

St. Pius X Church

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November 2024

St. Pius X Calendar Club! Calendar Club Tickets are now on sale. 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.

Saturday, Nov. 2, 9:30 am All Souls Mass of Remembrance The Mass of Remembrance is an opportunity to be with those families and friends whose grief and loss is felt by the whole community. Each person who has died is individually named, and a memorial cross is given to their family. Those who are able to be present to witness our communal love and support are invited to the celebration of life of those we lost this past year.

Tuesday, Nov. 5 Election Day "As a nation, we share many blessings and strengths, including a tradition of religious freedom and political participation. However, as a people, we face serious challenges that are both political and moral. This has always been so and as Catholics we are called to participate in public life in a manner consistent with the mission of our Lord, a mission that he has called us to share". United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. For more information: <https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/forming-consciences-for-faithful-citizenship-part-one> St. Pius X will be a polling place, so if you have business on campus that day, you may find parking to be more difficult.

Still confused about *Initiatives 434* and *439*? This might help. [Please watch this video.](#)

Advanced Directives - Planning for the Future. Nov. 10, following the 9:30 Mass, St. Pius X Parish Center Presenter: Meg Ursick, Nurse Practitioner with the Palliative Medicine team at Nebraska Medicine Plan ahead and get the medical care you want at the end of life. Living wills and other advanced directives are written, legal instructions regarding your preferences for medical care if you are unable to make decisions for yourself. Advance directives guide choices for doctors and caregivers if you're terminally ill, seriously injured, in a coma, in the late stages of dementia or near the end of life. Advance directives aren't just for older adults. Unexpected end-of-life situations can happen at any age, so it's important for all adults to prepare these documents. By planning ahead, you can get the medical care you want, avoid unnecessary suffering and relieve caregivers of decision-making burdens during moments of crisis or grief. You also help reduce confusion or disagreement about the choices you would want people to make on your behalf. This is sponsored by St. Pius Health Ministry.

Fall Grounds Clean Up Sat November 16th 10am All Volunteers welcome to come help clean up the grounds, we will have the tools and list from the maintenance team. Bring your gloves. If you have questions, contact [Kristy Ericson](#) 402-290-8524. Soup, Bread and water will be provided at 11:30 in the parish center for those helping.

Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, Nov. 17, 8:00-11:00 am The Knights of Columbus and Mens Club will be serving pancakes, with sausage, ham, milk, juices and coffee There will be special pancake "toppers" for the "kids" too! Everyone is welcome and the price for this event is a free will offering. See you there!!

Taize' Service, Monday, Nov. 18, 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](#)

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](#), 402-378-2547.

Happy Thanksgiving!!! Nov. 28th Join us in Thanksgiving for all our blessings this morning at 9:00 am. Special Note: There will not be Mass at 7:00 am on Friday, Nov. 29

Fleece Blankets It is not too early to start thinking about fleece "tie" blankets, now into our 17th year. Have fun in making this a family holiday tradition! If you've made, donated or owned one of these blankets, you know how incredibly warm and comforting they are. The blankets we provide within our community go to care centers and homeless shelters (children and adults) are nothing short of an incredible gift to those struggling to stay warm through the winter months. Fleece "tie" blankets instructions are located in the kiosk in the narthex and at the end of the enews. If you are unable to do all the tying, kindly consider donating fleece fabric or a monetary donation to purchase fleece ...we'll do the work! We'll collect blankets through December 10th. They can be dropped off at the parish center during office hours or dropped off in the narthex. Questions???? Contact Patty Juszyk @ juceclan@cox.net (402) 390-9304.

Hospitalization/Care Center Healthcare facilities do not notify us that you are in the hospital unless directly instructed to do so by you or your family. Yet we know how important it is for you to have spiritual and sacramental support while hospitalized. Here are some things you can do: Have someone, a family member or friend, to give us call beforehand, so we know when you will be in the hospital.

- During the admission process, be sure to provide both your religion and the name of your church. If the hospital fails to ask this question, inform your nurse of both your religion and your parish affiliation.
- If you are hospitalized, ask a member of your healthcare team to contact your clergy or ask to see the chaplain. The hospital spiritual care team will contact us.
- Let us know if there is a transfer to another care facility.

National Diabetes Month (from Health Ministry) is observed in November to raise awareness about diabetes and to help prevent, treat and manage the Disease. Some common signs and symptoms of diabetes include: [More information can be found here.](#)

- Feeling very thirsty
- Weight gain or loss
- Urinating more, especially at night
- Blurry vision
- Feeling very tired
- Dry mouth or skin
- Cuts that take longer to heal
- Tingling or numbness in your hands or feet

From St/ Pius X/St. Leo School The SPSL State of Our School is an annual publication updating our school community on important information such as school finances, campus improvements, and SPSL educational programs and accomplishments. Please take time to read the 2024 State of Our School [here](#).

St. Pius X Finance Report

We continue to be extremely grateful for the financial support of our dedicated St. Pius X community. In the spirit of gratitude and with a commitment to being good stewards of the resources entrusted to us, we strive to maintain full transparency regarding our parish finances.

As we review the first quarter of this year (July 1 – September 30), we want to inform you that our parish had an operating loss of \$7,362. This shortfall presents challenges in fulfilling our mission and reaching our annual goals, which include renovating the Parish Center and establishing a Capital Improvements Reserve.

Fr. Mark has expressed a strong desire to fill the recently vacated Pastoral Associate position, a role crucial to our parish's continued growth and ministry. Unfortunately, due to current financial constraints, we have been unable to proceed with this hiring. Filling this key position is essential for our parish's long-term stability, but it will also introduce additional costs beyond our current shortfall.

We humbly ask for your continued support and prayerful consideration in increasing your contributions. Every gift, regardless of its size, will help us sustain our mission and strengthen our parish community.

We are grateful for your commitment and generosity. A detailed summary of our financial operations for the first quarter will be mailed out and made available to all parishioners in November.

Regarding Parish Center Renovations: We currently have \$31,000 in designated donations for this project which has an estimated initial phase cost of \$100,000. To move forward, we need an additional \$69,000 in pledges to reach this goal. We hope to begin renovations as soon as possible and appreciate any support you can offer at this time.

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