



April E-News

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday, April 1-2, Saturday 5:00 pm, Sunday 7:30 & 9:30

Holy Thursday, April 6, 7:00 pm

Good Friday, April 7, 7:00 pm

Easter Vigil, April 8, 8:30 pm

Easter, April 9, 7:30 & 9:30 am

Take note The last pages of this e-news contain important information from the *Journey of Faith* and the beginning of our Festival News and needs and a *Summary of 2021 Zoom House Meetings and 2023 Planning Day*

Easter Flowers If you would like to purchase or make a donation towards Easter Flowers for the church please contact Anne McGuire, annem@stpiusxomaha.org

Pastoral Council Meet and Greet, April 1-2 after Masses, Narthex. Please stop and say hello and share thoughts, comments, suggestions. Also remember that there are forms in the kiosk and [online](#) where you can offer suggestions. The Pastoral Council is looking to fill 3 open positions. If you want to find out more about what this involves, this would be a good time to find out more. You can also call [Erica Williamson](#), the Pastoral Council president, [Fr. Gadache](#), or [Cindy Johnson](#), Pastoral Associate. Job descriptions are available.

St. Pius X Women's Organization Spring Brunch Saturday, April 15th, 9:00 am (Mass-Church and Brunch/ Speaker following-Parish Center) *My Faith Growing Up Black and Catholic*. Speaker: Angela Hardin Active parishioner of St. Benedict the Moor Parish and Team Leader for the Black Catholic Implementation Team of the Archdiocese of Omaha. Cost \$15 Ticket sales after masses March 25/26 and April 1/2. Available in the parish office through Wednesday, April 12th. Catered by Pleasure Your Palate Contact: cdmomaha@gmail.com

St. Pius X/St. Leo Young at Heart Tour of Spirit Catholic Radio Wednesday, April 26, 11:30 Join us on an outing to KVSS Catholic Radio Station. We will tour the studio, celebrate Mass and then will meet at a close-by restaurant for lunch. Watch the bulletin for more details or contact: <mailto:young55atheart@gmail.com>

Supper Club Kickoff Potluck, Sunday, April 23, 5:30 pm Parish Center Come join the 18th year of **Supper Club**! Meet new people, enjoy good conversations and eat tasty food. Potluck entrée and beverages will be provided and everyone is asked to bring a side dish or dessert. Even if you can't come on the 23rd, we can put you in a group with 2 or 3 other couples/singles take their turn hosting as well. Participation is easy. You host a meal once in the next 5 months. The rest of the group take their turns as well. At the potluck, you will meet with your group and plan the dates for your dinners. Groups have from April to October to complete the 3 or 4 dinners. In October the large group meets again and new groups are assigned for the next round. Call Trish at 991-2625 or email Colleen at cdmomaha@gmail.com or Katy at katysalzman@yahoo.com

Finance Council Thanks to all who attended the four Pasta Friday fundraisers and to all the volunteers who made these Friday evenings a fun filled event that produced revenue for the parish operating budget. As we enter the last quarter of the parish's fiscal year significant financial challenges lie ahead: Our projected revenue has been falling behind the budgeted amount. We ask for your continued generous Sunday giving and consider these additional methods of supporting your parish during the last three months of our fiscal year: The Easter Collection, "Deficit Reduction"

Envelopes in your packet, The Parish Festival. The parish is grateful to the families of recently deceased long time parish members who chose to designate St. Pius X for memorial gifts in honor of loved ones.

Support of St. Pius X/ St Leo School, and all the ministries of the parish are important at St. Pius X. Assure the continuation of these programs by leaving a gift in your will or trust to St. Pius X. Please contact an estate planning attorney with questions as to how to do so.

Religious Education Grades 1-8 Enrollment – Families with children who do not attend Catholic school are invited to enroll for the 2023-24 year. The program uses a family formation model supported by catechists for each grade level and monthly presentations for parents. Sessions are held on Wednesday evenings. Registration form and additional information are [here](#).

St. Pius X / St. Leo School Golf Classic The 2023 St. Pius X / St. Leo School Golf Classic will take place Monday, May 22 at Field Club of Omaha. Please join us for a fun-filled day in support of St. Pius X / St. Leo School. Sponsorships are available! Registration fills up fast, so act now by registering online at <https://spsl.net/ways-to-support/>. Please contact michaela.smith@spsl.net or 402-551-6667 with questions.

SPSL Pre-K to 8th Grade Enrollment Over 98% of current parents agree that SPSL does a good job instilling Catholic Identity in our students. Now enrolling Pre-K to 8th Grade! Call 402-551-6667 or email kim.cassisa@spsl.net to schedule a tour.

Guide Book & Directory Advertising Opportunity We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book & Directory for the church. This book will contain everything pertinent to our church: the various ministries, organizations, committees, activities, functions and events plus a complete directory of all members. This book is being provided and direct-mailed to each family at no cost to our church, and it is again being subsidized by local businesses that advertise. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call the Church Office, 402-558-8446. Recent survey results by Guide Book Publishing show that 92.1% of families would rather patronize a Guide Book & Directory advertiser over a non-advertiser. It “will pay” to advertise in our new Guide Book & Directory.

Update Membership Information Does our Church database have YOUR family membership record correct? Have you changed your phone number or dropped your landline? Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Are all of your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record? Do you want your record published? Now is your chance to update YOUR record for our annual Guide Book & Directory (if you haven’t already done so). Please update the parish with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in YOUR family over the past year so that the information in the Guide Book & Directory and our parish records are correct. The Church Office number is 402-558-8446 or email rectory@stpiousxomaha.org This needs to be done by **June 2** *Thank you for your help!*

From Fr. Joe A quick note from Pennsylvania.....I was hoping as I write this note that a firm date could be shared with you on returning to St. Pius. I am unable to do this today, but by the time you read this a date may have been determined. With confidence I can report that my time here is about to come to a conclusion. That is not to say that my work is done. My hope is that you will be able to recognize positive changes, but this remains a work in progress. The bad news is that I would like to be 100% better, but that just won’t be the reality. The good news is that I know it and remain committed to the process. Most of the things I need to do in order to be discharged have been completed. There are a few odds and ends that will get sewed up in the coming days. I look forward to rejoining you in the near future.

More Information *(We are now on Instagram @stpiousxo—Follow us!)*

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Donate

It's Festival Time!!! June 4th

The planning for our festival is in full swing. People are starting to be contacted to head up booths and activities, corporate sponsors have been contacted and parishioner sponsorship letters can be picked up in the narthex. These envelopes will contain raffle tickets and an opportunity to pre-purchase game tickets and become a festival sponsor. We are very grateful to Jill Ferguson and Susan Proulx-Herron who have enthusiastically stepped up to run the silent auction. Attached to this e-news are ways to help with that effort. Your Game booth Coordinators: Kate Macias and Christine Henningsen are returning for the 2nd year. As the time unfolds there will be all kinds of ways for involvement, for example, volunteering as a game booth captain, working a game booth, donating to the grocery booth, sportsman booth, craft booth, bake sale and concession stand. As in the past we will make these opportunities known through sign ups in the narthex, website, Sign Up Genius, Facebook and other avenues. This is the biggest fundraiser for the parish and one of the best ways as an entire parish community to share your time, talent and treasure. Last year we raised over \$45,000. To contact any of the co-chairs (Kristine Ericson, Karen Hosier, Trish Wangler and Erica Williamson) email them at festival@stpiusxomaha.org.

Please check out our [Amazon Wishlist](#) or our [Sign-up Genius](#) for ways that you can help with the Silent Auction for the St. Pius X Festival.

Keep an eye on the [website](#) as opportunities will be posted there when the information is available.



ST. PIUS X FESTIVAL DONATE TO THE SILENT AUCTION

We Need Your Help!

**ALL DONATIONS ARE NEEDED BY MAY 20TH AND CAN
BE DROPPED OFF AT THE PARISH OFFICE.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE ST. PIUS X FESTIVAL!

BUY FROM THE AMAZON WISH LIST

Choose an item and purchase it from the Amazon WishList. It will be sent to one of the chairs to be added to a basket.



SCAN ME



HAVE A BASKET IDEA?

Create your own basket and drop it off at the Parish Office by May 20th.

DONATE A GIFT CARD

Choose a local restaurant, movie theater, store, activity, or other place and purchase a gift card to it.



PURCHASE SOMETHING TO GO WITH ONE OF THE THEMES

Summer Fun, Game Night, Date Night, Baking, Pasta, Lego, Building Blocks, Scratch Off Lottery Bouquet, Breakfast, Movie Night, Art Supplies, Sports, Taco Night, Soup Night (with crockpot), Smore/Camping, Self-care, Coffee, Craft Time, Candy Bouquet, Gardening, Pet, BBQ, Wine, Whiskey, Golf



Checkout our Sign-Up
Genius for specifics
and more ways to help!



SCAN ME

Journey of Faith Update

We have received final approval from Archbishop Lucas on our submitted *Journey of Faith* proposal.

First: Archbishop's Final Decision:

Family Pastoral Planning Proposal Family & Convener: Urban Family F/Gadache Date: 9 March 2023

Archbishop Response

X Approved. With gratitude for the work begun in all 3 parishes to clearly articulate what their clear path(s) for discipleship looks like. Continue to enliven your clear paths to more intentionally meet everyone where they are on their faith journey and to help them grow in Christian maturity. As part of your clear paths, continue to build on your very good initiatives to collaborate for the enrichment of shared Adult Formation. Also continue to move forward with your efforts to maximize the investment in Catholic schools through a greater invitation for school families to participate in parish life. Thanks, too, for your very good work to complete the blending of Our Lady of Africa, St. Michael the Archangel and St. Bernard communities into one. This will encompass all aspects of parish life, including moving to one set of books for finances and for sacramental records.

Recommended: Parishes should continue to consider a shared tuition model, common salary and benefits for the schools, to attract and retain qualified staff, and possibly a common school corporation with board of limited jurisdiction.

Second: What's Next(from the Archdiocese):

- **Transition Phase begins.** The roughly 4-month long transition phase of Journey of Faith runs from now through June 30th. This is a time to catch our collective breaths, continue to process and internalize the changes that are coming, and to begin to think ahead to issues you might need to address now to create the conditions for smooth implementation beginning on July 1, 2023. You are free to begin your implementation sooner if that's what you think is best, but there is no expectation for you to do so.
- **Proposal finalization is mainly complete across the archdiocese.** The proposal finalization process is complete except for a very small number of families of parishes that are wrapping up their information sharing period this month--the archbishop will review and finalize those few remaining proposals on a case-by-case basis.
- **Coming soon: Spreading the word.** Now that we're wrapping up the final approval process, stay tuned for a series of upcoming archdiocesan-wide communications about the fruits of our planning, along with what's next as we continue our efforts to ever more deeply promote the mission of Jesus Christ.

Note: If anyone wishes to read the initial proposal and its amendments, please go to the Parish Office to have one printed. It is over 40+ pages, so in an effort to conserve we will not print more than is requested. You may also find it on our [website](#).

Summary of 2021 Zoom House Meetings and 2023 Planning Day

During Lent 2021, 10 Zoom meetings were held with over 100 people participating, all sharing their thoughts, hopes and dreams for what our parish would look like once Covid restrictions were lifted.

Two years later, on Saturday Feb 11, 2023 a large group of parishioners met to continue the conversations about parish life and the following is a summary of what areas of interest were identified and the current plans to continue forward movement:

Young Families: A group of parents will meet to start formulating ideas and scheduling events that appeal to families with young children. (Examples: family supper club, mother's helpers, granny-sitters, mentoring for couples...more ideas are welcome!)

Adult/parents with older children Activities: A group of interested people will start to meet to plan events/activities that appeal to this demographic. (Examples: Movie nights, Trivia/game nights, socials during events like Super bowl, world cup, and holidays etc...many more ideas to explore/plan)

70th Anniversary planning: Planning will start with a conversation at the next Pastoral Council meeting to set a date for Mass/meal and start a time line for meetings and committees. All are welcome to be a part of the planning team!!

Spirituality and Faith Formation: Colleen Ciciulla will be re-building an advisory group to start conversations/plans for more adult faith formation (Bible Studies, faith sharing groups, multigenerational faith sharing etc...)

Care for Creation/Recycling/Garden-Grounds: Mary Nowazyck will be leading a team to explore the possibility of expanding recycling at the 2023 Festival , learn from it and expand to other events and expand care for creation within the parish. Come and share your ideas!!

Communications/Membership Efforts to update current membership information, create an updated picture directory, business directory, newcomer welcoming and a phone tree. This team will work closely with the 70th Anniversary Planning Team.

Service and Justice: Will continue. The parish needs more people to join this team and learn about Catholic Social Teaching. There is strong desire to continue supporting refugees/immigrants, racial justice, explore ways to expand services to Homebound, and expand pantry and other emergency needs in our neighborhood. New ministry ideas will also be welcomed!

Liturgy: To be tabled until the summer

Don't wait for a personal invitation!! If you are interested in organizing or joining one of these efforts, call Cindy Johnson at the Parish Office 402-558-8446 or email at cindyj@stpiusxomaha.org. And be watching for announcements in the bulletin, e-news and on social media!