

St. Pius X Church

E-NEWS

November 2025

Thank You to Our Parish Community A heartfelt thank you to all the parishioners of St. Pius X who have so generously supported the renovation of our parish center. Your donations of time, labor, money, materials, and prayers have been truly wonderful — as has your patience throughout the process.

On behalf of the Renovation Committee, we extend our gratitude to the Knights of Columbus, the Men's Club, the Women's Group, the Funeral Luncheon Crew, and the many other volunteers who helped at various stages. Your dedication, teamwork, and generosity beautifully reflect the spirit of our parish community. Thanks to your unselfish efforts, we were able to save significantly and complete this important project (see the summary at the end of the eNews). A special thank you goes to the members of the Renovation Committee — Rita Bianchi, Erica Williamson, Greg Barry, Jerry Morrissey, Brian Schiefen and Tim Bialas) — for their tireless efforts. We are especially grateful to Tim Bialas, who worked diligently behind the scenes, offering guidance, leadership, expertise, equipment, and countless hours of his time. Finally, we thank our business partners — especially Kelly's Carpet — for going above and beyond to support our parish. Together, we have accomplished something truly special. Thank you for making it possible!

All Souls Mass of Remembrance, Sunday, Nov. 2, 9:30 am All Souls Day falls on Sunday this year. The Mass of Remembrance will be held at 9:30 am Mass. This is an opportunity to be with those families and friends whose grief and loss is felt by the whole community.

New Altar Server Training, Nov. 1 and 2nd after the 5 PM and 9:30 AM Masses (Attend one). Youth in grades 4 and up are invited to participate in the Mass in a special way by serving at the altar. Greg Barry and Fiacre Tollo will offer hands-on training which is required for all new servers. Please call or email Colleen colleenc@stpiusxomaha.org to register for the hands-on training and get information on the basic training. Before coming to this hands-on training, please have your child go through the training slides on our website at <https://www.stpiusxomaha.org/altar-servers/>. The server training slides include a section for parents, as well.

Beyond Us vs. Them, Brave and Civil Conversations in Precarious Times, Thursday, Nov. 6, 7:00 pm Parish Center In an ever-more-polarized environment, imagine having "civil" disagreements. Can we move forward any other way? Theology Matters presents Dr. Erika Kirby, Professor of Communication Studies at Creighton University and social justice educator. Dr. Kirby will share ways to have brave and civil conversations using concepts from inclusive education, communication studies, and legal studies. This Theology Matters is sponsored by Creighton University's Kripke Center for the Study of Religion & Society and is hosted by the Catholic Social Teaching team at St. Pius X Catholic Church.

St. Pius X/St. Leo Young at Heart tour of St. Patrick's, Thursday, Nov. 6th 1:00 pm. Come join the Young at Heart group in touring the new St. Patrick's Church...18602 West Maple St., Elkhorn. We will meet there at 1:00 PM. Please RSVP to Dina (St. Leo's Office,302-397-0407), so we know how many to expect.

St Pius X Fall Cleanup, Saturday November 8th, 9am. Meet in the Church South parking lot. There will be plant trim/clean up and leaf pickup. Bring gloves, rakes, clippers, etc. We will break at noon for soup lunch in the parish center. You don't have to stay the entire time, come when you can, leave when you have too. Thank you. SPX Parish Council.

Advance Directives/End of Life Planning, Sunday, November 9th, after the 9:30 Mass, Parish Center, Join us for a presentation by parishioner Meg Ursick. Learn how you can achieve peace of mind for yourself and your family by planning ahead for end of life decisions. Sponsored by St. Pius Health Ministry

Music BINGO, Saturday, Nov. 15 Doors open at 6 pm, Game begins at 7:00 Such a hit last year we are bringing it back. A fun twist to an old favorite. Enjoy singing along with your favorite songs while you play BINGO. Our entertaining hosts for the evening will be *The Music Bingo People*. **Cost: \$10 at the door.** This event is open to all adults. Sponsored by the St. Pius X Women's Organization.

Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, Nov. 16, 8:00-11:00 am The Men's Club and Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a free-will offering pancake breakfast in the Parish Center. Join us for hot-off-the-griddle delicious Krusteaz brand pancakes with sausage, ham, coffee, juice and milk. There will also be 'toppers' for the pancakes for "the kids." Cost is a free will offering. Thank you.

Taize' Prayer service, Monday, Nov. 17, 5:30 pm, Church Join us for our monthly Taize' (Ty-zay) prayer service. Taize' is a prayer form that consists of meditative music, readings, and periods of silence. In our world filled with conflict and noise, Taize' offers an opportunity to be still and hear the voice of God. Questions? Contact Margaret Hoarty 402-709-4624.

Thanksgiving Day Mass, Thursday, Nov. 27 9:00 am Join us for this Thanksgiving Day Mass to express gratitude for blessings and start the holiday with prayer, community, and reflection.

St. Pius X Calendar Club! It is that time of Year! Calendar club tickets are now on sale and make fantastic gifts for every occasion — whether it's a birthday, anniversary, Christmas or just because "I like you"! You can even treat yourself with a ticket or two or...! The good news — Only \$35 for 365 chances to win! \$20,000 in prizes. Pick up tickets in the parish office, school office or the narthex of the church. The deadline for tickets is Dec. 16.

Be the eyes and ears that protect children and vulnerable adults — Safe Environment (SE) training can open your eyes to things that may be happening in your own backyard. SE certification is required of all adults who volunteer in the school and ideally, all adults who volunteer in any capacity for the parish. Even volunteers who are never alone with children or vulnerable adults can benefit from the training by being made aware of signs of potential abuse.

SE certification includes a 2-hour live training and background check and lasts for 6 years. The training will open your eyes to the need for everyone to be aware of threats to vulnerable youth and adults. Go to <https://archomaha.org/safe-environment/> to create an account and sign up for a live class. Contact the parish Safe Environment Coordinator if you have questions. colleenc@stpiusxomaha.org

Knights of Columbus The St. Pius X Knights of Columbus Council 15101 recently inducted Nick Barry and Ryan Price as 3rd Degree Knights during the council's first-ever Charity, Unity, and Fraternity (CUF) ceremony. Both are eager to serve the parish and see the Knights as a meaningful way to do so. The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic fraternal organization, founded by Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney and dedicated to the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. The St. Pius X Council meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the parish center and sponsors parish projects throughout the year. All practicing Catholic men seeking faith-filled brotherhood and service opportunities are welcome. For more information, contact Grand Knight Scott Hahn at 402-651-9084.

Fleece Blanket Project Fleece tie-blankets will be collected again this year thru Dec 12th. We realize the challenge for purchasing fleece with the closure of one Omaha's largest chain suppliers of fleece, but will continue this important project nonetheless. Instructions are available in the kiosk. Blankets, fleece and monetary donations towards the purchase of fleece can be dropped in the parish office during office hours; finished blankets may be left in the narthex. Questions??? contact Patty Juszyk: 402.319.7326, juceclan@cox.net

From Health Ministry November is Diabetes Awareness Month According to the CDC, in 2021, an estimated 38.4 million people had diabetes. That's over 11% of the population! Of these individuals, 1 in 4 don't know they have the disease. Additionally, 1 in 3 U.S. adults have prediabetes (blood sugar levels are higher than normal), and 90% of them don't know they have it. Pick up more information in kiosk or visit www.diabetes.org

Parish Festival St. Pius X Church is looking for new volunteers to chair the 2026 Parish Festival. The festival is the single largest fundraiser for the parish. The responsibilities include coordinating with the captains of each area, many of whom will be returning next year. There are a few key positions that will require new captains. You will work closely with the Parish Office staff and various parish organizations who have volunteered to help with set up and take down. The past chairs have computerized all responsibilities and steps to ensure a successful event. There are also extensive instructions in notebooks from the past several years. In addition, Kristy Ericson, Karen Hosier and Erica Williamson

(chairs for the past 3 years) would be willing to shadow and advise the new chairs, ensuring that the transition to new leadership is successful. If you have any questions or would like more details, please contact Kristy Ericson, kmericson46@gmail.com or 402-290-8524. Thank you in advance for your willingness to share your time and talent. Together we make St. Pius X parish a welcoming community and *A Place to Call Home*.

Finance Report Once again, we want to express our heartfelt **thanks** for your generosity and faith-filled support. Because of you, we've now raised **over \$150,000** toward our parish renovations — a tremendous accomplishment that reflects your love for our parish and your commitment to its future. As the year comes to a close, we invite you to consider ways to make a **year-end gift** that may also provide tax advantages. Parishioners age **70½ or older** can make a **Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)** directly from an IRA to the parish, which can count toward required minimum distributions while reducing taxable income. If you'd like to learn more about QCDs or other giving options, please contact the parish office — we're happy to help. Thank you again for your continued generosity and dedication to our parish community. The first quarter recap is also at the end of this newsletter.

Save the Date

Christmas Referral Program Due by Dec. 5th 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.

Women's Christmas Luncheon, Saturday, December 6th Tickets \$20.00, Sold after Masses on November 22nd and 23rd Parish office until **Wednesday, November 26th** Lunch at 11:30, Doors open at 11:00. See Kiosk for flyer with more information.

Adopt-a-Family 2025 The "Giving Trees" will be ready in the upcoming weeks. We look forward to the continued success in supporting our Catholic Charity partner. Stay tuned !

SPSL News

Is playing piano one of your strengths? We are still looking for an accompanist to help at some of other SPSL School Wednesday and Thursday student Masses that begin at 8:30 am. If you are able to serve our community in this way or for more information, contact Katy Chattin at katy.chattin@spsl.net or by calling the school office at 402-551-6667.

Junior Achievement We hope to bring the Junior Achievement (JA) program to SPSL next semester for kindergarten through fifth grade. JA inspires and prepares young people to succeed in a global economy through lessons in work readiness, entrepreneurship, and financial literacy. The program is led by community volunteers who receive JA training and have Safe Environment certification. Volunteers teach one 20–50 minute lesson each week for five weeks, with all materials provided. For just an hour a week, you can help students develop life skills and learn how to be money smart. If you're interested in volunteering. Questions? Contact Mrs. Preston at <mailto:terri.preston@spsl.net> or 402-551-6667.

Round-Up Sat. Jan. 24, SPSL Pre-K at 9 am, Kindergarten, 10:30 am

For More Parish Information

[Website](#)
[Full Calendar](#) (includes meetings, etc.)
[Ministry Guide](#)
[Facebook](#)
[Weekly Bulletin](#)

[SPSL News](#)
[Rectory Email](#)
[E-News Archives](#)
[Contact us](#)
Digital Display in the Narthex

Not on Facebook? Posts viewable on the [website](#)

Flyers, CareNotes and other information can also be found in the kiosk in the narthex of the church.

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Donate

Parish Center Renovation

Summary of Income and Expenses of Phase One:

Finance Goal--\$150,000

Funds Raised--\$151,616

Expenses:

New Sliding Wall	\$48,000
New Flooring & Carpet	\$32,500
Electrical Updates and Lights	\$16,500
Painting	\$14,750
Drinking Fountain	\$ 3,300
New Ceiling Tiles	\$ 2,900
New Blinds	\$ 2,400
New Entry Furniture	\$ 2,000
Miscellaneous	\$ 500
Total Expenditures=	\$122,850 (\$28,766 remains for the next phase!)

***St. Pius X Parishioners** donated more than 500 hours of labor, saving the parish an estimated \$30,000-\$40,000 in costs! **Thank you again for your generosity and assistance!**

Help Us Be Good Stewards of this space!

Parish Center COMMANDMENTS

- I. Thou shall not operate the \$50,000 movable wall.
- II. Thou shall not attach anything to the walls with tape, pins, tacks, or nails.
- III. Thou shall sweep or mop vinyl floor but do not use vacuum with spinning brush.
- IV. Thou shall not have potted plants in Parish Center lest muddy water stains appear.
- V. Thou shall not slide tables on vinyl or carpet. Thou shall get help to lift when moving.
- VI. Thou shall clean your own mess.
- VII. Thou shall push your chair in before leaving.
- VIII. Thou shall thank the Lord, our God, for giving us this beautiful space.

ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC CHURCH
1st QUARTER FINANCIAL REVIEW

	July 1 - September 30, 2025	
Operating Income		
Sunday Collections	\$	215,010
Remaining Other Income and Collections		47,045
Total Operating Income		262,055
Operating Expenses		
School Assessment		153,000
Payroll Wages		66,378
Remaining Other		30,922
Archdiocese		24,513
Utilities		12,029
Property Insurance		8,686
Total Operating Expenses		295,528
Operating Loss	\$	(33,473)



	As of September 30, 2025	
Cash Balances		
General Operating	\$	84,295
Restricted Funds: Parking Lot - Note 1	\$	-
Restricted Funds: Parish Center Renovations - Note 2	\$	28,766

Note 1: Successful completion of parking lot project of \$110,086.

Note 2: Parish Center renovation project expenses of \$122,850 of \$151,616 raised.

