

St. Pius X Church

E-NEWS

January 2025

Holy Day Mass Times

Tuesday, December 31

Mary, Mother of God 5:30 pm

Wednesday, January 1

Mary, Mother of God 9:00 am

Parish Office Hours

Tuesday, Dec. 31

Closes at noon

Wednesday, Jan. 1

Closed

A Huge Thank You to the many hands that made our Christmas celebrations truly a celebration of the birth of Christ. To the decorators, cleaners of the church, musicians, choir members, liturgical ministers (greeters, ushers, EMHC's, lectors and our presider), those that provided the poinsettias and all of our generous donors we say thank you. And to those who chose to celebrate with us we say thank you. Here is an additional thank you from a visitor. *"I attended the 9:30 Christmas Mass today. Thank you, the choir and the reader/lectors for making the Mass a true Christmas celebration of the birth of Christ. Merry Christmas and all the best for a joyous and faith-filled New Year. Rod, Bradenton, FL by way of Bismarck, ND"*.

Human Needs Outreach 2024 Seasonal Giving

Adopt-a-Family- A huge THANK YOU to all who supported the 2024 Adopt-a-Family Program through Catholic Charities. Each gift ornament requested from the "giving tree" was returned for the (18) individuals from the four (4) families qualifying for the program.

Gift Cards-Your tremendous response for return of tree envelopes for Target and Walmart gift cards along with the extreme outpouring of generosity of monetary donations provided us options for the referral families, those in need of extra support during this season into the new year, and potentially the 2025 Easter season as well. **THANK YOU!**

Fleece Blankets- **THANK YOU** again to those who purchased and crafted blankets, donated fleece, and contributed monetarily towards 16 beautiful warm blankets. We received a number of wonderful stocking hats knitted by one of our parishioners as well. The blankets and hats were shared-out within and along 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

Women's Organization Meeting, Saturday, January 18th, 9:00 am St. Pius X Women's Organization will hold its first meeting of the year. All women are invited. We will be planning our annual Spring Brunch and preparing for the Craft Booth at the festival. If you haven't been to a Women's Organization meeting before, this is the one to attend! Questions? Colleen cdmomaha@gmail.com

Family Mass, Sunday, Jan. 26th, 9:30 am We hope that families find all of our Masses welcoming. At this particular 'family Mass' we extend a special invitation to families to help with any of the liturgical ministries. This one is focused on

families with 5th grade and kindergartners 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 the mass.

Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, Jan. 26, 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!!

New Year Opportunities

Dusting Disciples A great family Activity. Come help keep our church clean and inviting. Currently, a third of the Dusting Disciples are over 65 and many have been part of this ministry for 20+ years! We could use some new recruits. Crews are scheduled one weekend every two months to dust, vacuum, mop & clean restrooms on Saturday morning for 1-1½ hours around 7:30 or 8am. No experience needed. All supplies provided. Even if you can only come to vacuum for 45 minutes before soccer or volleyball, it would help. (A good warm-up exercise?) For more information, please contact Rita Bianchi at (402) 556-1201 or email dustingdisciples@stpiusxomaha.org.

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, 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](mailto:Michaela.Smith@stpiusxomaha.org) to volunteer.

2025 Parish Festival, Sunday, June 1 Mark your calendars for our annual parish festival. We are so grateful for our returning festival chairs Kristy Ericson, Karen Hosier & Erica Williamson. It is not too early to begin thinking about ways to be involved.

School News

Catholic Schools Week, Jan. 26 – Feb. 1 National Catholic Schools Week (CSW) is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. This year’s theme Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community. Catholic schools have an irreplaceable role in the Church’s evangelizing mission. Building on the central goal of Catholic schools to form saints, Catholic schools teach and embrace the whole person, body, mind, and spirit. The fact that all members of a Catholic school community share the Christian vision of faith that Christ is the foundation of Catholic education is what unites the school as a faith-filled community.

Kindergarten and Pre-K Roundup Invitation 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 SPSSL's website at <https://spsl.net/roundup/> for more information. **To RSVP for Round Up, please click this link to fill out the form.**

From our ‘family’ of parishes

Discovering Christ, St. Leo’s, Mondays, Jan. 20-March 3, 6:15-8:45 pm Discovering Christ is a seven-week experience where anyone and everyone, from the baptized in the pews to the unbaptized, is invited to hear the Good News and personally encounter Jesus Christ. Discovering Christ helps people enter into or renew a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, experience the love of God the Father, and be empowered by the Holy Spirit to live as God’s children. More information can be found [here](#).

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