

# St. Pius X Catholic Church

"A Place to Call Home"

#10: February 4, 2018  
Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time



# Soda Bread



Come & See  
A Year of Invitation



## Mass Intentions

### Monday, February 5

7:00 am +Lyle & +Letha Armstrong DS  
 5:30 pm +John & +Doris Durkan MN

### Tuesday, February 6

7:00 am +Fohl Family MN  
 5:30 pm +Mary Ann Clark ME

### Wednesday, February 7

7:00 am +Kristine Kacin MN  
 8:30 am +Bette Otten JD  
 5:30 pm +Clarence Rehorst ME

### Thursday, February 8

7:00 am Cathy Magee ME  
 8:30 am +Sharon Schleich ME  
 5:30 pm +Gene Cook DS

### Friday, February 9

7:00 am +Marty Baye ME  
 5:30 pm Mary Reis MN

### Saturday Vigil, February 10

5:30 pm +Jennifer Riedel MN

### Sunday, February 11

7:30 am +Abby Langdon ME  
 9:30 am Pius X Parishioners ME  
 11:30 am +Louis Tevoedjre Assogba MN

## Please Pray for

### Our Deceased

+Cordelia "Corky" Hillebrandt  
 +Darleen Deal  
 +James Doyle, father of Molly Fell

### Our Sick

Bill Latka, Don Byers, Joe Gasnick,  
 Bill & Kathy Anderson, Nadine Long,  
 Mary Lou Schimoraski, Peggy Grasso,  
 Patricia Rieur, Bill & Mary Gaffney

## Calendar Club Winners

January 28th	1039	Joe Eckley
January 29th	1225	Linda Pink
January 30th	1767	Tom Hoffman
January 31st	1367	Paul Solon
February 1st	1273	Barb Ostronic
February 2nd	1076	Katie Steffes
February 3rd	1357	Ellen Hoover

## From your Pastor's Desk

### Fr. Mike Eckley



This semester I'm visiting the 5th – 8th Grade Classrooms. Fr. Craig Loecker from St. Leo The Great Parish is visiting Kindergarten – 4th Grade. We switch every quarter. This week my plan is to talk to them about Lent since it quickly approaching. I was in the 8th Grade this morning and did just that. Next week I'll write a bit more about Lent and what the Church invites us to do in this Holy Season but I want to focus today on one particular aspect that is very much part of our human nature. It came up in the 8th grade and it also came up last night in the Theology Matters question section. By the way, if you were not able to be at the Theology Matters presentation last night on *Amoris Laetitia: Accompanying the Divorced and Remarried*, I invite you to go to our website and listen to the podcast.

The question from Theology Matters was about why is it that you may hear many different things from a variety of priests and bishops on a certain topic. I find this also when I'm visiting the classrooms. They will ask me a question that they have already asked Fr. Craig or vice-versa and see how we answer. Then point out to us how we may have answered different. Many times people will shop for a priest who will give them the answer they want to hear. We as human beings tend to seek out the answers from those that we agree with and we take those as our answer. We tend to also sometime hear what we want to hear.

In today's Gospel the people are coming to Jesus for healing. They see one part of who Jesus is and they like it. Jesus points out to those who seek Him out the next morning that His main purpose is to proclaim the Kingdom. He needs to move on to other towns and villages. As the story goes on we see that many liked the one part, Jesus healing and miracles, but were not open to the message He was delivering. His proclamation of the Kingdom eventually leads to the cross.

In the Second Reading from St. Paul's First Letter to Corinthians, St. Paul speaks of how he preaches the Gospel and asks nothing in return. I've heard people latch onto this one thing and ask why the Church asks for money. St. Paul didn't charge, why do we ask and expect money. The simple answer is that St. Paul was a missionary who went from town to town. He was not a pastor. We have letters from St. Paul to pastors, Timothy and Titus. They had responsibility for a local community. They needed resources to meet the needs of their people. St. Paul himself asks for donations for the Church in Jerusalem that is experiencing persecution and hardship. Yet, some hear the one and make a conclusion.

For all of us we need to examine our own thoughts and beliefs. Do we lock onto just what we agree with or what we like and forget the rest? Do we seek out only the answers that back our thoughts or do we challenge ourselves to look at other opinions or ideas. Ultimately, the Lord desires us to receive His whole message and to live our lives according to the whole message, not just the parts we like or make us feel good. This is a challenge and goes against our nature. Fortunately, with grace, we are able to go beyond our own limitations. As we go into this week let us open ourselves to the full message and challenge the Lord sets before us.

**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 Tuesday, February 6th, 4:30 to 5:30 pm; Thursday, February 8th, 4:00 to 5:00 pm; and Saturday, February 10th, 10:00 to 11:00 am.

# On the Cover

Soda bread sales continue this weekend. Proceeds help support Tuition Assistance at our school.

Please be generous with your free-will offering, and enjoy some of our delicious soda bread!



# Liturgy Notes

Please bring your old blessed palms to church by Sunday, February 11, so they can be burned to be used on Ash Wednesday.

Also, February 11 is the Family Mass. The children's choir will sing and donuts will be served following the Mass. Plan to join us!

# Our Common Good Issues in Omaha

Join OTOC congregations for Our Common Good Issues in Omaha: Presentations and Discussions at Urban Abbey (1026 Jackson).

### Follow our Solid Waste Stream:

Learn about serious environmental impacts from how Omaha manages the landfill, yard waste, and composting. A 10 year contract will soon be negotiated. Learn how you can help shape some aspects of the new contract. Missouri Valley Sierra Club and other will lead the discussion on Thursday, February 8, from 5:45 to 7:00 pm.

### Find Solutions to Substandard

**Rental Properties:** How do we assure tenants have access to rentals that meet basic housing standards for safety and habitability? How do we help tenants to seek inspection of their substandard home when they fear losing their home. Gary Fisher, General Counsel, Family Housing Advisory Services will be our presenter on Thursday, February 22 from 6:45 to 8:00 pm.

For questions or to car pool contact Cindy at 402-571-4921 or [cindysauer@cox.net](mailto:cindysauer@cox.net)

# Events this Week

## Sunday, February 4

- Souper Bowl of Caring
- 9:30am Sunday Preschool (KD)
- 4:30pm Super Bowl Party (PC)

## Monday, February 5

- 6:15pm Tai Chi (P4)

## Tuesday, February 6

- 6:00pm Science Fair (P4)
- 6:30pm AA (Sch. Cafeteria)
- 7:00pm Alleluia Choir (C)
- 7:00pm Knights of Columbus Meeting (P2/P3)

## Wednesday, February 7

- 6:00am Men's Bible Study (MPR)
- 9:15am Tai Chi (P4)
- 4:00pm Human Needs (P5 & P3)
- 6:15pm Tai Chi (P4)

## Wednesday, February 7, continued

- 6:30pm RE
- 7:00pm RCIA (MPR)

## Thursday, February 8

- 9:00am Relco (P4, K)
- 7:00pm Baptism Class (MPR)
- 7:00pm Catholic Social Teaching (P2/P3)

## Friday, February 9

- 9:15am Music Practice (C)
- 12:30pm Music Practice (C)

## Saturday, February 10

- Dusting Disciples Crew #2 - Cox
- 8:30am Cub Scouts (P4, P2/P3)

## Sunday, February 11

- 9:30am Family Mass
- 9:30am Sunday Preschool (KD)
- 12:30pm Youth Group (P4)

**The Food Pantry** is in need of the following items. Donations can be left in the narthex of the church or in the parish office.

Needed: paper towels, toilet paper, tuna, jelly, canned fruit, canned chicken, and canned soup.

**Your blood donation** is needed and appreciated more than ever right now. St. Pius X Church Blood Drive will be held in the Parish Center on February 24, 2018, from 7:00 am to 12:00 pm. For an appointment, please visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code: StPiusX.

**Military Connections:** If you have any member of your family, relatives, or friends with St. Pius X Connections in the military, and you would like to have them receive a periodic letter from the parish, please provide their name, rank, branch of service, and address to the parish office at [secrtery@stpiusxomaha.org](mailto:secrtery@stpiusxomaha.org) or call (402-558-8446).

**St. Pius X Women's Organization, SAVE THE DATES:** Movie Night will be Thursday, March 22 at 7:00 in the Parish Center. We will watch *Hidden Figures*. More details to come. Annual Spring Brunch will be Saturday, April 21 with Mass at 9:00 in the parish center followed by brunch and a speaker. More details to come.

**E-News:** For those who do not have email, a copy of the monthly E-News will be provided in the kiosk. This typically goes out the last Friday of the month. If you do have e-mail and are not receiving this please call the rectory and update your registration with one.

**Volunteer help needed!!** On occasion there are projects and activities here at St. Pius X where volunteers are needed. There is a link on the front page of the website to see what these ongoing needs might be.



# St. Pius X/St. Leo School

## Cory Sepich, Principal

Hello from St. Pius X / St. Leo School.

We hope you are all doing well and our parishioners continue to be in our deepest prayers. We are grateful for all of your support and it was such a blessing to have our students and staff members speak to you all at our Saturday and Sunday Masses last week. One of the greatest strengths of our school is that we have such wonderfully supportive families, supremely talented students, and wonderfully dedicated teachers. Thank you to our teachers and our school families who took the time to get our students to Masses at our parishes to share wonderful stories about our special community with our fellow churchgoers.

Thank you to our teachers who spoke at the Masses: Mary McGuire, Christy Vogel, Ryan Lampe, Matt Kable, Tiffani Herfordt, Anita Petersen, Sue Kurtenbach, Katy Chattin and Jen Martinez. Thank you also to our teachers who helped answer questions after the Masses: Linda Rix, Shannon Buttell, Monica Sheehan and Linda

Harrison.

We also want to thank our wonderful student speakers and their families: Josie Stratman (1st grade), Delaney O'Doherty (6th grade), Gracelyn Temme (6th grade), Tayven Fulkner (2nd grade), Jane Kidder (6th grade), Reese Welsh (5th grade), Parker Mooney (8th grade), Margaret Hiatt (5th grade), Caleb Hans (7th grade), Molly McGill (7th grade), Charlotte Gautschi (3rd grade), Caden Bosiljevac (6th grade), Lila Spencer (4th grade), and Connor Smith (5th grade).

It has been a very busy week at St. Pius X / St. Leo School as we celebrated Catholic School's Week. We had lots of fun events this past week. Next week, I will be sharing a recap of all the fun events.

Thank you to all of our families and staff who showed up to our Kindergarten Roundup event yesterday. If you and our family happened to miss the Kindergarten Roundup yesterday, you can still register your student for the 2018-19 school year! Our

Kindergarten staff would love to show you how we can help your student grow academically and spiritually. We would love to show you and any of your friends our wonderful school with student led tours and can even set up days where students can shadow for a day to experience a day-in-the-life of a St. Pius X / St. Leo student. If interested, just call the school office at 402-551-6667 and either myself or Mrs. Graney can help you.

God bless you all and we pray you all have a wonderful week. God is definitely good; all the time.

School Lunch Feb. 5 - 9	
<b>Monday:</b>	Chicken Tenders
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Crispitos w/ Cheese
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Sweet & Sour Chicken
<b>Thursday:</b>	Pancakes
<b>Friday:</b>	Tacos
<b>Crew #2 has cafeteria duty this week.</b>	



# 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 Group February 11:** Next Sunday, February 11th, St. Pius X Youth Group will do a service project. All High School students are invited to join us in making cards for residents of local

assisted living facilities. Join us from 12:30 to 2:30 in the parish center.

**Souper Bowl of Caring:** This weekend, February 3/4, youth from the parish will be collecting financial donations after all Masses as part of the Souper Bowl of Caring. All donations will go towards St. Pius X Human Needs Outreach. Souper Bowl of Caring is a national movement working to "tackle hunger." Thank you in advance for your generosity. All high school and junior high are invited to participate.

**Just5Days Middle School Service**

**Camp:** Who: All current 6th-8th grade students—students from other parishes and schools are welcome! When: July 16-20. What: A week-long service experience. What: Registrations forms and fee (\$150) are due February 26th. Forms are found in the kiosk, or online. Contact Janet for more information.

**Upcoming Events:**  
**February 3/4:** Souper Bowl of Caring  
**February 25-26:** St. Pius Lenten Mission with Fr. Ralph O'Donnell  
**March 4:** Amazing Pizza Machine—for all junior high students. 1-4 pm; \$15.



# Religious Formation Ministry

## Colleen Ciciulla, Director

### Are you a practicing Catholic?

According to the book, *Living the Mass*, you will likely answer that question based on whether you attend Mass on Sunday. The authors propose rephrasing the question to: **“Are you practicing your baptism?”**

That demands a different answer. At our baptism, we were anointed with chrism to share in Jesus’ ministry as priest, prophet and king. How do we “practice” that in our daily lives?

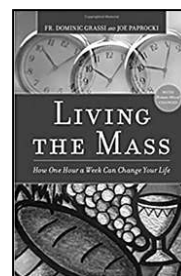
**“As priest:** make Jesus present to others; praise and worship God through our lives; offer ourselves and our lives in sacrifice...help others find God

through us.

**As prophet:** speak on behalf of the oppressed; clearly and boldly speak God’s word; bear witness, evangelize and catechize; bring hope to those in despair; challenge people and institutions to be faithful; fearlessly speak out about injustice.

**As king:** serve and protect the vulnerable; provide for those unable to provide for themselves ... work for justice; live with dignity; respect others’ dignity; restore lives that are broken; represent God’s will; protect our world and all of God’s creation.

At the end of Mass, when the priest



or deacon says, ‘Go in peace,’ he is sending us forth on a mission to share in Jesus’ ministry as priest, prophet and king. If we understand this is our calling, our mandate, then we will

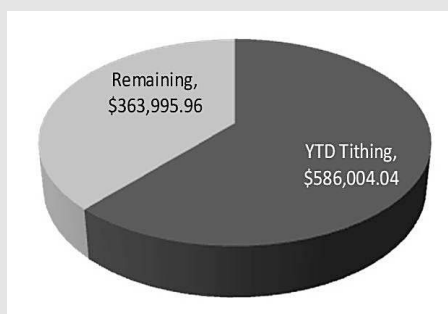
better understand what it is we are doing and celebrating at Mass and how the Mass prepares, enables, challenges, and inspires us to go forth and do just that.”

(Taken from the introduction of *Living the Mass*, by Grassi and Paprocki, Loyola Press)

### Fiscal Year July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018 Donations Received the Weekend of January 27/28

<b>Our Sunday goal</b>	<b>\$19,010.00</b>
Sunday Envelopes	\$16,707.00
Children’s Collection	\$36.09
Plate Collection	\$474.00
Deficit Reduction	\$75.00
<b>Total Sunday</b>	<b>\$17,292.09</b>
<b>This week’s deficit</b>	<b>(\$1,717.90)</b>
<b>YTD Parish Stewardship</b>	<b>\$603,296.13</b>
<b>Budgeted YTD Stewardship</b>	<b>\$589,310.00</b>
<b>Parish Surplus YTD</b>	<b>\$13,986.13</b>

This is week 31 of 52 weeks



Thanks for your help!

Where there is a will there is a way to be an angel to our Parish and/or our School. Your attorney can add a simple inexpensive amendment (a codicil) to your existing will. Please contact Bob Nowaczyk, SPSSL's Development Coordinator at 402-551-6667 for more information. Please prayerfully consider remembering our School and/or Parish's Endowment Funds in your will or estate planning.



## Other News and Events

**February 19 – March 21, Grieving with Great Hope:** This group series offers hope and healing to adults who are mourning the loss of a spouse, parent, child, sibling or any loved one. Firmly grounded in the Catholic faith, it provides prayerful, practical and personal grief support. The offering will encourage participants with hope and equip them with tools to build their bridge into a new and different life. Cost is \$20 for the series. Scholarships

are available. Contact Denise Carlson at 402.551.9003 Ext 1304 for more information or to register by Thursday, March 15. Pre-registration is required.

**February 19, 2018 – April 16, 2018, Journey of Hope:** Journey of Hope is a nine-week program offering support while addressing the issues and concerns of separated or divorced Catholics. These sessions will aid in your healing and deepen your relationship with Christ as you

experience the support of those who are strong in their faith. Facilitators are living examples of compassion. The group will meet weekly and the cost is \$25 for the series. Scholarships are available. For more information or to register, contact Denise Carlson with the Center for Family Life Formation at 402.551.9003 Ext 1304. Registration deadline is Noon on Thursday, February 15.

## Ministry Schedule for February 10 - 11

	5:30 PM Saturday	7:30 AM Sunday	9:30 AM Sunday	11:30 AM Sunday
Deacon		M. Leick	M. Leick	
EMHC	G. Barry (sub req.) J. Bruckner L. Ehlers G. Marasco C. Nelson E. Rogan M. Vana	E. Borowiak M. Coyle M. Dai D. Juszyk J. Kresl M. Leick K. Siemek	K. Jolkowski M. Leick A. Pyle K. Smith J. Stolze G. Tollo F. Tollo	N. Bock J. Brown M. Dorcey T. Griffith M. Milota K. Schinker R. Versch
Hospitality	P. Botos V. Fugger	M.J. Burns M. Cox M. Freyermuth	S. Cyboron D. Goebel C. Henningsen C. Martin	J. Brown C. Brown K. Dinkel P. Franks
Lector	Sr. Riccobono - 1 S. Welborn - 2	J. Salerno - 1 C. Ciciulla - 2	LEC 1 Family Mass - 1 LEC 2 Family Mass - 2	K. Salzman - 1 L. Alvarez - 2
Server	E. Dowda T. Novotny S. Wharton	C. Bosiljevac L. Bosiljevac M. Matuella	C. Padios L. Risch Bakhit D. Stolze	J. Ando W. Ando C. Macias
CARE	J. Ferguson	P. Juszyk	L. Stolze	M. Martins
Music	C. Johnson		Children's Choir	A. Roche
Maple Crest	M. Longo, P. Wagoner			

### The 11th annual Spring

**40daysforlife** campaign will begin February 14th, 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. If possible, please sign up for an hour to be Present, Pray & Fast by going to [omaha40daysforlife@gmail.com](mailto:omaha40daysforlife@gmail.com) or call Nebraskans United for Life, 402-399-

0299. You may sign up for any hour from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm anytime during the campaign, February 14th-March 25th.


**Peony Park Neighborhood Hot Pot Contest:** Thursday February 8 at 6:30 pm, \$5 all you can eat and one

vote. No Charge to enter a Hot Pot. Hillside Elementary School 7500 Western Ave. For questions, contact Lisa Jones 402-639-7386 or [lcattj3@gmail.com](mailto:lcattj3@gmail.com)

**The Ignatian Volunteer Corps of Omaha** invite you to the 9th annual Lenten "Morning of Reflection."

Enhance your journey through Lent with a morning of prayer and reflection with Jesuit Father Larry Gillick, SJ. February 24, 9:00 to 11:30 am. Creighton Prep Sullivan Center. Doors open at 8:30. Enter through the West side of the school. Freewill offering at the door. Register at [www.ivcusa.org/omaha](http://www.ivcusa.org/omaha). Contact Becky at 402-681-6311 with questions.

**Pope Francis's climate scientist V. Ramanathan**, who is a pioneering figure in the history of climate science, will be giving a talk at Creighton University on February 21, 2018 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the Harper Center Ballroom. The lecture is entitled "Climate change: Morphing into an Existential Threat." He will address the threat of climate change and scientifically based solutions to reduce the threat. Registering at [goo.gl/hbjUHL](http://goo.gl/hbjUHL) is not necessary, but is helpful.

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<b>Office Hours:</b> Weekdays 8 am - 4:30 pm Saturdays 8:30 am - noon	
<b>Pastor:</b> Rev. Michael Eckley	
<b>Priest in Residence:</b> Rev. Michel N'Do	
<b>Deacons:</b> Mike Leick & Gene Schimonitz (Carol)	
<b>Weekend Masses:</b> Saturdays 5:30 pm & Sundays 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 am	
<b>Daily Masses:</b> 7:00 am & 5:30 pm	
<b>Reconciliation:</b> Saturdays 4:00 - 5:00 pm	
<b>Marriage Preparation:</b> Call the Parish Office at least 6 months in advance	
<b>New Parent Baptismal</b> Second Thursday of the month, 7:00 - 9:00 pm in the Church	
<b>Class:</b> Library. This class is required for baptism. <i>Pre-registration is required 1 week in advance. Call 402-558-1898.</i>	
<b>RCIA:</b> For those interested in becoming a Catholic, please call the parish office, 402-558-8446.	
<b>School:</b> 402-551-6667	
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<b>Pastoral Ministry:</b> 402-558-8446	
<b>Prayer Line:</b> 402-558-8446	
<b>Bulletin Deadline:</b> One week in advance.	
<b>Bulletin e-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:bulletin@stpiusxomaha.org">bulletin@stpiusxomaha.org</a>	

# 2018 Pasta Friday

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.

Everyone is welcome!



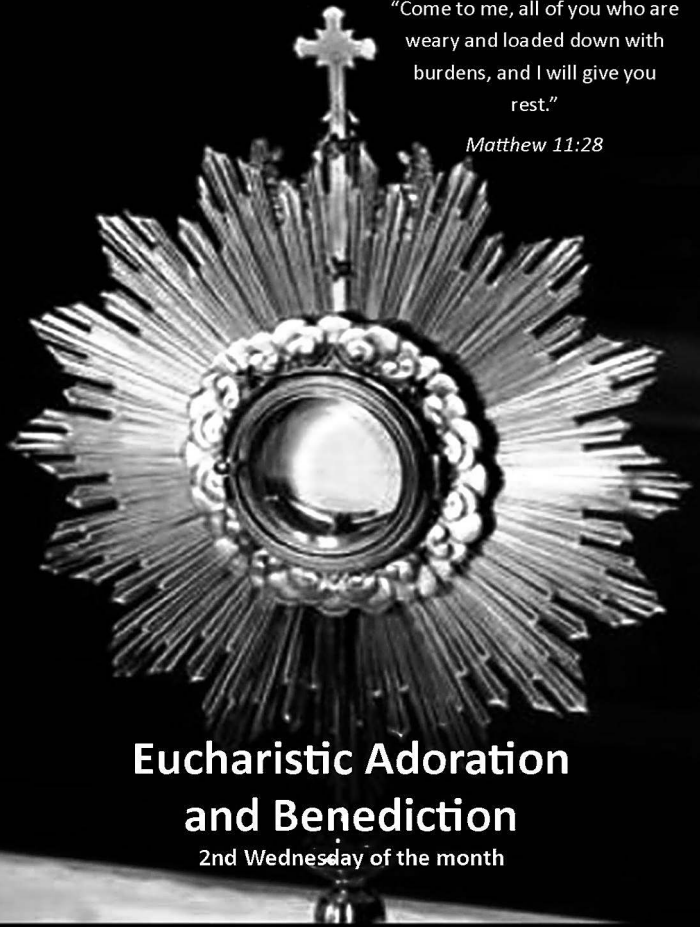
Every Friday Feb 16<sup>th</sup> - March 23  
5 – 7:30 p.m.  
St. Pius X Parish Center

Tickets are

\$9 Adult, \$8 Senior, \$5 Kids and \$40 Family

“Come to me, all of you who are weary and loaded down with burdens, and I will give you rest.”

Matthew 11:28



## Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction

2nd Wednesday of the month

6:00-7:45 pm

# 2018 Super Bowl Party

Sponsored by

## St. Pius X Men's Club

Come watch the big game on the

# BIG SCREEN

Date: February 4<sup>th</sup>

Time: 4:30 to ? Kick off 5:30

Place: Fr. Tom O'Brien Parish Center

Cost: **FREE WILL DONATION:**

Bring a side dish or dessert to share.

There will be raffle prizes, drawings and other "festivities"



For: **All ages:** There will be movies for kids.



**Food Provided:** Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Chili, Snacks,

**Drinks Available:** Lemonade, Tea, Beer or BYOB.



Questions? Contact

John Brown 402-201-3568 or

Roger Seier 402-343-1447

Talk

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.

Tuesday	January 2 <sup>nd</sup>	6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Thursday	January 4 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Saturday	January 6 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Tuesday	January 9 <sup>th</sup>	4:30 pm to 5:30 pm
Thursday	January 11 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Saturday	January 13 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am to 11:00 am
Tuesday	January 16 <sup>th</sup>	4:30 pm to 5:30 pm
Thursday	January 18 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Saturday	January 20 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Tuesday	January 23 <sup>rd</sup>	6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Thursday	January 25 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Saturday	January 27 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Tuesday	January 30 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

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