiocese

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS? The National Eucharistic Congress (NEC) is from **July 17 -21, 2024 in downtown Indianapolis at Lucas Oil Stadium**. This *once-in-a-lifetime event* is the culmination of a 3-year National Eucharistic Revival during which U.S. Catholics have been actively and prayerfully reorienting their lives around the Eucharist, the source and summit of the Catholic faith. As such, the NEC offers an amazing range of speakers, worship opportunities, impact sessions, networking, and events for St. Pius X parishioners along with all other U.S. Catholics. This is an amazing opportunity both to grow in one’s faith and to better focus on the miracle of the

Eucharist. For more information about the NEC, please visit the [National Eucharistic Congress' website](#) or the [Archdiocese of Omaha website](#).

More Information and Details

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Starting July 6-7 through Aug. 25 we will be saying this prayer at Mass instead of our usual parish prayer.

Parish 70th Anniversary Prayer

Loving God, Gatherer of all Good Memories,
the spirits of our founders and many parishioners
join us here in this sacred place of St. Pius X.
We have come to celebrate our history,
to gather the memories of seventy years.

You have been a Companion for each of us,
You have been the Breath of Life
for us as we have birthed our children,
wedded our spouses and buried our dear ones.

You have sown deep seeds of faith
in the waters of our countless baptisms.
You have kept alive our parish for seventy years
through the fidelity of all who have prayed here,
and the generosity of all who have served here.

While our world is weary and worn with pain,
may we take hope and find courage
in what we celebrate:
the strong faith of our founders,
the friendship of parishioners, neighbors and relatives,
the generous leadership of priests, sisters, and laity,
the goodness of each one willing to reach out
and respond in times of need.

We thank You, Gracious God,
for our faith in your Son, Jesus,
for the steadfast support of the Holy Spirit,

and for this place of worship and this community,
which has nourished many,
and today offers a source of nurturing faith
for all who come seeking spiritual life.

May we be blessed with hope for the future,
knowing that we believe in Your constant Presence,
that we accept Your Grace, share Your Love,
and celebrate Your Life with one another. Amen

(adapted from a *Parish Centennial Prayer*
From Out of the ordinary by Joyce Rupp)