

# St. Pius X Church

## E-NEWS

*April 2026*

### Holy Week

**Palm Sunday, March 28-29 Saturday, 5:00 pm, Sunday, 7:30 and 9:30 am**

**Holy Thursday, April 2, 7:00 pm**

**Good Friday, April 3, 7:00 pm**

**Easter Vigil, April 4, 8:30 pm**

**Easter, April 5, 7:30 and 9:30 am**

**Come Pray with us, Holy Thursday, April 2, 8:30 pm-Midnight** Commit to praying for 30 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 worshippers in through the northwest main doors. The altar of repose will be in the Church library (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. [Sign up here.](#) 30-minute time slots.

**Good Friday Walk for Justice April 3, 1:00 pm St. Mary Magdalene Church, 109 S. 19 St.** Please join St. Pius X parishioners, other parishes and Catholic high school students who will lead us in praying the Stations of the Cross as we process to different civic buildings in downtown Omaha. Please join us for this public witness of our faith and an urgent cry for peace and justice. <https://qrco.de/bflrDj>

**Other Lenten Resources**

Available at [www.stpiusxomaha.org](http://www.stpiusxomaha.org)

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**Parish Office-Closed Good Friday, April 3, and Easter Monday, April 6.**

**Volunteer Appreciation** It's finally here - **April is National Volunteer Month!** We celebrate and are grateful for YOU and all the amazing committees/ministries here at St. Pius X! Thank you for the endless hours of service that you provide to the parish, masses, the community of Omaha, the school, our home-bound parishioners, sports teams, those in need of food/clothing/housing/and financial support, the parish office, those in need of prayer shawls, the religious formation of youth, festival and garage sale, pancake breakfasts, advocacy for justice and the marginalized, Pasta Fridays, prayer, small groups, councils and the list goes on. Your dedication to living Christ-centered lives by seeing and responding to the needs in front of us inspires our Catholic community to journey with each other in solidarity, sharing the love of God with all our neighbors, brothers and sisters, near and far. Thank you for your time and service! **April 18-19 weekend,** there will be a special recognition of all of you for your ministry and volunteer service. Join us for this opportunity to celebrate YOU!

**Safe Environment Training Saturday, March 28, 2026 – Parish Center (Breakfast 8:30 AM; Training 9:00 AM)**

- You bring Communion to a neighbor who is afraid to speak in front of a relative who recently moved into her home.
- During your daily mall walks, you notice a youth lingering in the food court and taking uneaten food from trays.
- A player on your child's team arrives at practice with a new phone, gifted by a former neighbor who "just wants to stay in touch."

If these situations feel fishy, you're probably right. They may point to a vulnerable adult, youth, or child who is a target for abuse. Many victims are afraid to speak up or seek help, thinking no one will listen to or believe them. The Archdiocese requires all parish volunteers to be Safe Environment certified so you're prepared to recognize warning signs and confidently help someone in need—whether at Mass or a parish event. Certification lasts 6 years after training and background check. Register at: <https://archomaha.org/safe-environment/> Questions? Contact Colleen at [colleenc@stpiusxomaha.org](mailto:colleenc@stpiusxomaha.org) or 402-558-1898.

**A Gift of Peace, Conversation on Advance Care Planning Saturday, April 11, 10:00 am-Noon, St. Pius X** Have you ever thought: "My family knows what I would want... right?" "I should probably do this someday." This feels overwhelming or uncomfortable. You are not alone—and you are exactly who this gathering is for. Presented by the INTERACT team from Creighton University, a nurse-led initiative focused on Advance Care Planning — helping individuals and families have meaningful conversations so wishes are honored and loved ones are not left guessing when planning for serious illness & end-of-life care. Complementary Brunch. [Registration here](#). Contact Meg for help with registration or questions, 402-305-8727

**Supper Club Kickoff Potluck Meal, Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm Parish Center** We meet new people, enjoy good conversations, and eat tasty food. We start this 6-month group with a potluck. 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 Colleen at [cdmomaha@gmail.com](mailto:cdmomaha@gmail.com) or Trish at 402-991-2625.

**Prayers For Support and Healing April 19, 7 p.m.** The St. Pius X Catholic Social Teaching ministry would like to invite everyone to a prayer service for Todd Salzman and family. Todd is the chair of this ministry. Todd was seriously injured in an accident while on spring break and remains in the hospital/rehab in Florida. Everyone is welcome.

**Candlelight Taize' Prayer service, Monday, April 20, 5:30 p.m., in the church.** Taize' (Ty-zay) 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. Questions? Contact Margaret Hoarty 402-709-4624.

**2026-27 Wednesday night Religious Education Registration now open for fall enrollment.** Parish families with children in grades 1-8 who attend public school are invited to learn about the faith and prepare for the sacraments with their peers. St. Pius X uses a family formation model with monthly meetings of children with catechists at grade level, and parents together to learn about the topic of the month for home sessions. Find the registration form and program information at <https://www.stpiusxomaha.org/religious-education/>

### **Save the date!**

#### **2026 Parish Festival, Sunday, May 31**

The 2026 St. Pius X Festival planning is underway - we are officially 93 days away from the event! We are so fortunate to be part of a community that so generously shares their time, talents, and treasure to make this a great community event. Here is a sneak peek on ways you can support the festival:

- 🛒 Grab a friend, or team or committee and put together a gift basket for our silent auction. [Sign up for your basket here](#) or email [festival@stpiusxomaha.org](mailto:festival@stpiusxomaha.org) for assistance. Please have baskets ready by Friday, May 1, 2026.
- 📖 Hold onto any books you'd like to donate for the book sale
- 🍷 Hold onto any glasses you'd like to donate for the dime toss game
- 🧶 Prepare your handmade crafts for the craft sale
- 🍪 Perfect your homemade treat recipes to donate desserts for the bake sale
- 💰 Get ready for the Cash Lottery - tickets will be available to purchase in April!

Please reach out to [festival@stpiusxomaha.org](mailto:festival@stpiusxomaha.org) with any questions or to get involved in one of the most fun ways to support the parish! Thank you in advance for your support!

**Ann's Attic/Parish Garage Sale July 16-18.** Spring is here and spring cleaning is on most everyone's "to do list".

Consider setting aside a box/bags for the Ann's Attic clothing sale and the parish garage sale.

Collection dates will be July 11-14<sup>th</sup>. Children's and baby clothes are always in demand. We accept gently used, clean clothing, coats, linens, shoes, purses, accessories, and furniture, home decor, holiday, sports, kitchen items, books, toys and other usual garage sale items. The clothing sale benefits the parish outreach program and the garage sale proceeds go to the parish general fund. Many volunteer opportunities are available during that time. Please consider helping in any way you can. Specifically, the garage sale is looking for people who can help with selling online and/or pricing antiques/more desirable donations.

## Positions Available

**The Pastoral Council Needs You!** This spring there is one open position 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. Self-nominations from individuals of all backgrounds and experiences will be accepted until **April 24, 2026**. Like the early church, there is no "election". At a Mass in May, we will draw a name from a hat to choose the new member 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 [kmericson46@gmail.com](mailto:kmericson46@gmail.com) or 402-290-8524.

## From the Archdiocese

**FATHER FLANAGAN RECEIVES TITLE OF VENERABLE** Statement from Archbishop Michael McGovern, Archdiocese of Omaha "I am overjoyed at the news that Pope Leo XIV has recognized the heroic virtues of the Servant of God Father Edward J. Flanagan, the founder of Boys Town. With the decree recognizing Father Flanagan's virtues, he receives the title Venerable Servant of God or Venerable. In this, the 100th anniversary of Catholic Charities' founding in Omaha, it is fitting that Father Edward Flanagan, an Omaha priest and a model of Christian charity, be recognized by the Holy See. This is the next step in Father Flanagan's cause for sainthood, which began in 2012. We continue to pray that he will one day be beatified and ultimately declared a saint. In the meantime, may we work to affirm the dignity of every person created in God's image by serving the poor, the abandoned and the vulnerable, especially at-risk youth. May Venerable Father Edward Flanagan's example inspire us to live the Lord's command: 'Love one another, as I have loved you.'"

## SPSL News

**St. Pius X Class of 1976, 50th reunion, Saturday, May 9, 2026!** Here is the planned schedule: 5pm Mass at St. Pius X 6pm Tour of the school, 7pm Reunion in the school cafeteria. More information to come.

**The SPSL 22nd Annual Golf Classic will take place on Monday, May 18, 2026, at Field Club.** Your registration includes complimentary lunch, 18 holes of golf on a beautiful course, as well as dinner and prizes. [Click here](#) for quick and easy online registration or contact [michaela.smith@spsl.net](mailto:michaela.smith@spsl.net). If you don't golf, but want to help, email [jess.fisher@spsl.net](mailto:jess.fisher@spsl.net) about volunteering!

### For More Parish Information

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Not on Facebook? Posts viewable on the [website](#)

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