



THE APPLICATION PERIOD FOR FAMILIES TO APPLY TO RECEIVE A TEXAS EDUCATION FREEDOM ACCOUNT WILL BE FEBRUARY 4TH - MARCH 17TH, 2026. AWARD NOTIFICATIONS TO FAMILIES WILL GO OUT THE WEEK OF APRIL 6TH.

In May of 2025, Texas passed House Bill 11 (HB 11) establishing a school choice program that allows families to use public tax dollars for private school tuition and other educational expenses. It became the 36th state in the nation to have School Choice. And we are happy to announce that our school Saint Pius X has been approved for the 2025-2027 Texas Education Freedom Account (TEFA) Program.

The finalized rules outline everything you need to know to get started:

- Eligibility
  - Your child must be a U.S. citizen or legal resident and eligible to attend a Texas public school or pre-K program.
  - Families will be prioritized based on special needs status and adjusted gross income.
- Funding Amounts
  - Up to \$10,800 per year for private school students.
  - Up to \$30,000 per year for students with disabilities.
  - Up to \$2,000 per year for homeschooling families.
- What TEFAs Cover
  - Tuition, textbooks, tutoring, educational therapies, technology (up to 10% of funds), transportation and more.
- Application Process
  - Applications for families will open FEBRUARY 4th, 2026 through an online parent portal.
  - If you have a child with special needs, get your IEP today! Read our guide on how to [GET YOUR IEP HERE](#).
- Lottery System
  - If demand exceeds funding, a lottery will determine placement, with priority given to students with disabilities and low-income families.
- New Website for TEFA
  - The Comptroller launched a new TEFA website at [educationfreedom.texas.gov](http://educationfreedom.texas.gov)



**SCHEDULE A PRIVATE TOUR OF THE SCHOOL OR JOIN US ON JANUARY 25TH FOR A PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE!!**  **SPX** CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Saint Pius X Catholic School students are provided with a Christ centered and nurturing environment where every child is respected and expected to take an active role in his/her development as a student and as a faith-filled individual. Faith formation is an integral part of our school's culture and climate. Through sacramental preparation, academic excellence, and a classical curriculum (to include Latin) imbued with virtues and classic literature, our students leave SPX prepared to lead their community and serve the common good.

How do I select the Godparents for my child?



Godparents play a crucial role not only in a child's baptism but in the child's life as a Catholic Christian. The godparent presents the child for baptism along with the parents. Throughout the child's life, they will pray for the child, assist parents in fostering a relationship with Christ, and witness to the Christian faith through their lives. That's why choosing a Godparent is an important decision!

Once the child is baptized, there can be no change in the godparents on record. Choose wisely!

Please use the following guidelines in choosing each godparent:

- You may choose up to two godparents.
- If you choose to have only one godparent, they may be male or female.
- Godparents can be relatives but not parents or legal guardians.
- Godparents must be at least 16 years old.
- Two godparents do not need to be married to one another.
- Two godparents may consist of one male or one female, two males or two females together are not allowed to be godparents.
- A Godparent must be a Catholic who:
  - has received all of the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation).
  - is attempting to live out their faith through prayer, going to Mass and Confession, being part of their faith community, and loving one another, including those in need.
  - is either married within the Catholic Church or unmarried, or widowed and not living with a partner.

#### Pre-Baptism Classes:

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the Month  
2<sup>do</sup> Sabado del Mes



Baptisms:  
3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the Month 10am  
3<sup>ro</sup> Sabado del Mes 12pm

#### Requirements:

Original Birth Certificate of the child  
Godparents: Confirmation Certificate and Church (Catholic) Married Certificate if married.

Please call the office to register in advance

**Note:** No Baptisms during the season of Lent (February and March this year)



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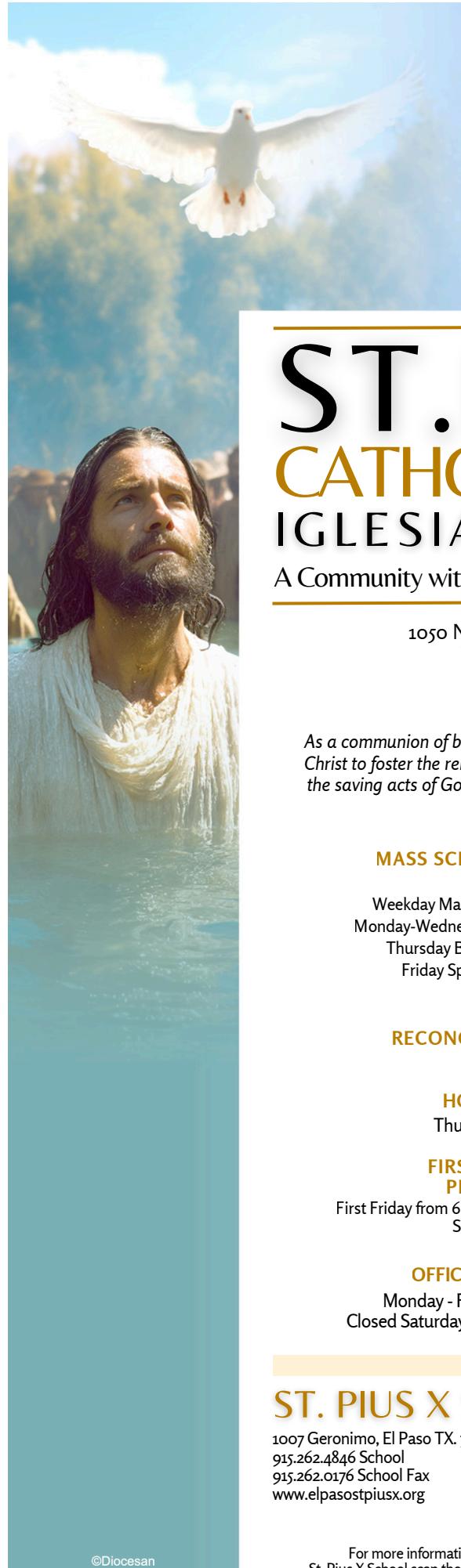


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- ▷ Catholic News
- ▷ Daily Reflections
- ▷ and much more

Daily prayer is vital to our faith. Another way phone technology can promote the formation of positive habits is through prayer reminders. Aside from a list of prayers, the ability to set a daily prayer schedule with personal reminders can be hugely transformative.

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THIS IS MY BELOVED SON, WITH WHOM I AM WELL PLEASED

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

# ST. PIUS X

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

### IGLESIA DE SAN PIO X

A Community with Mission - Una Comunidad con Misión



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We are proud to be the first and only Catholic Classical School in El Paso. Come see and live the difference! Jr. K - 8th Grade

## ST. PIUS X SCHOOL

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For more information about St. Pius X School scan the QR code.

## Sunday Bulletin



To place an announcement in the bulletin please submit your information/graphics 10 days before publication for Fr. Miguel Angel's approval and organize the design to fit in the bulletin.

## Eucharistic Adoration



## PRAY For THE SICK

in the community

Alice Castillo  
Dolores Campbell  
Joe Cruz  
David Perez  
Joe I Salas  
Samantha Quintana  
Danny Salas  
Mary Meyer  
Altagracia Hernandez  
Patricia B

Melba Hampton  
Abel J Blanco  
Mary Lawson  
Alicia Cano  
Rena Lopez  
Enrique Lopez  
Brenda Roman  
Emma Alvarado  
Alva Rodarte  
Rita Prokopchuck

## RAMS CORNER

Entering to Learn. Going to Serve!

## SCHOOL NEWS

January 14th  
-Rosary 2:45pm

January 15th  
-Dine with the  
Rams at Peter  
Piper Pizza  
(Don't forget to  
mention St. Pius  
School)

January 16th  
-Mass 8:35AM  
Ram Standard  
-Early Dismissal

## OPEN HOUSE

Come see the  
difference!January 25th, 2026  
from 10AM - 4PMCALL  
TODAY  
AND  
SCHEDULE  
A TOUR

Join us!!  
St. Pius X Catholic School  
believes each person is a  
child of God and deserves a  
quality Catholic education.

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MASS INTENTIONS  
AT THE CHURCH OFFICE.

MASS INTENTIONS  
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

## Saturday January 10 / Sabado 10 de Enero

5:30pm †Ruben Cruz  
†Ramon Macias  
†Elvira Macias  
†Victor M. Lopez Sr.

## Sunday January 11 / Domingo 11 de Enero

The Baptism of the Lord  
Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 Acts 10:34-38 Matthew 3:13-17

7:00am All Souls in Purgatory

9:00am †Bertha Garcia

11:00am †Xavier Guadalupe Hernandez  
†Ruben Contreras  
†Maria Soledad Contreras  
†Meliton Contreras

1:00pm Pro Populo

## Monday January 12 / Lunes 12 de Enero

1 Samuel 1:1-8 Psalm 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19 Mark 1:14-20

7:00am †Alfredo y †Carmen Torres  
Jorge Valenzuela Birthday Blessings

## Tuesday January 13 / Martes 13 de Enero

1 Samuel 1:9-20 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd Mark 1:21-28

7:00am Thanksgiving blessings to our Lord

## Wednesday January 14 / Miércoles 14 de Enero

1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20 Psalm 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 Mark 1:29-39

7:00am †Nathan Pell  
†Roger Patterson  
†Robert Guerrero Jr  
†Luis Arellanes

## Thursday January 15 / Jueves 15 de Enero

1 Samuel 4:1-11 Psalm 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25 Mark 1:40-45

7:00am †Robert Pell  
Thanksgiving to St Agatha

## Friday January 16 / Viernes 16 de Enero

1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a Psalm 89:16-17, 18-19 Mark 2:1-12

7:00am †Fernando Correa RIP  
†Jose & †Estela Fernandez

8:35 am For in increase of enrollment at Saint Pius X Catholic School

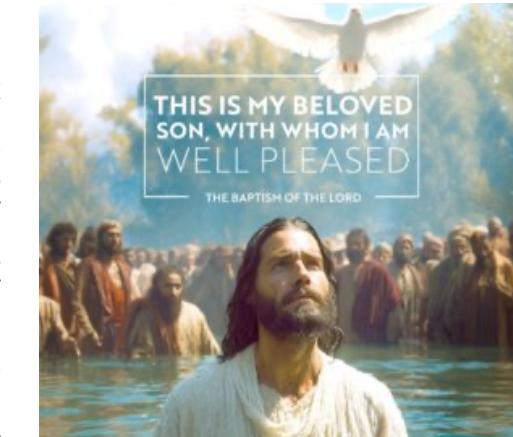
## Sunday Reflection

The first reading from Isaiah begins by describing the servant "with whom I am well pleased" (Isaiah 42:1). These are the words of the voice from the heavens that was heard at Jesus' baptism. Isaiah gives us more hints about who Jesus is.

The verses that say that he will not break the bruised reed or quench the smoldering wick (Isaiah 42:3) are descriptive of Jesus' mercy toward sinners. The reed and the wick were disposed of because they were useless. But God, out of love for us, is always ready to forgive sinners and give them another chance. So God sent Jesus to forgive sinners, not reject them. We can ask God to help us see our sinfulness and bring it to God for healing.

Isaiah also says that the servant is a "covenant of the people." A covenant was an agreement between unequal partners, in which the stronger one agrees to protect or defend the weaker one. God is offering a new covenant through Jesus, not just for the Jews, but for all peoples. In this covenant, God has forgiven our sins before we were even born, much less committed any sins. But we still have to live that covenant, by loving God and our neighbor.

When we forgive each other, we are setting free prisoners of sin. When people see God's love acted out in our lives, we are a light to the world. As we learn to do these things, we will find that God is well pleased with us.



La primera lectura de Isaías comienza describiendo al siervo "en quien tengo mis complacencias" (Isaías 42,1). Estas son las palabras de la voz celestial que se escuchó en el bautismo de Jesús. Isaías también nos da más pistas sobre quién es Jesús.

Los versículos que dicen que no romperá la caña resquebrajada ni apagará la mecha que aún humea (Isaías 42,3) describen la misericordia de Jesús hacia los pecadores. La caña y la mecha fueron desechadas porque eran inútiles. Pero Dios, por amor a nosotros, siempre está dispuesto a perdonar a los pecadores y darles otra oportunidad. Por eso, Dios envió a Jesús para perdonar a los pecadores, no para rechazarlos. Podemos pedirle a Dios que nos ayude a reconocer nuestra pecaminosidad y a presentársela a Dios para que Él la sane.

Isaías también dice que el siervo es una "alianza de un pueblo". Una alianza era un acuerdo entre socios desiguales, en el que el más fuerte se comprometía a proteger o defender al más débil. Dios ofrece una alianza nueva a través de Jesús, no solo para los judíos, sino para todos los pueblos. Pero aún debemos vivir esa alianza, amando a Dios y al prójimo. Cuando nos perdonamos unos a otros, liberamos a los cautivos del pecado. Cuando las personas ven el amor de Dios manifestado en nuestras vidas, somos una luz para el mundo. Al aprender a hacer estas cosas, descubriremos que Dios también tiene sus complacencias en nosotros.

Tom Schmid

## Stewardship

January 4, 2026

Sunday Collection:

\$7,131.25

Building Fund:

\$977.00

New Years Mass Collections:

\$1,123.00

Special Collection:

\$1,401.99

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## Announcements



Our most sincere appreciation to all who  
helped to organize the New Years Dance. Those  
who attended and made it a fun and  
successfull fundraiser.

## This Week on the Parish

Mark your Calendars



MONDAY JANUARY 12

3:45pm Basketball School Practice /Gym  
6:00pm ACTS Core /Rico Room  
6:30pm English Lectors /Maldonado Room

TUESDAY JANUARY 13

5pm Special Needs Folclórico /  
6pm Mujeres bajo el Manto de María /Maldonado Room  
6pm Choir of Angels Practice /Santa Lucia Room

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 14

5pm Basketball School Practice /Gym  
6pm KoC Assembly Efrain Ruiz /Maldonado Room  
6pm Choir Practice /Santa Cecilia Room  
6:30pm Evangelization /Juan Diego, Kateri & Lucia Rooms

THURSDAY JANUARY 15

3:45pm Basketball School Practice /Gym  
6pm Mujer bajo el Manto de María / Juan Diego Room

FRIDAY JANUARY 16

3:45pm Basketball Practice School /Gym  
6:30pm Adoracion Nocturna / Rico Room

SATURDAY JANUARY 17

7:00am San Jose /Rico Room  
9:00am Special Needs /Guadalupe Room

SUNDAY JANUARY 18

8:30 Special needs /Gym  
9:15am Religious Formation Classes in Spanish / School  
11:15am Religious Formation Classes in English / School