

## August

**Blood Drive, Saturday, Aug. 3, 7:00 am- Noon, Parish Center** *Donate Blood, Help Save Lives.* Call for an appointment. 1-800-RED CROSS or visit <a href="RedCrossBlood.org">RedCrossBlood.org</a>. Enter StPiusX. Sponsored by the St. Pius X Knights of Columbus

**Installation of Fr. Mark as Pastor, August 11, 9:30 am** Everyone is invited to join us as we celebrate the Installation of our new pastor [Fr. Mark Tomasiewicz]. We will mark this blessed occasion at the 9:30 am Mass, with Archbishop George Lucas as the main celebrant. Your presence will make this event a memorable experience for Fr. Mark as he begins his time with us, the St. Pius X faith community. A reception will follow in the narthex.

**Dundee Days Parade, August 24, 10:30 am Come Walk with us!** In celebration of St. Pius X 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we (St. Pius parishioners and SPSL school families) will be sharing the Pius spirit by walking (with a float) at the Dundee Days parade. The parade starts at the entrance to Memorial Park. The parade will head East on Underwood from the park to 49th Street, where it will end. You can do so here. The exact location of our placement will be sent to you.

August 25, 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass, 9:30 am and Annual Parish Picnic 11:00 am -2:00 pm Join us for this special Mass, celebrating 70 years as a faith community. Followed by our annual Parish Picnic celebrating our Patron, St. Pius X. The Parish will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, baked beans & drinks, and all others bring: last names starting with A-K side dish, L-Z dessert. We will have tables and chairs, but if you wish, bring your own lawn chairs, blankets, etc. The picnic is held south parish center parking lot & lawn (if raining, parish center). This is sponsored by the St. Pius X Knights of Columbus.

**SINGERS NEEDED** for 70th Anniversary Celebration Mass on Sunday August 25th at 9:30 am. We are looking for musicians and singers, both young and "young at heart"! If your child would like to sing, please contact Jen Martinez (<a href="martinez5148@yahoo.com">martinez5148@yahoo.com</a>) and if you are "young at heart", please contact Cindy Johnson (<a href="mailto:audiocindy@gmail.com">audiocindy@gmail.com</a>). Families are welcome!! Once we know how many singers/musicians we have, we will set up a couple of practice times.

**70th Anniversary FOOD DRIVE!** One of our goals as mentioned in our parish prayer is "to provide caring service for one another". We will live this mission by holding a FOOD DRIVE the weekend of August 24-25. Bring non-perishable. food items to mass that weekend or to the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Parish Picnic on Sunday the 25th. All items are welcome with a special need for canned soup and canned fruits. Help us to collect multiples of 70: 140 or 210 or 280 or 350 items of food!! Or more!!!

**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

Southeast Nebraska Fall Colors Bus Trip Tour, Tuesday, Sept. 24 Join us as the bus leaves St. Leo's at 7:30 AM and returns at 6:35 PM. Celebrate Mass at St. Benedict church in Nebraska City with Fr. Mike Swanton. Enjoy a homemade lunch in the home of an Amish family (homemade pies for dessert). Visit Whiskey Run Creek vineyard and Winery in Brownville Explore the Flatwater Folk Art Museum All are welcome! Bring a friend Call with questions (402-397-0407). The cost is \$105/person. Registration and payment are due by August 22, to St. Leo's. Sign up early; the tour is limited to 50 people. Sponsored by St. Pius X/St. Leo Young at Heart.

**Finance Report** During our 70<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary celebration we give thanks for the generosity of our founders. It was their selfless generosity during their lifetimes that enabled St. Pius X parish and St. Pius X School to serve the people of God in this community. Moreover, many of these founding parishioners went one step further and remembered their parish in their estate planning. These parishioners utilized various methods to benefit the parish:

Outright bequests in their wills; Post death transfers from their trusts; Post death transfers from their retirement accounts; Beneficiary designations in their life insurance policies. Failure to plan your estate can create significant burdens for your loved ones and may result in your assets being distributed in a manner contrary to what you desired. So. take the necessary step of consulting a professional to plan your estate. The Archdiocese can help as well: Contact Tony Lamar, Legacy Planning Officer, Archdiocese of Omaha (402 557-5650; ajlamar@archomaha.org.)

Thank you to everyone. The St Pius X festival June 2 was a great success. We did remarkably well with approximate proceeds of \$46,800. All games and activities were well attended. The soccer tournament had 52 teams which brought a lot of other visitor traffic. Thank you to all the donors and volunteers for making this day a great success.

## **Save the Date**

## **From SPSL School**

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.

**Thank You** On behalf of the St. Pius X Human Needs Committee and the people we serve, we want to say a BIG THANK YOU to the St. Pius X parishioners and to the St. Pius/St. Leo School community for your generous donations to the St. Pius X Pantry. Oftentimes, we think it is only 1 can of beans,1 can of soup or \$1.00, but it adds up. For the six months from Nov. '23 to April '24, due to your generosity, we were able to give out approximately:

390 # of hamburger	390 cans of fruit	270 boxes of Mac and
390 half gallons of milk	90 boxes of cereal	cheese
195 dozen eggs	90 jars of peanut butter	90 boxes of cake mixes
195 pkg of hot dogs	90 jars of jelly	90 cans of chicken
195 pkg of baloney	270 pkg of ramen noodles	180 cans of tuna
90# butter	90 jars of spaghetti sauce	180 rolls of paper towel
90# cheese	90 pkg of spaghetti	270 rolls of toilet paper
780 cans of vegetables	90 boxes of Rice-a-roni or	

The refrigerated items are purchased through your monetary donations, the rest has basically been weekend and school donations. All donations are appreciated. A special *thank you* to a parishioner (who wishes to be anonymous) who donated all the milk during those months.

Hamburger Helper

780 cans of soup

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Full Calendar (includes meetings, etc.)
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Contact us
Digital Display in the Narthex

Not on Facebook? Posts viewable at website/publications)

Flyers, CareNotes and other information can also be found in the kiosk in the narthex of the church.

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**Donate** 

## 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)