



## June E-News

### **Welcome and Thank You**

*Fr. Mark Tomaszewicz, our new pastor, will be joining us on the weekend of June 15-16. On Sunday, June 16, after the 9:30 am Mass we will have a reception in the narthex to welcome him, and to also say thank you to Fr. Mario and Deacon Kevin for helping us through this transition.*

**Parish Festival, Sunday, June 2, 11:00 am-5:00 pm** Come spend the day with us at this fun filled community event. Games, food, silent auction, crafts, books, beer and much, much more. This is the parish's biggest fundraiser of the year. Bring your friends, watch some soccer, play some corn hole and have fun.

**70th Anniversary** We kicked off the 70th Anniversary celebration with a video at all masses the weekend of May 18-19. If you want to view the video, it is on the [parish website](#). It is a beautiful tribute to the founding families, priests, nuns and staff who contributed to the beginnings of St. Pius X. The committee will be meeting after 9:30 mass on **Sunday, June 9** in the multipurpose room in church. All are welcome to attend. We will be walking in the Benson Days Parade and the Dundee Days Parade later in the summer. We will be planning the Parish Picnic on August 25th. There will be a second opportunity to order a 70th Anniversary t-shirt during the month of June. Check out the timeline in the narthex of the church and the display case. Add your Acts of Kindness to the tree in the display case.

**Join us at a Taize' Service Monday, June 10, 5:30 PM, Church.** Are you longing for a prayer service filled with quiet and meditation? Taize' is a contemplative prayer form that began in France with an ecumenical community of religious brothers. In a world filled with non-stop talking, you are invited to slow down and enter the quiet. Take the opportunity to experience contemplative prayer and meditative music as you listen to God's voice.

**Fr. Mark Moves In, June 11** We are unsure of the exact time, most likely early afternoon. Call the rectory and we should be able to tell you a better time. Let's welcome him by providing helping hands with the unloading.

**Summer Stretch is back! June 27, July 18, July 25, 9am-4pm** For all outgoing 6th-8th graders three days of service in the morning and a fun activity in the afternoon. Registration Deadline is June 15, and the 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](mailto:janetd@stpiusxomaha.org) for registration form and payment options.

**Witnesses needed!** The 2024-25 Parish Religious Education program needs men and women who can share their faith as catechists with 5<sup>th</sup> graders and 7<sup>th</sup> graders. 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](mailto:colleenc@stpiusxomaha.org).

**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](mailto:colleenc@stpiusxomaha.org).

**New Pastoral Council members** We would like to welcome our new Pastoral Council members, Justin Cyboron Cheslee Klinger, and Jessica Lathrop. We also want to thank our outgoing members Erica Williamson, Katy Chattin, Marilyn Valerio, and Robin Versch. We appreciate all of you for willingness to help lead our parish.

**From the Finance Committee** June 30<sup>th</sup> is the end of the parish's fiscal year and it is our goal to finish in the black when all of the income and expenses items are finally tabulated. Since the finance committee made its appeal last November to parishioners to increase their giving by 50%, the response has been commendable: the payments to the school are current

and a fund for renovation of the parish center has been established. The 2024/2025 parish budget has been approved by the finance committee and will be submitted to the Archdiocese this month. This budget was carefully scrutinized by the finance committee and is one that enables the parish to maintain its strong commitment to the school and the various parish ministries.

A huge thank you to all who supported our Parish Festival with their time, talents and treasure. Special thanks to the Festival leadership team – who brought new energy and creativity to the planning of this year's Festival.

Finally we want to acknowledge the volunteers who assisted in the carpeting and painting of the rectory living quarters for our pastor and to those who contributed funds to allow us to complete this project before Fr. Mark's arrival. This effort is a reflection of our parish tradition of "sacrifice, hard work and simplicity."

### **Save the Date**

**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)

To sign up to volunteer go here or email: [annsattic@stpiusxomaha.org](mailto:annsattic@stpiusxomaha.org) or [garagesale@stpiusxomaha.org](mailto:garagesale@stpiusxomaha.org)

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

**August 24 at 10:30am, Dundee Days Parade.** St. Pius X will be participating with a special float for the parish's 70th year and will be joined alongside families and students from SPSL School! All are welcome to join in! More details to come. If you have questions, please reach out to Colleen Morrissey at [cdmomaha@gmail.com](mailto:cdmomaha@gmail.com).

**August 25, 11:30 am** Annual Parish Picnic, celebrating our Patron St. Pius X. This year is a special celebration as we will also be celebrating our 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

### **From SPSL School**

**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 or email [kim.kenney@spsl.net](mailto:kim.kenney@spsl.net).

**SPSL Fundraiser - Save the Date! 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.

### **School Renovation Update**

The school cafeteria feature:

- New tile flooring (no more brown tiles!)
- Updated columns
- Removal of the wood paneling on the west walls and adding crisp tile that is easy to clean.
- A cloud ceiling to enhance the atmosphere and improve acoustics.
- Lockers and a variety of random filing cabinets will go and new built in storage for extended care will be added to consolidate, declutter, and keep them organized.
- Functional desk for efficient check-in and check-out of students in extended care.
- Water bottle filling stations on either side of the cafeteria - environmentally friendly and satisfy the state requirement of water available for students (i.e. we can get rid of the igloos!)
- New A/V equipment including a projection screen for presentations/events, smart TVs the connect with the screen, speakers in the ceiling for high quality presentations and the availability of music for our students.

We are also making some improvements to the school kitchen that will make a positive impact:

- Decluttering! After being in the school for almost 70 years, there was a lot we did not use and will never use again. Old appliances and other items that have been stored in this space for years are being removed/donated.
- The kitchen floor is not in good shape. It will be refinished with a new epoxy floor that will create a better look and is expected to last.
- Some reorganization of where things are located in the kitchen will be done to improve efficiency and clean up the space.

The kitchen piece was limited in scope because additional changes would have necessitated bringing all the electrical, plumbing etc. completely up to code - a very costly endeavor particularly when those requirements are geared toward kitchens that cook food rather than our arrangement where food is brought into the kitchen to be served.

### **From the Archdiocese**

**Eucharistic Pilgrimage a Cross Country Journey May 17<sup>th</sup> to July 17<sup>th</sup>** Jesus is on the move! Four small groups of young adults are in the midst of an epic journey which began at north, south, east and west edges of United States. They are journeying with Jesus in the Eucharist across our whole country, blessing over 6000, miles of our nation in the shape of a cross. This is first ever National Eucharistic Pilgrimage- one of the largest Eucharistic processions in history. Come and meet Jesus on the Road. The Eucharistic Procession will take place in and around Omaha June 21-23, 2024, as part of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage. Omaha is on the Pilgrimage's Serra Route. For more information about the Eucharistic Procession in Omaha please visit <https://archomaha.org/eucharistic-revival/>

**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.**

More Information and Details

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## Parish 70<sup>th</sup> 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)