

St. Pius X Church

E-NEWS

January 2026

Special Mass/Service Times

Wednesday, December 24	Christmas Eve	4:30 and 10:30 pm
Thursday, December 25	Christmas	9:30 am
Friday, December 26	No Daily Mass	
Wednesday, December 31	Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day anticipated)	5:30 pm
Thursday, January 1	Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day)	9:00 am

Parish Office Hours

Wednesday, Dec. 24	Closes at noon
Thursday, Dec. 25	Closed
Friday, Dec. 26	Closed

Christmas Eve (4:30 pm Mass) Choir Practice Wednesday, Dec. 24 3:30-4:15 pm in the sacristy before Christmas Eve Mass. More information contact: Jen Martinez, 402) 871-5511, jen.martinez@spsl.net

St. Pius X Women's Organization meeting, Saturday, Jan. 17th, 9:00 am, Parish Center. We will be finalizing details for our Spring Brunch, scheduled for April 18th, 2026. If you have never been to a meeting, this is a good time to start! Questions, Colleen Morrissey cdmomaha@gmail.com

Taize' Prayer service, Monday, Jan. 19, 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.

Family Mass January 25th, 9:30am, St Pius (ALL GRADES MINISTER) We hope that families find all our Masses welcoming and a 'family Mass'. At these particular liturgies we extend a special invitation to families to help with some of the liturgical ministries. All youth are encouraged to participate at each liturgy. If an individual in your family or your family as a whole would like to be involved, please reach out to: Shawna Roche at roche0903@gmail.com to find ways to be involved in this liturgy.

Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, Jan. 25th, 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.

Francis House Volunteers Needed! As you consider your blessings and resolutions this New Years, please consider giving back by participating in the Francis House ministry. The Francis House ministry has been a part of St. Pius X for decades. Some of our Francis House volunteers are now retiring after many years of service, so it is time for the next generation to get involved! The Francis House Ministry is an easy way to help those experiencing homelessness, and it is a great

family activity that allows children to learn service to others. The greatest need is for volunteers to be Francis House Cooks starting in January, 2026.

COOKS' RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Prepare a specific dish according to the recipe provided one day/month.
2. Cool food.
3. Deliver food to the captain's house who is another St. Pius X parishioner.

Please contact michaelasmith1217@gmail.com to volunteer.

Human Needs Outreach 2025 Seasonal Giving

Adopt-a-Family- A huge THANK YOU to all who supported the 2025 Adopt-a-Family Program through Catholic Charities. Gifts requested from the "giving tree" were returned for the twenty (20) individuals from the six (6) families qualifying for the program. **THANK YOU!**

Gift Cards and Monetary Donations- What a overwhelming response for envelopes requesting Target and Walmart gift cards. The outpouring of generosity of monetary donations provided us options for the increased number of referral families and those in need of extra support during this season into the new year. **THANK YOU!**

Fleece Blankets- THANK YOU! We are so incredibly thankful and truly amazed again to those who purchased and crafted blankets, donated fleece, and contributed monetarily. In spite of the very limited resources for fleece fabric this season, we still collected 27 wonderful warm blankets to distribute. In the 10 years since the blanket project was launched, we've reached a very impressive total of 900 fleece blankets donated by St. Pius X parish! Several handmade stocking hats and scarves knitted by a few of our parishioners were donated as well. The blankets, hats and scarves were shared out with our partnering community contacts to those experiencing personal challenges.

The spirit and generosity of St. Pius X parish community is nothing less than amazing! With gratitude and blessings to all, St. Pius X Human Needs Outreach team

Thank You from EPS Dear friends, thank you so much for your generous donations of diapers, wipes, baby wash, baby clothes, formula & sippy cups. Our shelves were getting pretty empty so what an answer to prayer your gifts are! God Bless you!

Health Ministry News Radon, a cancer-causing, radioactive gas, comes from the natural decay of uranium in every state's soil. In Nebraska, 50% of homes tested have high radon levels (above 4.0 pCi/L) because radon easily enters buildings through the soil via cracks in floors, walls, and around pipes. **Radon is impossible to detect without a testing kit, since it is invisible, tasteless, and odorless.** Since our parish is in a high radon area, please consider having your home tested. Easy and inexpensive do-it-yourself short-term and long-term tests are available at most hardware and home improvement stores. Contact the Nebraska **Office of Environmental Health Hazards & Indoor Air** for more questions and radon contractor information by calling (888) 242-1100 or (402) 471-1005 or via the Nebraska DHHS website: <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Radon.aspx>

Save the date

Heartsaver Certified CPR/AED Adult, Child, Infant course Thursday, Feb. 12, 4-8pm Parish Center Come learn how to save a life!! Our Instructor will be Andrew Mohr, Head Athletic Trainer at Iowa Western Community College who has 15 years experience teaching First Aid and CPR certified classes. Cost: \$25.00 certification card fee for each participant. St. Pius X Health Ministry and underwriting will cover the instructor charge. Class will be available for 10 people with one instructor. If there are more people interested, Andrew can add a second instructor and the class would accommodate 20. A light dinner will be provided. To register, email Nancy McCarthy at nancy@raggedwood.com, Call or text 402-679-7623 **Deadline for registration is February 1, 2026.** Sponsored by St. Pius X Health Ministry

St. Pius X Women's Retreat, Saturday, Feb. 21, 9:00 am-1:00 pm

2026 Parish Festival, Sunday, May 31 Meet our new Festival Chair Melissa Price. Information at the end of the enews.

SPSL News

Kindergarten and Pre-K Roundup Sat. Jan. 24, SPSL, Pre-K at 9 am, Kindergarten, 10:30 am, St. Pius X/St. Leo School is hosting our Pre-K and Kindergarten Roundup on Saturday, January 24th! It's the perfect time to explore the classrooms, meet our amazing teachers, and get a feel for our school community. [Click here to RSVP for Roundup today!](#)

Catholic Schools Week Sunday, January 25 to Saturday, January 31, 2026, The theme "Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community," focusing on forming saints through faith, knowledge, and service, with activities highlighting community, faculty, and family involvement. More information can be found [here.](#)

St. Pius X Class of 1976, 50th reunion, Saturday, May 9, 2026! Here is the planned schedule: 5pm Mass at St. Pius X 6pm Tour of the school, 7pm Reunion in the school cafeteria. More information to come.



Save the Date!

The St. Pius X Annual Festival will be held on
May 31, 2026.

We would also like to introduce the new Festival Event Chair, **Melissa Price**.

I have been a member of St. Pius X for about 3 years now, and officially joined the Catholic Church in April 2025 after completing OCIA. The welcoming nature of our parish is what called me to conversion. My husband Ryan and I have been married for 8 years and have two beautiful children: Katie (6) who attends 1st grade at SPSL, and Nate (2). You can usually spot us chasing Nate down the aisle at 9:30 Mass! Professionally, I work for Union Pacific Railroad and serve as the Marketing Committee Chair on the Board of Directors for Iowa's Jobs for America's Graduates (iJAG). I hold a Bachelor Degree in Industrial/Organizational Psychology and an MBA from the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

In my free time, I enjoy baking, playing piano, and have recently begun keeping a garden of both flowers and vegetables, which survived a whole season!

I look forward to supporting this amazing event for our parish. We are in need of support for Festival Games. If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity, please email festival@stpiusxomaha.org.



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