

St. Pius X Catholic Church

Parish Directory

2020-2021



A Place to Call Home



St. Pius X Parish

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I'm going to take you a little bit into the weeds.

As I am writing this we are in week seven of the Covid-19 quarantine. Our church has sat mostly empty during this scary time. I'm listening to "Silent Music" by Frederic Mompou, a Spanish (Catalan) composer of the early/mid Twentieth Century. His style is impressionist-minimalist. These series of short piano solos capture this moment for me. The pieces are spare: notes linger into silence, more space is created in the emptiness, and much of its tonality is unresolved. The music leaves one with the impression that this music isn't really meant to be heard by anyone but the performer. Listening to this collection feels like eavesdropping on Mompou's private prayer.

This is the exact opposite of how our liturgical celebrations are supposed to work. I have no words for what it has been like to say Mass by myself the last several weeks. The definition of liturgy is "the work of the people." I have struggled with the concept of "celebrating Mass" alone because it violates what liturgy means. To be honest, it has felt like the most clerical thing I've ever done in 24 years. Why should I get to receive Christ in the Eucharist when you can't? The words and prayers, like Mompou's music, barely penetrate the silence, especially when the only ears that can hear them are my own. I have kept you, as well as all of the other people we normally pray for (the Pope, the bishop, the care givers, the sick, the dying, the deceased) front and center in my prayer, but it feels empty when no one is there.

By the time you read this, we hope we have started the process of opening our doors. The time will come when we can celebrate our liturgies full-throated, reveling in the richness of symbols, Word, and song. In the time of this pandemic, however, we have been forced into the desert. Like our ancestors, the Hebrews, we have no idea how long we will have to endure this fate. Like our ancestors, the Hebrews, we will complain. Perhaps this time of testing, when we are able to look back at it, will give us more insight into Christ's Paschal Mystery.

In the old Sacramentary, there is a great line in the first Preface for the Ascension:

Christ, the mediator between God and humankind,
judge of the world and Lord of all,
has passed beyond our sight,

not to abandon us but to be our hope.

Christ is the beginning, the head of the Church;
where he has gone, we hope to follow.

While we are slowly making our pilgrim way back into the church, Christ will always walk with us. As we contemplate Christ's life, death, and resurrection, we can also look to the ascension as a sign of hope. One day, we too will rise again and experience the renewal of our baptismal promises as a worshipping community. These past seven weeks have felt like a strange combination of Advent and Good Friday: patient waiting and great suffering. The time will come for singing and Alleluia is our song. On that day, our voices will join with the choirs of heaven in their unending hymn of praise.

Fr. Joe Wray
Pastor

Our Mission

We are St. Pius X Parish, grateful to our founders for a tradition of sacrifice, hard work and simplicity, proud of our economic, cultural and age diversity. As a Catholic community, we share our gifts and resources to live the Gospel of Jesus in a spirit of joy. We commit to Spirit-filled worship and prayer and excellence in education for all. We strive to be a welcoming community, to work for justice and to provide caring service for one another and the world.

Our Patron, St. Pius X

Pope Pius X was born on June 2, 1835, died August 20, 1914, and was canonized on May 29, 1954. St. Pius is perhaps best remembered for his encouragement of the frequent reception of Holy Communion, especially by children. The aim of his papacy became his motto: To restore all things in Christ.

The second of 10 children in a poor Italian family, Joseph Sarto became Pius X at age 68, and was one of the 20th century's greatest popes.

Ever mindful of his humble origin, he stated, "I was born poor, I lived poor, I will die poor." He was embarrassed by some of the pomp of the papal court. "Look how they have dressed me up," he said in tears to an old friend. To another, "It is a penance to be forced to accept all these practices. They lead me around surrounded by soldiers, like Jesus when he was seized in Gethsemani."

Interested in politics, he encouraged Italian Catholics to become more politically involved. One of his first papal acts was to end the supposed right of governments to interfere by veto in papal elections—a practice that reduced the freedom of the 1903 conclave which had elected him.

In 1905, when France renounced its agreement with the Holy See and threatened confiscation of Church property if governmental control of Church affairs were not granted, Pius X courageously rejected the demand.

While he did not author a famous social encyclical as his predecessor had done, he denounced the ill treatment of indigenous peoples of the plantations of Peru, sent a relief commission to Messina after an earthquake and sheltered refugees at his own expense.

On the 11th anniversary of his election as pope, Europe was plunged into World War I. Pius had foreseen it, but it killed him. "This is the last affliction the Lord will visit on me. I would gladly give my life to save my poor children from this ghastly scourge." He died a few weeks after the war began and was canonized in 1954. His feast day is August 21.



“Restore All Things in Christ” A Place to Call Home

Eternal Father, we are St. Pius X Parish.

We have gathered together to be

Your visible light in this world.

We look to Your Great Commission

and pray for the grace to be a parish that is so on-fire
that we draw people to You.

We are blessed to be a diverse community

ready to share our gifts and resources,

according to the Gospel, with a spirit of true joy.

Bless us as we commit to Spirit-filled

worship, prayer, and education.

Father, You call us to be a welcoming community,

to work for justice,

and to provide caring service for one another,

and the world.

Keep us faithful to our mission.

Guide us as we seek the values that will

bring us lasting joy,

raise up this world in Your honor, and

restore all things in Christ.

Almighty God, we ask this through

the working of the Holy Spirit,

the intercession of the Virgin Mary, and St. Pius X.

May we respond to Your call as our founders did,

with sacrifice, hard work and simplicity.

Amen

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Welcome

We extend a special welcome to all who are single, married, divorced, gay, filthy rich, dirt poor, y no habla Ingles. We extend a special welcome to those who are crying newborns, skinny as a rail, or could afford to lose a few pounds.

We welcome you if you can sing either like our music leader or like our pastor, or even if you can hardly carry a note in a bucket. You're welcome here if you're "just browsing," just woke up, or just got out of jail. We don't care if you're more Catholic than the Pope, haven't been in church since little Joey's baptism, or have never been in a church ever.

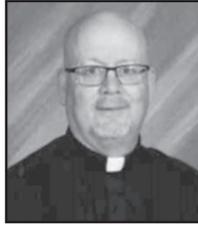
We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but have not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome single parents, gay parents, all parents, starving artists, tree-huggers, latté-sippers, vegetarians, junk-food eaters. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome those who are having problems or are down in the dumps, and those who don't like "organized religion" (we've been there, too).

If you blew all your offering money before you arrived, you're welcome here. We welcome those who think the earth is flat, who work too hard, who don't work, can't spell, or who are here because grandma is in town and she wanted you to go to church with her. We welcome those children who run down the aisle, those who need an arm to lean on, those who see and hear with assistance, and those who don't miss a word or note or gesture.

We welcome those who are inked, pierced, or both. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down their throat as a kid or got lost in traffic and wound up here by mistake. We welcome tourists, seekers and doubters, bleeding hearts . . . and you!

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The History of Our Parish

St. Pius X Parish officially began May 8, 1954, when the Chancellor of the Omaha Archdiocese wrote the Rev. George Kempker in Worthington, Ohio. In effect the letter said: We're building a new parish; we want you to be the "architect." You'll start with two blocks of property at 69th & Blondo (a cornfield), 500 families and our prayers.



The energy of Fr. Kempker, an ex-marine chaplain, was contagious. Ground breaking for our house of worship - a metal structure called a "Behlen" building - began September 20th. Shortly before Christmas, Archbishop Bergan dedicated St. Pius X Church. Many called it a "ninety day wonder."

Construction on a 19-room school building began August 1, 1955. It was completed in time for the 1956 fall term, with an enrollment of 465 students and a staff of four Servants of Mary Sisters, including the Principal, Sr. Mary Brigetta, and seven lay teachers.

Scaffolding, work crews, bricks and mortar were common sights for parishioners during the next several years. The parish grew, and by 1965, St. Pius X School was the largest in the Midwest, with an enrollment of 1,565. Fr. Kempker, who suffered a stroke, retired in the spring of 1968.

In June of 1968, Fr. Charles Brodersen was named pastor. "Fr. B" quickly caught the Pius Spirit. In keeping with Vatican II, he established the Parish Council and other committees, thus involving more laity (men and women) in the actual planning and growth of the parish. During the Brodersen years, the "ninety day wonder" was remodeled, given a brick façade and air-conditioned. In June of 1977, Fr. Brodersen left St. Pius to become Pastor of St. Stanislaus Parish.

Fr. Thomas O'Brien, who had served as first assistant Pastor to the parish, came back as Pastor that summer. He felt right at home. The "Pius Spirit" was still alive and flourishing. In the summer of 1978, St. Pius helped establish a neighboring parish, St. Leo, to help meet the needs of the rapidly increasing number of families in the area. St. Pius X School was renamed St. Pius X/St. Leo and a partnership was born.



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Under Fr. O'Brien's leadership, the laity continued to blossom and nurture the parish. People were called upon to use their gifts and many new programs began. Called to leadership, parishioners soon discovered a need for a gathering place for carrying out ministry with one another. In 1986, the Parish Center was built and blessed.

In June of 1996, parishioners bade farewell to Fr. O'Brien, who left St. Pius to become Senior Associate at St. Vincent de Paul Parish. In his place, Pius was blessed to have yet another son returning home. Fr. Lloyd Gnirk had been a resident at St. Pius in 1982. He, too, quickly caught the “Pius Spirit.” He fondly recalls his first Mass at St. Pius as Pastor. Coming from a smaller parish, he felt overwhelmed and honored to look out at the sea of faces of this parish of 1,500 families. Under Father Gnirk's leadership the parish had moved forward in many areas. In the summer of 2001, the north school building was updated and given a new façade. In the summer of 2002 a four-classroom addition for kindergartners was completed, and the south school building was given a new façade. In addition, a new garage for the priests was built. The new Administration wing for the school was completed and dedicated in 2006.

In June 2008, Fr. Gnirk became the Pastor at St. John's in Valley, NE. During his 12 years as Pastor, our parish and school saw many accomplishments.

Fr. John L. Pietramale was appointed as the Parish's 5th Pastor in June 2008 and served for 3 years until becoming pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Omaha. In his time here at St. Pius, Fr. Pietramale was able to grow St. Pius's savings and endowment, and with the help of so many in the parish, put the parish on a stable financial footing. This stability enabled the parish to move forward with the renovation of the parish worship space.

Fr. Mike Eckley, a native of Omaha and of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, was named the 6th pastor of St. Pius X in June 2011. Fr. Mike was formally installed as pastor on July 31, 2011 by Archbishop George Lucas at an evening prayer service that also included the procession of the Eucharist out of the church into the Parish Center. This was the official beginning of the church renovation. Preserved in the church was the mahogany paneling, the stained glass windows, the marble altar and ambo. Archbishop George Lucas blessed the renovated church in a dedication Mass on June 3rd, 2012.

Fr. Mike Eckley remained Pastor until July 1, 2018 when he began a new assignment as Servant Minister for the priests of the Archdiocese of Omaha. Fr. Joe Wray, a native of Omaha, previously pastor at St. Joseph in Wisner and Holy Cross in Beemer was appointed as the 7th Pastor of St. Pius X.



Mass Schedule

Saturday	5:30 pm
Sunday	7:30, *9:30 & 11:30 am *Sign Language Interpreted
Daily	7:00 am & 5:30 pm
School Masses	Check Bulletin
Holy Day Mass (Vigil)	5:30 pm
Holy Day Masses	7:00 am, 5:30 pm, 7:00 pm Holy Day, School: 8:30 & 10:00 am

Care Centers

Ambassador	3rd Friday 10:00 am
Maplecrest	1st Friday 10:30 am
Skyline	2nd & 4th Wednesday 11:00 am

Reconciliation

Saturday	4:00-5:00 & By Appointment Call 402-558-8446
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Adoration

Second Wednesday of each month after the 5:30 pm Mass until 8:00 pm.

Prayer Line

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Office Hours

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Emergency

**After business hours to get in touch with a priest call:
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General Information

Illness: Contact the parish office to inform us of parishioners who are hospitalized, recovering in the nursing homes or homebound.

Funerals: To make preparations for a funeral please contact the parish office. The staff will help you in the planning. This includes selecting readings and music and also helping with funeral luncheon arrangements.

Mass Intentions: If you would like to have Masses offered for a particular intention or for a deceased person, please call the parish office. An offering of \$10 is suggested.

Communion to the Sick and Homebound: Please contact the parish office to make arrangements for a visit to someone who is sick or homebound.

Weather and Cancellations: In most cases, when school has been cancelled, the parish offices are also closed. Unless otherwise notified, meetings are also cancelled.

Bulletin Deadline: To have something placed in the bulletin, please email it to the parish secretary one week in advance.
bulletin@stpiusxomaha.org

Parish Calendar: The most current calendar can be found on the St. Pius X website: www.stpiusxomaha.org. A weekly calendar can also be found in the parish bulletin.

Religious Education Program: For registration information contact the Faith Formation Office at 402-558-1898.

Sunday Pre-School: Sunday Pre-School classes for children ages three-kindergarten are held during the 9:30 am Sunday Mass. For information and registration information contact the Faith Formation Office at 402-558-1898.

Youth Ministry: Students from public and Catholic high schools gather after the 11:30 am Mass twice a month during the school year, as well as participate in a variety of other events throughout the year. For more information contact the Youth Ministry Office at 402-558-8446.

St. Pius X/St. Leo School: For registration information in the Five Day School please contact the school office at 402-551-6667.

Safe Environment Certification: The Archdiocese of Omaha and our parish require all adults to have a current certification before involvement with children and youth. This certification includes a 2-hour training session and background check. Certification must be renewed every six years. Go to www.archomaha.org for a list of training dates and to register. The St. Pius X Safe Environment contact is the Director of Faith Formation, 402-558-1898.

St. Pius X: Eucharistic Community

The parish is the most important part of our Catholic Church. This is where we continue the mission of Jesus Christ. This is where we publicly express our faith, joining together with others to give witness of our communion with God and with one another. St. Pius X Parish is eager to provide you with spiritual and community growth, as well as opportunities to experience and expand your Catholic faith.

Clearly stated expectations for all members of a faith community, including parishioners as well as parish leadership, truly enable the entire community to function well and to provide for the needs of all. To promote an understanding of expectations, the following are offered.

St. Pius X Parish will provide opportunities for:

- worship, prayer and sacramental celebrations
- on-going faith formation
- effective sacramental preparation
- living out faith in service to others

St. Pius X Parish will continue to:

- be a welcoming community
- build on the tradition of sacrifice and hard work of our founders
- be good stewards of financial contributions to the parish
- recognize and empower parishioners to use their gifts and talents

St. Pius X parishioners will:

- support and further the mission of St. Pius X Parish
- pray regularly for the parish community
- participate in weekend Masses
- be involved in the life of the parish community
- engage in adult faith formation opportunities
- support the parish with spiritual and financial gifts
- participate in sacramental celebrations
- support the sacramental preparation of children and adults
- invite others to experience our St. Pius X community
- find an area of ministry through which they can serve Christ and others
- share their faith with others

Stewardship

What is Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure?

It is the wise and responsible use of the special gifts God has entrusted to each of us. It is believing that God has created each one of us with unique abilities and attributes which make us who we are. Many times in scripture we are reminded to be generous with our time, talent and treasure. We are called to take care of others, to share what we have, and to return a portion of our gifts to God. We are reminded do this with purity of intention and according to our means.

Why Is This Important?

Our lives have real meaning only when we use our gifts in accordance with God's will. Nurturing stewardship helps us grow in our relationship with God.

How Can I Be a Good Steward of My Time, Talents and Treasure?

Guided by prayer, each Catholic makes a decision to live out the Christian life as a good steward. This decision is an intentional act to thank God for all of His blessings, in short, to put God at the center of life. We are provided with many opportunities each day to be good stewards. We just need to be aware of the choices we make and the significance of our decisions.

How can I share my time, talent and treasure at St. Pius X?

In this handbook you will find descriptions of the varied opportunities available at St. Pius X.

Sacraments

Baptism

Baptism preparation classes for parents are offered the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm. Pre-registration is required. Call the Faith Formation Office, 402-558-1898. Baptisms are generally celebrated the first and third weekends each month except during Lent.

First Reconciliation

The sacrament of First Reconciliation is offered to children in 2nd grade in November at a special Saturday liturgy. If an older child needs to be prepared for reception of First Reconciliation, contact the Director of Faith Formation at 402-558-1898 to arrange for the child's preparation.

First Communion

First Communion is celebrated in the spring for second graders. If an older child desires First Communion, contact Director of Faith Formation, 402-558-1898 to arrange for the child's preparation and reception of the sacrament.

Confirmation

Confirmation is conferred on parish eighth graders in December. Formal preparation for the sacrament begins during the seventh grade year.

Young adults and adults who have not been confirmed but who desire to receive the sacrament should contact the Pastor or the Director of Faith Formation for assistance in Confirmation preparation.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process designed to help parishes welcome and share their Catholic faith with persons who want to explore the Catholic tradition and faith. The RCIA process at St. Pius X includes a series of weekly sessions that start in September. If interested please contact the Faith Formation office at 402-558-1898.

Marriage

Couples planning to be married at St. Pius X should contact the parish office and talk to a priest, 402-558-8446. The Archdiocese of Omaha policy requires a minimum of six months for marriage preparation.

Anointing of the Sick

This Sacrament may be received by any Catholic who is seriously ill, about to undergo major surgery or in poor health due to age. St. Pius X also offers anointing at designated Masses twice a year. Watch the bulletin for the dates. Individuals may also contact the priests at any time to receive this sacrament.

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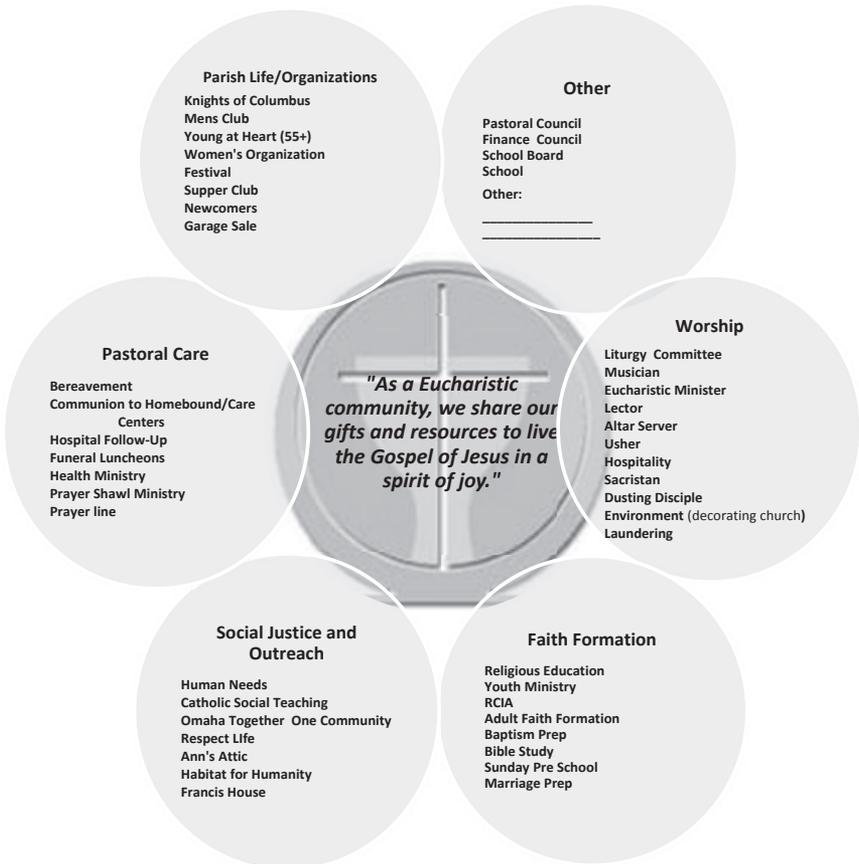
YOUTH SPORTS

Call School Office 402-551-6667

How Can You Share Your Time and Talent?

God has blessed each of us with special talents. You are encouraged to seek a connection to the St. Pius X community through involvement in any number of ways. This handbook describes many opportunities available to serve in the parish. Contact the person listed in the following pages or go to our website and look under stewardship.

Sharing our gifts of time and talent is a part of our journey to discipleship.



St. Pius X Ministries and Committees

Faith Formation

St. Pius X commits to excellence in education for all.

Religious Education Program

St. Pius X offers religious education classes for Catholic children enrolled in public schools, grades one through eight. Classes are held on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:45 pm.

The Religious Education Program provides a quality religious education experience, small class size, trained catechists and rich traditions, all within a caring environment.

Contact: Colleen Ciciulla, 402-558-1898
faithformation@stpiusxomaha.org



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is a process designed to help interested persons explore the Catholic tradition and membership in the Catholic Church. The RCIA process includes a series of weekly sessions that start in September.

Contact: Colleen Ciciulla, 402-558-1898
rcia@stpiusxomaha.org

Marriage Preparation

When couples consider marriage, their preparation for the sacrament is assisted by Marriage Preparation couples who, in conjunction with the priest, work with the couple. A training is provided for this ministry.

Contact: Father Joe Wray, 402-558-8446
marriageprep@stpiusxomaha.org

Adult Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation provides religious formation opportunities for adults in the parish. These opportunities include Bible studies, retreats and large and small group programs to appeal to a variety of spiritual needs.

Contact: Colleen Ciciulla, 402-558-1898
adultfaith@stpiusxomaha.org

Youth Ministry

St. Pius X Youth Ministry offers a variety of activities throughout the year. Events may range in age of attendees between 6-12 grades. Events include camps, service trips, rallies and conferences. In addition to these activities, the St. Pius X High School Youth Group gathers after the 11:30 Mass on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month during the school year. We share a meal, socialize, celebrate our faith, discuss a variety of topics and grow in community. Adult Volunteers are invited to chaperone events, cook a meal, lead small groups or assist in any number of areas.

Contact: Janet Drvol, 402-558-8446
youthministry@stpiusxomaha.org

Baptism Preparation for Parents

Baptism preparation is designed as a ministry to parents who desire Baptism for their child. The class is a one-night session that includes the theology of Baptism, the symbolism within the sacrament, and the vocation of parenthood. Baptism preparation sessions are offered the second Thursday of each month.

Contact: Colleen Ciciulla, 402-558-1898
baptism@stpiusxomaha.org

Bible Study

God's Word in scripture is the foundation of our faith formation. Spending time with scripture deepens our relationship with God and helps us see God at work in creation and our lives. Bible Study topics and formats vary each year.

Contact: Colleen Ciciulla at 402-558-1898
bible@stpiusxomaha.org

Councils and Boards

Pastoral Council

The Pastoral Council assists the pastor in developing and deepening the parish faith community. As a consultative body, the Council proposes a vision and direction for parish life.

Finance Council

This committee reviews, coordinates and administers the parish budget. It is responsible for funding and maintaining the physical plant.

Contact: Fr. Joe Wray, 402-558-8446, frjoe@stpiusxomaha.org

Pastoral Care

St. Pius X strives to provide caring service to one another.

Bereavement

Grief is a life changing experience. There is no one right way to grieve. As Christians, we celebrate and give thanks for the promise of eternal life, and we acknowledge grief as a Christian response in the face of loss. At St. Pius X, we seek to be a spiritual home and provide a place of support, prayer, resources and encouragement in the midst of loss and sadness. We offer a variety of ministries to journey alongside our bereaved parishioners at the time of death and in the months and years to follow.

Contact: Margaret Hoarty, 402-553-7547
bereavement@stpiusxomaha.org



Funeral Luncheon

The Funeral Luncheon Committee at St. Pius X offers a luncheon after a funeral held at St. Pius X. The luncheon is a sharing time for family and friends - a time to ease the grieving for those who have just buried a loved one. Families are most appreciative of this service. Food and time are donated by our parish families and served in the Parish Center. We are always ready to welcome anyone (men, women, young adults, etc.) who would be able to help in any number of ways.

Contact: Virginia Fugger (Chair)..... 402-391-0210
Robin Versch (Co-chair)..... 402-551-2897
Jane Colling (Co-Chair) 402-850-8954
funerallunch@stpiusxomaha.org

Hospital Follow-Up Ministry

This ministry involves making calls to those just released from the hospital and to let them know that the parish community is praying for them in their recovery and to make sure that their spiritual needs are being met (e.g., communion, reconciliation, etc.).

Contact: Rita Ramos, 402-558-8446
pastoralministry@stpiusxomaha.org

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry provides an opportunity to combine the care and love of knitting into a prayerful ministry that reaches out to those in need of comfort and solace. Many blessings are knitted into every shawl.

Contact: Pat Franks, 402-551-9796
shawl@stpiusxomaha.org

Health Ministry

Grounded in the healing ministry of Jesus, St. Pius X Health Ministry recognizes the body, mind, spirit connection as an integral part of health and healing. This ministry provides programs that guide individuals, families and the parish community to become active participants in their own physical, spiritual and emotional growth and well-being.

Contact: Margaret Hoarty, 402-553-7547
health@stpiusxomaha.org

Homebound/Care Centers

Approximately forty parishioners are either homebound or in an assisted living facility. Currently the homebound parishioners receive the bulletins, and if they would like, communion can be brought to their home. St. Pius X also takes communion to Ambassador and Maplecrest Care Centers weekly. If you are interested in helping with this ministry as a Communion Minister or would like to help expand this ministry, please contact us.

Contact: Rita Ramos 402-558-8446
pastoralministry@stpiusxomaha.org

Prayer Line

Our community has depended on the prayer line for many years. To be a part of this ministry, all you need is to be willing to set aside some time each week to pray for others. Prayers are sent via e-mail to you.

Contact: Rita Ramos, 402-558-8446
prayerline@stpiusxomaha.org

Social Justice and Outreach

St. Pius X strives to work for justice and to provide caring service for one another and the world.

Human Needs Outreach

St. Pius X Human Needs Outreach works within our community extending assistance with basic needs such as energy, food or rent. We represent the face of St. Pius X to our neighbors with personal interactions and offering of encouragement and support. This group organizes and runs the pantry, Adopt-a-Family at Christmas and Ann's Attic.



Contact: Nancy Lobsinger, 402-991-6479
humanneeds@stpiusxomaha.org

Francis House

Volunteers work in crews to provide meals for persons who eat at the Francis House homeless shelter on Saturdays and Sundays. Each crew provides one meal per month.

Contact: Michaela Smith, 402-250-2352
franchishouse@stpiusxomaha.org

Respect Life

The Respect Life committee desires to work in an organized and effective way toward building the culture of life at St. Pius X Church and beyond through evangelization, education on respect life issues, advocacy and prayer, focusing on major events, administered activities that celebrate and promote respect for all human life, and collaborative efforts with other organizations.

Contact: Mary Morris, 402-572-5320
respectlife@stpiusxomaha.org

Catholic Social Teaching

The CST Ministry Team offers education on the 7 Principles of Catholic Social Teaching, opportunities for parishioner discussion and possible action responses.

Contact: Cindy Sauer, 402-571-4921
cst@stpiusxomaha.org

Omaha Together One Community (OTOC)

As a member congregation of Omaha Together One Community, we join with other congregations to act for the common good. We work to affect social issues on neighborhood, city, state and federal levels, conduct parish meetings to surface issues of concern and engage with elected officials in respectful public conversation.

Contact: Rosie Volkmer, 402-551-6394
otoc@stpiusxomaha.org

Bread for the World

St. Pius X is a Covenant Church with Bread for the World, which is a Collective Christian voice urging our national decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad. This Christian presence coordinates with Christian churches and members to focus on the hunger problem in our day, by writing to one's senators and representatives about hunger issues and legislation to confront them.

Contact: Sr. Rosalie Riccobono, 402-571-5320
rosalier@stpiusxomaha.org

Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity of Omaha is an ecumenical, grass-roots organization with the goal of eliminating poverty housing. St. Pius X Habitat for Humanity invites parishioners to join "work parties" at Habitat sites and also to provide volunteer labor and meals for workers during Habitat's summer build.

Contact: Kris Bailey, 973-896-3920
habitat@stpiusxomaha.org



Ann's Attic

This is an annual summertime used clothing sale to provide clothing to clients of Social Service agencies. All proceeds benefit the parish Emergency Fund.

Contact: Sue Kurtenbach, 402-493-3386
annsattic@stpiusxomaha.org

Worship

St. Pius X commits to Spirit-filled worship and prayer.

Liturgy Committee

Understanding liturgy as the source and summit of the Christian life, the Liturgy Committee of St. Pius X parish has as its mission to ensure full, conscious, and active participation in the liturgy in order to foster a reverent and joyful relationship with Jesus Christ, indeed all members of the Body of Christ, through the liturgical, sacramental, and devotional life of St. Pius X parish. The responsibility of the Liturgy Committee includes assisting the Director of Liturgy & Music in:

- the training and spiritual development of liturgical ministers
- the integration of all liturgical arts, i.e. music, environment, hospitality
- formation in liturgy for all parishioners
- planning, preparing and assessing liturgical feasts and seasons

Contact: Anne McGuire, 402-558-1847
liturgy@stpiusxomaha.org

Lector

Hearing the Word of God proclaimed clearly, with reverence, energy and joy is a critical need for the assembled People of God. Lectors are lay men and women within the Assembly who step forward and offer to minister to this need. Formational sessions by both the archdiocese and the parish help lectors train for this most important ministerial task. After completing the archdiocesan session in August, lector-candidates are mandated at the cathedral by the archbishop.

Contact: Anne McGuire, 402-558-1847
liturgy@stpiusxomaha.org

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) help distribute the Eucharist during liturgies. Distributing at Mass is just one way of being an active EMHC. Bringing the Eucharist to those within our community who are homebound, hospitalized, or living in residential institutions, is another way of being an active EMHC. EMHCs may choose to exercise both manners of serving God's People. An annual archdiocesan training in August leading to a mandation liturgy at the cathedral by the archbishop is initially required of anyone wanting to be an active EMHC in either manner.

Contact: Anne McGuire, 402-558-1847
liturgy@stpiusxomaha.org

Altar Server

Both youth and adult altar servers assist the priest during the celebration of Mass. Youth assist at weekend liturgies, while adult servers assist at weekday and funeral liturgies. A formation session for youth is necessary.

Contact: Anne McGuire, 402-558-1847
liturgy@stpiusxomaha.org

Hospitality

Welcoming the community for worship, whether parishioners or visitors, includes greeting as people arrive, and sending them into their week after the liturgy with a smile and a Christ-like presence.

Contact: Anne McGuire, 402-558-1847
liturgy@stpiusxomaha.org



Ushers

Those who serve as ushers monitor the physical needs of the assembly, take up the collection, coordinate bringing the gifts forward, assist as needed in emergency situations, and attend to the flow of the Communion.

Contact: Anne McGuire, 402-558-1847
liturgy@stpiusxomaha.org

Music Ministers

Singers and instrumentalists lead the singing of the assembly at all liturgical celebrations. They play a vital role in inviting active participation.

Contact: Anne McGuire, 402-558-1847
liturgy@stpiusxomaha.org

Sacristan

The ministry of sacristans is more often behind-the-scenes, but most critical. This ministry is multi-faceted; the prime responsibilities of sacristan are to prepare the items used for Mass.

Contact: Anne McGuire, 402-558-1847
liturgy@stpiusxomaha.org

Dusting Disciples

The church is cleaned weekly by one of eight volunteer crews. Time commitment is 1-1/2 hours on Saturday morning, once every other month. These Dusting Disciples vacuum, dust, clean restrooms, collect trash. No experience needed. Cleaning supplies provided. A fun, but practical, way of getting to know other parishioners. Can be a family-focused ministry. Help keep our worship space looking like new.

Contact: Rita Bianchi, 402-556-1201, dustingdisciples@stpiusxomaha.org



Parish Life/Organizations

St. Pius X strives to live the Gospel of Jesus in a spirit of joy

Knights of Columbus

This is a Catholic fraternal service organization rooted in charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. They volunteer many hours in parish and community service. This organization is open to every Catholic man 18 years or older.

Contact: Greg Barry, 402-513-9313
GK@kofc.stpiusxomaha.org

Men's Club

The Men's Club provides leadership and service to the parish, such as Pasta Fridays during Lent, Pancake Breakfasts, and Super Bowl Party, to name a few. All men of the parish are invited to be part of this group.

Contact: Bill Kellen, 402-630-7042
piusmensclub@yahoo.com



Women's Organization

The Women's organization provides a welcoming and supportive environment where women can gather socially, spiritually and as an assisting resource to the parish and neighboring communities.

Contact: Colleen Morrissey, 402-554-1768
womansorg@stpiusxomaha.org



Young at Heart

The St. Pius X/St. Leo's Young at Heart group is a vibrant, active and fun group for anyone over 55. A variety of activities are planned through the course of the year. Something for everybody (trips, lunches, etc.). A great way to make new friends and reconnect with past friends.

Contact: young55atheart@gmail.com

Parish Festival

This is a fun-for-all-ages community event. Pius parishioners share their time and talents: on the core team, booth or activity co-chairs, donating items, and working the festival. All parishioners are encouraged to be involved.

Contact: John/Mary Mason, 402-556-1684
festival@stpiusxomaha.org



Supper Club

An opportunity for members of our parish to spend quality time with one another in the comfort of our own homes. Groups of 3 or 4 couples or singles, meet 3 or 4 times during a 6-month period. Every April and October new members join, and existing groups are reshuffled.

Contact: Colleen Morrissey, 402-554-1768
Katy Salzman, 402-391-3717
Trish Wangler, 402-991-2625
supperclub@stpiusxomaha.org

Garage Sale

The garage sale is held in conjunction with Ann's Attic in July. Items are collected for about a week before the sale. This is a once-a-year activity.

Contact: Cindy Johnson, 402-750-2349
garagesale@stpiusxomaha.org



Newcomers

Volunteers make phone calls to newcomers and assist other programs involved in helping them get acquainted and feel welcome in our parish.

Contact: Parish Office, 402-558-8446
newcomers@stpiusxomaha.org

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