



October E-News

October is Respect Life Month. Every October, we consider more deeply why *every* human life is valuable and reflect on how to build a culture that protects life and promotes human dignity from conception to natural death. This is a good time to reflect on our welcome message posted in the church or on our [website](#). Consider these ministries at St. Pius X and join us this fall as we [pray](#), fast and publicly stand for life!

- **Participate** in Respect Life Ministry Activities like:
 - **Pray** with other parishioners for 40 days of Life at Planned Parenthood (3105 N. 93rd)
Wednesdays, Sept. 27-Nov. 5
 - **Stand witness** with other St. Pius parishioners at the Life Chain **Oct. 1, 2:00** (Burger King , 78th & Dodge) Contact: respectlife@stpiusxomaha.org

And/or (to name just a few other ways)

- **Visit** a homebound or sick parishioner
- **Donate** to the St. Pius X Food Pantry or Human Needs
- **Become** a bereavement minister (Contact [Rita Bianchi](#))
- **Connect** with clients needing basic needs through our Human Needs Outreach (Contact [Nancy Lobsinger](#))
- **Read and Reflect** on a book on racism
- **Care** for God's creation by participating in the Nov. 11 parish fall clean up.

Walk through the Mass, Wednesday, Oct. 4, 6:30 pm St. Pius X Church Learn the history and reason behind the smells the bells, the readings, and postures that make our celebration of the Mass the greatest prayer that we can offer. Fr. Joe Wray will lead us through the parts of the Mass from gathering to dismissal.

Dinner and Entertainment, Saturday, Oct. 14, St. Leo's Join us for Dinner and Entertainment! All are welcome! Following 5:00 PM Mass at St. Leo Church. Join us as we enjoy the songs of the "Come Together Band" presenting a musical celebration of the Beatles! This is a unique group that recreates both vocally and instrumentally this timeless music. We will have a catered dinner with brisket and sides. RSVP with payment to the St. Leo office, of \$20 by October 9th. Sponsored by St. Pius/St. Leo Young at Heart

Communal Anointing of the Sick, Saturday, Oct. 14, 5:00 pm and Sunday, Oct. 15, 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. In the communal celebration at Mass, those who are anointing are supported and prayed for by the entire community. We welcome anyone who wishes to be anointed. In addition, the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be providing shawls, free for the taking, to be given to those whom you know will benefit from one.

St. Pius X/St. Leo Fundraiser, Saturday, Oct. 21, 5:30, Creighton Prep St. Pius X / St. Leo School would like to personally invite you to join us at our upcoming Fall Fundraiser. Our theme this year is *Individually Unique, Together Complete*. We would be honored for you to complete the puzzle and join us in celebrating the past, present, and future of SPSL! You can buy tickets online and register to bid [here](#). Hope to see you there!

Celebrating Fr. Gadache, Oct. 22, 9:30 am We finally have rescheduled the Thank You Mass and reception for Fr. Gadache. Come join us for the 9:30 Mass and reception to follow. While he is only a few blocks away, we never were able to give the send off he deserved.

Supper Club is ready for another round!!! Sunday Oct. 22, 5:30 pm Come join the 18th year of Supper Club! 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 22 at 5:30 pm at the O'Brien Parish Center in the Fireplace Room. Participation is easy. Join the

potluck in the Parish Center to meet your group. Then host a meal once in the next 5 months. The rest of your group of 2 or 3 other couples/singles takes their turn hosting as well. Can't make the 22nd...no worries, just let us know and we will still get you signed up. For more details, see the flier in the kiosk or [online](#). Questions: Katy at katysalzman1@yahoo.com, Colleen at cdmomaha@gmail.com or Trish at 402-991-2625

Theology Matters, Tuesday, Oct. 24 7:00 pm, Church - Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Catholic Social Principles and the Common Good, Barb Rezac, VP of Mt. Marty University, along with Benedictine nuns from Yankton, SD will present on how observing simple acts of Benedictine spiritual practices can transform you and your workplace. Bring a friend or two!

Sunday Preschool is in session— 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/>.

St. Pius X Calendar Club! It is that time of Year Calendar Club 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 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. 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.

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry offers comfort to those who need it. Their handmade shawls have reached 100's of parishioners and beyond.

Ways you can help:

- Donate yarn! If you have yarn sitting in your closet that you haven't used.
- Donations of gift cards to Hobby Lobby, JoAnn's Fabric, or other places where yarn can be purchased is also appreciated. You can drop off donations at the parish office. Preferably no rug, baby or sport yarns. Skeins of yarn instead of balls of yarn are also preferable.
- Donate cash! So yarn can be purchased.
- Knit or crochet shawls at home or together once a month at the parish.

Thanks for helping our dedicated knitters and crocheters share God's love and comfort! Contact: shawl@stpiusxomaha.org

From Finance A cash flow challenge: The expenses of the parish accrue and are paid on a steady, predictable schedule with the month to month expenses not varying greatly over the fiscal year. On the income side, the situation is much different as the major giving holydays (Christmas/Easter) and the major fundraiser (Parish Festival) occur in the second half of the fiscal year. What that results in is a challenging cash flow issue in the first half of the fiscal year, which we are currently experiencing. We draw this to your attention and ask that it is more important than ever to maintain, and ideally increase, your weekly contributions. We are grateful to those who have continued their regular weekly giving and even more grateful for those who have been able to increase their weekly giving. We are grateful as well for memorial gifts made in honor of deceased loved ones and for estate bequests. Qualified charitable distributions from your retirement plan are an excellent method of supporting your parish. Please consult with your financial advisor to discover how simple and easy is to make this form of gift to your parish.

In addition to the immediate need of cash flow mentioned above, conversations have started around a couple of big projects for down the road.

1. Our computer systems will have to be updated in the next 18-24 months, so there is a group who have started to look at what we have/what we need and will make recommendations to the finance committee.
2. The Pastoral Council is very aware of the need to replace the carpet in the parish center and will be putting a sub-committee together to look at this as well as other improvements in the parish center. They will then make a recommendation to the finance committee

From Pastoral Council Want to know what happens at Pastoral Council meetings? Pastoral Council members are your representatives. Once a month they are present after all the Masses to hear your comments, questions or just to meet you. You can also send in any questions, comments, suggestions, by filling out a contact form from the kiosk in church or going to the [website](#). Also, online you can find pictures, contact information and bios of all members, plus minutes to all the meetings.

Archdiocese of Omaha Annual Appeal Recently you received 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.

THANK YOU! Many thanks to all of the members of St. Leo the Great Parish, St. Pius X Parish and the families of St. Pius/St. Leo School who donated so generously to help furnish the apartments for the two families from Venezuela. These families have moved into their new homes and are enjoying the many items donated to them. They have asked that we convey their sincere appreciation to all who have helped them feel so welcome as new members of our community. Tom and Margaret Hoarty Omaha Welcomes the Stranger

Save the Date

Saturday, Nov. 4, 9:30 am Mass of Remembrance The Mass of Remembrance is an opportunity to be with those families and friends whose grief and loss is felt by the whole community. Each person who has died is individually named, and a memorial cross is given to them. Those who are able to be present to witness our communal love and support are invited to the celebration of life of those we lost this past year.

Saturday, Nov. 4, 6:30 pm Trivial Pursuit, It is that time of year for the Women's Organization Annual Fall Gathering. This has proven to be a great time that gathers parishioners together for a night of entertainment and laughs. Come and just be entertained or get a team together and play. It is just good to be together!!! Registration for teams of individuals can be done [here](#). Deadline for registering to play is Oct. 30. Not playing? Just show up. Cost is just \$10 for a great night of fun. More information contact: womansorg@stpiusxomaha.org

New Opportunities to become involved in our parish!

Nov. 11, Fall clean up. Mark your calendars for Nov. 11. More details will be coming. Future projects include: landscaping, re-assessing the community garden and the possibility of re-building the grotto.

70th Anniversary A small group of parishioners met in July to start thinking about how we want to celebrate this milestone event. Mark your calendars for Aug 25, 2024. We are looking for people interested in helping plan this day and will start in earnest in January.

Liturgy Update The Liturgy Committee has begun meeting and is assessing all aspects of Liturgy, including music. There will be more to report in the coming weeks.

Parish Festival 2024 June 2, (Tentative date) 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 in this opportunity or any other way to be involved, please send a message to festival@stpiusxomaha.org

If you are interested in being involved or finding out more about any of these opportunities please contact: Cindy Johnson, cindyj@stpiusxomaha.org

More Information and Details

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