

# St. Pius X Church

## E-NEWS

*September 2024*

### 70TH ANNIVERSARY THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 70th Anniversary activities in any way. If you walked in a parade, recorded an act of kindness, wore a t-shirt, appreciated the prayer intentions in the bulletin, came to the mass and picnic or donated to the food drive, thank you! You lived the spirit of St. Pius X.

Thank you to the wonderful committee who shared ideas, came to meetings and helped to carry out all the activities. Your leadership does not go unnoticed. A special shout out to the Knights and Men's Club for once again hosting a wonderful parish picnic. To Father Mark, thank you for coming in and taking on the celebration with enthusiasm and support. And a huge thanks to Jerry and Colleen Morrissey for co-chairing the celebration efforts. We are a blest community of faith.

**Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 2** The parish office will be closed on this day. Also, please take note that there **will not** be a Mass on that day.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry, Tuesday, Sept. 3, 1:00 pm Parish Center (1<sup>st</sup> Tuesdays)** The prayer shawl ministry offers comfort to those who need it. Their handmade shawls have reached 100's of parishioners and beyond. You can help by: Knitting or crocheting shawls at home or together once a month at the parish; Donating yarn! If you have yarn sitting in your closet that you haven't used. (whole skeins are preferred); Donations of gift cards to Hobby Lobby, JoAnn's Fabric, or other places where yarn can be purchased is also appreciated. Cash Donations! So yarn can be purchased. You can drop off donations at the parish office. Thanks for helping our dedicated knitters and crocheters share God's love and comfort! Contact: [shawl@stpiusxomaha.org](mailto:shawl@stpiusxomaha.org)

**Youth Ministry Kick Offs Junior High Youth Group has a new day, time, and location! We begin on Wed., Sept. 11th.** This group is open to all 7th and 8th grade students. We will meet twice monthly (most of the time) from 6-7:15pm on Wednesdays at St. Leo. **High School Youth Group, Sun., Sept. 15th.** Our high school group is open to all 9th-12th graders and meets Sundays at St. Leo from 6:30-8:30pm. Dinner is provided.

**Youth Group Meals and Snacks:** *St. Pius X/St. Leo Youth Ministry relies on the help of parish groups, families, and individuals to help provide meals for our high school group and snacks for our junior high group. If you are interested, please contact Janet at [janetd@stpiusxomaha.org](mailto:janetd@stpiusxomaha.org)*

**Safe Environment Training, Thurs. Sept. 12 or Thurs., Sept. 26, 6:30-9:00 pm, St. Pius X Parish Center** All adults 19 or older who work or volunteer at a Catholic parish or school are required to complete Safe Environment Certification. We are offering training for those new volunteers or those needing to renew their out of date certification. If you need help signing up, please contact your Safe Environment Coordinator [Rachel Connelly - St. Leo](#); [Colleen Ciciulla - St. Pius](#); [Nina Englin - SPSL](#) or [Janet Drvol](#)-SPSL to help with registration. Please do not create a new account if you have already been registered/certified in the past.

**Mother Daughter Tea Party, Saturday, Sept. 14, 11:30-1:45, Parish Center** Come join us for afternoon of fun and merriment. Photo booth starts at 11:00 am. Cost: \$15. Lunch catered by Hy-Vee. Tickets on sale after masses Sept. 7-8

and in the parish office until Monday, Sept. 9. For information contact: Nancy Lobsinger [nlobsing@cox.net](mailto:nlobsing@cox.net) 402-378-2547.

**Catechetical Sunday, Sept. 14-15** Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

**Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, Sept. 15 8:00-11:00 am** The Knights of Columbus and Mens Club will be serving pancakes, with sausage, ham, milk, juices and coffee There will be special pancake "toppers" for the "kids" too! Everyone is welcome and the price for this event is a free will offering. See you there!!

**St. Pius X Calendar Club! It is that time of Year** We'll start selling tickets **Sept. 14-15!** Calendar club tickets make fantastic gifts for every occasion — whether it's a birthday, anniversary, Christmas or just because "I like you"! You can even treat yourself with a ticket or two or...! The good news —Only \$35 for 365 chances to win! \$20,000 in prizes. Pick tickets up in the parish office, school office or the narthex of the church. The deadline for tickets is Dec. 10.

**Taize' Service, Monday, September 23, 5:30 PM, St. Pius X church** Are you longing this fall for a prayer service filled with quiet and meditation? *Join us for a Taize' service* 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. More information contact: [Margaret Hoarty](mailto:Margaret.Hoarty)

**God's got us! Women' Retreat Day, Saturday, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>**, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at St. Cecilia Parish Center, Speaker: Jen Brown, co-host of Spirit Mornings on Spirit Catholic Radio. Lunch will be provided. Tickets \$15.00 In spite of all the divisions, negativity and uncertainty in our lives, in our parish and in the world, God's got us! Challenges give us an opportunity to trust in God instead of feeling defeated, discouraged or despairing. Tickets will be sold at the Masses on September 21st and the 22nd and will also be available in the St. Pius X Parish Office. Must be purchased by September 23rd. For more information please contact Colleen Ciciulla 402-558-1898, [colleenc@stpiusxomaha.org](mailto:colleenc@stpiusxomaha.org)

**Parish Religious Education** for grades 1-8 for the 2024-25 school year begins Sept. 4, 2024. Get program information and details [here](#) or contact [Colleen Ciciulla](mailto:Colleen.Ciciulla) at 402-558-1898.

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

**Finance Report** A regular feature of the weekly parish bulletin has included a report on the current state of finances of the parish. Over the years the precise format of this presentation has changed in an effort to present accurate and timely information. With Fr. Mark's arrival and with his input, the format has been changed to reporting the contributions received by the parish during the preceding week.

Fr. Mark is planning to give an update on parish finances in a letter that will be sent to all parishioners. That update will include a report on the past fiscal year (ending 6/30/24) as well as the change in budgeting for facilities maintenance and upkeep. The Committee is very grateful for Fr. Mark's active leadership and involvement in bringing innovative strategies to the Finance Committee.

September 30<sup>th</sup> will mark the end of the first quarter of the fiscal year. The months of July and August are typically months in which the weekly contributions decrease. The expenses of the parish, however, do not decrease during this period. We ask for your support in September to make sure the parish can continue to meet its monthly obligations. Please consider using the "Vacation Make-up" in your envelope packet.

**Ann's Attic/Parish Garage Sale** We would like to extend a thank you to all those who volunteered at our annual Ann's Attic clothing sale and Parish Garage Sale. It does take a lot of hands and hard work. We surpassed previous years with over \$4000 from Ann's Attic and over \$8000 from the garage sale. Ann's Attic funds will help support our Human Needs Outreach and the Parish Garage Sale funds will go into the parish operating funds. Thank you for the many hands.

**From Health Ministry** September is National Suicide Prevention Month. According to the National Alliance of Mental Illness, "Suicidal thoughts, much like mental health conditions, can affect anyone regardless of age, gender or background. In fact, suicide is often the result of an untreated mental health condition. Suicidal thoughts, although common, should not be considered normal and often indicate more serious issues." More information can be found

at [nami.org](http://nami.org). Call or text 988 if you or someone you know is needing support with mental health, substance abuse and/or a suicide crises. This is a resource hotline available nationwide.

**Our New Guide Book and Directory has been mailed.** You should have received recently the 2024-25 parish directory and guidebook. The advertisers helped provide this service at no cost to our parish. We encourage you to think of them in the future as your needs arise. Please familiarize yourself with the St. Pius X ministries and organizations that are listed in front of the book. A PDF version of the Guide Section is available on our [website](#). To download the Online Guide Section: 1. Visit <https://guidebookpublishing.com/congregations/online-guide-sections/> 2. Click on our state followed by our city. Click on the name of St. Pius X to download the book. If your information is wrong or you did not receive one please contact the parish office so we can correct it for next year or send you one.

### **From SPSL School**

**The SPSL cafeteria staff is in need of volunteers** to help serve lunch. This is a great way to get involved, meet new people, and experience our newly renovated cafeteria! It is also a fun volunteer opportunity for parishioners, grandparents, and friends. All volunteers must be Safe Environment Certified. To sign up to volunteer in the cafeteria, please click [here](#).

**The SPSL Annual Fall Fundraiser, *Preserving Our Presence, Sustaining Our Legacy: A Night at the Museum***, will be held on Saturday, October 19, 2024 at Creighton Prep and is being Chaired by Matt and Lori (Lazure) Rusch and Jesse and Lora Hansen. The event celebrates the rich history of SPSL School that has been supported over the decades by our Parishes. We hope parishioners will please join together to support and celebrate SPSL faculty, staff, and school. Please purchase your event tickets [here](#).

Do you have College World Series tickets, Creighton tickets, music festival tickets, or something else that would be great for the school's silent auction? To donate an auction item to our event, please contact [alyssasimon0803@gmail.com](mailto:alyssasimon0803@gmail.com).

### **From our Family of Parishes**

**St. Leo Parish Festival, Sunday, Sept. 8, 11:00-6:00 pm** Great food, live music, book tent, bake sale, cake walk, inflatables, games & crafts, meat wheel, spectrum snoballs, human society, humane society adoption but, silent auction and much more. Let's come out and support!

More Information and Details

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