



March E-News

Lent Opportunities

During the season of Lent, you are invited to take a little **Lenten Reflection Book** to pray and reflect each day. The books offer spiritual insights for us based on the scripture readings and seasonal emphasis of the day. They are available in the narthex.

Rice Bowls are available in the narthex. Donations to the Rice Bowl change lives -- your life and those who benefit from your gifts. Twenty-five percent of the proceeds fight hunger and poverty in the local diocese, and 75% go to Catholic Relief Services projects around the world.

Stations of the Cross are led each Friday during Lent, following the 5:30pm Mass.

Heart & Sole: Journey Back to Jesus, Ash Wednesday, February 14th, and ends on Holy Saturday, March 30th. Sign up for the program in the narthex after all the Masses the weekends of **February 3/4 and February 10/11**. The Health Ministry committee is sponsoring a parish walking program/challenge this Lent. The program begins on Participants will be given an information sheet and a Lenten reflection booklet. The program is FREE and is a great way to build physical and spiritual health this Lent. Questions? Contact Margaret at 402-709-4624 or tom-margaret@cox.net

Taize Service, Monday, March 18, 5:30 PM in the church. Are you longing this Lent for a prayer service filled with quiet and meditation? 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.

Stations of the Cross, Walk for Justice Friday, March 29, 1:00 pm Begins at St. Mary Magdalene Church (109 S. 19th) Sponsored by: Sacred Heart, St. Benedict the Moor, St. Leo the Great, St. Magdalene, St. John's Creighton University and St. Pius X Churches; Creighton Prep, Duchesne, Gross, Marian, Mercy, Mount Michael, and Skutt Catholic High Schools; Catholic Charities; Schlegel Center for Service and Justice, and Society of St. Vincent de Paul. If you and/or your high schooler want to participate in any way, please contact Colleen 402-558-1898 colleenc@stpiusxomaha.org

Parish Reconciliation, Tuesday, March 19th, 6:30 pm

Liturgical Ministers are needed for all of our **Holy Week Liturgies**. Please let the [liturgy committee](#) know if you will be around, and for which liturgies you might be available, Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday, March 23 through March 31.

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday, March 23-24 Saturday, 5:00 pm, Sunday, 7:30 and 9:30 am

Holy Thursday, March 28, 7:00 pm

Good Friday, March 29, 7:00 pm

Easter Vigil, March 30, 8:30 pm

Easter, March 31, 7:30 and 9:30 am

Other Lenten Resources There are many opportunities available to help you enter into the spirit of lent. Find a variety of resources [here](#).

Soda Bread is now going on until March 12! The St. Pius and St. Leo Knights of Columbus are again offering Soda Bread. Please be sure to stop in the narthex after Mass to get your Soda Bread and help support our school. The funds from this go to St. Pius X/St. Leo School Tuition Assistance. Your donations are appreciated. All of your favorite flavors will be

available. Also, The Knights of Columbus will be wrapping soda bread. You are invited to help. Adults are encouraged to sign up with their youth for a fun opportunity of service together. Click on the link below to sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050549AF2FA3FC1-47023821-soda#/>

St. Pius X Health Ministry Blood Pressure (BP) screening after Masses! March 9-10 Second weekend every month at all Masses (Mark your calendars)

Pasta Fridays Serving from 5-7:30 p.m. March, 1,8, and 15 Pasta Fridays are back for 4 consecutive Fridays beginning Feb 23. St. Pius X Parish Center Please join us for your choice of five great meatless sauces over a variety of pastas. Macaroni and cheese or cheese pizza for the kids. Plus, salad, bread and beverages. Everyone is welcome! Questions? 402-558-8446 **There are a variety of volunteer positions available. You can sign up here.** [sign up genius.](#)

St. Pius X/St. Leo Young Heart St. Patrick's Day Luncheon, March 12, St. Leo's. Entertainment by David Marsh with Irish music on a variety of instruments including penny whistle, autoharp, Irish drum, dulcimer and more. Watch for more information.

Family Mass, Sunday, March 17, 9:30 am While we hope every Mass is an opportunity to come and pray with your family and your faith family, this Mass we will be blessed with our young people helping lead the community.

From the Finance Committee Campaign Update: The pulpit presentations the weekend of February 17th as well as letters sent out earlier that week emphasized the very positive response that has taken place the last three months: the parish is now current on all its outstanding obligations, including payments to the school. A sincere thank you to all who responded so generously. However, as we go into the second half of our fiscal year the challenge to fully fund all of the parish programs remain. If we continue to follow the campaign plan of a 50% increase in Sunday and Easter giving, we will meet our financial obligations. The Pasta Fridays are now in full swing, as is planning for the Parish Festival. These events provide critical funding for our revenue stream in the second half of the fiscal year. Please make a special effort to support these activities with your time, talents, and treasure. And finally: Easter comes early this year: March 31st. It is important that we meet our revenue goal for this collection. With our parish spirit of "hard work, sacrifice, and simplicity," we are confident that this goal can be met along with the other goals we have set.

Opportunities to share your gifts.

Do you have musical talent? Can you sing or play an instrument? Whether you have sung in a group prior to reading this or are brand new to the idea of sharing your talent, consider sharing your gifts at Holy Week Masses. Triduum Masses are March 28, 29th and 30th. Please contact Cindy Johnson in the church office or email her at cindyj@stpiusxomaha.org and let her know which Masses you would like to sing/play an instrument.

Narthex Display Case – decorators needed! Do you decorate for Christmas? Easter? Challenge your creativity by adding a faith twist to your handiwork. We are looking for some creative people who would like to decorate one section of the glass display case in the narthex with seasonal displays and messages. Grab a friend and have fun putting your talents to work to inspire others! Contact: liturgy@stpiusxomaha.org

70th Anniversary St. Pius X Parish officially began May 8, 1954, when the Chancellor of the Omaha Archdiocese wrote the Rev. George Kempker in Worthington, Ohio. In effect the letter said: We're building a new parish; we want you to be the "architect." You'll start with two blocks of property at 69th & Blondo (a cornfield), 500 families, and our prayers. And, as they say, the rest is history! This year we will be celebrating, remembering and embracing our wonderful parish, St. Pius X. To do this successfully, your help is needed. Please look at the list and see where your strengths can help. Contact Colleen and Jerry to volunteer 402-740-7372 or mailto:cdmomaha@gmail.com List: Special Liturgy, through the years history display, Benson/Dundee Parades, Etc.

From SPSL School

Reading is a Blast 2024 Scholastic Book Fair (Located in the SPSL Library) Sunday, February 25 – Friday, March 1

SPSL Library will host the Scholastic Book Fair from February 25 to March 1. We will have Family Shopping on Sunday, February 25th from 8:00am – 12:00pm and on Tuesday, February 27th from 4:00 – 7:00pm. Don't miss the Planetarium Presentation on Roman and Greek constellations in the parish center. [Sign Up Here](#). There will also be some fun activities to participate in on Tuesday from 4:00-7:00pm. Please enter the east school doors (by the cafeteria).

SPSL is now enrolling all grades for the 2024-25 school year, Pre-K through 8th! To learn more or schedule a tour, please call the school office at 402-551-6667 or email kim.kenney@spsl.net.

Save the Date, 20th SPSL Annual Gold Classic, Monday, May 20 Field Club Program, Prizes and Dinner. Foursome: \$530, Individual \$130 More information contact Joe Toppi, 402-551-6667, joe.toppi@spsl.net

Next Principal at SPSL

After a diligent six-week search, we are excited to introduce Katy Chattin as the next principal of St. Pius X / St. Leo Catholic School. This process, informed by insights from listening sessions and faculty input, was a testament to our commitment to finding a leader who not only shares our values and embodies our school mission, but is also poised to guide our school into a promising future.

Among the candidates, Katy Chattin stood out for her exceptional alignment with our community's aspirations for academic excellence, Catholic faith formation, and a community-focused approach that cherishes diversity and inclusiveness.

Katy has long been a cherished member of the SPSL family, serving as a teacher, administrator, parent, and parishioner. Her vision for our school encompasses a dedication to academic excellence in a faith-filled environment, supporting our teachers and staff, and ensuring the best for our students and their families.

The unanimous recommendation by the search committee that parish leadership extend the offer of SPSL Principal to Katy came after careful consideration and underscored her unmatched qualifications for this role. Among the traits distinguishing Katy from other candidates was her eagerness to implement a specific goal-oriented transition plan, which in part translated to a score more than 15% higher than the next closest candidate on the search committee's scoring rubric.

This is an exciting occasion for SPSL School, as we welcome a leader who is deeply committed to fostering an environment of excellence, faith, and community. Together, we look forward to embarking on this new chapter under Katy's leadership.

Festival News 2024, June 2

Who likes games? How will you use your gifts for this great community event? The Festival Committee is looking for people to chair the games at the festival. 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 also need Booth Captains for Dime Toss and Corn Hole Tournament (NEW) If you have questions, contact Kristy Ericson 402-290-8524 or you can email festival@stpiusxomaha.org

Seamstresses, Jewelry Makers and Crafters of all types!! The SPX Festival is coming up in about 4 months, on June 2. Please consider donating your creations to the Craft Booth. Kitchen items (potholders, microwave bowl caddies, dish towels etc., are all great items. Baby items, aprons, handmade jewelry and note/greeting cards are all popular. We even sell homemade jams/jellies and plants. (We also sell vintage jewelry.) Thank you for the continued support of the Craft Booth. Questions: Colleen, cdmomaha@gmail.com

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