

A PLACE **WE ARE** TO CALL HOME
ST. PIUS X

2020 Advent Message

"MY PRAYER IS THAT WE CONTINUE TO LIVE
OUR MISSION AS WE WAIT IN JOYFUL HOPE
FOR THE COMING OF OUR SAVIOR,
JESUS CHRIST "

Father Joe Wray



Dear Parishioners,

As we enter into this Advent season in the midst of a pandemic, my prayer is that we can continue to live our mission as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ.

In the third and fourth Eucharistic Prayers that we use in Masses for Various Needs, the prayers match up nicely with who we are in our Parish Prayer:

Eternal Father, We are St. Pius X Parish:

Grant that all the faithful of the Church, looking into the signs of the times by the light of faith, may constantly devote themselves to the service of the Gospel.

Father, You call us to be a welcoming community, to work for justice, and to provide caring service for one another, and the world:

Keep us attentive to the needs of all that sharing their grief and pain, their joy and hope, we may faithfully bring them the good news of salvation and go forward with them along the way of your Kingdom. Open our eyes to the needs of our brothers and sisters; inspire in us words and actions to comfort those who labor and are burdened. Help us serve them truly, after the example of Christ and at his command. And may your Church stand as a living witness to truth and freedom, to peace and justice, that all people may be raised up to a new hope.

We will continue to make our pilgrim way in these difficult times. Let's be patient and compassionate with each other. Above all:

KEEP US FAITHFUL TO OUR MISSION.

Fr. Joe Wang



FAITHFUL TO OUR MISSION

A welcoming community

Regardless of the challenges, our parish community flourishes. We have 1,074 families that call St. Pius X home. Volunteers coordinated phone calls and welcome packets to 26 new families who joined our parish. We continue to livestream Masses, prayer services, presentations and send the e-newsletter to 700 families!

Ready to share our gifts

We contacted 125 parish seniors by phone and mailed out 435 health packets. The Prayer Shawl Ministry distributed over 30 blessed shawls during the month of October and 50 boxes of fresh produce were delivered to Families in Action in South Omaha.

Working for justice and service to one another

Human Needs Outreach offered pantry services to 300+ families and distributed over \$10,000 in rent and utilities assistance. The Women's Organization provided care packages for those living in care centers while 40 Confirmation youth served throughout the Omaha community. Over the summer, a prayer service was held for Racial Justice.

SPIRIT FILLED

Responding to God's call as our founders did, "with sacrifice, hardwork and simplicity."



WORSHIP

We celebrated
21 baptisms,
44 reconciliations,
30 First Communions,
3 weddings and
hosted
19 Funerals.

PRAYER

60 parishioners praying
weekly for the prayer line.
We continue to provide
at-home seasonal prayer
resources and special
services like the Prayer
Service for
Remembrance.

EDUCATION

Currently, there are 625
students attending
St. Pius X / St. Leo School
and 50 children
participating in our
Religious Education
program.

Christmas at St. Pius X

Advent Reconciliation

Monday, December 7, 1:30 pm

Christmas Masses

Safety remains our first priority. To maintain social distancing, we are limited to 125 people at every mass. Registration is required at the first two Christmas Eve Masses.

Please reserve your attendance by visiting the parish website (www.stpiusxomaha.org) or by calling the parish office at 402-558-8446. Reservations will be accepted starting December 21st through noon on December 23rd. Please check in when you arrive for Mass.

Thursday, December 24

3:00pm (Registration required)

*5:30 pm(Registration Required) *Livestream

10:30 pm (No registration required)

Friday, December 25

8:00 am (No Registration Required)

10:00 am (No registration Required)

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Thursday, December 31, 5:30 pm,

Friday, January 1, 9:00am

*All schedules are subject to change

"COMFORT, GIVE COMFORT TO MY PEOPLE, "
SAYS YOUR GOD. ISAIAH 40:1

This Advent things are different at St. Pius X. Our Parish Prayer is one connection between who we are as a community and as a parish. We can't all gather in person, but we can join hearts by saying aloud our Parish Prayer once each day during Advent. It's a way to serve as God's visible light in this world as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior.

Parish Prayer

Eternal Father, we are St. Pius X Parish.

We have gathered together to be Your visible light in this world.

We look to Your Great Commission
and pray for the grace to be a parish that is so on-fire
that we draw people to You.

We are blessed to be a diverse community
ready to share our gifts and resources,

according to the Gospel, with a spirit of true joy.

Bless us as we commit to Spirit-filled worship, prayer, and education.

Father, You call us to be a welcoming community, to work for justice,
and to provide caring service for one another, and the world.

Keep us faithful to our mission.

Guide us as we seek the values that will bring us lasting joy,
raise up this world in Your honor, and restore all things in Christ.

Almighty God, we ask this through the working of the Holy Spirit, the
intercession of the Virgin Mary, and St. Pius X.

May we respond to Your call as our founders did,
with sacrifice, hard work and simplicity.

Amen