St. Pius X Church E-NEWS Apríl 2025

Holy Week Services

April 12-13

April 17

April 18

April 19

April 20

Palm Sunday Holy Thursday **Good Friday** Easter Vigil Easter

Saturday, 5:00 pm, Sunday, 7:30 and 9:30 am 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 8:30 pm 7:30 and 9:30 am Please go here for more Lenten Resources

The Parish Office will be closed April 18-21

Parish Lenten Book Read Study Groups Fr. Mark and Fiacre Tollo are leading a Study Group starting on Sundays of Lent, following the 7:30 am Mass. If you would like to gather a group together and lead your own, contact Colleen Ciciulla, to get a copy of the leaders guide. Remember "Where two or more are gathered "

Attention men of St. Pius X Saturday's of Lent, 8:00 am, Parish Center (Fireplace Room) Our Knights of Columbus Council is excited to share the implementation of Cor, a new formation and fraternal opportunity for the men of St. Pius X parish. Cor exists to form and strengthen Catholic men in faith and virtue as missionary disciples by drawing them into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, formation, and fraternity. Cor meets at 8:00 AM in the Parish Center (Fireplace Room). Come join your brother parishioners for coffee and donuts, prayer and fraternity. You do not need to be a member of any organization to join us, this is open to all men of St. Pius X. God Bless. Questions? cor team@kofc.stpiusxomaha.org

Stations of the Cross Fridays, 5:30 pm April 4, 11. Religious Education, Stations of the Cross Wednesday, April 2, 7:00 pm, Church All are welcome! (Due to the numerous weather cancellations of RE and practice times, these will now be the standard stations format held in the church). Stations of the Cross Walk for Justice, Friday, April 18, 1:00 Start at St. Mary Magdalene Church

Easter Flowers If you would like to make a donation towards Easter Flowers for the church, please drop off your donation in the collection basket or parish office. Provide your name, amount of your donation, and note who it is in memory of. Further questions contact: <u>liturgy@stpiusxomaha.org</u>

Family Mass, Sunday, March 30, 9:30 am We hope that families find all our Masses welcoming and a 'family Mass'. At this particular Mass we extend a special invitation to families to help with any of the liturgical ministries. This one is focused on families with 1st and 7th Grade. If an individual in your family or your family as a whole would like to be involved please reach out to: Shawna Roche at roche0903@gmail.com to find ways to be involved in this mass.

Omaha Together One Community (OTOC) Annual Fundraiser, Sunday March 30th, 4:00 -7:30 pm. St. Pius X Parish, a member organization, will help "Celebrate Community" at the Firefighters Hall, 60th and Grover. You can register and buy tickets at: http://bidpal.net/otocauction2025 . The silent auction opens online on Saturday, March 22nd and closes on Sunday, March 30th at 6:30 pm. Contact Colleen Morrissey at cdmomaha@gmail.com

It's Pasta Fridays, One more left!! April 4, 5-7:30 p.m. 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. Tickets are \$12 Adults, \$10 Seniors, \$6 Kids, \$40 Family (2 adults and their children) Everyone is welcome! And everyone is invited to help if you would like. <u>Go here to see volunteer opportunities</u>. Questions? 402-558-8446

Women and Girls Lenten Gathering, History of the Rosary, Wednesday, April 9, 6:15-8:00 pm, Church A gathering for women to spend time with each other and enjoy an evening with some prayer, knowledge of our history (rosary), and friendship. For information contact: Nancy Lobsinger <u>nlobsing@cox.net</u> or Patty Juszyk <u>juceclan@cox.net</u>

It Is Time For A New Round Of Supper Club! Kickoff Potluck Meal, Sunday, April 13th, 5:30 pm, Parish Center We meet new people, enjoy good conversations and eat tasty food. 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. To join contact Katy at <u>katysalzman1@yahoo.com</u>, Colleen at <u>cdmomaha@gmail.com</u> or Trish at 402-991-2625.

Come Pray with us, Holy Thursday, April 17, 8:30 pm-Midnight Commit to praying for 3 minutes before the Blessed Sacrament on Holy Thursday from 8:30 PM until midnight. Church doors will be locked after the service, but someone will let volunteers in through the northwest main doors. The altar of repose will be in the multi-Purpose Room off the narthex of the church. It is not required to sign up, but by doing so we can make sure all hours are covered. <u>Sign up here.</u> 30-minute time slots.

St. Pius X Women's Organization Spring Brunch, Saturday, April 26, 9:00 am. *A Woman's Walk with God*. Our speaker will be Lisa Kelly, author of *The Spiritual Path, Embarking on the Journey of a Lifetime*. Lisa is a former parishioner of St. Pius X and mother of three former SPSL students (Andrew, Michael, and Cate), is also a 20-year Ignatian Associate. She writes for Loyola Press, and accompanies Church leaders through the Discerning Leadership Program out of Rome. Lisa also embraces "Cancer defier" as part of her identity, having recently journeyed through lymphoma and a bone marrow transplant. Cost: \$15 (Deadline: April 22), Caterer: Pleasure Your Palate, Tickets on sale after Masses on April 5/6 and April 12/13 or in Parish Office

First Communion April 27, 2 pm We pray today for all our first communicants. May they forever be blessed as they continue to trust God and grow in His grace. Congratulations!

Taize' Prayer, Monday, April 28, 5:30 pm, Church. Join us for a Taize' (Ty-zay) prayer service. Taize' is a prayer form that consists of meditative music, readings, and periods of silence. In our world filled with conflict and noise, Taize' offers an opportunity to be still and hear the voice of God.

The Pastoral Council Needs You! This spring there are two open positions on the Pastoral Council. This ministry is a consultative body that meets with the Pastor to set the vision and direction of the parish. They listen to suggestions and inquiries from the congregation and share them at monthly meetings. Council members also foster a welcoming and nurturing environment for all who worship with us. Those on the council serve a three year term.

The Pastoral Council is a valued and consultative committee meant to assist the Pastor with forming a vision and guiding the parish toward fulfilling its mission. Members are engaged along with parishioners to live their baptismal calling to grow in the four key areas of Word, Worship, Service and Stewardship. We are seeking individuals who are passionate about our mission and are committed to serving our community with love, integrity, and compassion. Prayerfully consider offering yourself as a candidate for the council. Diversity strengthens our council and enriches our collective wisdom, so self nominations from individuals of all backgrounds and experiences will be accepted until April 28, 2025.Like the early church, there is no "election". At a Mass in May we will draw names from a hat to choose the new members of the council. Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our church family. Together, let us continue our tradition of sacrifice, hard work and simplicity.If you have questions, please reach out to Pastoral Council President Kristy Ericson, or Father Mark.For consideration, please submit your name to Kristy Ericson <u>kmericson46@gmail.com</u> or 402-290-8524.

From the School

The 3rd annual fundraiser for Jimmy Moran, Saturday, April 12th, 5:00 pm-10:00 pm. The Admiral Theater Dinner, silent auction, carnival games, bounce house and so much more. Tickets can be purchased <u>online</u> or the day of the event. We hope to see you there and to help bring awareness to pediatric brain cancer. <u>More information here.</u>

It's Raining Books 2025 Scholastic Book Fair (Located in the SPSL Library) Sunday, April 6 – Friday, April 11 SPSL Library will host the Scholastic Book Fair from April 6 to April 11. We will have Family Shopping on Sunday, April 6th from 8:00am – 12:00pm. On Tuesday, April 8th from 4:00pm – 7:00pm come with your family and friends for a fun family shopping event. There will be some fun activities to participate in and the Kona Ice Truck will be in the parking lot. Please enter the east school doors (by the cafeteria). 100% of all the proceeds from the book fair will be used to purchase new books for our school library.

SPSL Golf Classic, Monday, May 19, Field Club Registration for the SPSL Golf Classic - our 21st Annual - is now open! We hope you can join this year. In celebration of the 21st year of this annual event, there will be casino themed games to play on the course! It's a great day for a great cause - your favorite elementary school! Friction free registration can be done <u>here</u>. There are also many sponsorship opportunities. Registration forms and payment by check may also be sent to SPSL. Contact <u>michaela.smith@spsl.net</u> with questions.

After School Extended Care Staff job opportunity. You will be essential in providing a safe and nurturing environment for children after school hours. Your core skills in childcare and experience with children will enable you to supervise and engage students in various activities and ensure the well-being of the children in your care. Strong communication skills and a background in behavior management will help foster positive interactions and support each child's development. Join our team to make a meaningful impact on the lives of young learners.

After School Substitute - Extended Care <u>https://www.indeed.com/viewjob?jk=589b3afc945e1061&from=shareddesktop</u> After School Staff - Extended Care <u>https://www.indeed.com/viewjob?jk=b2953ae681577d7f&from=shareddesktop</u>

From the Archdiocese

Pope Francis announced that 2025 will be a Jubilee Year. The theme for Jubilee 2025 is "Pilgrims of Hope," and it will be a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of COVID-19 pandemic, and the climate crisis. While the Archdiocese of Omaha will not be leading a pilgrimage to Rome for the Jubilee, there are opportunities for the faithful to make eight pilgrimages within the archdiocese. The eight holy places that have been designated as pilgrimage sites: St. Cecilia Cathedral in Omaha, St. Anthony in Cedar Rapids, Holy Family Shrine in Gretna, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Lynch, Immaculata Monastery in Norfolk, Immaculate Conception Church in St. Helena, St. Benedict Center in Schuyler and St. Augustine in Winnebago. More information can be found here.

Parish and School Projects (Plan Accordingly)

June 2-27 Renovation of the South Parking Lot Behind the Parish Center and the Gym

July 14-Aug. 4 Renovation of a new gym floor. Because of the gym floor renovation, *Ann's Attic* and the *Parish Garage Sale* will be *July 10-12*. Set up for these events will be *July 1-2*, collections will be *July 5-8*. Thank you for your understanding and flexibility as we continue to update our parish and school campus. We will make every effort to keep you informed.

Parish Center Renovation Update As our parish continues to raise funds for the renovation of the parish center, plans are underway with a committee working on bids and options. Secondly, we are making progress in collecting funds for this project. As of mid-March, we have over \$70,000 reserved for this project, yet more money is needed. In addition, during Lent, any funds raised beyond budgeted profits from the Pasta Fridays will also be added to the Parish Center Renovation project. Additional news will be coming within the next few months about the process and when we believe the project can begin. Thanks for your interest and support!

More Information and Details

<u>Website</u> <u>Full Calendar</u> (includes meetings, etc.) <u>Ministry Guide</u> <u>Facebook</u> <u>Weekly Bulletin</u> <u>SPSL News</u> <u>Rectory Email</u> <u>E-News Archives</u> <u>Contact us</u> Digital Display in the Narthex

Not on Facebook? Posts viewable on the website

Flyers, CareNotes and other information can also be found in the kiosk in the narthex of the church.

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St. Pius Festival News

Meet your returning 2025 Festival Chairs:

Kristy Ericson, Karen Hosier & Erica Williamson

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Mark your Calendar, the Festival will be held: Sunday, June 1st 2025

Donate

April 2025 UPDATE

We are already planning the 2025 festival, and we need your help! As many of you know, the festival is the top fund-raising activity for the parish. With these funds, we can update the parish center and contribute to the many ministries that St. Pius X supports. The success of the festival is dependent on the involvement of parishioners and SPSL families.

After Easter, you will see the festival donation sign-ups for food, books, time, is for the following Festival areas:

and talent. Right now, we **NEED** Captains for the following Festival areas:

GAMES – The captain(s) of the games will oversee the setup of the game booths in the parish center parking lot. The Men's club and the Knights of Columbus will do the heavy lifting and set up each area. The Game Captain needs to ensure that all parts of each game are available and working. You will coordinate the volunteers who will staff each of the games throughout the day. The Game Captain will be responsible for overseeing the take down and storage of the games at the end of the festival.

Other Updates

CRAFT FAIR AND CRAFT BOOTH This year at the St Pius X Festival, we will be adding a Craft Fair. This will be in addition to our traditional craft booth. (more information on that down the road) Crafters may purchase a 6-foot table for \$60.00. The craft fair will be in the Gym with the hours of 11:00 to 4:00. For more information, please contact Nancy Lobsinger at <u>nlobsing@cox.net</u>, 402-378-2547. For information regarding donations regarding the craft booth contact Colleen Morrissey, <u>mailto:cdmomaha@gmail.com</u>

SILENT AUCTION –Planning has started on the Silent Auction. You can help by donating items or purchasing from the Amazon Wish List. It is not too early to check it out. <u>St. Pius X Festival Silent Auction Amazon Wishlist</u>. We also continue to make other improvements to the silent auction. This year we will try out **online bidding only**. (However, the items will be present on the day of the festival as well as people to help navigate the bidding. Watch for more information. For more information or questions on donations not on the Amazon wish list contact: <u>Susan Proulx-Herron</u>

CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP – Recently a letter went out to a number of previous corporate sponsors inviting them to financially participate in our parish festival. In some cases, Fr. Mark will make personal visits. Attached below is the overview of those opportunities. If you as an individual would like to become a sponsor at one of these levels, please let us know. Also, if you know of a business who might be interested in participating please contact: Fr. Mark, <u>matomasiewicz@archomaha.org</u>, 402-558-8446

As we say each week, "We are blessed to be a diverse community, ready to share our gifts and resources." This is the time for sharing. We can only be successful if we have the involvement of all our parishioners. If you are looking to help, please reach out to any of us and we will guide you to the right person or area where your talents and resources will be most effective. (festival@stpiusxomaha.org)

As we keep saying – IT TAKES A VILLAGE. Please help us make the 2025 Festival a success for everyone.



Corporate Sponsorship Opportunities

Benefits	Platinum \$3000+	Gold \$2,000+	Silver \$1000+	Bronze \$500
Festival signage denoting sponsorship level	Х	Х	Х	Х
Business recognition in social media posts	х	х	х	x
Logo posted on our website	х	х	х	
Regular mention from festival DJ	х	х	х	
Canvas Banner on Game Booth (36"x20.4")	х	x		
Special Recognition in Parish Communications	x	x		
\$200 in festival tickets	Х			

Detach and Return below with payment payable to St. Pius X Catholic Church. Email logo to festival@stpiusxomaha.org by April 15, 2025

Name for signage/publication: _____

Contact person/email: _____

Sponsorship level (circle one): Platinum Gold Silver Bronze