

St. Pius X Catholic Church

"A Place to Call Home"

#5: December 30, 2018

Feast of the Holy Family



The Holy Family
of Jesus Mary and Joseph

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Mass Intentions

Monday, December 31

7:00 am +C. J. Bueltel MN

Monday, December 31, Holy Day Vigil

5:30 pm +Larry & +Jane Colling DS

Tuesday, January 1, Holy Day

9:00 am +Peggy Grasso JW

Wednesday, January 2

7:00 am +Marcie Siemek JW

5:30 pm +Joe Gasnick MN

Thursday, January 3

7:00 am +Fred Dohmen DS

5:30 pm +Genevieve Rehorst MN

Friday, January 4

7:00 am +Souls in Purgatory MN

5:30 pm +Al & +Betty Monaco DS

Saturday Vigil, January 5

5:30 pm +Genevieve Rehorst MN

Sunday, January 6

7:30 am +C. J. Bueltel MN

9:30 am +Eddie Bianchi JW

11:30 am Pius X Parishioners JW

Please Pray for

Our Sick

Susan Suverkrubbe, John Krzycki,
Travis Krzycki, Dennis Keller, Zelpha Mason,
Bradley Schimonitz, Janet Davis,
Mary Baines, Maxine Perrotto

To have a name listed in the bulletin: call the rectory at 402-558-8446. *Names of the sick will be listed for at least 4 weeks.*

Calendar Club Winners

December 23rd	1315	Carolyn & Joe Kirby
December 24th	1418	Anne McGuire
December 25th	2218	Jennifer Pedersen
December 26th	1418	Anne McGuire
December 27th	1669	Gerald Fritz
December 28th	1045	Patty Peske
December 29th	1380	Andy Oswald

From your Pastor's Desk

Fr. Joe Wray



Reflection by Rodney Bluml:

Luke's Gospel includes a narrative of the first Christmas Eve. In a nearby field, probably by the village of *Beit Sahur* {which in Arabic means, "Home of those who stay up all night talking"} sat the poorest of the poor, the lowest of the low, the despised and illiterate shepherds. To these the angel announced the birth of God's anointed one (Messiah/Christ). It was not to the rich or the powerful or even the religious leaders that this good news was first revealed. The first visitors to the Lord's resting place were unassuming guardians of sheep. In eagerness and filled with joy they visit the child. As they make their way to the manger on foot (probably about a mile), they shared the angels' announcement with all they met. Those who were told the story were filled with wonder and awe and amazement. Put yourself in their place--it would be like hearing that you received what you longed for deepest in your heart: a cure for cancer, your soldier child returned home, the coach choosing you to start, the college acceptance letter arrives, the war ended....

There is an interesting contrast between Mary's and the shepherd's response to the Good News. Mary was not hearing the proclamation of the newborn savior for the first time; Gabriel had previously revealed this to her. But now that the baby is born, we're told that she "pondered/reflected on the {Good News} in her heart." She did not join the shepherds in their public proclamation. She remained with her son, as she would until the end at the foot of the cross, pondering the mystery of God's ways and the unfolding of the Messiah's life. Already on that first morning, Mary must have been wondering what it was going to be like to be the mother of this special child. Would he be exceptionally smart, wonderfully athletic, a whiz with the hammer and lathe? Would he be king one day? Would he always be happy or incredibly demanding or colicky? Perhaps he would sleep through the night right away.... We can imagine some of the many thoughts that must have passed through the minds of Jesus' parents that first day. The only thing they knew for sure is that they had the same responsibility every parent in history has had, to bring their child up in the ways of God.

Because we have no record of Jesus' childhood, we are invited to imagine the personality and behavior of every child ever born expressed in the person of Jesus. Childhood is indeed holy.

Taking It Home:

- Describe your thoughts and feelings as you observe the sunrise or sunset. What do they speak to you of God?
- If there was one thing you could change about this Christmas, what would it be? Share this with someone you trust.
- Tell someone about a special childhood memory.
- Make a commitment to give thanks to God with your parish family each Sunday this coming month.
- Where has God created a space of safety and "home" for you?

On the Cover

Today we celebrate the Holy Family. We are reminded of the great gift that our family is to us and that we are to treasure this gift. May God bless all of our St. Pius X families this Christmas season.



Email Security - Don't be the Victim of a Scam!

Recently there have been some scam emails sent out to St. Pius parishioners. These emails have been especially deceptive because the scammer has used actual names of parish members or staff to make requests for "special favors."

People responding to these emails have been asked to help purchase gift cards as a present to a family member. Please know that these messages are

not legitimate, and are in fact a scam. If you receive a suspicious email purporting to be from someone you know in the parish, please do not reply to the sender.

If you are unsure about something you have received, please call the St. Pius office at 402-558-8446 to let us know what happened and let us answer any questions you may have.

Thank you.

School Cafeteria Volunteers

Parents and Grandparents and Friends of SPSL School, we are reaching out for more Cafeteria Volunteers. Our Volunteers work from 10:50 am. to about 1:05 pm. You can work once a

month if you wish-more often if you like. Have fun getting out, making new friends and having lunch with your student. Please call Mary @ 402-551-1803 or School Office at 402-551-6667.

Notes from SPX Women's Organization

The parish festival is scheduled for Sunday, June 2nd. We will again have a craft booth. Spend these cold winter months creating items for us to place in the booth.

Children's and baby's items are popular, as well as home decorations and kitchen items to name a few. We

will sell what you make. Thank you in advance!!

Mark your calendars: Our annual Spring Brunch will be Saturday, April 6, 2019. Dr. Maryanne Stevens, RSM, president of College of St. Mary, will be our speaker. More details will follow over the next several months.

Events this Week

Monday, December 31

5:30pm Mary Mother of God Mass

Tuesday, January 1, 2019

9:00am Mary Mother of God Mass

6:30pm AA (Sch. Cafeteria)

Wednesday, January 2, 2019

4:00pm Human Needs (P5 & P3)

6:00pm Respect Life (MPR)

Thursday, January 3, 2019

6:00pm Girl Scouts

7:00pm Knights of Columbus Meeting (P2/P3)

Friday, January 4, 2019

10:30am Mass at Maple Crest

Saturday, January 5, 2019

Dusting Disciples Crew #1 - Tuttle

Sunday, January 6, 2019

9:30am Sunday Preschool (K)

January 1: Mary, Mother of God Holy Day Masses

Monday, December 31, at 5:30pm

Tuesday, January 1, at 9:00 am

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS

Erika Kirby

Samir and Nicole Mowad

Rafi, Amelie

Kelsey Poloncic

Nick and Dani Taylor

RECENTLY BAPTIZED

Charlotte Mae Cyboron

Child of Justin & Shannan Cyboron

Tai Chi Classes: Would you like to increase your strength and flexibility, improve your balance, and decrease your risk of falling? The winter/spring Tai Chi session begins on Wednesday, January 9, 2019. Classes meet on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:15-10:00 am in the parish center. Cost for the 24-class session is \$25, payable to St. Pius X. Contact Margaret to register or for more information at 402-553-7547 or tom-margaret@cox.net

Recycle your Christmas Tree with the Boy Scouts: Help the Boy Scouts and the environment by letting us pick up your old Christmas tree for recycling. It's easy, just go to www.scouting4trees.org or call or text 402-965-1458 to arrange pick-up. Schedule at least 24 hours in advance of desired pick-up and place tree on front lawn by 9:00 am the day of your scheduled pick up. Pick up dates: December 29 and 30; January 1, 5, 6 and 12.



St. Pius X/St. Leo School Cory Sepich, Principal

Hello St. Pius X / St. Leo Community members

We hope you all had a very blessed Christmas and we pray that you have a wonderful start to the New Year.

We are excited to let you know that we will be having our Pre-Kindergarten Round-Up for 3 and 4 year olds and our Kindergarten Round-Up on Saturday, February 2, 2018 at our school. We will be sharing more information on start times in the coming weeks

For this week and next week's bulletin, we wanted to share some great responses to some questions we asked our Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students and teachers. I also want to thank Mrs. Becky Sluyter, one of our amazing assistant principals, who interviewed these students and staff members on why they love St. Pius X / St. Leo school. This week, we will include in this bulletin the responses from our Kindergarten students and teachers with next week's bulletin including our Pre-Kindergarten students. Enjoy!

What do you learn in Kindergarten: "We like to read books and do all kinds of stuff. Every time we read a book we do a project to learn about the character." – Bryce

What is your favorite part about your teacher?: "That I learn from her" – Kaliyah; "Because she hugs us when we need a hug from her." – Liam

Why should kids come to our school?: "You get to learn more stuff and spell stuff. You get to learn to be a fifth grader. You learn to be a fourth grader and to be a grown up. You have to learn to be a grown up. Like 10+10=20" – Bryce; "You get to learn. Be nice. Follow rules. Keep your eye on the target. Keep your dear friends happy. Raise your hand for permission to leave your seat" – Liam; "Because it's really, really fun!" – Kaliyah

What is your favorite class or subject to teach?: "My favorite class to teach is Literacy. The kids are so eager to read and LOVE learning new letters, sounds

and words on their way to becoming readers!" – Mrs. Hanna

What is your favorite part about being a Kindergarten teacher?: "My favorite part about being a Kindergarten teacher is being one of the first teachers that really lays the foundation for the rest of their academic career. I love being able to really teach them the basics of learning, the foundation of their religion, and about how to be a great student and wonderful friend." – Miss Peitzmeier

At the end of Kindergarten, I hope my students will...: "At the end of kindergarten, I hope that my students have a love of learning. I hope that they keep exploring the world, keep asking questions, and be the unique individual they are. I hope that they remember to keep sharing God's love and to be kind. Most importantly, I hope that they remember I am always here for them." – Mrs. Swift



Youth Ministry Janet Drvol, Director

St. Pius X Church Youth Group is a gathering for all 9-12th Grade Students. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at 12:30 during the school year. It is an opportunity to meet new people, learn about our faith, and have fun, too. All are welcome! For more information, please contact Janet Drvol at janetd@stpiusxomaha.org or 402-558-8446.

Youth Ministry New Year Blessing: St. Pius X Youth Ministry sends blessings to all our youth and families for the New Year. Please enjoy this

prayer for the New Year and celebration of Mary, the Mother of God:

May Mary help us discover the face of Jesus, Prince of Peace.

May she support and accompany us in this new year;

May she obtain for us and for the whole world the desired gift of peace!

So be it!

-Saint John Paul II

Junior High Youth Group: St. Pius X and St. Leo are starting a Junior High

Youth Group! All junior high students both parishes—SPSL, Home School, and Religious Education—are invited to join! Our kick-off is January 20, 1:00-3:00 pm at St. Pius X Parish Center. Contact Janet for more info!

The Mark: January 20th: St. Pius High School Youth Group will join other Omaha-area parishes for our Annual trip to The Mark on January 20th! Bowling, laser tag, pizza, and more are included. Forms are due January 14 and can be found on the webpage.

Upcoming Events:
January 20: Bowling at The Mark



Religious Formation Ministry

Colleen Ciciulla, Director

Cabin Fever Cure: Cartoons

Check out the tons of kids' fare available through the St. Pius X online subscription to Formed. The cartoons, movies and audio books are FREE to you (a donor purchased the subscription for the parish). Ryan Defrates, Secret Agent will appeal to middle schoolers, Carlos Caterpillar to younger viewers and the many other

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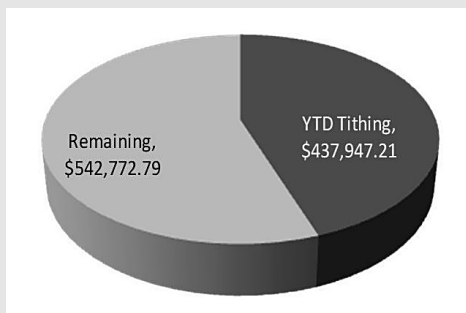
cartoon series on saints and Bible stories offer an alternative to regular internet or TV fare. Access to the St. Pius X account is FREE. Go to

www.stpiusxomaha.formed.org and register with your email and zip code. *También se ofrecen muchos materiales en español.*

Fiscal Year July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019
Donations Received the Weekend of
December 15/16 2018

This is week 25 of 52 weeks

Our Sunday Goal	\$18,860.00
Sunday Envelopes	\$62,210.78
Plate	\$402.85
Children's Collection	\$81.16
Deficit Reduction	\$0.00
Total	\$62,694.79
This Week's Overage	\$43,834.79
YTD Parish Stewardship	\$437,947.21
Budgeted YTD Stewardship	\$433,780.00
Parish surplus YTD	\$4,167.21



Thank you for your help!
Next week's second collection will be for:
The Fuel and Heat Fund

Who will take your place as a generous benefactor to our School and/or Parish?

A Memorial gift in your will could continue your generosity after death. Please prayerfully consider making that gift to either our School and/or Parish's Endowment Funds through a bequest in your will or beneficiary designation in your retirement plan. Contact SPSL's Development Coordinator at 402-551-6667 for more information.



Other News and Events

End of Year Reminders: We would like to wish you and your family all the best this Christmas season.

We are very grateful to everyone who has made a year-end financial gift to St. Pius. We hope that you'll consider making a donation to St. Pius if you have not already done so. Even if you personally can't make a large gift, know that every little bit helps.

This is good time to remind all of our parishioners that your 2018 Parish Stewardship must be dated and postmarked by December 31 to be able to be counted for your 2018 taxes. You can mail in your contribution to the Parish Office or drop it in the collection

basket at Mass.

If you have not set up automatic donations through your bank and would like to do so, you can easily do this by obtaining a form from the parish office. For an even more convenient option, please have a look at the online giving options on our website. Thank you all very much!

Seminary Collection: The Seminary Collection will be held the weekend of January 5-6, 2019. The Archdiocese of Omaha is currently blessed with twenty-three men studying for the Priesthood. We humbly ask for your continued prayers, sacrifices, and generous financial support.

Care for Creation

"We are not faced with two separate crises, one environmental and the other social, but rather one complex crisis which is both social and environmental." -Pope Francis, Laudato Si

Increase in the Earth's temperature is cause for extreme precipitation. Heavy rain can cause flooding. Flooding is one of the deadliest weather-related hazards. Mold is a result of flooding. Mold affects air quality. This air can aggravate asthma, upper respiratory tract symptoms like coughing and wheezing, and lower respiratory tract infections like pneumonia. (CDC)

To kill black mold and mildew use a mixture of bleach and water. Use one cup of bleach for every gallon of water; dip a brush in the bleach solution and scrub. Use a spray bottle for hard to reach areas.

Ministry Schedule for January 5 - 6

	5:30 PM Saturday	7:30 AM Sunday	9:30 AM Sunday	11:30 AM Sunday
Deacon	M. Leick	M. Leick		
EMHC	J. Bruckner L. Ehlers M. Leick G. Marasco P. Poepsel P. Potter T. Potter	M.J. Burns P. Juszyk B. Kirkpatrick J. Kresl M. Leick J. Novotny K. Siemek	B. Davis J. Ferguson D. Goebel J. Morrissey C. Morrissey A. Pyle J. Stolze	N. Bock L. Brown J. Brown T. Coyle K. Martin C. Schartz F. Tollo
Hospitality	R. Bianchi B. Haesaert P. Poepsel	K. Andreasen P. Andreasen P. Juszyk D. Juszyk	H. Griffith J. Hoffman B. Houlden M. Lamoureux R. Tomcak	K. Bope R. Smith
Lector	B. Kellen - 1 V. Wilson - 2	C. Ciciulla - 1 R. Volkmer - 2	J. Walet - 1 S. Cyboron - 2	M. Maguire - 1 K. Schinker - 2
Server	C. Geiselman L. Risch Bakhit E. Walters	M. Matuella T. Novotny NOT FILLED	B. Ferguson L. Goebel W. Goebel	J. Ando W. Ando C. Gagnon-Koudji
Music	C.J./A.M.M.		Alleluia Choir	Ensemble
Maple Crest	D. Bayer, D.A. Bayer			
RCIA	K. Andreasen			


St. Thomas Aquinas Church – Newman Center is looking to hire a full-time Staff Accountant and Parish Secretary. We are looking for the right candidate to join our team. Ideal candidate has a baccalaureate degree in Accounting (or similar business degree) and three (3) to five (5) years


of experience in accounting related fields. If you would like to become part of a growing, faith-centered organization, anchored in the heart of the University of Nebraska - Lincoln, and make a positive impact on the college community, please send your resume to patti-

montgomery@huskercatholic.com . See full job posting on our website huskercatholic.com/jobs

Christ the King Church will be offering *Discovering Christ*, beginning in January, 2019. It is a seven-week program that invites guests to hear the Good News and personally experience Jesus Christ. It will be held on Thursday evenings with a special retreat date on a Sunday. The evening events includes dinner, video and sharing. The event is free, including childcare! Please register at www.ctkomaha.org/christlife or call 402-391-3606. Deadline is January 1, 2019. *Discovering Christ* is Part 1 of a three-part series of *ChristLife*. (www.christlife.org).

"Take What You Need, Leave What You Can, And Above All Be Blessed!" The Blessing Box at St. Pius X in the east parking lot of 69th and Blondo has been a success, and is in need of more supplies. When you are driving by or bringing kids to and from school, please consider taking something from your pantry for someone in need. Dry goods, canned goods, boxed goods, toiletries, paper goods, peanut butter, pasta are appreciated! Thank you!

	6905 Blondo St. Omaha, NE 68104 Parish Office 402-558-8446 Fax: 402-558-4986 www.stpiusxomaha.org
Office Hours: Weekdays 8 am - 4:30 pm Saturdays 8:30 am - noon	
Pastor: Rev. Joe Wray	
Priest in Residence: Rev. Michel N'Do	
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 Church	
Class: Library. This class is required for baptism. <i>Pre-registration is required 1 week in advance. Call 402-558-1898.</i>	
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	
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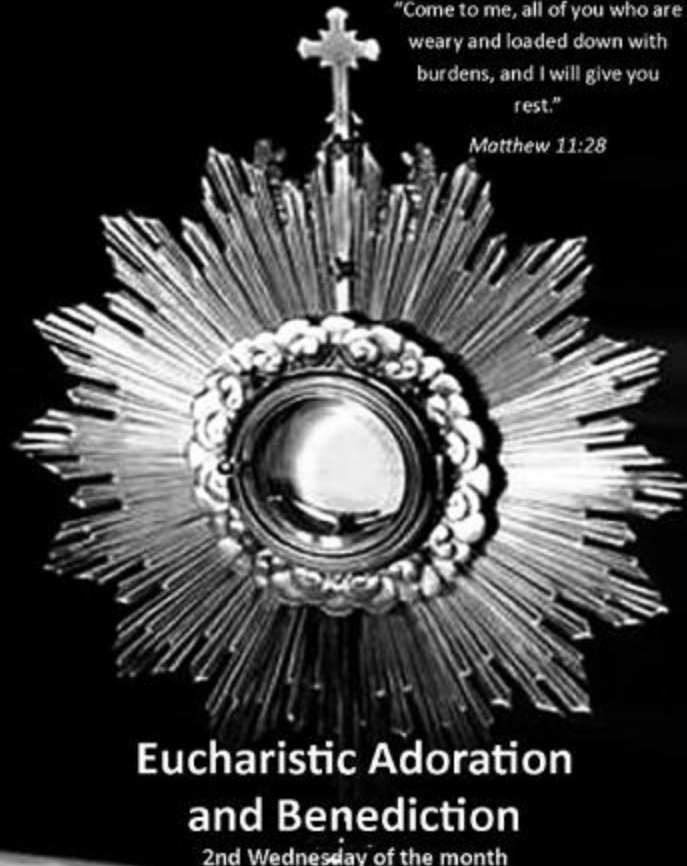
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with the
Pastor



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. (Multi-Purpose Room off the Narthex of the church)

Saturday, Jan. 5	10:00 – 11:00 am
Tuesday, Jan. 8	4:30 – 5:30 pm
Saturday, Jan. 12	10:00 – 11:00 am
Tuesday, Jan. 15	4:30 – 5:30 pm
Saturday, Jan. 19	10:00 – 11:00 am
Tuesday, Jan. 22	4:30 – 5:30 pm
Saturday, Jan. 26	10:00 – 11:00 am

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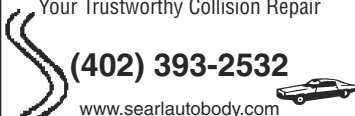
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