



September E-News

Tai Chi Evening Classes, Begin Sept. 6, 6:15-7:00, Monday and Wednesdays *Tai Chi – Moving for Better Balance* classes are targeted for adults who want to improve balance and coordination while learning a set of simple, continuous, rhythmic, and functionally purposeful and relaxing movements. Simple functional pre- and post-course measures will be taken so you can see your progress. Plan to attend after 5:30 daily Mass **or** after you get off work. Help prevent potential falls and damage done by sitting at desks and computers. Contact Linda via email (linda.lazureRN@gmail.com) or by phone ([402-689-9200](tel:402-689-9200)). Cost: \$28 for 14 classes

September 10, 9:30 AM - Sunday Preschool begins – Children ages 3-5 are welcome to attend the Sunday Preschool during the 9:30 Mass. Catechists Effie and Ralph Swinarski lead the children in prayer and activities related to the liturgical season and readings of the day. Registration is required. Register online at <https://www.stpiusxomaha.org/sunday-pre-school/>.

September 11 St. Leo Parish Festival from 11AM-6PM. Help support our sister parish.

Mahoney State Park Theatre, Sept. 17, 3:00 pm, Ashland Join the St. Pius X/St. Leo Young at Heart for an entertaining melodrama called “Ranger Danger”. Cost is \$9 per person plus the State Park entry fee (\$6 per car without a state park sticker). After the show we will gather at Parker’s Smokehouse at 16880 Highway U-S 6 for dinner. RSVP with payment to Dina at 402-397-0407 by Monday, September 11th. If you would like to ride with someone, we will be leaving St. Leo’s at 2 PM.

St. Pius X/ St. Leo’s High School Youth Group starting, Sept. 17, 6:30-8:30 pm We welcome all students grades 9-12 to join us in community, food, and grow as people of God. Dinner provided! Contact: Janet Drvol, janetd@stpiusxomaha.org for more information.

St. Pius X/ St. Leo Junior High Youth Group, starting Sept. 24th, 1:30-3:00, St. Pius X Parish Center All 7th and 8th grade students are invited to join our St. Leo/St. Pius X Junior High Youth Group! Snacks, Games, and Fun included. Contact: Janet Drvol, janetd@stpiusxomaha.org for more information.

St. Pius X Calendar Club! It is that time of Year We’ll start selling tickets **Sept. 16th!** 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. 13.

Initiation of Adults - Know someone who wants to learn more about becoming Catholic? The process of learning about our Catholic faith and practices begins in the parish – at Mass, at social and service events, and in regular sessions with other inquirers, catechists and parishioners who share their faith and experiences. Group sessions usually begin in September and culminate at the Easter Vigil. If you want to be involved in this process as an inquirer or a team member, please contact Colleen at 402-558-1898 or colleenc@stpiusxomaha.org.

September 20 – Religious Education kickoff dinner at 6:30 PM, Parish Center – All families who participate in the parish Religious Education program on Wednesday nights are invited to come for dinner. You will pick up materials and meet the catechists. Hot dogs, chips and drinks will be provided.

September 27th, 6:30 Church - Docents needed for Reconciliation Church Tour – Families with children who will be receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time are going to take self-guided tours of the church. Adults (or mature middle or high school children) set up and serve as a docents stationed at several different stations around the church. It’s a fun and interesting event. Contact Colleen colleenc@stpiusxomaha.org.

From Finance A sincere thank you to the donors and volunteers who contributed their time and money to make the Parish Festival the outstanding success that it was. We thank Kristy Ericson, Erica Williamson, Karen Hosier and Trish Wangler, for leading this effort and the members of the Parish Festival Committee. Sincere thanks as well to the leaders of the Parish Garage Sale (Cindy Johnson) and the Ann's Attic Clothing Sale (Sue Kurtenbach) and their hard working volunteers. *Estate Planning Note:* There various ways to include St. Pius X in your estate plan:

- (1) By a bequest in your will;
- (2) By naming the parish the beneficiary of your retirement plan;
- (3) By designating the parish as the payable upon death beneficiary on your investment/brokerage account and/or your savings/checking account.

The parish has received significant memorial gifts in honor of deceased loved ones. Special thanks to the families who have made these gifts possible.

Health Ministry September is Healthy Aging Month. Celebrating Healthy Aging month began 30 years ago to increase awareness of managing the challenges of aging. Anyone - at any age - can adopt a healthier lifestyle to live as independently as possible and maintain quality of life.

The National Institute on Aging, part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), maintains an informative website [What Do We Know About Healthy Aging? | National Institute on Aging \(nih.gov\)](#). Check out the dozen research-based factors that can positively influence healthy aging! A flyer is also available in the kiosk at church.

Did you go to CCD as a kid? If so, consider giving back by serving as a catechist or an aide in the parish Religious Education program. (You date yourself if you call it CCD!) Starting in October, children meet once monthly with catechists. Catechists start preparing in September. The Family Faith Formation program (grades 1-6) theme this year is "The Mass". Please ask the Holy Spirit to give you the courage and generosity to share your faith with our young Catholics and their families.

Religious Education- Parish children in public schools (grades 1-8) are invited to participate in the parish Religious Education program. We use a Family Formation model and meet twice monthly on Wednesday evenings. Find the registration form and details at <https://www.stpiusxomaha.org/religious-education/> and call Colleen at 402-558-1898 to register your child.

Our New Guide Book and Directory has been mailed. You should have received in the past week the 2023-24 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 will be available on our website once it is made available to us. 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.

Save the Date, Saturday, Oct. 21, 5:30 Creighton Prep Plan to join us for the St. Pius X/St. Leo Annual Fundraiser. **Individually Unique, Together Complete** is a parent sponsored event and our biggest fundraiser of the year! Please save the date. Also, if you have an item to donate to our silent auction, please contact Liz Burke at eab42248@yahoo.com

Parish Festival 2024 Who likes games? How will you use your gifts for this great community event? The Festival Committee is looking for new game chair-people. Basically this entails choosing the games and inflatables, ensuring that there are booth captains for each booth (school provides 8 booth captains), and making sure all the game pieces and misc. items are ready the day of the festival. We want to thank Christine Henningsen and Kate Macias for chairing this for the past two festivals. If anyone is interested please send a message to festival@stpiusxomaha.org

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