

St. Pius X Church

E-NEWS

October 2024

Special Note-- At the end of this e-news is a letter from our pastor with a parish financial summary. You are invited and encouraged to take some time to look at these updates.

Beware of scammers! Please be aware that churches and their members are often targets for financial scams. If you receive an email or phone text or social media message that appears to be from Fr. Mark asking you to take some kind of unusual action – asking for a moment of your time, click a link or download an attachment you didn't request, wire money to a specified account, purchase gift cards and reply with the serial numbers, or simply to reply quickly, please do not reply or act on this type of request. **Call the office if you are in doubt.**

St. Pius X Calendar Club! It is that time of Year Tickets are now on sale! 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 up tickets in the parish office, school office or the narthex of the church. The deadline for tickets is Dec. 10.

October is Respect Life Month In October, the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates *Respect Life Month*, and the first Sunday of October is designated as *Respect Life Sunday*. To support these annual observances, the USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities provides materials to help Catholics understand and value the gift of human life and help build a culture that cherishes and protects it. [Check them out here.](#)

Voter Registration, Oct. 4-5 at all Masses, Narthex of Church Catholic social teaching strongly promotes active citizenship. Through our opportunities as citizens, we can help shape a world more committed to protecting human life and dignity and promoting justice and peace. In their statement *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, the bishops state, "In the Catholic Tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation" (No. 13). *Register to Vote!*

Music Bingo, Sat. Oct. 5, Doors open at 6 pm, Game begins at 7:00 A fun twist to an old favorite. Enjoy singing along with your favorite songs while you play BINGO. Our entertaining hosts for the evening will be *The Music Bingo People*. **Cost: \$10 at the door.**

Theology Matters, Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, Monday, Oct. 7, 7:00 PM, St. Pius X Parish Center Before you cast your vote for offices or initiatives this fall, learn what the U.S. Catholic Bishops say about the political responsibility of Catholics on the exercise of our rights and duties as faithful Catholics and American citizens. Dr. Dan Dileo will unpack the Bishops' teaching document: This event is free and open to the public.

Young at Heart Dinner and Entertainment, Sat. October 12, 6:00 pm, St. Leo Dinner and entertainment by Dan Reynolds. Dan will play background music from the 40's during the meal followed by his show at 7PM. Dan is a Neil Diamond vocal impressionist who captures the real essence of Neil's unique sound. He also performs the songs of other stars; Elvis Presley, Billy Joel, Elton John, Gordon Lightfoot and many more. These

are the songs of our era! All adults are welcome! Tickets are \$20 and are on sale at the St. Leo's office **through October 7th**. Call Dina at 402-397-0407 with questions.

Supper Club is ready for another round!!! Sunday Oct. 13, 5:30 pm We meet new people, enjoy good conversations, and eat tasty food. We start this 6-month group with a kickoff potluck meal on Sunday, October 13 at 5:30 pm at the O'Brien Parish Center in the Fireplace Room. We will provide pulled pork and buns and beverages. Please bring a side dish of your choice. If you can't make it, we will get you in a group! Just let us know and we will still get you signed up. Participation is easy. Join the potluck in the Parish Center to meet your group. Then host a meal once the next 5 months. The rest of your group of 2 or 3 other couples/singles takes their turn hosting as well. For more details, see the flier in the kiosk or [online](#). Questions: Katy at katysalzman1@yahoo.com, Colleen at cdmamaha@gmail.com or Trish at 402-991-2625

Anointing of the Sick, AFTER Masses on Saturday, Oct. 19, 5:00 pm and Sunday, Oct. 20, 7:30 am, 9:30 am The sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is given to anyone who is seriously ill, whether physically, mentally, emotionally, or spiritually; including those about to have surgery. In addition, elderly people may be anointed if in a weakened state, whether a serious illness is present or not. We welcome anyone who wishes to be anointed to remain after Mass.

Archdiocese of Omaha Annual Appeal Soon you will be receiving a letter from Archbishop Lucas inviting your support of the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. Please give prayerful consideration to your response. Together, through the help of the Holy Spirit, we will create a culture of unity, evangelization, leadership, and mercy. Pamphlets are also available in the narthex of the church.

From SPSL School

The SPSL Annual Fall Fundraiser, Don't miss the opportunity to support your favorite grade school at the SPSL Fall Fundraiser on **Saturday, October 19 at Creighton Prep**. You may purchase your tickets [here](#). If you would like a paper invitation, please call the school at 402-551-6667. Be sure to register for the event on Qtego - this allows you to bid on and buy items on your phone. You may register [here](#). Many items will be available starting Friday, October 11! Get raffle flyers and all the details about the event on the school website [here](#). You can also check out some amazing bucket-list trips that will be available for bidding at the event. If you have any questions, please contact Fundraiser Chair [Lori \(Lazure\) Rusch](#). Thank you for your generous support!

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September 24, 2024

Dear Parishioners,

I hope this letter finds you well and filled with the joy of our faith. I am writing to share exciting updates and important information about our financial direction and goals for the fiscal year 2024/2025, as well as provide a recap of fiscal year 2023/2024 (on the back side).

In recent months, our parish leadership has been planning diligently for the future. Our primary objectives include raising funds to renovate the parish center and establishing a capital improvements reserve fund. These efforts are crucial for maintaining and enhancing our infrastructure and creating a welcoming space for worship, fellowship, and educational activities.

Financial Direction:

After a thorough review of our financial standing following the recent campaign to address our deficit and obligations to the school, we are developing a strategic plan for the upcoming fiscal year. Our approach emphasizes responsible stewardship, transparency, and fostering a spirit of generosity within our community.

Goals and Initiatives:

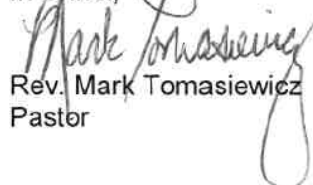
1. **Parish Center Renovations:** Renovating the parish center will create dedicated spaces for meetings, social gatherings, and youth activities, as well as support various community programs and events, strengthening our unity. We have currently raised approximately \$26,000, with initial phase costs estimated at \$100,000. The total project cost is yet to be determined. A special committee is being formed to oversee this initiative.
2. **Capital Improvements Reserve:** We plan to establish a reserve fund for essential future renovations and upgrades. This fund will be based on the age, condition, and estimated remaining useful life of our assets, helping us better prepare and budget for our capital improvement needs.

Next Steps:

In the upcoming fiscal year, you will receive more information on how to donate, volunteer opportunities, and progress updates. We encourage you to stay informed and engaged as we embark on this transformative journey together.

Thank you for your past and ongoing financial support to our parish, especially during this past year in overcoming a deficit! Let us move forward with faith, hope, and enthusiasm as we work towards our shared vision of a vibrant and thriving community. May God bless you abundantly for your dedication, generosity and commitment.

In Christ,


Rev. Mark Tomasiewicz
Pastor

Restoring All Things in Christ

JULY 1, 2023 - JUNE 30, 2024 FINANCIAL RECAP

Income

Sunday Collections	\$ 870,211
Deficit Reduction	154,295
Christmas	95,761
Special Events/Fundraising/ Festival	92,820
Interest from Endowments	70,100
Easter	46,278
Bequests	29,713
Rentals	25,750
Men's Club	20,022
Miscellaneous Other Income (Individually Under \$20,000)	62,471
Total Income	<u>\$ 1,467,421</u>

Expenses

School Assessment	\$ 684,614
Personnel Costs (Payroll, retirement, insurance, etc.)	306,737
Archdiocese	103,810
Utilities	53,486
Special Events/Fundraising/ Festival	35,420
Property Insurance	30,193
Technology/Computer	25,943
Maintenance and Repairs	21,416
Miscellaneous Other (Individually Under \$20,000)	78,844
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 1,340,463</u>

Net Income

\$ 126,958