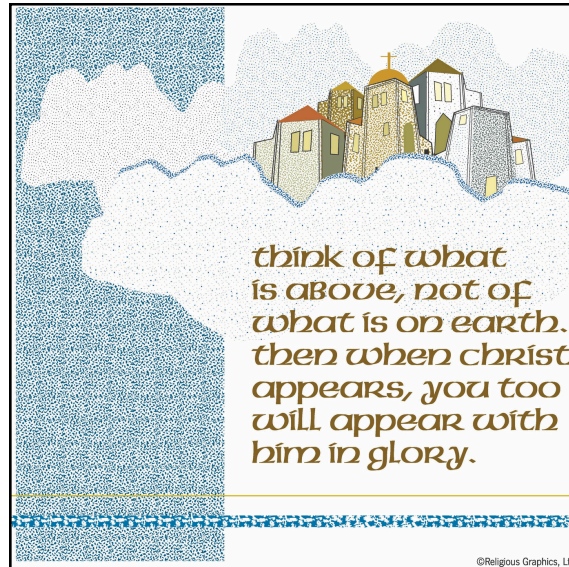


# Saint Pius X

## Catholic Church and School

More than 60 years of faith  
“To restore all things in Christ”

**August 3, 2025**



Dear Friends in Christ,

One of the most prevalent things we see in the news these days is mass shootings, natural disasters, war, and all sorts of strife. We can't help but be disturbed by all the things we see. Sometimes, we see so much negativity reported that we become complacent or numb to it all. By the same token, there are many things that cause us to pause and reflect.

This past week, one of the big news items was the shooting in a midtown New York high-rise building. In it, a police officer died leaving a pregnant wife and a couple of kids. At the same time, there was a woman who exited the elevator who was spared. The death of the police officer was quite tragic, and the lives of his family have been forever changed. The woman who exited the elevator was spared and surely was grateful to God for still being alive. I reflected on that a moment, realizing that a tragic situation could unfold practically anywhere.

The recent tragic floods are another reminder of how quickly things can change in our lives. One minute, everything is just fine. The next instant, our lives could drastically change without our ability to control it. Does that mean that we should live in fear everywhere we go? Definitely not. But it does cause us to realize that our lives are a gift, and what is most important is not the things we accumulate, but rather the relationships we have.

The scriptures this weekend present us with some very thought-provoking themes in this regard. The first reading from Ecclesiastes tells us of the vanity of all the things that we do. We toil and labor over things, but in the end, everything we work for must be left to others. That is not to say that we shouldn't work and provide for ourselves and our families. But it does color the approach we take to all the things that we own and work for. We can build a nice home, acquire nice things, and live reasonably comfortably, but there comes a point when all those things lose their luster. In the end, they become unimportant in the face of death. When we face our eventual mortality, we begin to see how unimportant things are.

I believe it was Cardinal Joseph Bernardine, late Archbishop of Chicago, who in his final years of life, asked himself what he would have done differently. He had been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and eventually turned over the administration of the archdiocese to his vicar general. He decided to dedicate his last days ministering to cancer patients at Loyola University Hospital in Chicago. Reflecting on what he would have done differently, he said he would have focused less on the administrative tasks and more on listening and being present for people. For him, relationships were the key.

The parable in the gospel is about the rich fool. One of the first things we note about him is that he is only concerned about himself. In his inner dialogue, he refers to himself ten times. He is talking about all the projects that he was going to do for himself. His plan is all about his own comfort. He was going to store up his harvest. He was going to build

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larger barns and store his grain. He was going to relax and enjoy his life. Nowhere does he speak of others or their needs. Our fulfillment consists of relationships and primarily our relationship with God. We are called to give of ourselves to others.

The next thing that is evident is that the things he speaks about are all ordered to this world. He doesn't seem to have any internal reflection on divine realities. This orientation on worldly things leaves him rather shallow and unfulfilled. In reality, he has no hope. True hope is oriented in what is to come - to heaven. What is in the soul and in the heart never passes away. Whereas, material possessions will be left behind.

Finally, the rich fool was always living in the future. He wasn't able to be attentive to today. How often have we forgotten to "stop and smell the roses"? How often have we failed to be present to our family and the ones we love? If there is anything we can learn from the tragic events that we see in the news so frequently, it is the importance of loving those whom we encounter every day and savoring their presence for we do not know when our time will come.

We don't need to neglect our daily duties, but we do need to not lose our focus on what is important. St. Paul aptly writes in the second reading today, "If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth." Let's take stock of what we do have. Let's contemplate the riches we have in our friends and our families. Let's also foster our relationship with God, for doing so stores up treasure in heaven. God bless.

*Fr. Paul*

### The Traveling Crucifix

Thank you to the Fritz family for your prayers for vocations this past week. Simon and Christina Purnell will be praying with the Traveling Crucifix this week. Mark and Monica Cano will be taking the Crucifix August 10 - 17, 2025.



### Parish Office Hours

*Monday-Friday 9:00am - 5:00pm*

### Schedule of Services

*Masses: First Saturday 8:15am*

*Saturday Vigil 5:30pm*

*Sunday 8am, 10am, 12pm, 5:30pm*

*Vietnamese Mass 7:30pm*

*Monday - Friday 8:15am*

*Wednesday & Friday 5:30pm*

*Holy Days: 6:30am, 8:15am, 12pm, 6pm (Vigil 5:30pm)*

*Confessions: Saturday 4-5pm & Thursday 7:15-7:50pm*

*Marriages: By appointment only and 6 months advance notice.*

*Baptismal Instruction: Pre-register through the office.*

*Anointing of the Sick: On request*

## Let's Celebrate the Feast of Our Patron, St. Pius X!

August 21st is the Feast Day of our patron, St. Pius X. So that everyone may participate, we will celebrate our feast at all the Sunday Masses on August 23rd and 24th. Let's all show our love of our patron saint on that weekend!

## Novena Of St. Pius X In Preparation For The Feast Of St. Pius X

We will pray the Novena to St. Pius X daily after the 8:15AM Masses from August 13th until August 21st. Please join us for this beautiful and thought-provoking novena.

## Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Holy Day of Obligation

Planning ahead, Friday, August 15th is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is a Holy Day of Obligation. We will have a vigil Mass on Thursday, Aug. 14th at 5:30PM. On the Holy Day, we will have Mass at 6:30AM, 8:15AM, 12:00PM, and 6:00PM.

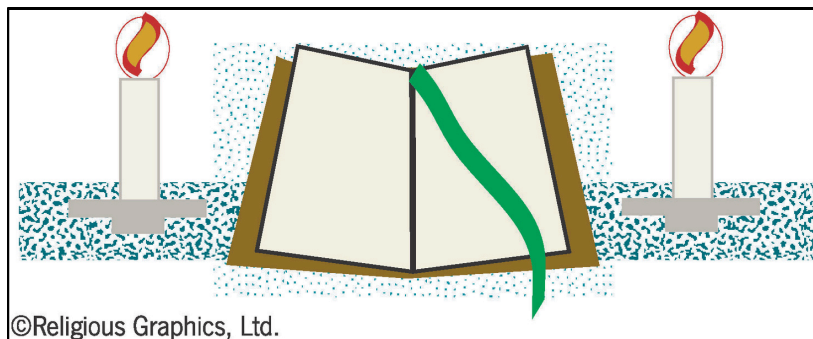
## Corrected Financial Report from last week's bulletin

### Financial Report for 07/20/2025

Sunday Collection	\$	16,918.18
Sunday Online	\$	6,920.00
GOF	\$	40.00
Challenge	\$	40.00
Other Donations	\$	735.94
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>24,654.12</b>

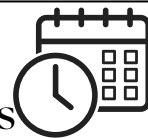
### Other Contributions:

AOC	\$	928.00
Church in Africa	\$	397.00
Memorial Fund	\$	23.00
Quilting Ministry	\$	140.00
Flood Victims	\$	6,903.00
Total Other Contributions	\$	8,391.00
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>33,045.12</b>



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## Parish Happenings



### Monday, August 4th

6:30PM – Boy Scouts – Cafeteria

### Tuesday, August 5th

6:00PM – Acts of Charity – CC#2

### Wednesday, August 6th

7:00PM – Alhambra – Rectory

### Thursday, August 7th

7:00PM – Adoration & Confessions – CH

### Saturday, August 9th

10:00 – Baptisms – CH



## Join Us in Praying the Rosary

Join us on Sundays in the church as 7:30am prior to the 8am Mass or at 9:25am prior to the 10am Mass.



## Follow us on Facebook

Keep up on all the latest on our Facebook page. Go to our link at [facebook.com/stpiusxc](https://facebook.com/stpiusxc)

This week's deadline for submitting bulletin announcements is **Wednesday by 2PM.**

## Catholic Daughters Fundraiser

Catholic Daughters Court Angels of Mary #2460 is having a Summer Raffle. We have charitable projects planned to bring joy to the elderly and vulnerable persons in our community, as well as projects to promote parish fellowship. CDA members will be selling raffle tickets after all the Masses during July and August. There are eleven raffle prizes, \$2.00 per ticket. Thank you for your support. For more information about Catholic Daughters, please visit <https://catholicdaughters.org>. May the Lord bless you abundantly.



## Are You an Adult Interested in Becoming Catholic?

Do you need to be baptized or receive First Communion or Confirmation? Want to Know More About the Church?

If the answer is "yes" to any of these questions, The O.C.I.A. is for you! We invite you to drop in at the parish office conference room after any of the Masses this weekend to learn what the process involves and discover the richness of the Church. God may be calling you to journey toward full participation in the Catholic Faith! Just stop by the door between the church and the office.

## 2025 Catechetical Convocation

Registration is now open for the 2025 Catechetical Convocation, formerly known as the Faith Educators Workshop. It will be held on Saturday, August 23, at Most Precious Blood Catholic Church. This annual convocation welcomes all priests, deacons, directors of religious education (DREs), catechists, youth ministers, young adult ministers, OCIA team members, marriage preparation team members, and Catholic school theology teachers. The event offers a unique opportunity for spiritual renewal, professional development, and communal worship. The registration fee is \$20 per participant, and the deadline to register is Friday, August 8, 2025. Visit <https://form.jotform.com/communicationsdofcc/convocation> to register.

## Registration for 2025-26 Religious Education and Confirmation

Registration for the 2025-26 Religious Education and Confirmation is now live at:

<https://www.stpiusxcc.org/religious-education-registration>

Paper registration forms are available at the back of the church.

## Parish Office Closed for the Assumption

The Parish Office will be closed in observance of the Solemnity of the Assumption on Friday, August 15th.



## Calling all SPX School Alumni!

If you are an alumnus of St. Pius X School, please sign up with the QR code to help create a database of ALL students. The database is being built to help the school administration link former students to the current activities and events. We will help identify a network of resources to help connect current students and parents to the Blue Jay Alumni.



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# School News



Dear Blue Jay Families,

The start of school is quickly approaching, and we could not be more excited! This year's theme, "In Our Blue Jay Era," celebrates our vibrant community, past and present. Our EAC has partnered with the PTO to showcase 20 outstanding alumni this year, so keep an eye out for details on these remarkable Blue Jays! You might even recognize a few. A special thank you to our dedicated EAC members, especially Steve Tagliabue, for bringing this vision to life. Throughout the year, the PTO will also highlight the different decades of St. Pius X's history, making this a memorable celebration of our legacy. Don't forget to register as an alum; you could be a featured Blue Jay in the future!

## Upcoming Events:

- Popcorn with the Principal: August 8th, 1:00-4:00 PM
  - Uniform sales, snacks in the café, and school supply drop-off in classrooms.
- First Day of School: August 11th
  - Drop-off begins at 7:30 AM (no morning care is available on this day). Get ready for surprises!
- Aftercare Begins: August 13th
  - Complete the Google Form (emailed) if you plan to use this service.
- Open House: August 21st, 6:00 PM
  - Mandatory for at least one parent per family.

## Halloween Carnival - 40th Anniversary!

Our committee is hard at work preparing for this year's milestone event, scheduled for October 24th. T-shirt design contest rules:

- Open to 2nd-5th graders
- Use only 4 colors
- Include: "St. Pius X Catholic School & 40th Annual Halloween Carnival"
- Submit on 8.5 x 11" white portrait paper
- Start brainstorming—we can't wait to see the creativity!

## A Closing Reflection:

In today's gospel, 7/30/25, the merchant sells everything for one pearl. But why?

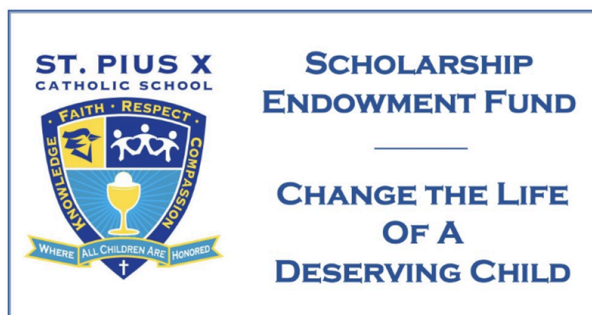
"The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it." -Matthew 13:45-46

As we step into our Blue Jay era, let this gospel remind us to seek what truly matters. Just as the merchant recognized the pearl's worth, may we cherish the gifts of faith, community, and learning that St. Pius X provides. Together, let's make this year one of joy, growth, and heavenly purpose. If no one has told you today, Mrs. Hinojosa loves you. Go Blue Jays!

God bless,

*Mrs. Hinojosa*  
Servant & Principal

*Have a blessed week!*



Contact the school for more information about the  
Scholarship Endowment Fund.

# Mass Intentions



## Saturday, August 2nd

5:30PM For the People of St. Pius X

## Sunday, August 3rd

8:00AM † R.C. Allen by Marion Heldenfels

10:00AM † Doyle Harris by Julia Harris

12:00PM † Stella Campos by Family

5:30PM † Mary, John & James P. Kelly by KKH

## Monday, August 4th

8:15AM † Francis Mansheim by Joan Whitmire

## Tuesday, August 5th

8:15AM Manuel Maldonado Family

## Wednesday, August 6th

8:15AM Julian Galloway's Health by Family

Brandon Lutz by Beth Hinojosa

† Jovita Reyes by Delfina McHugh

† Jose Salinas by Family

† Raymond Sykora by Gladys Lippencott

† Victor Matula by Al & Adelle Hesse

† Robert Pena by Family

† Nicolas Ramirez by Family

† James W. Sr. & Helen B. Kelly by James & John Kelly

† Mary Pat & Albert T. Slavik by James & John Kelly

5:30PM † Charles & Mary D. Carroll & Family by Rick McCabe

† Felix Van Hoof by James Kelly

† Karel Soudan by James Kelly

† Sharon & Tally Smart by James Kelly

Liliane Van Hoof by James Kelly

John Kelly by James Kelly

James W. Kelly III by James Kelly

† Maury Jarrell by Waynette Jarrell

† Anna Van Dijck by James Kelly

## Thursday, August 7th

8:15AM † Dionel Johnny Garza Spiritual Well-Being by Parents

## Friday, August 8th

8:15AM † Christina Dalrymple by Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Hyde

5:30PM † Jesusa S. Guzman by Anna Rodriguez

## Saturday, August 9th

5:30PM † Patrick Janosek by Family

## Sunday, August 10th

8:00AM † Mary, John & James P. Kelly by KKH

10:00AM † John Buckner by Helen & R.C. Allen

12:00PM † Theresie Krnavek by Irma Ramirez

5:30PM For the People of St. Pius X

## Financial Report for 07/27/2025

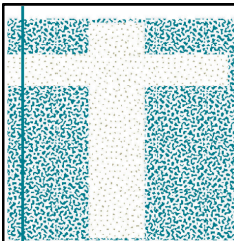
Sunday Collection	\$ 9,486.53
Sunday Online	\$ 4,840.00
GOF	\$ 40.00
Other Donations	\$ 252.12
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 14,618.65</b>

## Other Contributions:

AOC	\$ 190.00
Emil & Marie Habeeb Schol.	\$ 80.00
Church in Africa	\$ 10.00
Total Other Contributions	\$ 280.00
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 14,898.65</b>

## Please Pray for our Sick & Shut-Ins:

Natalie Adkinson, John Albertini, Ernie Alborno, Connie Alvarado, Luis Alvarado, Danilyn Arevalo, Sugar Arras, Abby Arredondo, Missy O'Rourke Atkinson, Arthur & Sandy Aubin, Tamra Bacon, Manuel C. Balbin, Ann Marie Bazan, Georgie Benton, Bernice Berry, Frances Branning, Bob Buchanan, Jimmy & Carolyn Buehrig, Michael Campos, Lisa Caperton, Belle Carson, Benita Marie Casey, Katie Cooper, Rose Marie Cortinas, Carole Cotter, Lee Dunk, Natalie & Elaine Elwood, Frances Leal Emry, Dale Flannagan, Guadalupe Flores, Bobby Floyd, Debbie Fuqua, Julian Galloway, Berta Garcia, Dakota Garcia, Valerie Garcia, Victoria Garcia & Family, Deborah Giese, Joe Gomez, Hilario Gonzales, Sr., Beatriz Gonzalez, Nilza Gonzalez, Linda Goulet, Chuck Gross, Ana Guzman, Linda Habeeb, Monte Hall, Janice Hass, Agnes Heiman, Roger Heitzmann, Jr., Shain Hennig, Joan Hennings, Shelley Hinojosa, Graham Hughes, Mark Hyde, Carl Jacobi, Dennis Kramer, Desiree Kund, Jeanne Kunkel, James Lawrence, Annette Ledesma, Arlene Leep, Sharon Lewis, Dorothy Lickteig, Gladys Lippincott, Pearl Lopez, Larry Ludka, Bill Lyman, Tom Malone, Christopher & Linda Manka, Norma Marshall, Samuel Marsillo, Bertha Martinez, David & Rick McCabe, Jack McCord, Andra Megivern, John Miller, Fred Mitchell, John Morgan, Sam Morris, Sterling Murphy, Sandra Nicolas, John & Jerilynn Okoniewski, Anna Fay Olenick, Jason Olog, Scott Olson, Ozzie Osborne, Linda Park, Dan & Carolyn Pedrotti, Valerie Pompa, Paola Prado, Joe Prejean, Derrel & Dolores Puckett, Frances Quinn, Irma Ramirez, Tino Ramos, John Rank, Michelle Richter, Ray Richter, Alexis M. Rodriguez, JoAnn Rosales, Jean & Hedy Rosenast, David Russell, Button Ruzicka, Dolores Saenz, Dora Salazar, Kimberly Salch, Sandra Salinas, Janie San Miguel, Rick Sanders, Adam Saylor, Nancy Schanen, Grace Scherzer, David Scherzer, Jack Schuett, Steve Schuster, Liz Sefcik, Anita Shirley, Alma Silva, Peter Siracusa, Rodney Sirius, Denise Sosa-Villagran, Mary Ann Starkey, Randy Sykora, Brandee Torres, Ernie Trevino, Mary Vasquez, Joan Vedder, Joan Whitmire, Helen Witzsche, Mary Bell Yankee, Carole Zanetti, Joe Zepeda, Belinda Garza Zuniga and all those who asked for and need our prayers.



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