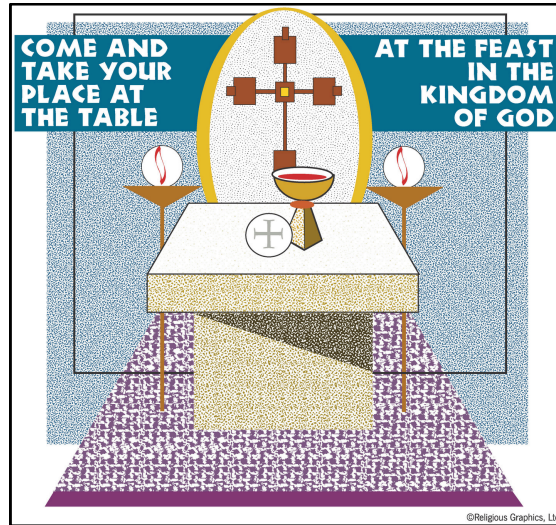


Saint Pius X

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August 24, 2025



Dear Parish Family,

On Thursday, August 21st, the Universal Church celebrated the Feast Day of St. Pius X, our patron. As is permissible whenever a parish celebrates the saint after which it is named, the feast may be celebrated as a solemnity at the weekend Masses nearest to the feast. Therefore, this weekend, we venerate St. Pius X.

St. Pius X stands as a monumental figure in the Church. His influence and legacy have left their mark on a number of aspects of our faith life throughout the past century. We don't have to look very far to see how our faith practice has been impacted by what he did during his pontificate.

One of his first major contributions was the implementation of a universal plan of catechetical instruction. During his priestly ministry, he noted how badly educated and ignorant so many of the faithful were with regard to a basic understanding of faith. So when he took the Petrine Office, he made it incumbent that all parishes in all dioceses around the world initiate programs of catechesis, particularly for the young people. So many of us growing up knew this as CCD (Confraternity of Christian doctrine). We now call it Religious Education or Faith Formation. So, the reason we have religious education programs for our children is directly attributable to Pope St. Pius X.

It is actually providential that we are celebrating Pius X's feast day during this time of year, since we are gearing up for our religious education programs. I would like to strongly urge all parents to register your children for our religious education programs so that they are not ignorant of the teachings of the Church. In his encyclical "Acerbo Nimis" (On Teaching Christian Doctrine), Pope Pius X lamented the fact that "The enemy has, indeed long been prowling about the fold and attacking it with such subtle cunning that now, more than ever before, the prediction of the Apostle to the elders of the Church of Ephesus seems to be verified: "I know that . . . fierce wolves will get in among you, and will not spare the flock." He rightly believed that humanity had gotten to the point that they rarely gave thought to God and that they know nothing of the Sacraments, nothing of eternal things, and nothing of morals. He stated that the "corruption of morals and depravity of life is already so great, and ever increasingly greater, not only among uncivilized peoples but even in those very nations that are called Christian."

We look at the society in which we live and we can't help but see the degradation of morals and the demise of civilized reaction to things. There is so much division and a dismissal of the virtues that give dignity to our lives. Our own day seems very similar to what Pope Pius X saw in his time. We should not neglect to provide our families a good faith formation and instill in them the basic practice of faith life in the home.

St. Pius X also wanted children at a younger age to be able to receive the benefit of the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist. He felt that, at a very young age, children could understand the concept of the Eucharist as being the very Flesh and Blood of Jesus Christ. Children have a natural craving for the Eucharist. I see it all the time in young faces as they come forward for a blessing during Communion time. They instinctively know that they want Christ. Every year, I find great

Who's Who

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joy in seeing the faces of the children when they receive their First Communion. St. Pius understood that children needed the grace to receive this heavenly food to attach them to Christ.

Our patron, St. Pius X, also took a strong stance against what he called Modernism, which diluted the truths of scripture and contributed to relativism. The modernist theological trend tried to assimilate modern philosophies into Catholic Theology.

St. Pius X is a saint for our times. I've often been impressed with his writings and reflections. He wrote with great clarity and depth of meaning that is fruitful for meditation. It seems to me that we need cogent, clear teaching of the tenets of faith so that we can have a clear vision of how to grow in a deeper relationship with Christ and be able to set our sights on our eternal destiny. St. Pius X's motto was "To Restore All Things In Christ". Let's set about the task of restoring our spiritual lives and our relationship with the Lord and his Church.

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 Herb and Sarah Morrison for your prayers for vocations this past week. Norma Salinas will be praying with the Traveling Crucifix this week. Martin and Katy Gonzalez will be taking the Crucifix August 31 - September 7, 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

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.

State of the Diocese

This year's State of The Diocese Address by Bishop Mulvey will take place on Thursday, October 30, 2025 from 6:00PM to 8:30PM at the Richard M. Borchard Fairgrounds. The dinner and address are wonderful opportunities to participate in the current and future initiatives of the diocese. Tickets can be purchased at diocesecc.org/stateof for \$15 for adults or \$7 for children.

Welcome New Members

We welcome Debbie Garza, Robert Navarette, Devin and Brandess Villarreal, and their son Ayden to our parish community. Please take a moment to introduce yourself and help foster fellowship as they join our congregation.

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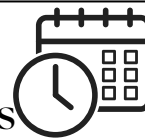




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Parish Happenings



Monday, August 25th

6:30PM – Boy Scouts – Café

Thursday, August 28th

7:00PM – Adoration & Confessions – CH

Saturday, August 30th

10:30AM – Reception – CC1&2

1:00PM – Funeral – 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/stpiusxcc

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

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.

4:30PM Evening Vigil Mass begins in the church, followed by a flag Ceremony outside.

Banquet, Speech & Awards will resume in the Parish Hall. Hosted by Knights of Columbus Assembly #2987 For more info contact SK Johnny E. Solis 361/774-2924 or SK Joe Saavedra 361/838-0157

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Registration for 2025-26 Religious Education and Confirmation

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

<https://www.stpiusxccc.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.

JOIN US ON SEPTEMBER 11 AT 6:30 PM

Parent Education

The Impact of Technology on Executive Functioning Skills

Join Lauren Price, M.Ed., founder of Academic Independence, for an engaging session on executive functioning and the impacts of smartphones on your child's focus and independence. With a passion for empowering students and extensive experience partnering with schools, Lauren shares insightful, actionable tools to help parents support academic growth and healthy technology engagement.

Learn Practical Executive Functioning Strategies to Support Your Child's Learning

Lauren Price, M.Ed. is the founder and director of Academic Independence. With over 20 years of experience in education, Lauren's work focuses on consulting with schools and supporting teachers to help implement self-regulated learning and brain-friendly teaching and study strategies into the classroom. Lauren holds a master's degree in Educational Psychology from the University of Houston.

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School News



Dear Blue Jay Families,

This week we were blessed to join the other Catholic schools at Most Precious Blood Church for a special Back to School Liturgy celebrated by Reverend Bishop Mulvey. The Bishop shared a powerful and simple message from the Gospel of John. He reflected on Jesus' prayer, which begins by glorifying God, continues with prayers for His disciples, and ends with a prayer for unity among all future believers.

This celebration served as a beautiful reminder of the importance of our unity as a community. It also reminded me to find joy in our everyday moments. It was a privilege to see our students participate so reverently in the Mass. Following mass, our students enjoyed a memorable trip to Whataburger with Father Paul. The car ride alone was a joyful adventure! I am continually grateful for the laughter and love I get to share with our students in these simple, precious moments.

We have many exciting initiatives underway to enhance our school! Raffle tickets for the upcoming Halloween Carnival have arrived. Inside the building, you will find new café tables in the lunchroom and a new water fountain and bottle refill station. We are also progressing on several other projects, including the installation of a new scoreboard for our court.

We are incredibly grateful for the generous donations that have made the new scoreboard possible. To date, we have raised \$10,000. This includes a significant contribution of \$6,500 from Legamaro Financial, St. Pius X families (proceeds from the Rock, Paper, Scissors Battle), Gulf Coast Federal Credit Union, and Steve Tagliabue.

Due to unexpected installation costs, we still require approximately \$3,000 to place the order. The scoreboard takes about two months to arrive once ordered, and our goal is to have it installed before the basketball season begins in January. If you would like to help us reach our goal, donations can be made by check or online via our website:

<https://my.cheddarup.com/c/new-scoreboard-fundrasier/items>

None of these amazing achievements would be possible without the dedicated support of our community. A special thank you to our busy Education Advisory Council (EAC), our phenomenal PTO, and Father Paul for their collaborative efforts. The PTO's fundraising work makes so much possible for our school.

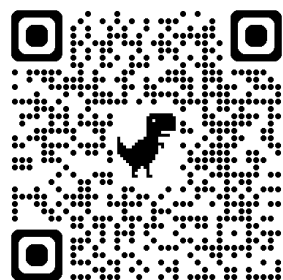
I also want to extend a heartfelt thanks to Acts of Charity and the PTO for providing our teachers with start-up funds for their classrooms. Their generosity is directly reflected in the beautiful, well-equipped learning environments you see today.

Finally, our EAC has partnered with the PTO to launch a new initiative showcasing 20 outstanding alumni this year. Be sure to check our Facebook page and website to learn more about these remarkable Blue Jays. You might recognize a few! A special thank you to our EAC members, especially Steve Tagliabue, for bringing this vision to life. If you are an alumnus, please consider registering on our website or scanning the QR code below; you could be a featured Blue Jay in the future!

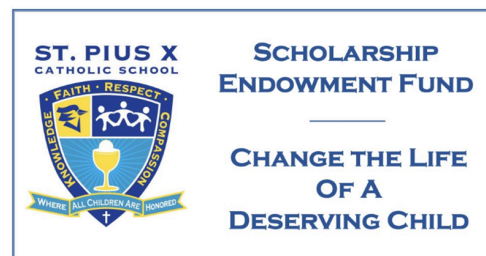
Let us carry forward the message of unity from the Gospel Bishop shared with our Catholic Schools: "I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me." John 17:20-21

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs. Hinojosa
Servant & Principal



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

Have a blessed week!

Mass Intentions



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 García by Diana G. Garza

Monday, August 25th

8:15AM † Martha Romero by Johnny & Yolanda

Tuesday, August 26th

8:15AM † John Boyd by Lucy Boyd

Wednesday, August 27th

8:15AM Julian Galloway's Health by Family

† Rick Mulinix by Al & Adelle Hesse

Ernie Pena by Beth Hinojosa

Lupita Mata by Beth Hinojosa

† Monica Pivik by Family

† Frances M. Schramel & Ethan Reumuth by Reumuth Family

† Alfredo Garcia, Jr. By Rosie Garcia

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

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

† Sharon & Tally Smart by James Kelly

5:30PM † Gilbert Schanen, Jr. by Nancy Schanen

† Eladio Castaneda by Wife & Family

† Marky Smith by Smith Family

Mary Bell Yankee's Health by Rainey Family

† Jesusa Ramirez by Irma Ramirez

† Maury Jarrell by Waynette Jarrell

† Anna Van Dijck by James Kelly

† Felix Van Hoof by James Kelly

† Karel Soudan by James Kelly

Liliane Van Hoof by James Kelly

John Kelly by James Kelly

James W. Kelly III by James Kelly

Thursday, August 28th

8:15AM † David N. Scherzer by Family

Friday, August 29th

8:15AM † Charles, Mary D. Carroll & Family Tree by Rick McCabe

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

Saturday, August 30th

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

Sunday, August 31st

8:00AM † Vivian Hennings by Joan Hennings

10:00AM † Max Almendarez by Lucy Boyd

12:00PM † Joseph W. (Buck) Shaw by Joyce Fergus

5:30PM Mary L. Mandujano by Johnny & Yolanda

Financial Report for 08/17/2025

Sunday Collection	\$	10,434.02
Sunday Online	\$	7,867.00
GOF	\$	40.00
Challenge	\$	30.00
Assumption of Mary	\$	830.00
Other Donations	\$	159.31
Total Operating Revenue	\$	19,360.33

Other Contributions:

AOC	\$	690.00
Memorial Fund	\$	40.00
Mother Teresa Shelter	\$	20.00
Total Other Contributions	\$	750.00
Total Contributions	\$	20,110.33

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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