

WELCOME TO ST. PIUS X PARISH

"A Place to Call Home"

JULY 26, 2015
17TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



August 2015 Parish Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Dusting Disciples Crew #6 - Martins 7am First Saturday Mass
2	3 9:15am Tai Chi (PC)	4 1pm Shawl Ministry (P3) 6:30pm AA (Sch. Cafeteria) 7pm KofC Meeting (P2/P3)	5 9:15am Tai Chi (PC) 7pm Presentation - Conversation about Gays, Faith and Family (PC)	6 7pm Liturgy Core Team Meeting (MPR)	7 10:30am Mass at Maplecrest	8 Dusting Disciples Crew #7 - Bianchi 7am Blood Drive (PC)
9 1pm Neighborhood Night Out (PC/Back Lot)	10 6pm Adoration (C)	11 6:30pm AA (Sch. Cafeteria) 7pm Choir	12 7pm Catechist Meeting (SL)	13 7pm Baptism Class (P3) 7pm Catholic Social Teaching (P4)	14	15 Assumption Dusting Disciples Crew #8 - Bialas
16 Parish Picnic	17 11am Human Needs Outreach Retreat (Knowles) 7pm RCIA Planning Team (Library)	18 6:30pm AA (Sch. Cafeteria)	19 7pm Catechist Meeting (SL)	20 First Day of School St. Pius Feast Day 7pm Parish Festival Committee (PC)	21 10am Mass at Ambassador	22 Dusting Disciples Crew #1 - Hector
23	24 9:15am Tai Chi (PC) 7pm RCIA Planning Team (Library)	25 6:30pm AA (Sch. Cafeteria) 7pm KofC Officer's Meeting (P2/P3)	26 9:15am Tai Chi (PC) 6pm Deacon Meeting (Library)	27	28	29 Dusting Disciples Crew #2 - Cox 2pm Wedding (C)
30 12:30pm Youth Ministry Kick-Off Party (P4)	31 9:15am Tai Chi (PC)					

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 27

7:00 am †Leona Davis MB
5:30 pm †James Moylan DS

Tuesday, July 28

7:00 am †Fr. Adrian Laible MB
5:30 pm †Letha Armstrong DS

Wednesday, July 29

7:00 am †Sandra Winn DS
5:30 pm †Anton Kolc MB

Thursday, July 30

7:00 am †Carolyn Wais DS
5:30 pm †Matt Bosiljevac DS

Friday, July 31

7:00 am †Richard Wessling DS
5:30 pm †Betty Firmature MB

Saturday Morning Mass, August 1

7:00 am †Henry Klug MB

Saturday Vigil Masses, August 1

5:00 pm †Norbert Goeser MB
7:00 pm †People of St. Pius DS

Sunday Morning Masses, August 2

7:30 am †Bob & Bernice Brown DS
9:30 am †Lyle Armstrong MB
11:30 am †Darlene Ewald MB

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Our Sick

John Dickinson, Deb Vana, Joe Gasnick,
Arlene Borer

Our Deceased

†Leo Masker

brother of Mary Jo Burns

†Arthur Goodwin

husband of Paulette Goodwin

To have a name listed in the bulletin: call the rectory at 402-558-8446. *Names of the sick will be listed for 4 weeks.* **For the daily Prayer Line:** please call Irene Wolf at 402-556-4350.

CALENDAR CLUB WINNERS

July 19th	7768	Fr. Jerome Spenner
July 20th	8131	Sharon Roller
July 21st	8424	Mary Rowell
July 22nd	7730	Linda Goracke
July 23rd	8466	Lisa Lenhart
July 24th	7716	Darrell White
July 25th	8399	Lisa Jones

From your Pastor's Desk

Fr. Mike Eckley



Pastoral Council: This year we had four people that were going off the Parish Pastoral Council: Frank Cuellar, Tracy Potter, Zach Sauer, and Mary Jo Burns. I want to thank them for their dedication to the parish and their willingness to serve. This was not the first time that they had served on the Council and I appreciate their willingness to have served again.

We had four candidates for Parish Pastoral Council and I've appointed each of them to the Council. We are very fortunate to have a great group of people. They are: Jerald 'J' Aguilar; Max Engel, Grace Sossoukpe Tollo, and Dave Juszyk. I thank them for their willingness to say yes and serve the parish in such a generous way.

Ask the Pastor: Recently I was at a wedding out of town. During the reception I was speaking to one of the guest whose sons are currently in the seminary. She was talking about how much she has learned from her sons about basic Catholic Knowledge. She was raised Catholic and has been Catholic and involved in the Church all her life but as she has had discussions with her sons, she realized how much she didn't know or forgot. She mentioned how it would be nice to have a class on basic Catholic Knowledge. That may be something we may do here at St. Pius X in the future if there is interest in a class, but what I thought for now, is that I would invite questions from you about the things you would like to know regarding the Church and attempt to answer them here in this space. You are invited to submit questions to me via email at frmike@stpiusxomaha.org. If there is something you want to ask, I'm sure there are many others who have the same or similar questions.

In today's gospel we have the story of Jesus feeding the multitude with just a few small loaves and fish. It is found in the beginning of Chapter Six of John's Gospel. Over the next four weeks we continue to hear from John 6, known as **The Bread of Life Discourse**. With these weeks we will be reflecting more deeply on the mystery of the Eucharist. Since I have no questions currently, I thought I'd talk about different aspects of our Eucharistic practice these first couple of weeks. Today I'd like to talk about the proper gesture when we come into Church.

There are two appropriate gestures depending on where we are facing. The first is to bow to the altar. It is a gesture of reverence to the symbolic presence of Jesus found in the Altar. This is the gesture I use when processing to the altar at the beginning of mass and before processing out at the end of mass. At mass, the focal point of the celebration is the altar and so as we come in and before we go into the pew, it is proper to acknowledge the symbolic presence of Jesus with a bow to the altar. This is also done as you leave Church after mass.

The other gesture that is appropriate is to genuflect (go down on one knee) before going into the pew or as you are leaving after mass. This is a gesture to the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist which is reserved in the tabernacle. When doing so, you should be facing or looking towards the tabernacle and not the altar.

When I was a student at Our Lady of Lourdes, we were taught always to genuflect before and after mass. At that time the tabernacle was located right behind the altar. As our tabernacle is not located directly behind the altar, both gestures are appropriate, it just depend on where you are facing: the altar or the tabernacle.

Discussions with the Pastor: I will not be available this week. I'll be out of town and returning to the office on August 5th.



Religious Education Ministry

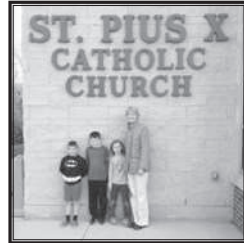
Patty Griffith, Director

During the month of July, the Religious Education Office is closed, but phone and email messages will be checked regularly.

Please use this contact information:

Religious Education Office
402-558-1898

Email of Patty Griffith, Director
pattyg@stpiusxomaha.org



Please contact the Religious Education Office if you have any of these needs:

- Information about the Wednesday evening RE Program or to register children
- Interest in the 7th grade catechist position
- Registration for Baptism class
- Interest in the Sunday Preschool Program
- Interest in any of the parish adult faith formation events or bible studies



High School Youth Ministry

Janet Drvol, Director

St. Pius X Church Youth Group is a monthly gathering for all 9-12th Grade Students. We meet the second Sunday of the month at 12:30. It is an opportunity to meet new people, learn about our faith, and have fun! All are welcome! For more information, please contact Janet Drvol at janetd@stpiusxomaha.org or 402-558-8446.

Youth Choir St. Pius X Youth Choir is looking for a new director! The Youth Choir sings at the 11:30 Mass the 2nd Sunday of every month. Choir assistants are in place, we just need a director/coordinator! If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact Janet Drvol at janetd@stpiusxomaha.org

St. Pius X / St. Leo School Extended Care is seeking individuals who are at least 16 years of age and able to work during the school year Mon. - Fri. from 3 to 5:30 pm. Please apply to Cindy Grasmick by email at cindy.grasmick@spsl.net



St. Pius X/St. Leo School

Joyce Gubbels, Principal

On March 27, 107 of the brightest and young geographers gathered at the University of Nebraska at Omaha to compete in the state level of the National Geography Bee. Among them was our then 8th grader Jon Schroeder who was our school's top winner in our local Geography Bee. Jon then took a written test to qualify for the state competition at UNO. After the preliminary round, Jon was in a 19-way tie for second place. Of these 19, only five could move on to the final round. Jon was eliminated along with 11 others just short of making it to the finals. Good work, Jon! Way to represent SPSL.

The following SPSL students had their artwork on display at the 21st annual Duchesne Academy Art Contest:

- 5th Graders: Kendra Fix and Meg Raabe
 6th Graders: Sydnee Baysa, Dallas Davis, Elle Houghtaling and Truman Metcalf
 7th Graders: Darby Campbell, Cassie Gloden, Joshua Karls, Sam Raabe, Reid Stracke and Libby Schimonitz
 8th Graders: Allie Glantz, Lily Jensen, Henry Johnson, Caressa Jones, Clara Kidder, Teddy Novotny, Hannah Rodricks, Rebecca Townley Erica Steiner, Ellie Walter and David Wunderlich

Special awards went to Meg Raabe, Sydnee Baysa, Elle Houghtaling, Joshua Karls, Caressa Jones and Clara Kidder. Congratulations to all for having your creative artwork on display!

Reminder to St. Pius X / St. Leo School Parents: All school tuition payments are due to the school office by AUGUST 1, 2015 if you have not enrolled in the SMART Tuition Payment Plan. This tuition requirement is for the children you have in grades K-8. Pre-school and pre-kindergarten tuition is paid at the beginning of each month starting September 1st through May 1st. Payment can be mailed to the school office at 6905 Blondo Street, Omaha NE 68104. Please call the school office at 402-551-6667 if you have any questions and/or concerns.

St. Pius X / St. Leo School needs the following teacher assistant for the 2015-2016 school year: teacher assistant for kindergarten classes. We need a person who likes working with younger grade students as well as working with the teachers. You need to be a positive, encouraging and organized person. We need someone who would work for a full school day from 8:00 AM until 3:30 PM each day. **Please request an application by e-mailing Joyce Gubbels, Principal, at joyce.gubbels@spsl.net.**

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 1 - AUGUST 2

	5:00 PM	7:00 PM	7:30 AM	9:30 AM	11:30 AM
Deacon		G Schimonitz	J Nardini		M Leick
EMHC	E Rogan L Lazure L Lazure B Davis J Bruckner M Jarzynka M Bieker	G Schimonitz C Nelson M Harrell M Harrell M Cox J Klug M Hillier	J Nardini C Nardini J Fortina J Kresl A Oswald M Coyle NOT FILLED	J Stolze J Hoffman R Hoffman A Weidle T Potter P Potter J Lohr	M Leick N Bock J Brown M Milota M Gasnick K Schinker M Ursick
Greeter	J Bruckner	P Botos	C Ciciulla	L & B Skelton	S Skorniak
Lector	B Kellen R Bianchi	J Salerno J Lane	R Pedersen J Bataillon	J Maciejewski T Griffith	P Dau P Franks
Server	E Dowda H Johnson H Weber	W Wharton S Metcalf T Metcalf	A Chattin M Fowler T Rusch	T Stolze D Stolze S Stolze	C Gagnon-Koudji C Lang J Thomas
CARE	K Papa	NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED	L Stolze	D & M Martins
Music	K Griffith			Alleluia Choir	M J Bueltel
Maple Crest	M Longo & P Wagoner				

THIS WEEK AT ST. PIUS

All events are in the Parish Center unless otherwise noted.

Monday, July 27

9:15am Tai Chi

Tuesday, July 28

6:00pm Cooking Class

6:30pm AA (Sch. Cafeteria)

Wednesday, July 29

9:15am Tai Chi

Saturday, August 1

Dusting Disciples Crew #6 - Martins

7:00am First Saturday Mass (Church)

Rosary: 6:30 am and 5:05 pm
Mon.-Fri., & 7:10 am Sun.

C.A.R.E. Sold after the weekend Masses, and weekdays in the school and parish offices.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

Sts. Peter & Paul Church, 36th and "X" Streets in Omaha celebrates its summer festival on Sunday, August 2, from noon - 8:00 p.m.

The Aquinas Forum will be held on Tuesday, July 28, 7 p.m., at Gloria Deo. Fr. Clifford Stevens of Boys Town will present "I Remember Fr. Flanagan."

OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

Quotes from Pope Francis' Encyclical *Laudato Si'* Pope Francis speaks about the importance of our actions:

Humanity still has the ability to work together in building our common home. (13)

Young people demand change. They wonder how anyone can claim to be building a better future without thinking of the environmental crisis and the sufferings of the excluded. (13)

Our goal is not to amass information or to satisfy curiosity, but rather to become painfully aware, to dare to turn what is happening in the world into our own personal suffering and thus discover what each of us can do about it. (19)

Reducing greenhouse gases requires honesty, courage and responsibility, above all on the part of those countries which are more powerful and pollute the most. (169)

A great cultural, spiritual and educational challenge stands before us, and it will demand that we set out on the long path of renewal. (202)

Pope Francis' Encyclical "Praise Be," What it says and what it means for the world, Thursday, July 30 at 7:00 pm in the Weitz Community Engagement Center, UNO Campus, 6401 Dodge St.

Join us for this community forum to hear from leaders in the local Roman Catholic community about Pope Francis's historic encyclical on the environment. Find out how many of his ideas are new, and how many are rooted in tradition. Discover why a Pope would speak out on what some consider a political issue. Consider what this document means not only for Roman Catholics, but for the world. What is the moral and spiritual response to the issue of climate change?

Panelists include Father Dennis Hamm, Professor Emeritus in Catholic Theological Studies at Creighton University; Dr. Roger Bergman, Director of the Justice and Peace Studies Program, Creighton University; and Rev. Kim Morrow, Director of Nebraska Interfaith Power & Light.

Sponsored by Interfaith Power and Light and Sierra Club

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the program being offered August 21 -23 2015, in Schuyler, Nebraska call 1-888-317-5654 or check the web site www.retrouvaille.org

Thank You!

Thanks to everyone who joined us for our rectory open house this past Tuesday. It was great to see everyone who stopped by, and in particular to express our gratitude toward all the generous people who made our remodel possible. We hope you enjoy the new office space as

much as we do. If you weren't able to come and you haven't yet seen our new arrangement, please feel free to stop by when you have a minute to see the transformation! Our legendary St. Pius spirit was truly evident in how well the project came together.

AROUND OUR PARISH

EPS Breakfast fundraiser tickets available: Members of the Respect Life committee will be selling tickets after all masses for the EPS Breakfast fundraiser which will be held on August 1st from 9-11:00 am at Creighton Prep. Tickets are \$25 each, or \$20 for 2 or more. The speaker will be Claire Culwell, a twin who survived an abortion attempt.

Information Session on Pope Francis' Encyclical *Laudato Si'*: Mark Your Calendars for Thursday, October 8th, at 7 pm in the Pius Parish Center. Dr. Roger Bergman, Director of Creighton University's Peace and Just Studies Program, will provide an overview of the encyclical.

Our Annual St. Pius X Feast day Picnic will be on Sunday, August 16th, after the 11:30 am Mass, sponsored by the Parish and our Knights of Columbus Council. We plan to be outdoors, so bring your lawn chairs! We will provide hamburgers and hot dogs. If your last name starts with A - M, please bring a side dish. Last names starting with N - Z, please bring a dessert. Drinks will be provided, but feel free to bring your own. We hope all our parishioners will be able to attend this fun-filled afternoon!

Trivia Night will be on Friday, Sept 18th. Begin gathering your teams and planning your themes. Teams of 8, cost is \$10.00 per persons. Individuals are welcome. More information to come!!!

Let's Talk: A Pastoral Conversation about Gays, Faith and Family will be held at St. Pius X on Tuesday, August 5, 2015 at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center, presented by Caring Catholic

Families. This two-hour program, in response to Pope Francis' call for dialogue and discussion among the faithful, includes a presentation, personal stories of gay Catholics and their families, and discussion of topics related to the October Synod on the Family in Rome. All are welcome. For information, contact Patty Griffith at pattyg@stpiusxomaha.org or call 402-558-1898.

St. Pius X Blood Drive will be Saturday, August 8th from 7:00 to 11:30 am in the Parish Center. You can schedule your appointment through the Knights or the Health Ministry Committee or by going online to www.redcrossblood.org, and using sponsor code 0092890. Donors must bring their American Red Cross donor card or photo I.D. Drink plenty of non-caffeinated fluids and eat a large meal 2-3 hours before.

Do you own stock that has appreciated greatly since you purchased it? You may be able to make a gift of the stock to our School and/or Parish and receive immediate tax benefits as well as current income. Please contact Bob Nowaczyk, SPSL's Development Coordinator at 402-551-6667 for more information or talk with your broker or accountant. They will help you determine the best time to make a gift to help our School and/or Parish. Thank you for prayerfully considering our School and/or our Parish in a gift of your appreciated stock.

St. Pius X/St Leo Couples Bridge Club High Scores:

3,790	Herman & Ellen Weist
3,720	Jan & Jo Heese
3,510	Steve & Liz Gleason



ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC CHURCH

6905 Blondo St. Omaha, NE 68104
Parish Office 402-558-8446
www.stpiusxomaha.org

Office Hours: Weekdays 8 am - 4:30 pm
Saturdays 8:30 am - Noon

Pastor: Rev. Michael Eckley

Associate: Rev. Mark Bridgman

Deacons: Mike Leick,
Jim Nardini (Cindy)
& Gene Schimonitz (Carol)

Weekend Masses: Saturdays 5 & 7 pm

Masses: Sundays 7:30, 9:30 and
11:30 am

Daily Masses: 7 am & 5:30 pm

Reconciliation: Saturdays 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Marriage Preparation: Call the Parish Office at
least 6 months in advance

New Parent Baptismal Class: Second Thursday of the
month, 7 - 9 pm in the
Parish Center. This class
is required for baptism.
*Pre-registration is re-
quired 1 week in advance.
Call 402-558-1898.*

RCIA: For those interested in
becoming a Catholic,
please call the parish
office.

School: 402-551-6667

Religious Ed: 402-558-1898

Liturgy Office: 402-558-1847

Youth Ministry: 402-558-8446

Pastoral Ministry: 402-558-8446

Prayer Line: 402-556-4350,
Irene Wolf

Bulletin Deadline: Two weeks in advance.

Bulletin e-mail: bulletin@stpiusxomaha.org

Fiscal Year July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016 DONATIONS RECEIVED THE WEEKEND OF JULY 18/19

Our per Sunday goal is	\$19,962.00
Sunday Envelopes.....	\$10,220.98
Auto Ded.-7/20/15 Contrib.....	\$19,465.91
Deficit Reduction.....	\$110.00
Children's Collection.....	\$17.75
Plate Collection.....	\$854.19
Total Sunday Contribution	\$30,668.83
This week's surplus	\$10,706.83
YTD Parish Stewardship	\$58,081.95
Budgeted YTD Stewardship	\$59,886.00
Parish Deficit Year-to-date	(\$1,804.05)

This is week 3 of 52 weeks this fiscal year 2015-16.

Our Weekly Average YTD is..... **\$19,360.65**

Next week's 2nd collection is Cooling/Light Fund

Thanks for your help!