



St. Pius X Church

E-NEWS

February 2025

Please Note: It is St. Pius X Festival Planning Season

At the end of this e-news and the ones to come, there will be the most updated news and needs regarding the annual parish festival. This year to be held on **June 1**. This is the biggest fundraiser of the year for the parish. Everyone is invited to consider ways in which you can be involved and be a part of this great community event.

Soda Bread sales are taking place now and throughout Lent! (No sales Feb. 8-9) The St. Pius and St. Leo Knights of Columbus are again offering Soda Bread. Please be sure to stop in the narthex after Mass to get your Soda Bread and help support our school. All your favorite flavors will be available. The funds from this go to St. Pius X/St. Leo School Tuition Assistance. Your donations are appreciated.

One Rose, One Life, Feb. 1-2, This weekend, we will be participating in the "One Rose One Life" campaign. This campaign generates prayers and funds necessary to protect the sanctity of all human life. "One Rose One Life," is an annual campaign coordinated by our Knights of Columbus Council and the Nebraska State Knights of Columbus Culture of Life Foundation. Prayer cards and envelopes will be available after each mass. Envelopes may be dropped in the collection basket any weekend before the end of February. [Online donations are available](#)

Valentine Candy Sales, Feb. 8-9, after Masses Come satisfy your sweet tooth and maybe pick up something for a loved one or friend. Valentine Candy Sale has been a favorite event here at St. Pius X, one that Virginia Fugger started many years ago. To honor Virginia, let's keep this "Sweet" tradition going. **CALL OUT TO ALL CANDY MAKERS!** So, get your recipes out, and if you are not able to make candy, we'll also need help packaging, labeling, and selling. If donating candy, we will be in the Fr. O'Brien Parish Center on Thursday, February 6th from 1-3pm, Friday, February 7th from 1-5pm and Saturday, February 8th from 10am to 2pm. Donations may also be dropped off at the rectory during rectory hours (M-F 8:30am-4pm & Sat 8:30am-Noon). For more information: Mary Harrell, 402-709-9553, mmbkharrell@cox.net or Kris Bailey at 973-896-3920. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Blood Drive, Feb. 15^h, 7:00 am-noon, Parish Center For an appointment, please visit <http://www.redcrossblood.org> and enter sponsor code: StPiusX. For any questions, contact Jim Lohr, fs@kofc.stpiusxomaha.org (*Sponsored by Knights of Columbus*)

Family Mass, Sunday, Feb. 23, 9:30 am We hope that families find all our Masses welcoming and a 'family Mass'. At this particular Mass we extend a special invitation to families to help with any of the liturgical ministries. This one is focused on families with Pre-K and 4th Grade. 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 mass.

Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, Feb. 23, 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!!

Old Palms You are invited to return your blessed palm branches received last Palm Sunday to the basket in the narthex by **March 2** for the burning of palm prior to Ash Wednesday. The second way to dispose of old palms is to burn the palms yourself and return the ashes to the ground, perhaps by spreading them in a garden.

Altar Servers The opportunity to serve is for those in fourth grade or older. Training consists of: [Completing the 7 modules](#) (Parents must also complete the parent module); In person training; Shadowing'. ('Shadowing' can occur at any time. Even before the modules are completed).

Parish Book Read this Lent Do you question whether God really exists? Have you considered walking away from your faith because you've been hurt by someone in the Church or because you struggle with some of its teachings? Are you carrying around guilt for something you've done and don't feel you are worthy of God's love? If you answered yes to any of these questions or know someone who is struggling with these concerns, please join us in reading *Rebuilt Faith: A Handbook for Skeptical Catholics*. Books and information on starting or joining a book study will be available at the end of the month.

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St. Pius Festival News

Meet your returning 2025 Festival Chairs:

Kristy Ericson, Karen Hosier & Erica Williamson



We look forward to serving as the festival co-chairs for our 3rd and final year. We hope we can make this year's festival as much fun as the past ones – and pray for no rain this year!!

Mark your Calendar, the Festival will be held: Sunday, June 1st 2025

FEBRUARY 2025 UPDATE

We are already planning the 2025 festival and we need your help! As many of you know, the festival is the top fund-raising activity for the parish. With these funds, we can update the parish center and contribute to the many ministries that St. Pius X supports. The success of the festival is dependent on the involvement of parishioners and SPSL families.

After Easter, you will see the festival donation sign-ups for food, books, time and talent. Right now, we **NEED** Captains for the following Festival areas:

CAKE WALK – The captain(s) is responsible for overseeing the setup of the Cake Walk booth in the parish center. Cake Walk Captain will be responsible for communicating with Festival Chairs to decide on the number of cakes needed and any signage or rules to be printed for volunteers. Cake Walk Captain will coordinate cake drop off on May 31st & June 1st prior to the festival starting. There is also the responsibility to oversee clean-up of the booth at the end of the festival or once all cakes are won.

GAMES – The captain(s) of the games will oversee the setup of the game booths in the parish center parking lot. The Men's club and the Knights of Columbus will do the heavy lifting and set-up each area. The Game Captain needs to ensure that all parts of each game are available and working. You will coordinate the volunteers who will man each of the games throughout the day. The Game Captain will be responsible for overseeing the take down and storage of the games at the end of the festival.

Craft Fair and Craft booth This year at the St Pius X Festival, we will be adding a Craft Fair. This will be in addition to our traditional craft booth.(more information on that down the road) Crafters may purchase a 6-foot table for \$60.00. The craft fair will be in the Gym with the hours of 11:00 to 4:00. For more information, please contact Nancy Lobsinger at nlobsing@cox.net, 402-378-2547. For information regarding donations regarding the craft booth contact Colleen Morrissey, mailto:cdmomaha@gmail.com

CORPORATE UNDERWRITING – There are numerous businesses that St. Pius X does business with. We need to reach out to these businesses to ask for their monetary support of our festival. The office staff will provide contact names for the businesses and will send out request letters. The Corporate Underwriting Captain needs to follow up with the businesses via phone calls or visits.

As we say each week, "We are blessed to be a diverse community, ready to share our gifts and resources." This is the time for sharing. We can only be successful if we have the involvement of all of our parishioners. If you are looking to help, please reach out to any of us and we will guide you to the right person or area where your talents and resources will be most effective. (festival@stpiusxomaha.org)

As we keep saying – IT TAKES A VILLAGE. Please help us make the 2025 Festival a success for one and all.