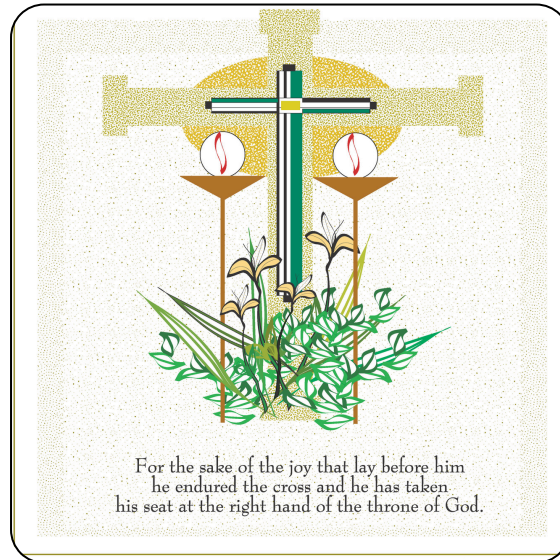


Saint Pius X

Catholic Church and School

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August 17, 2025



Dear Friends,

On Monday of this past week, we celebrated the feast day of St. Clare of Assisi. According to tradition, she grew up in a wealthy family as the daughter of Count Favorino Schiffrì, and a mother of noble origin.

When she was 18 years old, she attended a Lenten service at which St. Francis of Assisi was preaching. Inspired by his homily and his life of poverty and simplicity, she made the decision to leave behind her comfortable life and embraced the kind of life of poverty that Francis lived. She made her way to the chapel of Porziuncula where Francis and his fellow friars worshipped, and there he cut her hair and she took a plain robe and veil of a religious.

St. Francis then urged her to join a convent of Benedictine nuns. When Clare's father discovered this, he attempted to force her to return home, but she refused and stated that she would have no other husband than Jesus Christ. Eventually, Clare's widowed mother and her sister joined her at the convent until a separate dwelling was built for them next to the church of San Damiano. Slowly more women embraced the lifestyle of poverty for the sake of the kingdom and the Poor Clare's were born. They lived a life of austerity and contemplation.

I tell this story about St. Clare, because it is similar to the story of so many saints. Once they opened their hearts to follow the call of Christ, they encountered difficulty - even from their own families. Over the centuries, many of them defied parents, leaders, and other family members in order to answer the call of God and to serve him above all things.

What happened to them is exactly what Jesus describes in this weekend's gospel. He says: "Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division." He says, "a father will be divided against his son and a son against his father, a mother against her daughter and a daughter against her mother . . ." Jesus wants to convey that those who choose to follow him will experience heartache, division, and resistance.

Certainly, we find ourselves in similar circumstances. Trying to live according to the principles of Christian living often puts us at odds with the world around us. It even divides families, especially when we try to encourage our children to go to church and they choose not to. Or when we find that our spouse resists participating in church as well. People can often be stubborn.

Our calling is to remain steadfast in faith even in the greatest of opposition. As Christians, we also face ridicule and mockery for holding fast to the principles that God has set out for us. So many in society don't take kindly to Christian values and they often rebel against them. Everywhere we turn, people reject the morality of Christians, they fight against our pro-life stance, they dismiss any call to decency, and they rally against the dignity of marriage. Being Christian has its challenges.

It might be easier to give in and follow the crowd to avoid the uncomfortable nature of the situation, but that would mean compromising what we know to be true and living with a choice that goes contrary to our conscience.

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Jesus tells us in the gospel that he has come to set the earth on fire. The only way that the world can be set ablaze with the truth of the gospel is for us to live principled lives even if it means that we encounter opposition. That's not to say that we have to go looking for battles. It just means that we are called to live according to the truth. Whenever we do that, then the vibrancy of the faith begins to set the world ablaze. People aren't attracted by unprincipled individuals who live apathetic and lackluster lives. They are attracted by the ones who put their faith into practice. Let's strive always to simply do what the Lord tells us no matter what the cost. In this way, the light of truth will shine and people will see the good that we do.

God bless!

Fr. Paul

Mother Daughter Tea

The Sisters of the Order of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament invite you to a Mother Daughter Tea with the Sisters. This special gathering is for girls from 4th to 6th grades and their mothers. The tea will take place on Saturday, September 13 from 3:00PM to 4:00PM at the Incarnate Word Convent located at 5201 Lipes Boulevard in Corpus Christi. To register, email mhynes@iwbcc.org or call (361) 882-5413 extension 513.

The Traveling Crucifix

Thank you to Mark and Monica Cano for your prayers for vocations this past week. Herb and Sarah Morrison will be praying with the Traveling Crucifix this week. Norma Salinas will be taking the Crucifix August 24 - 31, 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.

Coffee and Donuts Will Be Served This Sunday!

Coffee and Donuts will be served this Sunday, August 17th after the 10AM Mass. Please join us in the Parish Hall for fellowship and a sweet treat! Thank you, Catholic Daughters, for hosting this month's event!



Altar Flowers

Altar flowers for the weekend of August 16, 2025 are provided by the family in memory of Christopher Janosek.

Gratitude from the Catholic Daughters and Raffle News

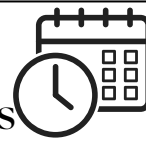
Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Angels of Mary #2460 would like to thank all the parishioners who graciously donated to The Ark Assessment Center & Emergency Shelter for Youth. We were able to donate a van full of diapers, wipes, school supplies, toys, games, clothing and laundry detergent. They were very appreciative. Thank you, parishioners, for making this drive a success.

Our Summer Raffle to fund other charitable projects has also been well received. We are extremely grateful for your support. There are eleven raffle prizes at \$2 per ticket. Tickets may be obtained from CDA members or by calling the parish office. Thank you and God bless.

Welcome!

We extend a warm welcome to our newest members of the parish community and encourage everyone to introduce themselves and share the joy of fellowship. Please join us in making Joseph and Linda Cavalier, Julia Briones and son Milo Guevara feel at home as they begin their journey with us.

Parish Happenings



Sunday, August 17th

10:00AM – Donuts and Coffee after Mass – PH

1:30PM – Baptisms – CH

Monday, August 18th

6:30PM – Boy Scouts – Cafeteria

Tuesday, August 19th

5:00PM – Men's Club – PH

Thursday, August 21st

7:00PM – Adoration & Confessions – CH

Saturday, August 23rd

9:30AM – Baptism – CH

5:30PM – Wedding Renewal – CH

Sunday, August 24th

1:30 – 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

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

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.

Religious Education Needs You!

Religious Education needs volunteer catechists for Wednesday classes (6–7PM). Training and materials are provided. If you feel called to serve, please consider volunteering.

Diocesan Blue Mass

Most Rev. Michael Mulvey, STL, DD, Bishop, Diocese of Corpus Christi cordially invites the public of all denominations to the 24th annual Diocesan Blue Mass honoring area First Responders. (*Police, Constables, Sheriffs, Troopers, Agents, Fire Fighters and Paramedics*)

Saturday, September 20, 2025

Most Precious Blood Catholic Church
3502 Saratoga Blvd.

4:30 PM Evening Vigil Mass

Followed by Ceremony outside, then Banquet & Speeches in Parish Hall, concluding with raffle winner announcements (hosted by Knights of Columbus Assembly #2987).

Raffle tickets will be on sale at this parish after all masses on the weekend of August 16-17.

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.

Walking with Purpose Women's Catholic Bible Study

We are beginning our 12th Walking With Purpose Bible Study entitled: "Ordering Your Priorities". It is an eight-week practical study designed to emphasize the importance of prioritizing the things that are most important from God's perspective. The program will begin with a covered dish dinner on September 8th at 7:00pm in the Youth Center. Registration is available via forms located at the back of the church, at the Parish Office, or online through the Parish website.

Men's Club Meeting

The Men's Club will meet on Tuesday, August 19th at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will include dinner and fellowship.

Spirituality Night With Bishop Mulvey

All young adults 18-39 are welcome to join an evening of learning and discussion on **A Spirituality of Communion** with Bishop Mulvey on Saturday, August 23rd from 6-9 pm. Potluck dinner will begin at 6:00 pm. Location: Bishop Mulvey's residence, 4109 Ocean Drive, Corpus Christi.



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School News



Dear Blue Jay Families,

This has been a wonderful start to the school year. Our students had an amazing first day! I think it was kind of like Disney World for Catholics. Haha. I want to thank everyone who put forth all the planning and preparation that took place to make it so special. I am not sure how we are going to top that for next year.

That being said, I want all of us to take a moment to reflect as we journey through this school year. I have been reading a book by Matthew Kelly titled "Rediscover the Saints". One of the chapters touches on Saint Ignatius. He is considered the Father of Emotional Intelligence, and this got me thinking about how we communicate with one another and how we perceive each other daily. Father Paul also touched on this at our first school mass this Wednesday morning. He spoke to the students about how the St. Pius X community is a family. We are united in faith and love, and we share a mission.

Like a family, there may be moments when we have misunderstandings and perspectives differ, but these are opportunities to grow in grace and patience. The Gospel of Mark invites us to reflect on humility and service. (Mark 9:30-37) Jesus tells His disciples, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." In our interactions with others, whether it is PTO meetings, group chats, or school events, we are called to lead with kindness, listen with open hearts, and respond with respect.

I would like us to always remember to embrace our Gospel values as our students are asked to do. Remember to choose words that build up, not divide (Charity). Recognize that every person/volunteer brings unique gifts to our community (Humility). Offer grace when tension or disagreements happen (Forgiveness).

I ask that we all pray for wisdom and peace as we plan throughout the school year.

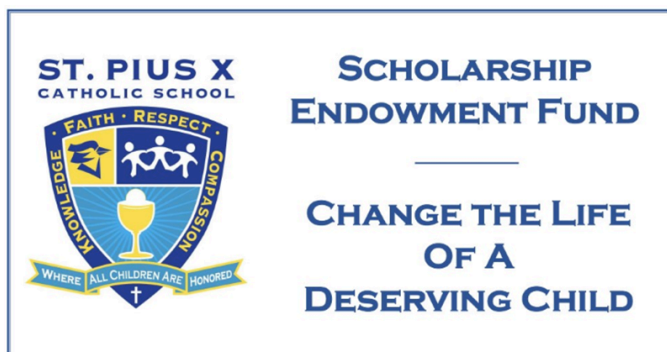
Together, we can model Christ's love for our children, showing them a community rooted in faith. I would like to close with a prayer from Matthew Kelly's book.

Lord,

Teach me to listen deeply to what is happening within me and to discern what you are saying to me through my hopes and dreams, fears and failures, joy and sadness. Give me a piercing awareness of what is happening within me and around me, so that I can love you more, love others to the best of my ability, and love myself as you love me. Amen. (P 38)

God bless,

Mrs. Hinojosa
Servant & Principal



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



Have a blessed week!

Mass Intentions



Saturday, August 16th

5:30PM † Christopher Janosek by Family

Sunday, August 17th

8:00AM † Leonel Duque by Carol Duque

10:00AM For the People of St. Pius X

12:00PM † Mary Ann Cirlos by Mary Vasquez

5:30PM Roman & Luisa Arevalo by Family

Monday, August 18th

8:15AM † Wayne Irvin by Family

Tuesday, August 19th

8:15AM † Ronald S. Longoria by Family

Wednesday, August 20th

8:15AM Julian Galloway's Health by Family
St Pius X School Students, Staff and Families

† Victor Matula by Al & Adelle Hesse

Liz Martinez by Beth Hinojosa

† Raymond Sykora by Daehne Family

† John Boyd by John & Debra Swoboda

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

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

Liliane Van Hoof by James Kelly

John Kelly by James Kelly

James W. Kelly III by James Kelly

5:30PM † Gilbert Schanen Sr. by Nancy Schanen

Special Intention by Mary Vasquez

† Charles P. Brocato by Monica Layton

† Ronald "Ron" Mikulik by Mikulik Family

Mark & Christie Garcia's Intentions

† Alfredo Garcia, Jr. by Rosie Garcia

† Maury Jarrell by Waynette Jarrell

† Sharon & Tally Smart by James Kelly

† Anna Van Dijck by James Kelly

† Felix Van Hoof by James Kelly

† Karel Soudan by James Kelly

Thursday, August 21st

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

Friday, August 22nd

8:15AM † David N. Scherzer by Family

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

Saturday, August 23rd

5:30PM Michael Maldonado by Family

Sunday, August 24th

8:00AM † Barbara W. Andrews by Reumuth Family

10:00AM † Daniel R. Chesney by Carol Duque

12:00PM For the People of St. Pius X

5:30PM † Consuelo Garcia by Diana G. Garza

Financial Report for 08/10/2025

Sunday Collection	\$	13,790.85
Sunday Online	\$	8,528.00
GOF	\$	40.00
Assumption of Mary	\$	85.00
Other Donations	\$	781.90
Total Operating Revenue	\$	23,225.75

Other Contributions:

AOC	\$	868.00
Christopher Janosek Schol.	\$	100.00
Black & Indian Mission	\$	5.00
Disaster Relief	\$	50.00
Total Other Contributions	\$	1,023.00
Total Contributions	\$	24,248.75

Please Pray for our Sick & Shut-Ins:

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, Helen Crider, 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 & Jerilyn Okoniewski, Anna Fay Olenick, Jason Olog, Scott Olson, Ozzie Osborne, Linda Park, Dan & Carolyn Pedrotti, Valerie Pompa, Joyce Pouncy, Paola Prado, Joe Prejean, Derrel & Dolores Puckett, Frances Quinn, Irma Ramirez, Tino Ramos, John Rank, Michelle 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 Sirus, Johnny Sosa, Sandy Sosa, 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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