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**Parish Directory
2024-2025**

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Dear Parishioners of St. Pius X Community,

Greetings of joy to you! As your new Pastor, I offer my sincere congratulations to all the past and current parishioners on your 70th Year Celebration.

As I transition into my role, I am excited and humbled to be your spiritual leader. After reading your history over the years and experiencing your vibrant and resilient faith, I have much admiration and amazement for how the parish has grown since 1954 along with the construction of the school in 1955. The incredible courage, sacrifices, and love for God and others assisted the founding pastor and families to begin a firm foundation for future generations, where faith could be learned, shared and celebrated.

When we honor and recall this milestone, opportunities will unfold with appreciation and awareness of the impact of how countless families and numerous children or youth have been blessed over the years to be part of the heritage of St. Pius X Parish and School. I am especially grateful for the previous pastors, parishioners, volunteers, staff and donors who have worked and supported the mission of St. Pius X Parish to enable it to prosper in the ways of the Gospel.

It is my hope that I can join you in following Christ and serving others with a spirit of reverence, grace and trust that God will persist in showering down His blessings upon us as disciples and stewards of God's Kingdom.

Again, I extend my heartfelt congratulations, prayers, and best wishes to all the parishioners and pray that the inspiration of our patron, St. Pius X, will offer us continued guidance and protection.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Mark Tomaszewicz
Pastor

Our Mission

We are St. Pius X Parish, grateful to our founders for a tradition of sacrifice, hard work and simplicity, proud of our economic, cultural and age diversity. As a Catholic community, we share our gifts and resources to live the Gospel of Jesus in a spirit of joy. We commit to Spirit-filled worship and prayer and excellence in education for all. We strive to be a welcoming community, to work for justice and to provide caring service for one another and the world.

Our Patron, St. Pius X

Pope Pius X was born on June 2, 1835, died August 20, 1914, and was canonized on May 29, 1954. St. Pius is perhaps best remembered for his encouragement of the frequent reception of Holy Communion, especially by children. The aim of his papacy became his motto: To restore all things in Christ.

The second of 10 children in a poor Italian family, Joseph Sarto became Pius X at age 68, and was one of the 20th century's greatest popes.

Ever mindful of his humble origin, he stated, "I was born poor, I lived poor, I will die poor." He was embarrassed by some of the pomp of the papal court. "Look how they have dressed me up," he said in tears to an old friend. To another, "It is a penance to be forced to accept all these practices. They lead me around surrounded by soldiers, like Jesus when he was seized in Gethsemani."

Interested in politics, he encouraged Italian Catholics to become more politically involved. One of his first papal acts was to end the supposed right of governments to interfere by veto in papal elections—a practice that reduced the freedom of the 1903 conclave which had elected him.

In 1905, when France renounced its agreement with the Holy See and threatened confiscation of Church property if governmental control of Church affairs was not granted, Pius X courageously rejected the demand.

While he did not author a famous social encyclical as his predecessor had done, he denounced the ill treatment of indigenous peoples of the plantations of Peru, sent a relief commission to Messina after an earthquake and sheltered refugees at his own expense.

On the 11th anniversary of his election as pope, Europe was plunged into World War I. Pius had foreseen it, but it killed him. "This is the last affliction the Lord will visit on me. I would gladly give my life to save my poor children from this ghastly scourge." He died a few weeks after the war began and was canonized in 1954. His feast day is August 21.



“Restore All Things in Christ” A Place to Call Home

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

Welcome

We extend a special welcome to all who are single, married, divorced, gay, filthy rich, dirt poor, y no habla Ingles. We extend a special welcome to those who are crying newborns, skinny as a rail, or could afford to lose a few pounds.

We welcome you if you can sing either like our music leader or like our Pastor, or even if you can hardly carry a note in a bucket.

You're welcome here if you're "just browsing," just woke up, or just got out of jail. We don't care if you're more Catholic than the Pope, haven't been in church since little Joey's baptism, or have never been in a church ever.

We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but have not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome single parents, gay parents, all parents, starving artists, tree-huggers, latté-sippers, vegetarians, junk-food eaters. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome those who are having problems or are down in the dumps, and those who don't like "organized religion" (we've been there, too).

If you blew all your offering money before you arrived, you're welcome here. We welcome those who think the earth is flat, who work too hard, who don't work, can't spell, or who are here because grandma is in town and she wanted you to go to church with her. We welcome those children who run down the aisle, those who need an arm to lean on, those who see and hear with assistance, and those who don't miss a word or note or gesture.

We welcome those who are inked, pierced, or both. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down their throat as a kid or got lost in traffic and wound up here by mistake. We welcome tourists, seekers and doubters, bleeding hearts . . . and you!

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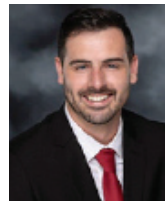
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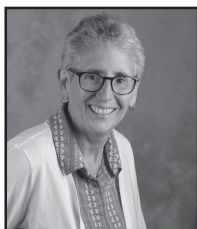
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The History of Our Parish

St. Pius X Parish officially began May 8, 1954, when the Chancellor of the Omaha Archdiocese wrote the Rev. George Kempker in Worthington, Ohio. In effect the letter said: We're building a new parish; we want you to be the "architect." You'll start with two blocks of property at 69th & Blondo (a cornfield), 500 families and our prayers. On May 29th, the canonization date of St. Pius X, our parish was erected.



The energy of Fr. Kempker, an ex-marine chaplain, was contagious. Ground breaking for our house of worship - a metal structure called a "Behlen" building - began September 20th. Shortly before Christmas, Archbishop Bergan dedicated St. Pius X Church. Many called it a "ninety day wonder."

Construction on a 19-room school building began August 1, 1955. It was completed in time for the 1956 fall term, with an enrollment of 465 students and a staff of four Servants of Mary Sisters, including the Principal, Sr. Mary Brigetta, and seven lay teachers.

Scaffolding, work crews, bricks and mortar were common sights for parishioners during the next several years. The parish grew, and by 1965, St. Pius X School was the largest in the Midwest, with an enrollment of 1,565. Fr. Kempker, who suffered a stroke, retired in the spring of 1968.

In June of 1968, Fr. Charles Brodersen was named pastor. "Fr. B" quickly caught the Pius Spirit. In keeping with Vatican II, he established the Parish Council and other committees, thus involving more laity (men and women) in the planning and growth of the parish. During the Brodersen years, the "ninety day wonder" was remodeled, given a brick façade and air-conditioned. In June of 1977, Fr. Brodersen left St. Pius for St. Stanislaus Parish.

Fr. Thomas O'Brien, who had served as first assistant pastor to the parish, came back as pastor that summer. He felt right at home. The "Pius Spirit" was still alive and flourishing. In the summer of 1978, St. Pius helped establish a neighboring parish, St. Leo, to help meet the needs of the rapidly increasing number of families in the area. St. Pius X School was renamed St. Pius X/St. Leo and a partnership was born.

Under Fr. O'Brien's leadership, the laity continued to blossom and nurture the parish. People were invited to use their gifts and many new programs began, creating the need for a gathering place to work on ministries together. In 1986, the Parish Center was built and blessed.

“A Tradition of Sacrifice, Hard Work and Simplicity...”

In June of 1996, Fr. O'Brien left St. Pius X for St. Vincent de Paul Parish. In his place, St. Pius X was blessed to have yet another son returning home. Fr. Lloyd Gnirk had been a resident at St. Pius X in 1982. He, too, quickly caught the “Pius Spirit.” During Fr. Gnirk's 12 years of leadership, the parish and school saw many additions and improvements. In the summer of 2001, the north school building was updated and given a new façade. In the summer of 2002, a four-classroom addition for kindergartners was completed, the south school building was given a new façade and a new garage for the priests was built. The new Administration wing for the school was completed and dedicated in 2006. In June 2008, Fr. Gnirk moved to St. John's in Valley, NE.

Fr. John L. Pietramale was appointed as the parish's 5th pastor in June 2008 and served for 3 years until becoming pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Omaha. In his time here at St. Pius, Fr. Pietramale grew St. Pius's savings and endowment, and with the help of many in the parish, put the parish on a stable financial footing. This stability enabled the parish to move forward with the renovation of the parish worship space.

Fr. Mike Eckley was named the 6th pastor of St. Pius X in June 2011. Fr. Mike was formally installed as pastor on July 31, 2011 by Archbishop George Lucas at an evening prayer service that also included the procession of the Eucharist out of the church into the Parish Center. This was the official beginning of the church renovation, which preserved the original mahogany paneling, the stained glass windows, the marble altar and ambo. Archbishop George Lucas blessed the renovated church in a dedication Mass on June 3rd, 2012. Fr. Mike Eckley remained pastor until July 1, 2018.

Fr. Joe Wray, previously pastor at St. Joseph in Wisner and Holy Cross in Beemer was appointed as the 7th Pastor of St. Pius X. Fr. Joe along with the expertise of lay parishioners led the parish and school safely through the dark days of the COVID pandemic. We faced the challenges by offering remote education, recorded liturgies and physically distant sacraments.

In 2022, through the Archdiocese's Journey of Faith process, St. Pius X Parish came full circle when the three parishes of St. Bernard's, St. Pius X (which was created from St. Bernard's) and St. Leo the Great (which was created from St. Pius X) were designated as a *‘Family of Parishes.’* Our future as a ‘Family of Parishes’ will help us to better bring the light of Christ to this part of Omaha and the world.

In June of 2024, Fr. Mark Tomasiewicz left a rural family of parishes near Albion, Nebraska, and was appointed as the 8th pastor of St. Pius X parish.



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Call for summer hours

Website

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Bulletin

Email: bulletin@stpiusxomaha.org

Emergency

After business hours to get in touch with a priest please call the office, 402-558-8446, for instructions.

General Information

Illness: Contact the Parish Office to inform us of parishioners who are hospitalized, recovering in nursing homes or homebound.

Funerals: To make preparations for a funeral please contact the Parish Office. The staff will help you in the planning. This includes selecting readings and music and also helping with funeral luncheon arrangements.

Mass Intentions: If you would like to have Masses offered for a particular intention or for a deceased person, please call the Parish Office. An offering of \$10 is suggested.

Communion to the Sick and Homebound: Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements for a visit to someone who is sick or homebound.

Weather and Cancellations: In most cases, when school has been cancelled, the parish offices are also closed. Unless otherwise notified, meetings are also cancelled.

Bulletin Deadline: To have something placed in the bulletin, please email it to the parish secretary one week in advance.
bulletin@stpiusxomaha.org

Parish Calendar: The most current calendar can be found on the St. Pius X website: www.stpiusxomaha.org. A weekly calendar can also be found in the parish bulletin.

E-News: The E-news gets emailed to those people we have emails for on the last Friday of the month. It contains upcoming parish events and news. It can also be found on the website and in print copies in the kiosk. On occasion when special circumstances arise there will be a special mailing.

Religious Education Program: For registration information contact the Faith Formation Office at 402-558-1898.

Sunday Pre-School: Sunday Pre-School classes for children ages three-Kindergarten are held during the 9:30 am Sunday Mass. For information and registration information contact the Faith Formation Office at 402-558-1898.

Youth Ministry: Students from public and Catholic high schools gather Sundays from 6:30-8:30 pm at St. Leo's, September to April in a joint youth group with St. Leo.

Junior High (7th and 8th grade) students gather on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 6:00-7:00 pm at St. Leo's.

St. Pius X/St. Leo School: For registration information in the Five Day School please contact the school office at 402-551-6667.

Safe Environment Certification: The Archdiocese of Omaha and our parish require all adults to have a current certification before involvement with children and youth. This certification includes a 2-hour training session and background check. Certification must be renewed every six years. Go to www.archomaha.org for a list of training dates and to register. The St. Pius X Safe Environment contact is the Director of Faith Formation, 402-558-1898.

St. Pius X: Eucharistic Community

The parish is the most important part of our Catholic Church. This is where we continue the mission of Jesus Christ. This is where we publicly express our faith, joining together with others to give witness of our communion with God and with one another. St. Pius X Parish is eager to provide you with spiritual and community growth, as well as opportunities to experience and expand your Catholic faith.

Clearly stated expectations for all members of a faith community, including parishioners as well as parish leadership, truly enable the entire community to function well and to provide for the needs of all. To promote an understanding of expectations, the following are offered.

St. Pius X Parish will provide opportunities for:

- worship, prayer and sacramental celebrations
- on-going faith formation
- effective sacramental preparation
- living out faith in service to others

St. Pius X Parish will continue to:

- be a welcoming community
- build on the tradition of sacrifice and hard work of our founders
- be good stewards of financial contributions to the parish
- recognize and empower parishioners to use their gifts and talents

St. Pius X parishioners will:

- support and further the mission of St. Pius X Parish
- pray regularly for the parish community
- participate in weekend Masses
- be involved in the life of the parish community
- engage in adult faith formation opportunities
- support the parish with spiritual and financial gifts
- participate in sacramental celebrations
- support the sacramental preparation of children and adults
- invite others to experience our St. Pius X community
- find an area of ministry through which they can serve Christ and others
- share their faith with others



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Stewardship

What is Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure?

It is the wise and responsible use of the special gifts God has entrusted to each of us. It is believing that God has created each one of us with unique abilities and attributes which make us who we are. Many times in scripture we are reminded to be generous with our time, talent and treasure. We are called to take care of others, to share what we have, and to return a portion of our gifts to God. We are reminded do this with purity of intention and according to our means.

Why Is This Important?

Our lives have real meaning only when we use our gifts in accordance with God's will. Nurturing stewardship helps us grow in our relationship with God.

How Can I Be a Good Steward of My Time, Talents and Treasure?

Guided by prayer, each Catholic makes a decision to live out the Christian life as a good steward. This decision is an intentional act to thank God for all of His blessings, in short, to put God at the center of life. We are provided with many opportunities each day to be good stewards. We just need to be aware of the choices we make and the significance of our decisions.

How can I share my time, talent and treasure at St. Pius X?

In this handbook you will find descriptions of the varied opportunities available at St. Pius X.

Sacraments

Baptism

Baptism preparation classes for parents are offered the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm. Pre-registration is required. Call the Faith Formation Office, 402-558-1898. Baptisms are generally celebrated the first and third weekends each month except during Lent.

First Reconciliation

The sacrament of First Reconciliation is offered to children in 2nd grade in November at a special Saturday liturgy. If an older child needs to be prepared for reception of First Reconciliation, contact the Director of Faith Formation at 402-558-1898 to arrange for the child's preparation.

First Communion

First Communion is celebrated in the spring for second graders. If an older child desires First Communion, contact the Director of Faith Formation, 402-558-1898, to arrange for the child's preparation and reception of the sacrament.

Confirmation

Confirmation is conferred on parish eighth graders in December. Formal preparation for the sacrament begins during the seventh grade year.

Young adults and adults who have not been confirmed but who desire to receive the sacrament should contact the Pastor or the Director of Faith Formation for assistance in Confirmation preparation.

Christian Initiation for Adults

Adults who want to explore the Catholic tradition and faith and/or come into full communion with the Catholic Church participate in weekly sessions with parishioners starting in September. The initiation process and rites are designed to help them be an active part of worship, service and social activities in the parish. If interested please contact the Faith Formation office at 402-558-1898.

Marriage

Couples planning to be married at St. Pius X should contact the parish office and talk to a priest, 402-558-8446. The Archdiocese of Omaha policy requires a minimum of six months for marriage preparation.

Anointing of the Sick

This Sacrament may be received by any Catholic who is seriously ill, about to undergo major surgery or in poor health due to age. St. Pius X also offers anointing at designated Masses twice a year. Watch the bulletin for the dates. Individuals may also contact the priests at any time to receive this sacrament.

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PARISH FESTIVAL

Parish Office 402-558-8446..... festival@stpiusxomaha.org

PASTORAL MINISTRY

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..... pastoralministry@stpiusxomaha.org

PRAYER LINE

Parish Office 402-558-8446..... www.stpiusxomaha.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (Preschool, GR.1-8)

Colleen Ciciulla 402-558-1898

..... faithformation@stpiusxomaha.org

RESPECT LIFE

Gene Petersen..... 402-880-7820..... respectlife@stpiusxomaha.org

SHAWL MINISTRY

Ann Morales 402-312-6026..... shawl@stpiusxomaha.org

SUPPER CLUB

Colleen Morrissey 402-554-1768

Katy Salzman..... 402-391-3717

Trish Wangler 402-991-2625.... supperclub@stpiusxomaha.org

WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION

Colleen Morrissey 402-554-1768... womansorg@stpiusxomaha.org

YOUNG AT HEART (55+)

Parish Office 402-558-8446..... young55atheart@gmail.com

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Janet Drvol..... 402-558-8446..... ..

..... youthministry@stpiusxomaha.org

YOUTH SPORTS

Call School Office 402-551-6667

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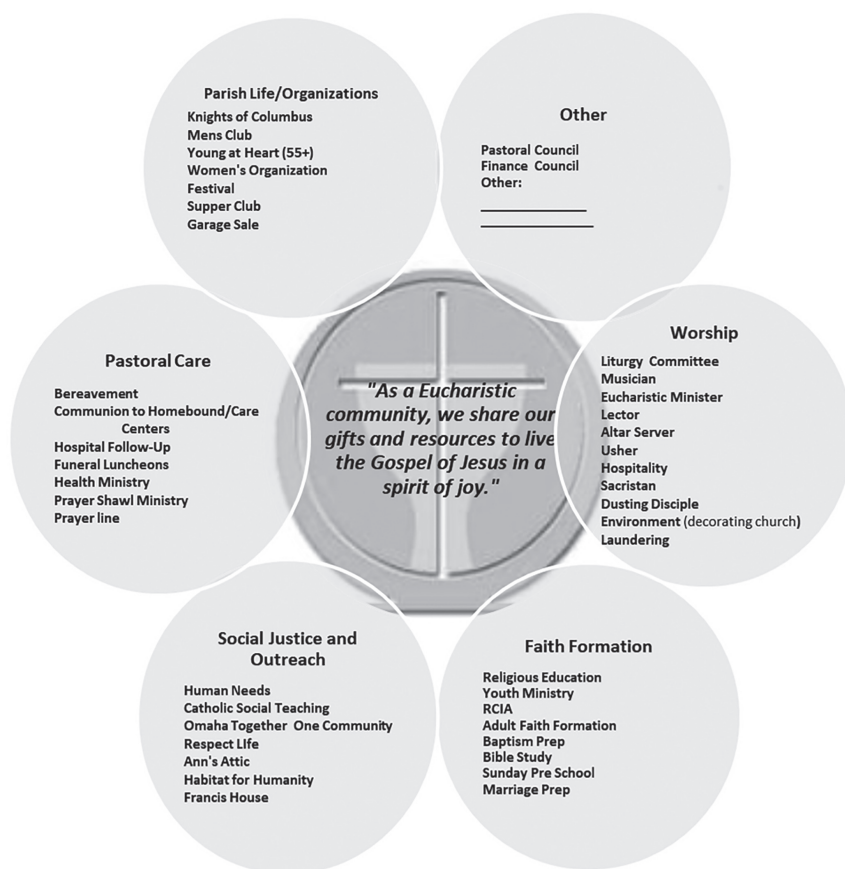
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How Can You Share Your Time and Talent?

God has blessed each of us with special talents. You are encouraged to seek a connection to the St. Pius X community through involvement in any number of ways. This handbook describes many opportunities available to serve in the parish. Contact the person listed in the following pages or go to our website and look under stewardship.

Sharing our gifts of time and talent is a part of our journey of discipleship.



St. Pius X Ministries and Committees

Faith Formation

St. Pius X commits to excellence in education for all.

Religious Education

St. Pius X Religious Education provides education and formation in the Catholic faith tradition to families whose children are enrolled in public schools, grades 1-8. The program uses a family formation model supported by catechists for each grade level and monthly presentations for parents. Group sessions are held on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:45 in the Church and school.

Contact: Colleen Ciciulla, 402-558-1898
faithformation@stpiusxomaha.org



Christian Initiation for Adults

The Christian Initiation process for Adults is designed to help interested persons explore the Catholic tradition and membership in the Catholic Church. The process includes a series of weekly sessions that start in September.

Contact: Colleen Ciciulla, 402-558-1898
faithformation@stpiusxomaha.org

Marriage Preparation

When couples consider marriage, their preparation for the sacrament is assisted by Marriage Preparation couples who, in conjunction with the priest, work with the couple. A training is provided for this ministry.

Contact: Father Mark Tomasiewicz, 402-558-8446
matomasiewicz@archomaha.org

Adult Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation provides religious formation opportunities for adults in the parish. These opportunities include Bible studies, retreats and large and small group programs to appeal to a variety of spiritual needs.

Contact: Colleen Ciciulla, 402-558-1898
adultfaith@stpiusxomaha.org

Youth Ministry

St. Pius X Youth Ministry offers a variety of activities for students in 7th-12th grades. Events can include service, fun events, and other community building opportunities. In addition, we offer High School and Junior High Youth Groups. Both groups eat together, socialize, discuss a variety of topics and grow in relationship with others and God. Adult volunteers are invited to chaperone events, provide a meal, help with youth groups or assist in any number of areas.

Contact: Janet Drvol, 402-558-8446
youthministry@stpiusxomaha.org

Baptism Preparation for Parents

Baptism preparation is a ministry to parents who desire Baptism for their child. The session includes the theology of Baptism, the symbolism within the sacrament, the role of the community, and the vocation of parenthood. Baptism preparation sessions are offered the second Thursday of each month.

Contact: Colleen Ciciulla, 402-558-1898
baptism@stpiusxomaha.org



Bible Study

God's Word in scripture is the foundation of our faith formation. Spending time with scripture deepens our relationship with God and helps us see God at work in creation and our lives. Bible Study topics and formats vary each year.

Contact: Colleen Ciciulla, 402-558-1898
bible@stpiusxomaha.org

Councils and Boards

Pastoral Council

The Pastoral Council assists the Pastor in developing and deepening the parish faith community. As a consultative body, the Council proposes a vision and direction for parish life.

Finance Council

This committee reviews, coordinates and administers the parish budget. It is responsible for funding and maintaining the physical plant.

Contact: Fr. Mark Tomaszewicz, 402-558-8446
matomaszewicz@archomaha.org

Pastoral Care

St. Pius X strives to provide caring service to one another.

Bereavement

Grief is a life changing experience.

There is no one right way to grieve. As Christians, we celebrate and give thanks for the promise of eternal life, and we acknowledge grief as a Christian response in the face of loss. At St. Pius X, we seek to be a spiritual home and provide a place of support, prayer, resources and encouragement in the midst of loss and sadness. We offer a variety of ministries to journey alongside our bereaved parishioners in the days, months and years following the death of a loved one.

Contact: Rita Bianchi, 402-556-1201
bereavement@stpiusxomaha.org

Funeral Luncheon

The Funeral Luncheon Committee at St. Pius X offers a luncheon after a funeral held at St. Pius X. The luncheon is a sharing time for family and friends - a time to ease the grieving for those who have just buried a loved one. Families are most appreciative of this service. Lunch is served in the Parish Center by parish volunteers. We are always ready to welcome anyone (men, women, young adults, etc.) who would be able to help in any number of ways.



Contact: Robin Versch, 402-551-2897
funerallunch@stpiusxomaha.org

Hospital Follow-Up Ministry

This ministry involves making calls to those just released from the hospital and to let them know that the parish community is praying for them in their recovery and to make sure that their spiritual needs are being met (e.g., communion, reconciliation, etc.).

Contact: Parish Office, 402-558-8446
pastoralministry@stpiusxomaha.org

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry provides an opportunity to combine the care and love of knitting into a prayerful ministry that reaches out to those in need of comfort and solace. Many blessings are knitted into every shawl.

Contact: Ann Morales, 402-312-6026
shawl@stpiusxomaha.org

Health Ministry

Grounded in the healing ministry of Jesus, St. Pius X Health Ministry recognizes the body, mind, spirit connection as an integral part of health and healing. This ministry provides information and programs that guide individuals, families and the parish community to become active participants in their own physical, spiritual and emotional growth and well-being.

Contact: Margaret Hoarty, 402-553-7547
health@stpiusxomaha.org

Homebound/Care Centers

Approximately 40 parishioners are either homebound or in an assisted living facility. Currently the homebound parishioners receive the bulletins, and if they would like, communion can be brought to their home. St. Pius X also takes communion to Ambassador and Maplecrest Care Centers weekly. If you are interested in helping with this ministry as a Communion Minister or would like to help expand this ministry, please contact us.

Contact: Parish Office, 402-558-8446
pastoralministry@stpiusxomaha.org

Prayer Line

Our community has depended on the prayer line for many years. To be a part of this ministry, all you need is to be willing to set aside some time each week to pray for others. Prayers are sent via e-mail to you.

Contact: Parish Office, 402-558-8446
prayerline@stpiusxomaha.org

Social Justice and Outreach

St. Pius X strives to work for justice and to provide caring service for one another and the world.

Human Needs Outreach

St. Pius X Human Needs Outreach works within our community extending assistance with basic needs such as energy, food or rent. We represent the face of St. Pius X to our neighbors with personal interactions and offering of encouragement and support. This group organizes and runs the pantry, Adopt-a-Family at Christmas and Ann's Attic.

Contact: Nancy Lobsinger, 402-991-6479
humanneeds@stpiusxomaha.org



Francis House

Volunteers work in crews to provide meals for our brothers and sisters who eat at the Francis House homeless shelter on Saturdays and Sundays. Each crew provides one meal per month.

Contact: Michaela Smith, 402-250-2352
francishouse@stpiusxomaha.org

Respect Life

The Respect Life committee desires to work in an organized and effective way toward building the culture of life at St. Pius X Church and beyond through evangelization, education on Respect Life issues, advocacy and prayer, focusing on major events, administered activities that celebrate and promote respect for all human life, and collaborative efforts with other organizations.

Contact: Gene Petersen, 402-880-7820
respectlife@stpiusxomaha.org

Catholic Social Teaching Ministry

The CST Ministry Team offers education on the 7 Principles of Catholic Social Teaching, opportunities for parishioner discussion and invitations to action responses throughout the year. The CST Team is the umbrella ministry (organization) for a number of initiatives including *Care for Creation, Faithful Citizenship, Neighborhood Stability, Racial Justice, Refugee Support* and works with other leaders to organize *Theology Matters*, and *Omaha Together One Community*.



Racial Justice Team

The CST Team made racial justice education a priority in 2020, listening to Pope Francis' call to eradicate deep inequities in systems, and the US Bishops concern that public safety must apply to all. The RJT commits to education, awareness, and solidarity through book readings, speakers, and working with other congregations to stand against all racism.

Theology Matters

CST works with St. Pius X Adult faith formation group Spectrum and Creighton University to present theological reflections and discussion several times a year on many aspects of Catholic teaching.

Omaha Together One Community

OTOC has been a St. Pius X Social Justice ministry since 1993. As a founding member, St. Pius X parishioners work with member congregations of many denominations, and based on our shared faith values, we act together to affect social justice issues on neighborhood, city, state and federal levels, by conducting parish meetings to surface issues of concern both public and parish centered. OTOC leaders commit to leadership development, and to engage in issues research that is then shared with elected officials with solutions negotiated in respectful public conversation.

Contact: Cindy Sauer, 402-571-4921
cst@stpiusxomaha.org

Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity of Omaha is an ecumenical, grass-roots organization with the goal of decent and affordable housing. St. Pius X Habitat for Humanity invites parishioners to join "work parties" at Habitat sites and also to provide volunteer labor and meals for workers during Habitat's summer build.

Contact: Kris Bailey, 973-896-3920
habitat@stpiusxomaha.org

Ann's Attic

This is an annual summertime used clothing sale to provide clothing to clients of Social Service agencies. All proceeds benefit the parish Emergency Fund.

Contact: Sue Kurtenbach, 402-493-3386
annsattic@stpiusxomaha.org



Worship

St. Pius X commits to Spirit-filled worship and prayer.

Liturgy Committee

The mission of the St. Pius X Liturgy Committee is to ensure full, conscious, and active participation of the faithful, in body, mind, and spirit, as called for by Vatican II. The committee's focus includes the full range of the parish's liturgical, sacramental, and devotional prayer life. The full range includes weaving together ministries, ritual highlights, arrangements of prayers and readings, art and decoration in the worship space, and serving the community of St. Pius X. The liturgy committee meets monthly 10 times during the year.

The responsibility of the Liturgy Committee includes:

- the training and spiritual development of liturgical ministers
- the integration of all liturgical arts, i.e., music, environment, hospitality
- formation in liturgy for all parishioners
- planning, preparing, and assessing liturgical feasts and seasons

Contact: Parish Office, 402-558-8446
liturgy@stpiusxomaha.org

Lector

The lector's gift and ministry is to proclaim the Word of God clearly, with reverence, energy, and joy, to the assembled people of God. Each lector prepares thoroughly, studies assigned scripture passages, and engages with the assembly as he or she proclaims a word that heals and comforts and consoles; that challenges and confronts; that feeds the hungers and longings of the community's hearts for truth. Training is provided throughout the year at the parish.

Contact: Parish Office, 402-558-8446
liturgy@stpiusxomaha.org

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC)

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) offer holy food to holy people, highlighting that we are one bread, one body. With reverence, each EMHC gives witness to friends, family, strangers, and visitors that we are all one community bound together with dignity by the one bread and one cup. EMHCs set up and clean up, but their primary ministry is serving the assembly in the sacrament of unity, Holy Communion. Training is provided throughout the year at the parish.

Contact: Parish Office, 402-558-8446
liturgy@stpiusxomaha.org

Eucharistic Ministry to the homebound, hospitalized, or to those living in residential institutions is an extension of this liturgical ministry. EMHCs may choose to exercise both manners of serving God's people. A separate training is provided for those who want to take the Body of Christ to the sick and homebound.

Contact: Parish Office, 402-558-8446
pastoralministry@stpiousxomaha.org

Sacristan

Sacristans prepare and set up for liturgies, both daily and those on the weekend. Preparing for a liturgy involves setting out vessels, hosts, purificators, lectionary and missal, and any extras needed for a specific liturgy. In addition to making sure lights are on and the space is ready, the sacristan checks with the presider for any instructions for special occasions.

Contact: Parish Office, 402-558-8446
liturgy@stpiousxomaha.org

Ministers of Hospitality: Greeters and Ushers

Greeters and ushers welcome everyone, personally assist individuals who have physical needs, are present to help with the flow of communion, know where to direct those who are looking for a space to sit, to pray, and even to use other facilities in the building. Greeters are the first face of St. Pius X parish, and often the last to wish a happy and blessed week as worshippers leave. Their ministry takes place primarily in the narthex or gathering space. Ushers monitor the worship space itself. They also take up the collection, see to the physical needs of the assembly, and may be called on to assist in emergency situations. Greeters and ushers have overlapping ministries, sometimes even sharing their ministries.

Contact: Parish Office, 402-558-8446
liturgy@stpiousxomaha.org

Servers

Servers are important ministers in the celebration of the Mass, assisting at the altar, and participating in processions with cross, candles, and incense. Servers know the order of the Mass well, and help everything flow smoothly from lighting candles, to entrance through the Liturgy of the Word, Communion, and the recessional. Youth servers, beginning in fourth grade, assist at weekend liturgies, while adult servers are needed for daily and funeral liturgies. Training is provided throughout the year, as needed.

Contact: Parish Office, 402-558-8446
liturgy@stpiousxomaha.org

Ministers of Music

Musicians, whether instrumental or vocal, provide leadership to the entire assembly, marking the liturgy musically as recommended by the Church. In addition, musicians build on the assembly's song with harmonies, instrumentation, and dignified music. Music enhances the celebration, and many musicians of all ages and talents are needed to accomplish a "musical liturgy."

Cantors and choirs, pianists and guitarists, even composers – are encouraged to participate in this vital liturgical ministry.

Contact: Parish Office, 402-558-8446
liturgy@stpiousxomaha.org



Artists and Ministers of Church Environment

This ministry involves those with a good eye for the appearance of the church, those who sew, those who can arrange flowers and plants, those willing to assist in the hanging of banners or even ironing or steaming altar covers and banners. All talents will be utilized.

Contact: Parish Office, 402-558-8446
liturgy@stpiousxomaha.org

Dusting Disciples

The church is cleaned weekly by one of eight volunteer crews. The time commitment is 90 minutes on Saturday morning, once every eight weeks. Dusting Disciples vacuum, dust, clean restrooms, and collect trash. No experience is needed and all cleaning supplies are provided. A fun, but practical, way of getting to know other parishioners. Can be a family-focused ministry. Help keep our worship space looking fresh and inviting.

Contact: Rita Bianchi, 402-556-1201
dustingdisciples@stpiousxomaha.org

Parish Life/Organizations

St. Pius X strives to live the Gospel of Jesus in a spirit of joy.

Knights of Columbus

This is a Catholic fraternal service organization rooted in charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. They volunteer many hours in parish and community service. This organization is open to every Catholic man 18 years or older.

Contact: Greg Barry, 402-513-9313
GK@kofc.stpiusxomaha.org



Men's Club

The Men's Club provides leadership and service to the parish, such as Pasta Fridays during Lent, and Pancake Breakfasts, to name a few. All men of the parish are invited to be part of this group.

Contact: Bill Kellen, 402-630-7042
piusmensclub@yahoo.com

Women's Organization

The Women's organization provides a welcoming and supportive environment where women can gather socially, spiritually and as an assisting resource to the parish and neighboring communities.

Contact: Colleen Morrissey, 402-554-1768
womansorg@stpiusxomaha.org



Young at Heart

The St. Pius X/St. Leo's Young at Heart group is a vibrant, active and fun group for anyone over 55. A variety of activities are planned through the course of the year. Something for everybody (trips, lunches, etc.). A great way to make new friends and reconnect with past friends.

Contact: young55atheart@gmail.com

Parish Festival

This is a fun-for-all-ages community event. Pius parishioners share their time and talents on the core team, as booth or activity co-chairs, by donating items, and working the festival. All parishioners are encouraged to be involved.

Contact: Parish Office, 402-558-8446
festival@stpiusxomaha.org



Supper Club

An opportunity for members of our parish to spend quality time with one another in the comfort of our own homes. Groups of 3 or 4 couples or singles, meet 3 or 4 times during a 6-month period. Every April and October new members join, and existing groups are reshuffled.

Contact: Colleen Morrissey, 402-554-1768
Katy Salzman, 402-391-3717
Trish Wangler, 402-991-2625
supperclub@stpiusxomaha.org

Garage Sale

The Garage Sale is held in conjunction with Ann's Attic in July. Items are collected for about a week before the sale. This is a once-a-year activity.

Contact: Parish Office, 402-558-8446
garagesale@stpiusxomaha.org

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