



December E-News

Christmas/New Year's Office Hours

Saturday, Dec. 23-Closed

Monday, Dec. 25-Closed

Monday, Jan. 1-Closed

Advent/Christmas Liturgy Schedule can be found at the end of the newsletter.

Narthex Display Case – decorators needed! Do you decorate for Christmas? Easter? Challenge your creativity by adding a faith twist to your handiwork. We are looking for some creative people who would like to decorate one section of the glass display case in the narthex with seasonal displays and messages. Grab a friend and have fun putting your talents to work to inspire others! Contact: liturgy@stpiusxomaha.org

Bike For Kids December 2nd after the 5:00 PM mass in the Parish Center. Bikes for Kids are back again this year. The St Pius X Knights of Columbus Council 15101 is hosting a Potluck and Bike Assembly event (please bring a side or dessert). Bikes For Kids is a program that gets brand new bikes to kids whose families could otherwise not afford them. Over the years, with the help of family, friends, co-workers, church groups and even total strangers, the program has managed to provide several thousand kids with a "new bike smile" on Christmas morning! **Accepting monetary or new bike donations (we do not accept used bikes) through December 10.** To make a monetary donation [go here.](#) For more information or if you have any questions, please contact either: Greg Barry 402-513-9313 or Tim Bialis 402-637-8787. Thank you, and may God bless you and your family this Christmas Season.

Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, Dec. 3, 8:00-11:00 am The Knights of Columbus and Mens Club will be serving pancakes, with sausage, ham, milk, juices and coffee. There will be special pancake "toppers" for the "kids" too! Everyone is welcome and the price for this event is a free will offering. See you there!

Adopt a Family and Fleece Blankets Thank you to all who participated in the 2023 Catholic Charities Adopt-a-Family program. A reminder that all gifts and gift cards envelopes are due this weekend and can be dropped in the narthex. The parish center will be open **Sunday Dec 3rd** until 1 p.m. to accept gifts, gift cards (and fleece blankets). It is very important we receive all ornament/gifts this weekend. A quick reminder that any missed gifts result in the individual not receiving the gift on their wish-list. Questions or concerns, please contact: Patty Juszyk @juceclan@cox.net or (402) 319-7326 We continue to accept fleece tie blankets through December 10th.

Theology Matters, Dec. 5, 7:00 pm Seeing The Big Picture: What survivors of clergy sexual abuse have taught us about the meaning of harm and healing. Research findings on the impact of "just one Jesuit" credibly accused of sexual abuse at a local high school are presented by: Julia Feder, Ph.D. - associate professor of religious studies and theology at St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN, Dr. Heather Fryer, Ph.D. historian specializing in 20th Century US social and cultural history, Dr. Rebecca Murray, Ph.D. professor of criminal justice and associate dean at Creighton University in Omaha, NE. Hosted by Catholic Social Teaching ministry team

Christmas Referral Program Due by Dec. 8 If you know of parishioners in need of assistance this Christmas, please let us know. Do not hesitate to refer your own family if you are experiencing difficulties. You can find forms in the kiosk of the church or by calling the parish office at 402-558-8446. Help will be in the form of gift cards. To refer non-parishioners who live within our boundaries for assistance, call the Human Needs Outreach line at 402-558-3382.

December 9 & 10. St. Pius X Health Ministry Blood Pressure (BP) screening after Masses! Second weekend every month at all Masses (Mark your calendars!).

December 9 & 10 You will have the opportunity to sign a petition supporting a initiative that requires paid sick leave to be put on the Nebraska ballot. In 2006, the U.S. Catholic Bishops supported the Healthy Families Act that was being considered in the U.S. Senate. Had it passed, the Healthy Families Act would have been almost identical to the measure

being proposed in Nebraska. Read about the Bishop's support for paid sick leave at www.usccb.org/resources/paid-sick-leave-backgrounder

Confirmation, Dec. 10, 11:30 – About thirty parish youth will receive the sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, Dec. 10, at a Mass celebrated by the Archbishop. Families will have reserved seats, and the church is likely to be quite full, but we welcome you to pray for our parish youth who will receive the sacrament that day!

Pius X Calendar Club! Last call! Calendar Club tickets make fantastic gifts for every occasion — Last chance to get your stocking stuffers. You can even treat yourself with a ticket or two or...! The good news —Only \$35 for 366 chances to win! \$20,000 in prizes. Tickets are available in the narthex of the church, the school office, and the parish office. **The deadline is Dec. 13.**

Young at Heart Christmas luncheon! Dec. 14, 11:30am at St. Leo's Come to our Christmas luncheon! Join us in celebrating the Christmas season. We enjoy a catered turkey dinner with all of the fixins. Come and enjoy each other's company and feast on a great meal. The cost is \$15 per person. Please RSVP with payment to the St. Leo office by **December 8.** We hope that you can join us! Everyone is invited. Hosted by the St. Pius X/St. Leo Young at Heart

Poinsettias for Christmas are welcome! Do you have a loved one you would like to remember this Christmas? Simply arrange for a Red or White to be delivered to the church. Either a plant (delivered to the church by **December 23**) or a monetary gift (labeled "Flowers" and placed in the collection basket). Use the form in the bulletin to make a donation as a memorial for a loved one.

Pius X Knights Baby Bottle Drive Once again this year, our Knights Council invite all to take a Baby Bottle home and throughout this advent season, fill them up with your loose change, then return it to a mass at Christmas time in a specially marked return box in the narthex. All donations received will benefit Essential Pregnancy Services of Omaha and the Bethlehem House, which provides hope, a home and empowerment to pregnant and parenting women in crisis. No spare change, no problem! Donations may also be made [online](#). Thank you and God Bless. Bart Sullivan, Warden, St. Pius X Council 15101.

Advent Baby Shower The Respect Life committee is hosting the annual Advent baby shower beginning the weekend of December 1-2. All donations will be sent to EPS and Bethlehem House. The most requested items include diapers (all sizes), wipes, onesies, and baby clothes. Please put donations in the pack n play in the narthex. Thank you for supporting pregnant moms and babies in our community. Thank you for supporting life! Contact: respectlife@stpiusxomaha.org

Sunday Preschool – on hold Due to low enrollment, the Sunday Preschool program for 3 to 5 year-olds is on hold until next fall. If there are more families who would like to see this offered as a ministry, contact Colleen.

From Finance One of the major fundrCommitteeaisers of the year is the Calendar Club, which has a deadline of *December 13th*. *Please make sure you get your tickets bought by this date!* In order for the parish to meet its financial obligations the Finance Committee needs *everyone's* support during the month of December as we close out the first half of the fiscal year. In particular we ask for your support of our Christmas collection as we strive to close the deficit accrued during the past five months. Did you know you can make a gift to St. Pius X from your IRA using the IRA Charitable Rollover?

Congress made permanent the law that allows people age 70½ or older who own an IRA to make gifts directly from their IRA to charity. For many people, this is the best tax-wise way to give. An IRA rollover gift will not be included in your taxable income and may qualify for your required minimum distribution.

Updates

Parish Center Update The parish center, which for our purposes include, P1, P2, P 3 (fireplace room), the foyer and hallway, P4 and the kitchen. These areas have not been updated since it was built 35 years ago. While the priority is the flooring, we felt this was a great opportunity to look at all areas of the parish center. We recognize that there are as many suggestions as there are people providing them. We tried to be objective and look at the pros and cons of each suggestion. The pros and cons were based on function, long term sustainability, the **process** of cleaning, aesthetics (warm and welcoming), purpose and mission. We visited other parishes and gathered input from them. Input was gathered from the staff, pastoral council, woman's organization, and the knights and men's club. Consultation is also planned with flooring experts to help us narrow down the most appropriate materials.

We have identified priorities,(i.e. flooring and walls, kitchen, technology, tables, chairs, lighting, other, etc.) whereby if things need to be done in phases, that can easily be identified. A proposal will be presented to the pastoral council for final input and then to the finance committee.

Save the Date for Pre-K and Kindergarten Roundup at SPSL!

Roundup will be held at St. Pius X / St. Leo School on Saturday, February 3. Pre-K Roundup will be at 9am, and Kindergarten Roundup will be at 10:30am. We invite all St. Pius X families with an incoming Pre-K or Kindergarten student to join us to learn more about our program offerings and hear from our teachers and administration. Visit <https://spsl.net/roundup/> for more information, or call the school at 402-551-6667 to set up a tour.

Advent/Christmas/New Years Mass Schedule

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)

Thursday, Dec. 7, 5:30

Friday, Dec. 8, 5:30 pm

Advent Reconciliation

St. Bernards, Sunday, Dec. 10, 3:00 pm

St. Leo, Monday, Dec. 11, 7:00 pm

St. Leo, Tuesday, Dec. 12, 1:30

Individual reconciliation at St. Pius X

Saturdays, 3:30-4:30

Christmas Masses

Saturday, Dec. 24 4:30pm

Saturday, Dec. 24 10:30pm

Sunday, Dec. 25 9:30 am

Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God

Monday, Jan. 1 9:00 am

Masses for Epiphany

Saturday, Jan. 6 5:00 pm

Sunday, Jan. 7 7:30 am, 9:30 am

More Information and Details

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