



## *January E-News*

### *Masses*

#### *Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God*

*Monday, Jan. 1 9:00 am*

*(Presider: Bishop James Golka, Colorado Springs)*

#### *Epiphany*

*Saturday, Jan. 6 5:00 pm*

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

#### *Feast of the Baptism of the Lord*

*Monday, Jan. 8 5:30 pm*

#### **Thank You....**

**Respect Life Committee:** Thank you to all contributors to the Advent Baby Shower. Bethlehem House and Essential Pregnancy Services were most grateful for all the baby items, God Bless!

**Adopt-a-Family and parish referral programs a great success!** The gift card collection always exceeds expectations. The spirit of St. Pius X lives on. As of this printing we provided parishioners with over \$2300 in much needed Christmas help (30 adults and 52 children). Your generosity also allowed us to give cards to Catholic Charities and the St. Pius X Human Needs Outreach. The remaining cards will be used throughout the year to help those in need. That is amazing. In addition, we provided than 20 handmade fleece blankets to many others in need. The food pantry has never been short of food and so many families have benefited from the distribution of food.

**Knights of Columbus** Thank you to all those who participated in the Knights of Columbus baby bottle drive and Bikes for Kids. St. Pius X is extremely blessed with the generosity of this very giving parish. It is astounding!

**Liturgy Committee.** **Many thanks** to everyone who made our Advent and Christmas liturgies so meaningful and special. The list is long: greeters, servers, readers, ushers, decorators. Musicians, Eucharistic ministers, those that donated poinsettias, and everyone who came to celebrate and pray with us. The meaning of Christmas abounds in our gatherings and prayer.

**Pancake Breakfast, Sunday Jan 14, 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. Proceeds to go to the parish center remodeling fund. See you there!

#### **Eucharist at the heart of all we do and all we are, Saturday, Jan. 27, St. Pius X 9-noon. ALL PARISH MINISTER**

**Formation** - A special event designed to help all parish ministers ground their service (whether flipping pancakes or distributing Communion) in our identity as a Eucharistic people. We will begin with Mass at 9, followed by a presentation on the Eucharist by Deacon Kevin Fuller. Breakout sessions will have tables by ministry to allow you to share how the Eucharist feeds your service in a particular ministry. Register on the [SPX website](#) or call the rectory at 402-558-8446 so we are prepared with refreshments and tables. Questions? Contact Colleen [colleenc@stpiusxomaha.org](mailto:colleenc@stpiusxomaha.org).

**Catholic Schools Week, January 28 – February 3** Since 1974, National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. This year's theme, *Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community.* Check out the St. Pius X/St. Leo school website for a schedule of events. <https://spsl.net/>

**St. Pius X Health Ministry Blood Pressure (BP) screening after Masses! January 13-14** Second weekend every month at all Masses (Mark your calendars!).

**From Finance** We extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to all parishioners who have given so generously to the campaign to reduce the parish deficit and to fund the renovation of our parish center! The initial response to the campaign has been gratifying but we are hopeful of receiving completed pledge cards from all of our faithful givers. Completed pledge cards can be placed in the collection basket or dropped off at the rectory. We continue to urge parishioners to consider St. Pius X as a part of your estate planning program. The Omaha Archdiocese has a very helpful and useful section of its website devoted to charitable giving: [archomahalegacy.org](http://archomahalegacy.org). On this you can learn about the various techniques available to maximize your gifts to St. Pius X. In particular we would call your attention to the IRA Charitable Rollover which allows persons 70 and ½ and older to reduce their taxable income by making a gift directly to St. Pius X from the IRA account. (Note however that IRA charitable rollover gifts do not qualify for a charitable deduction.) A final reminder: There is still time to make a gift to St. Pius X before 2024 by making a gift online. You can do that here. [“Donate”](#) .

**From Health Ministry** January's Health Ministry focus is on Health Effects of Smoking and Benefits of Smoking Cessation. Studies have shown that smoking harms nearly every organ in the body. Whether cigarettes or vaping, no tobacco product is considered safe. More information can be found in the kiosk in the narthex of the church.

**Save the Date for Pre-K and Kindergarten Roundup at SPSL!** Calling all Future Panthers! Join us for Pre-K and Kindergarten Roundup on **Saturday, February 3**. Pre-K Roundup will be at 9am, and Kindergarten Roundup will be at 10:30am. This is your chance to hear from our teachers and administration, see our Pre-K and Kindergarten classrooms, and learn about a day in the life of an SPSL student. You can RSVP and learn more at [www.spsl.net/roundup](http://www.spsl.net/roundup). You can also call the school at 402-551-6667 or email [kim.kenney@spsl.net](mailto:kim.kenney@spsl.net) with any questions or to set up a tour.

**Save the Date! Tuesday, February 20, 2024 – Unseen: How We’re Failing Parent Caregivers and Why It Matters –** Viewing of documentary film followed by panel discussion with local caregivers and experts. Although the documentary focuses specifically on parent caregivers, the discussion will include caregivers more broadly. If you want to be a part of planning or participating in this event as a panelist, please contact Colleen [colleenc@stpiusxomaha.org](mailto:colleenc@stpiusxomaha.org).

### **From our Family of Parishes**

**Eucharistic Revival, Saturday, Jan. 13 at St. Leo the Great 9-noon** - includes Mass, and a presentation on Eucharistic Miracles by Evangelium Institute’s Dr. Keith Jiron. For more information contact [dina@stleo.net](mailto:dina@stleo.net).

**Christ Life, Jan.9- Feb. 20, Monday Evenings 6:15-8:45, St. Leo’s** Is your Plate Full or Empty? Join us at Discovering Christ. Join us for a free meal, prayer time, video teaching and small group conversations. For more information, contact Deacon Randy Landenberger, 402-397-0407, [christlife@stleo.net](mailto:christlife@stleo.net) or go to: [Christ Life](#) In addition, Each session, which includes a meal, takes place on Monday evenings at St. Leo the Great. We need volunteers to help fill water glasses, serve food, clear tables etc. for those who are participating in this series. We would greatly appreciate any help (Youth especially) you could provide. Use the Sign Up Genius link below to sign up for a specific date.  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B48AAAF23A0F49-christlife>

### **Opportunities**

**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](mailto:liturgy@stpiusxomaha.org)

**St. Leo/St. Pius X Youth Group** starts every meeting with sharing a meal. If you, your family, or maybe your group/organization is interested in making and serving one of our meals, please email [janetd@stpiusxomaha.org](mailto:janetd@stpiusxomaha.org). We are so thankful to those people who provide this opportunity to break bread together.

**70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** A small group of parishioners met in July to start thinking about how we want to celebrate this milestone event. Mark your calendars for Aug 25, 2024. We are looking for people interested in helping plan this day and will start in earnest in January.

**Parish Festival 2024 June 2**, (Tentative date) Who likes games? How will you use your gifts for this great community event? The Festival Committee is looking for people to chair the games at the Festival. Basically, this entails choosing the games and inflatables, ensuring that there are booth captains for each booth (school provides 8 booth captains), and making sure all the game pieces and misc. items are ready the day of the festival. We want to thank Christine

Henningsen and Kate Macias for chairing this for the past two festivals. If anyone is interested in this opportunity or any other way to be involved, please send a message to [festival@stpiusxomaha.org](mailto:festival@stpiusxomaha.org)

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