

A photograph of the St. Pius X Church building, a modern structure with large glass windows and a brick facade. The text "St. Pius X Church" and "E-NEWS" is overlaid on the image in a white serif font.

St. Pius X Church

E-NEWS

August 2026

Thank You A huge thank you to all those who in anyway helped with our annual Ann's Attic Clothing Sale and parish Garage Sale. So many hands helped make this successful. As of date, the Ann's Attic clothing Sale brought in over \$4500 that will benefit our Human Needs Outreach and over \$11,000 (with more coming in from online sales) from the Garage sale. A special thank you to Sue Kurtenbach who coordinates Ann's Attic and Mary Martin and Kris Bailey who coordinated the Garage Sale.

Get Acquainted/Ministries Gathering, Aug. 15-16, Narthex Join us after each Mass for a time to catch up and get newly or re-acquainted with each other, as well as find ways to get involved in the different ministries at the parish. Information on the many ministries at St. Pius will be available.

Blood Drive, Saturday, August 22, 7:30 am to 12:30 pm, Church Narthex. Donate blood, help save lives. Call for an appointment. 1-800-REDCROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org. Enter the code StPiusX. Sponsored by the St. Pius X Knights of Columbus.

Parish Feast Day Picnic, Aug. 23, 11:00-1:00 Join us at our annual Parish Picnic celebrating our Patron, St. Pius X. The Parish will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, baked beans & drinks, and all others bring: last names starting with *A-K side dish, L-Z dessert*. We will have tables and chairs, but if you wish, bring your own lawn chairs, blankets, etc. The picnic is held in the south parish center parking lot & lawn (if it rains, parish center). This is sponsored by the St. Pius X Knights of Columbus.

2026-27 Wednesday night Religious Education Registration now open for fall enrollment. Parish families with children in grades 1-8 who attend public school are invited to learn about the faith and prepare for the sacraments with their peers. St. Pius X uses a family formation model with monthly meetings of children with catechists at grade level, and parents together to learn about the topic of the month for home sessions. Find the registration form and program information at <https://www.stpiusxomaha.org/religious-education/>

Becoming Catholic - No one should walk alone - Several youths and adults have expressed an interest in becoming Catholic. They could be the largest group of inquirers that we've had in a long time, and we'll need parishioners to accompany them as they explore what it means to worship and live as a Catholic. If you or your family would like to help them feel welcome by joining them at Mass, the Parish Picnic, Pancake breakfasts, etc., please contact the parish office at 402-558-1898. Also, if you would like to learn more about growing in your own faith, consider accompanying these inquirers as a sponsor or as a member of the Adult Initiation Team that will prepare them to receive the sacraments at the Easter Vigil. Preparing and welcoming newcomers to the faith are the responsibility of the entire community.

Referrals - Parish Religious Education for children and families - Help us find parish families whose children do not attend a Catholic grade school! Please refer them to the Religious Education program at St. Pius X or refer us to them! The program provides religious formation and sacramental preparation for children in grades 1-8. Please do them the favor of encouraging the formal faith formation of their family! Call/email the parish Faith Formation office at 402-558-1898/ carterc@stpiusxomaha.org or go to <https://www.stpiusxomaha.org/religious-education/> for more information.

Health Ministry August is time for children to return to school and to make sure their childhood immunizations are up to date. Vaccinations are essential to children's health and the community's health. They protect children from diseases such as polio, diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, measles, mumps, rubella, etc, once they get all the recommended doses at each stage of each vaccine. Vaccinating our children also protects vulnerable individuals of our communities who are unable to get vaccinated by making sure these diseases stay eradicated or suppressed in the world and away from these people who are unable to be vaccinated for various reasons. Vaccines are tested to ensure they are safe and effective to be received at recommended ages. There has been no documented link between vaccines and autism. Pick up a schedule for immunizations in the kiosk.

Finance Committee Please see the End of the year report at the end of this e-news.

Staff News

From Fr. Mark

"Blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your ears, because they hear." (Matthew 13:16)

The instructions of Jesus as he teaches the crowd and his disciples is characterized as the privilege of discipleship. Jesus is offering wisdom and equipping his disciples to further God's kingdom, by their receptivity and intentional efforts. Just like them, we are immensely blessed with God's grace and love to accomplish things we never imagined, but faith is the ingredient which makes it possible.

As I complete some final preparations before my departure for my sabbatical, I want you to receive great pastoral care during my absence. I am delighted to inform you that **Fr. Richard Reiser** will be the St. Pius X Parish administrator, who will oversee things as I normally would. He will assist at some of the weekday and weekend Masses along with Fr. Mike Grewe and Fr. Amit D'Souza, SJ. The great staff at St. Pius X will help you in any way possible. If you need to speak with Fr. Richard Reiser, please leave a message at the office and it will be forwarded to him. If you desire to email him, this is his email: rjreiser@archomaha.org

I plan to return in early November.

Thanks again to all the dedicated volunteers who assisted with Ann's Attic and Garage Sale!

Please be assured of my prayers and I hope you remember me as well, as I take this time to be renewed in my priesthood and service to God's People.

Save the Date

The Health Ministry committee-sponsored physical activity program will begin September 13 and ends October 24. Sign up 8/29 & 30, 9/5 & 6, and 9/12 & 13. Questions? See Bulletin or contact Linda Lazure – linda.lazureRN@gmail.com or 402-689-9200.

Door County, WI and the National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion, September 15-18, 2026. Please join us for this exciting trip. The tour will be led by Bill Slovinski of Travel Cat Tours (531-777-2124). 4 days and 3 nights. The cost is \$1009 single/ \$785 double; a deposit of \$100 is due at registration; full amount due on August 15th. For more information, <http://www.travelcattours.com>. Sponsored by St. Pius X/St. Leo Young at Heart. Open to all adults.

Fall Taize' at St. Pius X Mark your calendars for these dates for candlelight Taize' prayer services this fall, all at 5:30 in the church: Monday, September 14, Monday, October 19, Monday, November 16, Monday, December, 14. Taize' offers an opportunity for quiet prayer, meditative music and readings, and periods of silence. Bring a friend! Questions? Contact Margaret Hoarty, 402-709-4624, margarethoarty@gmail.com

Faithful Citizenship. Sunday, September 20, 2-4 PM, Omaha Together One Community, in which St. Pius X is member will hold a Candidate Accountability Session at First United Methodist Church, 69 & Cass. Watch for details from the Catholic Social Teaching team.

SPSL News

Panthers Go Platinum, 70th Anniversary Bash, Saturday Oct. 24th, Creighton Prep SPSL School's annual parent sponsored fundraiser will be chaired this year by Jesse and Allison (Lohaus) Schmidt, Howard and Adrienne Edwards and Ryan and Kara Patch. Please save the date! Funds raised will impact: Teacher education, School technology, Capital improvements, School endowment, School operating budget. In addition, we are excited to share that the raise the paddle "GIVE" for 2026 will raise funds to add enhanced water filtration systems in student drinking fountains throughout St. Pius X / St. Leo School. We hope you can join us at the biggest fundraiser of the year for our school. Contact the school office at 402-551-6667 to learn more.

Annual Financial Recap – Faithful Stewardship and Looking Ahead

Dear Parish Family,

On behalf of the St. Pius X Finance Committee, thank you for your continued generosity, prayers, and commitment to our parish. We are pleased to share our annual financial recap for the fiscal year ending **June 30, 2026**. Please take a few moments to review the attached financial summary, which highlights our operating results and financial position for the past year.

As you will notice, our operating results reflect an operating deficit of approximately **\$30,000**. While we always strive to operate with a balanced budget, this year's result was largely the result of timing rather than operations. The parish budget included **\$74,500** of annual endowment distributions. During the fiscal year, we received **\$30,000**, while the remaining **\$44,500** was delayed in processing and was not received until July. Had the full budgeted distribution been received before June 30, the parish would have reported a positive operating result for the year. This was simply a timing difference and is not an indication of any financial concern.

One of the year's greatest accomplishments was strengthening the parish's financial stability. Through careful stewardship of parish resources, we were able to maintain approximately **two months of operating reserves**, allowing us to earn more than **\$5,000 in additional interest income** during the year. Maintaining these reserves reduces the stress of managing month-to-month cash flow, provides flexibility when unexpected expenses arise, and reflects our commitment to responsibly managing the resources entrusted to our parish.

As we look ahead to the **2026–2027 fiscal year**, the Finance Committee has approved a budget that anticipates approximately a **5% increase in operating expenses**. Like many families, the parish continues to experience rising costs for utilities, insurance, supplies, and other everyday expenses. In addition, we have included funding for important facility maintenance and repair projects as we continue to proactively care for our church and campus, helping to address maintenance needs before they become more significant and costly.

Your generosity has made these accomplishments possible. Because of your faithful support, St. Pius X continues to be a vibrant parish with strong ministries, an excellent school, and facilities that serve our parish family and community. As we prepare for the coming year, we respectfully ask that you continue your faithful support and, if you are able, prayerfully consider increasing your offertory gift. Every contribution, regardless of size, helps sustain our mission and ensures that we can continue serving our parish for generations to come.

Thank you again for your continued prayers, generosity, and trust. We are grateful to be part of such a faithful and supportive parish community, and we look forward to another year of serving Christ together.

May God continue to bless you and your family.

With gratitude,

Fr. Mark Tomaszewicz and the St. Pius X Finance Committee

**ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC CHURCH
YEARLY FINANCIAL RECAP**

		<u>July 1 - June 30, 2026</u>
Operating Income		
Sunday Collections	\$	875,393
Christmas		72,008
Endowment Earnings Distribution		30,000
Festival		65,708
Deficit Reduction		31,476
Easter		40,065
Remaining Other Income and Collections		137,113
Total Operating Income		<u>1,251,763</u>
Operating Expenses		
School Assessment		612,000
Payroll Wages		299,113
Remaining Other		158,857
Archdiocese		98,052
Property Insurance		34,276
Utilities		67,158
Festival		12,415
Total Operating Expenses		<u>1,281,871</u>
Operating Income	\$	<u>(30,108)</u>
Other Income		
Bequests and Memorials	\$	<u>14,273</u>

		<u>As of June 30, 2026</u>
Cash Balances		
General Operating	\$	96,124
Unrestricted Savings	\$	205,789
Restricted Savings	\$	13,332

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