

St. Pius X Church

E-NEWS

December 2024

Special Mass/Service Times

Thursday, November 28	Thanksgiving	9:00 am
Friday, November 29	No Daily Mass	Funeral 10 am
Sunday, December 8	Regular Mass times	Confirmation 11:30 am
Monday, December 9	Immaculate Conception (Holy Day)	5:30 pm
Wednesday, December 11	Advent Reconciliation Service	6:30 pm
Tuesday, December 24	Christmas Eve	4:30 and 10:30 pm
Wednesday, December 25	Christmas	9:30 am
Thursday, December 26	No Daily Mass	
Tuesday, December 31	Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day anticipated)	5:30 pm
Wednesday, January 1	Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day)	9:00 am

Parish Office Hours

Thursday, Nov. 28	Closed for Thanksgiving
Tuesday, Dec. 24	Closes at noon
Wednesday, Dec. 25	Closed
Thursday, Dec. 26	Closed

St. Pius X Calendar Club! Calendar Club Tickets LAST CHANCE. Great Stocking stuffers Calendar club tickets 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 —they're 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. 10.

Women's Christmas Luncheon Tickets on sale, Nov. 23/24 Plan on getting your tickets for the Women's Christmas Lunch to be held on Dec. 7. Ticket cost is \$20. Watch for more information in the bulletin and kiosk in church. Questions contact [Nancy Lobsinger](mailto:Nancy.Lobsinger@stpiusx.org), 402-378-2547.

Confirmation Youth Choir, Dec. 8, 10:30 am St. Pius X is putting together a youth choir to sing for Confirmation on December 8th at 11:30 am. We invite students in grades 2 through high school and from SPSL, R.E., and home school (as well as high schools). Practice will be at 10:30 (directly after 9:30 Mass) on Dec. 8th and all songs are ones students will know. Please email Janet Drvol at janet.drvol@spsl.net to sign your student up to sing, or with questions.

Young at Heart Christmas luncheon, Dec. 10, 11:30 am, St. Leo Parish Join us in celebrating the Christmas season. We will be enjoying a catered lunch serving a turkey dinner with all of the fixings, followed by sharing in Christmas music. Come and enjoy each other's company and feast on a great meal. Invite your friends! The cost is \$15 per person. Please RSVP with payment to the St. Leo office by December 3, 2024. We hope that you can join us! All adults are invited.

Hosted by St. Pius X and St. Leo Young at Heart

Christmas Referral Program Due by Dec. 10 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, call the Human Needs Outreach line at 402-558-3382. More information contact: Nancy nlobsing@cox.net 402-378-2547

Taize' Service, Monday, Dec. 16, 5:30 PM, St. Pius X church Are you longing this fall for a prayer service filled with quiet and meditation? *Join us for a Taize' service.* Taize' is a contemplative prayer form that began in France with an ecumenical community of religious brothers. In a world filled with non-stop talking, you are invited to slow down and enter the quiet. Take the opportunity to experience contemplative prayer and meditative music as you listen to God's voice. More information contact: [Margaret Hoarty](#)

From Health Ministry According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), December 1-7 is National Handwashing Awareness AND National Influenza Vaccination Weeks (NIVW). **Handwashing:** Many diseases, including influenza, can be avoided by washing hands. **Influenza** (or flu) is a contagious respiratory illness caused by flu viruses. Since flu viruses are constantly changing and protection from vaccination decreases over time, **getting a flu vaccine every year is the best way to reduce your risk from flu.** A flu vaccine is the only vaccine that protects against flu and, according to the CDC, reduces the risk of flu illness, hospitalization, and death. More information can be found [here](#) or [here](#). in the kiosk in the church narthex. More questions contact: <mailto:health@stpiusxomaha.org>

Service Opportunities

Adopt a Family and Fleece Blankets Please consider visiting the Adopt-a-Family "giving trees" in the narthex. St. Pius X has very generously supported this important program through Catholic Charities for over four decades! It is important gifts are **returned on or before December 8th (the parish center will be open until 1 pm)**; no later. Gift-giving guidelines are available by the trees. We will accept fleece blankets until that date as well. Tie-blanket instructions are located in the kiosk in the narthex. It is very important we receive all ornament/gifts **on time**. Missed gifts after this time result in the individual not receiving the gift(s) on their wish-list. Questions? Contact Patty Juszyk @ juceclan@cox.net (402) 390-9304.

Bike For Kids December 7th after the 5:00 PM mass in the Parish Center. Bikes for Kids are back again this year. The St Pius X Knights of Columbus Council 15101 is hosting a Potluck and Bike Assembly event (please bring a side or dessert). Bikes For Kids is a program that gets brand new bikes to kids whose families could otherwise not afford them. Over the years, with the help of family, friends, co-workers, church groups and even total strangers, the program has managed to provide several thousand kids with a "new bike smile" on Christmas morning! **Accepting monetary or new bike donations (we do not accept used bikes) through December 9.** To make a monetary donation [go here](#). For more information or if you have any questions, please contact either: Greg Barry 402-513-9313 or Tim Bialis 402-637-8787. Thank you, and may God bless you and your family this Christmas Season.

Baby Bottle Drive Once again this year, our Knights Council will be inviting all to take a Baby Bottle home and throughout this advent season, fill them up with your loose change, and return it to a mass at Christmas time in a specially marked return box in the narthex. All money raised will be donated to Essential Pregnancy Services of Omaha and the Bethlehem House, which provide pregnant and parenting women in crisis a home. Alternatively, donations may also be [made online here](#).

Francis House Volunteers Needed! As you consider your blessings this Thanksgiving/Advent season, 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 willing to be Francis House Cooks starting in January, 2025.

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: [Michaela Smith](#) to volunteer.

School News

St. Pius X / St. Leo School is planning for the 2025-26 school year and beyond! SPSL recently sent a survey via email to all parishioner families with Kindergarten and Pre-K aged children to assist in planning for the schools future. Please complete the survey by December 13th. If you have any questions, please contact SPSL at 402-551-6667 or email Emily.abboud@spsl.net. Thank you for your assistance and we hope to see your child(ren) in the upcoming years!

Kindergarten and Pre-K Roundup Do you have an upcoming Pre-K or Kindergarten student? Join St. Pius X / St. Leo School for Roundup. You'll hear from our principal, meet our teachers, learn about our programs, and visit our Pre-K and Kindergarten classrooms. Please visit SPSL's website at <https://spsl.net/roundup/> for more information. To RSVP for Round Up, [please click this link to fill out the form.](#)

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