



May E-News

Welcome Fr. Mark Tomaszewicz as our new pastor.

Fr. Mark will be joining us sometime in mid-June. Here is a little about Fr. Mark. He grew up on a farm near Humphrey, NE, the third child (he has 3 sisters) of Felix & Maxine. Fr. Mark graduated from Humphrey High School in 1983 and attended college seminary at Conception, MO, graduating in 1987. He graduated from Mundelein Seminary in 1991 and was ordained on June 1, 1991. Fr. Mark has served at numerous parishes both in Omaha and the rural area. He spent 8 years doing campus ministry at Wayne State College and was in the Air Force reserves, where he was an Air force chaplain. He currently serving at St. Anthony's Paris in Cedar Rapids, along with St. Michael's in Albion. We are grateful for his 'yes' to serving as the eighth pastor of St. Pius X.



It's Festival Planning Time

June 2, 11 am-5 pm

Your returning Festival chairs Kristy Ericson, Karen Hosier and Erica Williamson, have begun preparations for our 2024 festival. We are still in need of a captain for our Game Booths. The games are picked, the volunteers will be filled by the school, we need someone to oversee the supplies and ensure all setup is ready to roll at 11am. Setup is coordinated with the Men's groups who do most of the heavy lifting. If you have questions, contact any festival chair at festival@stpiusxomaha.org. Exciting new things coming include: Large Cash Lottery, Corn Hole Tournament, New Adventure Book Sale, and more.

New for the Festival: Cornhole Tournament! Grab your partner and register for the inaugural SPX Cornhole tournament. Two person teams will compete for a prize and bragging rights on June 2nd. Cost: \$40/team. To register contact Mike Poulin at justmp@gmail.com or 402-238-7716. **Help Needed:** Do you have a cornhole set we can borrow? Contact Mike to loan us your set for the day.

Glassware Donations Needed Donate your mismatch, unneeded cups, glasses, small bowls, etc for our Dime Toss. Put in the Narthex tub marked Dime Toss.

Books Needed !Gently used Book donations needed for our used Book Sale. Place books in the Narthex tubs labeled books.

Sewers, Jewelry Makers and Crafters of all types!! 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 vintage jewelry) and note/greeting cards are all popular. We even sell homemade jams/jellies and plants. Handmade pottery and woodworking are also great to sell. Continue to produce crafts for the Craft Booth! You can bring your items to the parish center on Friday, May 31 and Saturday, June 1 between 9:00 and noon. Do you need to have it picked up? email Colleen at cdmomaha@gmail.com

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70th Anniversary Kickoff, Sunday, May 19, we will kickoff our 70th Anniversary at all masses. Over the spring and summer you will have the opportunity to order T-shirts, enjoy and work at the Festival, walk in the Benson and/or Dundee Parades and celebrate at our parish picnic on **August 25th**. Watch the bulletin, website, Facebook and digital screen for further information and opportunities to volunteer.

GET YOUR 70TH ANNIVERSARY T-SHIRT! Order a 70th Anniversary T-shirt by **May 14th** to be part of the action! We will be ordering online and receiving and picking up the T-shirts to distribute during the May 25-26 weekend masses. You can wear it to the Festival, Benson Days and Dundee Parades and our Parish Picnic and all summer long!! See the link for ordering. <https://cfpromo.chipply.com/stpiusxcatholicchurch/>

St. Pius X Acts of Kindness Challenge In celebration of our upcoming 70th anniversary, we would like to announce a project for performing and witnessing acts of kindness over the next few months leading up to our Parish celebration in August. Work individually or get together with your family or a group of friends to complete 70 acts of kindness or participate in a drive for 70 items. Here are some examples of what parishioners are encouraged to do: Collect 70 items for the food pantry, Pick up 70 pieces of litter, Complete 70 hours of community service (Consider donating your time specifically to the Parish Festival, Ann's Attic, Parish Garage Sale and other parish functions. You can send "Thinking of You" cards to a local nursing home, or donate 7- items (books, articles of clothing, toys) to a local shelter. We will share these acts of kindness that we perform as well as acts of kindness that we observe with each other in a display in the Narthex.

Come join the 19th year of Supper Club! Sunday, April 28, 5:30 We meet new people, enjoy good conversations and eat tasty food. We start this 6-month group with a kickoff potluck meal at the O'Brien Parish Center in the Fireplace Room. Participation is easy. You 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. For more details, see the flier in the kiosk. Join Supper Club by contacting Katy at katysalzman1@yahoo.com, Colleen at cdmomaha@gmail.com or Trish at 402-991-2625.

Non-certification CPR/ AED Monday, April 29, 2024, 1:30pm-3:00pm, Parish Center. All parishioners are invited to learn these life saving skills. No charge for this event. Taught by parishioner, Jim Boomsma, retired from the Omaha Fire Department and current instructor at the Nebraska Safety Council. If interested in attending or questions contact: Nancy McCarthy, nancy@raggedwood.com, 402-453-7279

Join us at a Taize Service, Monday, April 29th, at 5:30 PM in the church Are you longing 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 noise, 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.

Parish Religious Education is now enrolling grades 1-8 for the 2024-25 school year. Get program information and details at <https://www.stpiusxomaha.org/religious-education/> or contact Colleen at 402-558-1898 colleenc@stpiusxomaha.org.

From the Finance Committee Deacon Kevin Fuller provided some updates on the finances of the parish at all the masses the weekend of April 20/21. Of particular note: the parking lot envelope will be retired soon as the south parking lot project is deferred until next year. Of immediate concern is funding needed for renovations to the second floor living space in the rectory. This project has priority as the goal is to have the renovations completed prior to Fr. Mark's arrival in mid June. If you are in a position to make a financial contribution to this project, it would be most appreciated.

Deacon Kevin also indicated that with money raised in our recent campaign plans are being made to begin renovations on the Parish Center. Sincere thanks to all who made this possible. The Parish Festival is the last major fundraiser for the fiscal year – please assist our hard working Festival Committee by donations of your time, talent and treasure. We especially encourage parishioners to return the sponsorship forms that were made available in the narthex of the church.

I Give Catholic The Nebraska Catholic Day of Giving is a 24-hour event (**May 1**) is intended to inspire generosity that will benefit Catholic parishes, schools, ministries, and organizations throughout the state. Through this initiative sponsored collectively by the Archdiocese of Omaha, the Diocese of Lincoln and the Diocese of Grand Island, we will come together as one, unified Church. The desire is to create awareness and help organizations raise critically important funds so that they may continue to accomplish the outstanding work they do for so many throughout Nebraska. To give or for more information [go here](#)

Parish Guidebook and 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. 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 by May 31

Does our Parish database have YOUR family membership record correct? Here is your chance to update YOUR record for our annual Guide Book & Directory (if you haven't already done so). It is time for us to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in YOUR family over the past year. Have you changed your phone number? 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? If you have not already informed the Parish Office about changes to your record, please let us know now so that the information in the Guide Book & Directory is correct. The Parish Office number is 402-558-8446.

From SPSL School

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.

There will be a 60th Reunion for the St. Pius X Class of 1964 the evening of August 24, 2024. Classmates will gather at DJ's Dugout on 114th and Dodge. To learn more contact Linda (Chalupa Speers) at lspeers7@gmail.com.

Monday, May 20 at Field Club Registration for the SPSL Golf Classic - our 20th Annual - is now open! It's a great day for a great cause - your favorite elementary school! Friction free registration can be done [here](#) and sponsorship opportunities and more information is below. Checks may also be sent to SPSL. Contact michaela.smith@spsl.net with questions.

From Our Family of Parishes

ST LEO Vacation Bible School REGISTRATION IS OPEN Children ages 5-12 (Entering Kindergarten - Grade 5 in fall of 2024) are invited to join us to dive deep into friendship with God! At Scuba VBS, kids will be immersed in the Word and discover what living water is really all about! Please register **by May 15th** at NOON to ensure a t-shirt for your child. **DATES** Monday, June 3— Thursday, June 6 9:00am — 12:00pm **FEES** Cost is \$40 per child and includes a t-shirt. *if you'd like to add \$2 per child for transaction fee we would welcome that, Thank you! **VBS VOLUNTEER INFORMATION** No fees for volunteers but you MUST ATTEND TRAINING Sunday, June 4th from 11:00 am - 11:55 am & be entering 6th grade in the fall of 2024. *Anyone over 19 must be Safe Environment certified by the Archdiocese of Omaha. **LINK TO REGISTER:** vbspro.events/p/stleoscuba

More Information and Details

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