

# St. Pius X Catholic Church

*"A Place to Call Home"*

#36: July 30, 2017  
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



## RWANDA MISSIONARY CO-OP



## Mass Intentions

### Monday, July 31

7:00 am +Richard Wessling DS  
5:30 pm +Paul Thomas JM

### Tuesday, August 1

7:00 am +Veronica Gibney ME  
5:30 pm +Jim &+Genevieve O'Neil DS

### Wednesday, August 2

7:00 am +Iris Oswald ME  
5:30 pm +Lyle Armstrong ME

### Thursday, August 3

7:00 am +Rosa Maria Jimenez ME  
5:30 pm Joan Thommes ME

### Friday, August 4

7:00 am +Rosa Maria Jimenez ME  
5:30 pm +Letha Armstrong DS

### Saturday Vigil, August 5

5:30 pm Pius X Parishioners ME

### Sunday, August 6

7:30 am +Benjamin Sundermeier ME  
9:30 am +Darlene Ewald ME  
11:30 am +Shawn Simon ME

## Please Pray for

### Our Deceased

+Roger Flemmer

+Joe Blankman, father of Chuck Blankman

### Our Sick

Frank Insolera, Wyatt McAndrew, Peggy Grasso, April McDonald, Olivia McDonald, Destiny Dinkel, Loretta Klimes, Mary & Bill Gaffney, Mary Lee Kenworthy, Charlene Cramton, Sr. Ginny Silvestri OSM

## Calendar Club Winners

July 23rd	3190	Bonnie Morong
July 24th	3755	Marty Bayer
July 25th	3342	Derald & Sue Peters
July 26th	4106	Ellie Wester
July 27th	3464	Eileen Siert
July 28th	0002	Donny Mortier
July 29th	4164	Chris Freyermuth

## From your Pastor's Desk

Fr. Mike Eckley



Today's Scripture invites us to reflect upon what it is that is our hearts desire. I had a Moral Theology professor in college, Fr. Rusch, who told us that if we wanted to find out what our hearts desire was we should relax in our favorite chair, grab a good glass of wine, turn on some classical music and see where our mind and desire took us. His method was to get at our true core desire, not what we say our desire would be or what we would like it to be but to truly reveal what our hearts desire was.

Of course the Lord's Heart Desire for us is that we truly desire to be in relationship with Him and that we desire to possess His Kingdom. Jesus speaks of this in today's Gospel as he tells two parables. Both parables tell of a person going to extremes to possess something of great value. In the first parable it is a hidden treasure. In the second parable it is a pearl of great worth. Both people go to whatever length is necessary to possess it, they sell everything they have. The parables invite us to ask if the Lord's Kingdom is truly our hearts desire and what is it we would be willing to sacrifice to truly possess it.

The first reading reminds us that if we seek the Kingdom of God it isn't something selfish or just for us. It is something that is to be shared or lived in such a way that it lifts others up. Solomon has a dream shortly after the death of his father King David. He is now the king and the responsibilities of the kingdom are now his. The Lord offers Solomon whatever it is that is his heart's desire. What Solomon desires is great wisdom so as to best serve God and God's people. He is not concerned about selfish ends but the true ends of his people.

Are our hearts' desires for the Kingdom of God? Are we willing to sacrifice to possess it? Do we desire to live as God calls us so as to be of service to Him and our brothers and sisters?

**Catholic Cruise with Father Fr. Mike:** Come and sail away on a Catholic Cruise with Fr. Mike Departing on November 26, 2017 to December 3, 2017 on Holland America's MS Rotterdam. Great ports of call (*Key West, Florida; Mahogany Bay, Roatan, Honduras; Santo Tomas de Castilla, Guatemala; Costa Maya, Mexico*) and Mass Daily. Deposits are usually \$350 per person. Space is limited. For further info or to register, contact Doug or Eileen at 860-399-1785/ Doug@CatholicCruisesandTours.com

**Second Collection Next Week:** Next weekend we will have a Second Collection for our Human Needs Outreach. Each week we receive requests from our parishioners and neighbors for rent assistance, utility assistance and food. Please help us meet the needs of our neighbors who are struggling.

**Thank you from Cross Catholic:** Cross Catholic Outreach wishes to thank you for the welcome you extended to Fr. Aignuer on his recent visit to St. Pius X parish. On behalf of the poorest of the poor, we thank you for having shared in their lives. May our Lord continue to bless all of you for your love and support.

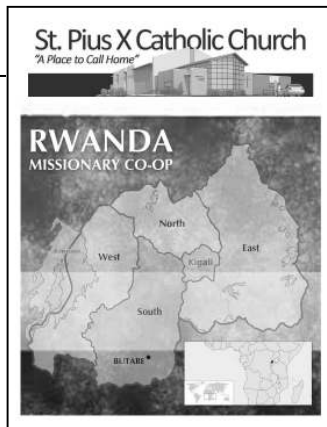
**Discussions with the Pastor:** You are invited to come and visit with an idea, concern, question, or if you would just like to talk. Feel free to come alone or with others. This week I will be available in the Multipurpose Room/Library just off the Narthex of the Church on August 2nd from 4:30 to 5:30 pm; Thursday, August 3rd from 6:00 to 7:00 pm and Saturday, August 5th from 3:00 to 4:00 pm. I'm also available by appointment by calling the parish office and setting up a meeting

# On the Cover

This weekend we have a visiting priest, Fr. Andrew Muliika from the Diocese of Butare in Rwanda.

Catholic evangelization has contributed tremendously to the building of a new Rwanda. The church in Rwanda is flourishing; today, 60% of the country's population is Catholic and vocations are booming.

Through your financial support, the church in Rwanda can build more Catholic schools and carry on the mission of Christ of building the Kingdom of God as we hear in the



Gospel of today. Jesus compares the Kingdom of God with a treasure and a fine pearl which are worthy investing everything one has. The treasure and pearl which the

Rwandans are searching today are love, peace, reconciliation, healing, joy and education. Through your sacrifice you will help them find the treasure and pearl of God's kingdom. May the Lord bless you abundantly.

## Doing Our Part to End Hunger

In last week's Bulletin article, we focused on the enormity of hunger, 35,000 deaths daily—and the statistics claim that 27,000 of these hunger-related deaths are children under 5 years of age. In our societies, who needs to be involved in order to eradicate world hunger? Let's start with the smallest civic group we know.

**Families** need to foster Christ-like awareness and compassion toward their fellow brothers and sisters who have less than they have. Donating to food pantries, helping out at soup kitchens, conversing about hunger, etc., are small steps families can take together.

**Larger neighborhoods; local civic communities; individual States in the Union.** Families can band together in larger neighborhood settings with civic groups to address hunger locally.

**Churches** We are energized by a Christ-like vision—seeing strangers as brothers and sisters, as a child of God, like me. "What you have done to the least of these, you've done to Me" [Matt 25:40].

**Countries; national governments.** This last group is essential for eliminating world hunger. Especially in democracies, the citizenry needs to be in dialog with its governmental officials—otherwise, things don't run well.

Every one of these groups, is needed, and can't be replaced or omitted. They exist because individuals participate in them. While the enormous crisis of hunger is too large for an individual to eradicate, our social groups need you and me!

With you, praying & working to eradicate hunger, Sr Rosalie

## Events this Week

### Tuesday, August 1

- 9:00am Campaign Mtg. (P2/P3)
- 1:00pm Shawl Ministry (P2/P3)
- 6:30pm AA (Sch. Cafeteria)
- 7:00pm Knights of Columbus Meeting (P2/P3)

### Wednesday, August 2

- 9:15am Tai Chi (P4)
- 4:00pm Human Needs (P5 & P3)

### Friday, August 4

- 9:15am Tai Chi (P4)
- 10:30am Mass at Maple Crest

### Saturday, August 5

- Dusting Disciples Crew #7 - Bianchi
- 7:00am Blood Drive (PC)
- 7:30am Respect Life Mtg. (MPR)
- 10:30am Funeral (C)

### Sunday, August 6

- 5:00pm School Meet & Greet (PC)

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS

Michael Cimino

**Trivia Night:** Friday, September 15, 7:00 pm will be the annual Trivia night. Time to start putting your teams together. A team of 8 or as individuals. A night of fun, laughter, raffles, and useless information.

**Garage Sale:** Thank you to everyone who donated items, volunteered to work, or bought items at the sale. YOU made the garage sale a big success. The sale netted a little over \$6000.00. We are happy to present this money to Fr. Mike.

**Welcome Ministry:** We have just completed a Year of Welcome here at St. Pius X. The prior year we embraced the Year of Mercy. In name only do we ever end Mercy and Welcome. Our actions must continue on. Are you interested in welcoming newcomers to our parish? We are having a planning meeting on August 9 at 6:00 pm in the Parish Center. We would love to have you be a part of this important ministry. For more information contact: Rita Ramos, 402-558-8446, ritar@stpiusxomaha.org

**St. Pius X Church Blood Drive-** Parish Center, August 5th, 2017, 7:00 am – 12:00 pm. For an appointment, see [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code: StPiusX. Your blood donation is needed and appreciated more than ever right now. All donors must bring your Red Cross donor card or photo I.D. Drink plenty of non-caffeinated fluids and eat a large meal 2-3 hours prior to donating blood.

### High bridge scores for June:

- 4,520 Jean McGill & Bette Moran
- 4,030 Shirlee Goaley & Fr. Bob Tillman
- 3,570 Jan & Jo Heese



# St. Pius X/St. Leo School

## Principal

*This is an article written by Mr. Terry Weare, the assistant principal for the past 13 years, to the parents of our school. It was thought best that the parishioners also know about this special accreditation.*

On April 25th, SPSL reached the mountain top of school accreditation when we received the news that we had been recommended for accreditation by AdvancED, a non-profit organization, that conducts rigorous, on-site external reviews of Pre-K-12 schools and school systems to ensure that all learners realize their full potential. This organization serves 34,000 schools and school systems in more than 70 countries, positively impacting the school experience for 20 million students. The accreditation status ensures that SPSL will continue to pursue a school improvement plan that is reviewed every five years by AdvancED.

Over the previous four years, the SPSL faculty spent countless hours documenting the school's performance in five different standards. These standards covered the school's vision and purpose, its governance and leadership, the teaching and learning that takes place, the monitoring and

documentation of student performance and whether the school has the resources and support necessary to ensure achievement for all students. In addition, the teachers honed their instructional skills using an AdvancED tool that looks at the classroom learning experience in seven separate classroom environments. These environments include an equitable learning environment, an environment with high expectations, a supportive learning environment, an active learning environment, an environment that monitors student progress and provides feedback, a well-managed learning environment and the digital learning environment.

Notable among the findings was the fact that the faculty scored significantly above network averages in all seven classroom environments; this is a quantitative validation of the qualitative impression that SPSL features an excellent faculty that facilitates a superior classroom learning experience for all learners.

The faculty is to be commended on their willingness to shoulder the added responsibility of pursuing this accreditation initiative along with the responsibilities of providing our

students with an excellent education. A special recognition goes out to Emily Klassen, our 4th grade teacher, who undertook the massive task of compiling an electronic portfolio for the storage of our important school artifacts and to Joyce Gubbels for her determined support of school improvement.

SPSL, through the efforts of hundreds of people who kept climbing despite the obstacles and setbacks, has reached the mountain top of accreditation and should now be able to clearly see a future path that will keep SPSL at the summit of the Catholic school experience.

*As the retiring principal of SPSL, I want you to know that none of this entire process would have happened without the extreme guidance, countless hours of extra work, and the professional development for teachers and staff that was needed to understand this process, all done by Mr. Terry Weare, the assistant principal for the past thirteen years and previously 5th grade teacher for 12 years. Terry Weare is leaving us after 25 years. This was a dream that Terry Weare had for our school and it was accomplished thanks to him following his dream.*



## Youth Ministry

### Janet Drvol, Director

**St. Pius X Church Youth Group:** For all 9-12th Grade Students. For information, email [janetd@stpiuxomaha.org](mailto:janetd@stpiuxomaha.org).

**Youth Serve:** Omaha junior high students attended a 3-day camp to serve the community. Students from

St. Leo and St. Pius served at the Heart Ministry Center in North Omaha (attached to Sacred Heart Parish).







# Religious Formation Ministry

Colleen Ciciulla, Director

## Altar Society / Alter Society

My grandmother was a proud member of her church's Altar Society. I have 2 pins with ribbons and medals that I can only imagine the good ladies of St. Cecilia's wearing when serving at church functions, funeral luncheons, and the like.

One pin reads "Altar Society". The other reads "Alter Society". Together, they're a perfect statement of what we're called to be as Catholics. We are called to the altar to be fed and we are called to go forth as disciples to "alter" the world.

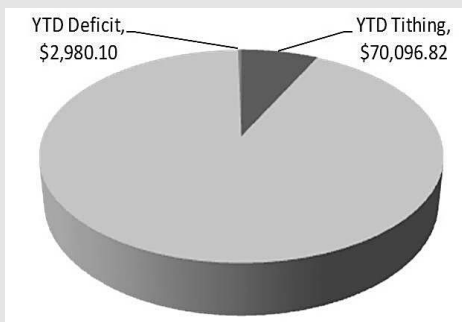
Will we answer God's invitation as wisely as Solomon? Will we sacrifice to gain the pearl of great price as eagerly as the one who recognizes it in the world? We need both pins to remind us of the gift and responsibility of our discipleship.



### Fiscal Year July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018 DONATIONS RECEIVED THE WEEKEND OF July 22/23

<b>Sunday Envelopes:</b>	<b>\$32,709.24</b>
<b>Deficit Reduction:</b>	<b>\$7.00</b>
<b>Children's Collection:</b>	<b>\$66.06</b>
<b>Plate Collection:</b>	<b>\$448.65</b>
<b>Total Sunday Contribution:</b>	<b>\$33,230.95</b>
<b>YTD Parish Stewardship</b>	<b>\$70,096.82</b>
<b>Budgeted YTD Stewardship</b>	<b>\$73,076.92</b>
<b>Parish Deficit YTD</b>	<b>(\$2,980.10)</b>

This is week 4 of 52 weeks  
this fiscal year 2017-18



Our Average YTD is **\$17,654.63**

### Development Dialogue

Please prayerfully consider memorializing a loved one with a gift to our School and/or our Parish's Endowment Funds. Your gift will bear your loved one's name and may be in any amount. It is a beautiful way to pass on our Catholic heritage and remember someone special. Please contact Bob Nowaczyk, SPSL's Development Coordinator at 402-551-6667 for more information.



## Campaign Corner

One Spirit, One Vision, One Community

We are making good progress in our preparation for the capital campaign at St. Pius X / St. Leo School, St. Pius X Parish and St. Leo the Great Parish. A few weeks back you received a mailing in your home that outlined the reasons for this campaign and the strong support for it from parishioners who participated in the planning study. The

Steier Group has been hired to manage the campaign for us and we have been working with them the past several weeks preparing for its launch.

We are pleased to announce that the theme for the campaign is One Spirit, One Vision, One Community. This theme captures the spirit of the two parishes involved and our joint

support for St. Pius X / St. Leo School.

Over the next few weeks you will be getting more information about the campaign and its importance to the future of our parishes and school. As we continue to prepare for this campaign, please pray for its success.

# Ministry Schedule for August 5 - 6

	5:30 PM Saturday	7:30 AM Sunday	9:30 AM Sunday	11:30 AM Sunday
Deacon				M. Leick
EMHC	B. Davis D. Juszyk L. Lazure L. Lazure T. Potter P. Potter T. Tipton	K. Andreasen E. Borowiak M.J. Burns M. Cox M. Dai B. Kirkpatrick J. Owens	K. Jolkowski J. Lohr J. Morrissey C. Morrissey A. Pyle J. Stolze R. Walet	N. Bock K. Dinkel D. Goebel T. Griffith M. Leick K. Martin K. Salzman
Lector	B. Kellen - 1 J. Vreugdenhil - 2	J. Salerno - 1 M. Freyermuth - 2	J. Walet - 1 M. Waldron - 2	S. Graeve - 1 P. Franks - 2
Server	J. Burns A. Chattin W. Walters	C. Bosiljevac A. Jolley D. Rusch	C. Boynton F. Jolkowski D. Stolze	E. Dinkel C. Macias J. Macias
CARE	M. Fell	<b>NOT FILLED</b>	L. Stolze	M. Martins
Music	A. McGuire		Alleluia Choir	Ensemble
Maple Crest	J. Worshek			



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**Office Hours:** Weekdays 8 am - 4:30 pm Saturdays 8:30 am - noon

**Pastor:** Rev. Michael Eckley

**Deacons:** Mike Leick & Gene Schimonitz (Carol)

**Weekend Masses:** Saturdays 5:30 pm & Sundays 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 am

**Daily Masses:** 7:00 am & 5:30 pm

**Reconciliation:** Saturdays 4:00 - 5:00 pm

**Marriage Preparation:** Call the Parish Office at least 6 months in advance

**New Parent Baptismal** Second Thursday of the month, 7:00 - 9:00 pm in the Parish

**Class:** Center. This class is required for baptism. *Pre-registration is required 1 week in advance. Call 402-558-1898.*

**RCIA:** For those interested in becoming a Catholic, please call the parish office, 402-558-8446.

**School:** 402-551-6667

**Religious Ed:** 402-558-1898

**Liturgy Office:** 402-558-1847

**Youth Ministry:** 402-558-8446

**Pastoral Ministry:** 402-558-8446

**Prayer Line:** 402-558-8446

**Bulletin Deadline:** One week in advance.

**Bulletin e-mail:** [bulletin@stpiusomaha.org](mailto:bulletin@stpiusomaha.org)

**The Archdiocesan Youth Choir** will be auditioning boys and girls from 4th grade through high school, Saturdays August 5, 12, and 19. The choir rehearses Wednesdays after school, and sings at the Cathedral and at other parishes. To schedule an audition, contact Karen Johnson, Director, at [kejohnson@archomaha.org](mailto:kejohnson@archomaha.org) or call her at 402) 558-3027.

**St. Augustine Indian Mission – Golf Scramble Fund & Friend Raiser:** St. Augustine is holding a Golf Scramble on Friday September 29th, 2017 at Quarry Oaks in Ashland, NE. To register for golf go to: <https://QuarryOaks.com/StAugustineMission/> We are also looking for hole sponsorships. If interested please contact Kelly at 402-557-5652 / [kavazquez@archomaha.org](mailto:kavazquez@archomaha.org).

**65th Birthday Celebration for Peggy Grasso** - Open House Monday, July 31, 2017, 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm. Rose Blumkin Jewish Home, 323 South 132nd Street, Omaha, NE 68154. Please no gifts. If you are unable to attend, she would enjoy receiving a card/note at the above address. For questions, contact her daughter Laurie at [smilinglaurie@gmail.com](mailto:smilinglaurie@gmail.com) or call/text 402-689-8036.

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with the  
Pastor



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Wednesday	August 2 <sup>nd</sup>	4:30 pm to 5:30 pm
Thursday	August 3 <sup>rd</sup>	6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Saturday	August 5 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Tuesday	August 8 <sup>th</sup>	4:30 pm to 5:30 pm
Thursday	August 10 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Saturday	August 12 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Tuesday	August 15 <sup>th</sup>	4:30 pm to 5:30 pm
Thursday	August 17 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Saturday	August 19 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Tuesday	August 22 <sup>nd</sup>	4:30 pm to 5:30 pm
Thursday	August 24 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Saturday	August 26 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Tuesday	August 29 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Thursday	August 31 <sup>st</sup>	4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

**Multi-Purpose Room/Library**  
(Just off the Narthex of the Church)

**Welcome and Social**  
Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM  
St. Pius X Parish Center  
Sponsored by the Catholic Social Teaching Team

**All Parishioners Are Invited**  
Come for a brief Overview of these ministries:  
**Catholic Social Teaching Team - Social Justice**  
**Omaha Together One Community (OTOC)**  
**Refugee Ministry**

Engage in great conversation and share Ideas about how our parish can live out our Social Mission in the coming year.

Appetizers, mini desserts, beverages  
RSVP [cindysauer@cox.net](mailto:cindysauer@cox.net), 402-571-4921

# St. Pius X Parish Picnic

Celebrating our Patron

**Time: 12:30 (after 11:30 mass)**

**Date: Aug. 20, 2017**

**Place: South Lawn**



**Parish will provide:**  
Hamburgers, hotdogs, drinks.

**Parishioners bring:**  
Last names starting with  
A-K Dessert  
L-Z Side Dish

**Also Bring:**  
Lawn chairs, blanket, etc.

**All are welcome!**  
Invite a friend, neighbor, etc.

(if raining, move to the Parish Center)



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