

St. Pius X Church

E-NEWS

March 2025

Lent

		Holy Week	
Ash Wednesday Masses	Noon and 5:30 pm	Palm Sunday	April 12-13, Sat. 5:30 pm, Sun. 7:30 and 9:30 am
Parish Lenten Read (Books will be available in the narthex)	Rebuilt Faith	Holy Thursday	April 17, 7:00 pm
Parish Book Read 6-week Study Group (Or start your own)	Sundays, Starting March 8, between Masses	Good Friday	April 18, 7:00 pm
Stations of the Cross	Fridays, 5:30 pm, (except March 6)	Easter Vigil	April 19. 8:30 pm, (No 5:00 pm Mass)
Individual Reconciliation	Saturdays, 3:30 pm	Easter	April 20, 7:30 and 9:30 am
Parish Reconciliation Service	Wednesday, March 26, 6:30 pm		
Religious Ed. Shadow Stations	Wednesday, April 2, 7:00 pm, Gym (All are welcome)		

[Please go here for more Lenten Resources](#)

Thank you to Mary Harrell and all the bakers, helpers, sellers, and buyers of the Valentines Candy Sales. The proceeds (over \$1200) will go towards the parish center renovation.

Soda Bread sales are taking place now and throughout Lent! 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.

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.

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 will be made available (free) in the narthex by March 1.

Parish Lenten Book Read Study Groups Fr. Mark and Fiacre Tollo will be leading a Study Group starting **Sunday, March 8th** following the 7:30 am Mass. If you would like to gather a group together and lead your own, contact [Colleen Ciciulla](#), to get a copy of the leaders guide. *Remember...."Where two or more are gathered...."*

Attention Men of the Parish, Saturday, March 1, 8:00 am, Parish Center (Fireplace Room) Our Knights of Columbus Council is excited to share the implementation of Cor, a new formation and fraternal opportunity for the men of St. Pius X parish. Cor exists to form and strengthen Catholic men in faith and virtue as missionary disciples by drawing them into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, formation, and fraternity. Come join your brother parishioners for coffee and donuts, prayer and fraternity. These sessions will run through Lent, but will also continue through the year. Attend as many or as few sessions as you would like. Looking forward to seeing you there! God Bless. Questions? cor_team@kofc.stpiusxomaha.org

Heart & Sole: A Lenten Journey: The Health Ministry committee will sponsor another Lenten physical activity/walking program that begins on **Ash Wednesday, March 5th**. You can sign up in the narthex after all the Masses this weekend and next weekend (March 1st and 2nd), or by emailing linda.lazureRN@gmail.com or texting 402-689-9200. Just say you want to join. Information flyers and Lenten Journey reflection booklets are available at the Health Ministry table. Incentive \$5 Target gift cards will be given out to 3 participants each week. Register now and jumpstart your physical and spiritual health!

It's Pasta Fridays, March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 5-7:30 p.m. St. Pius X Parish Center Please join us for your choice of five great meatless sauces over a variety of pastas. Macaroni and cheese or cheese pizza for the kids. Plus, salad, bread, and beverages. **Tickets are \$12 Adults, \$10 Seniors, \$6 Kids, \$40 Family (2 adults and their children)** Everyone is welcome! And everyone is invited to help if you would like. [Go here to see volunteer opportunities](#). Questions? 402-558-8446

Theology Matters, Sunday, March 16, 11 pm Parish Center – God's people have been on the move since Adam left Eden. Guest speakers from Creighton University and the Missionary Society of St. Columban will look at migration and borders through the lens of theology and lived experience. Light refreshments will be served. Want childcare for the event? Contact Colleenc@stpiusxomaha.org to arrange childcare for children ages 5-12.

Childcare helpers needed Sunday, March 16 from 11 am – 12:30 pm for Theology Matters event. Looking for responsible youth who can assist a Safe Environment certified adult to provide childcare for children while their parents attend Theology Matters. Please contact Colleen at 402-558-1898 or colleenc@stpiusxomaha.org.

St. Patrick's Day Luncheon, March 18, 11:30 AM, St. Leo the Great Enjoy a catered traditional Irish lunch, followed by a dancing performance provided by the Dancing Grannies! Their troupe is in their fifth decade of performing. The dancers are from the ages of 50-89. The rat-a-tat-tat of the tap shoes promises to entertain! RSVP to Dina at St. Leo's with payment of \$15 by March 11th. This event is open to all! Sponsored by St. Leo/St. Pius X Young at Heart

Family Mass, Sunday, March 30, 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 1st and 7th 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.

Omaha Together One Community (OTOC) Annual Fundraiser, Sunday March 30th, 4:00 -7:30 pm. St. Pius X Parish, a member organization, will help "Celebrate Community" at the Firefighters Hall, 60th and Grover. You can register and buy tickets at: <http://bidpal.net/otocauction2025>. The silent auction opens online on Saturday, March 22nd and closes on Sunday, March 30th at 6:30 pm. We are accepting auction items until March 12th. Contact Colleen Morrissey at cdmomaha@gmail.com Tickets will be available after masses on **March 15 and 16**. Online ticket purchases are encouraged.

Save the Date

St. Pius X Women's Organization will hold our annual **Spring Brunch** on **Saturday, April 26**. Our speaker will be Lisa Kelly, author of *The Spiritual Path, Embarking on the Journey of a Lifetime* and former parishioner. Brunch will be catered by Pleasure Your Palate. Tickets will be \$15 and available in early April. Save the date! Invite the important women in your life. Also, **Wednesday, April 9th** a gathering for women to spend time with each other and enjoy an evening with some prayer, knowledge of our history (rosary), and friendship.

SPSL Golf Classic, Monday, May 19, Field Club Registration for the SPSL Golf Classic - our 21st Annual - is now open! We hope you can join this year. In celebration of the 21st year of this annual event, there will be casino themed games to play on the course! It's a great day for a great cause - your favorite elementary school! Friction free registration can be

done [here](#). There are also many sponsorship opportunities. Registration forms and payment by check may also be sent to SPSL. Contact michaela.smith@spsl.net with questions.

Parish and School Projects (Plan Accordingly)

June 2-27 Renovation of the South Parking Lot Behind the Parish Center and the Gym

July 14-Aug. 4 Renovation of a new gym floor. Because of the gym floor renovation, *Ann's Attic* and the *Parish Garage Sale* will be *July 10-12*. Set up for these events will be *July 1-2*, collections will be *July 5-8*. Thank you for your understanding and flexibility as we continue to update our parish and school campus. We will make every effort to keep you informed.

Parish Center Renovation Update As our parish continues to raise funds for the renovation of the parish center, plans are underway with a committee working on bids and options. Secondly, we are making progress in collecting funds for this project. As of early February, we have over \$65,000 reserved for this project, yet more money is needed. In addition, as Lent begins, any funds raised beyond budgeted profits from the Pasta Fridays will also be added to the Parish Center Renovation project. Additional news will be coming within the next few months about the process and when we believe the project can begin. Thanks for your interest and support!

More Information and Details

[Website](#)

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Flyers, CareNotes and other information can also be found in the kiosk in the narthex of the church.

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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

March 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. The 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 for 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 business 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.