

Saint Pius X

Catholic Church and School

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

August 31, 2025



Dear Friends,

At all the Masses last weekend, we celebrated the feast day of our patron, St. Pius X. It is a distinct privilege for us to be under the patronage of such a noble saint. He was the first pope of the 20th century, and he contributed so much to the spiritual well-being of the Universal Church. He is distinguished by the moniker, “Pope of the Eucharist” because he emphasized the importance of the Eucharist in the life of faith. The motto he chose for his papacy was: “To Restore All Things In Christ.” In his desire to renew the Church, he set about implementing various reforms to the liturgy, as well as calling for the religious education of children and encouraging frequent reception of Holy Communion. He also did a revision of Canon Law - bringing together a hodgepodge of church laws that did not have the same cohesiveness that we have now. Needless to say, he is a wonderful spiritual inspiration for all of us, and he has had a lasting impact on the life of the Church.

Here at St. Pius X Parish, we have been doing some restoration efforts ourselves. Our focus of late has been working to restore a few physical aspects of our parish. When you go outside, look up. You will notice that the exterior of the church has been cleaned. Over the years, algae had been growing on the surfaces of the church building and bell tower as is typical of many structures in South Texas. Now that the algae has been removed, the church looks as though it has been repainted. It is nice to have a church fitting for worship of God. In the days ahead, we will be doing the same to some of our other buildings so that the entire property will be something we can be proud of.

In addition to the church exterior, we are going to be working on restoring and repairing the church doors, which have been battered by the elements throughout the past decade. The doors along St. Pius Drive are especially bad after the hard rain of Hurricane Harvey did a number on them several years ago. Our hope is that they will be much more attractive and easier to open once the restoration process is complete.

Soon, we should also have one of our church air conditioning units repaired. The unit that cools the back sections and the corridor of the church has had some issues for a while that we hope will soon be corrected. Additionally, we are scheduled to finally receive the HVAC units for the parish hall. The plan is for the long-awaited A/C units to be installed in October once the equipment finally is delivered. Please pray for this project as it will be a costly one.

The School will also be undergoing a few needed repairs to the foundation of the cafeteria, as well as new bird exclusion netting at the basketball court and the purchase of a new scoreboard. We are also upgrading the lighting on the court.

These are just a few of the things that we have in the works. You can expect to see some additional projects in the near future. With your generous stewardship many of these projects will be accomplished.

Who's Who

Pastor

Very Rev. Paul A. Hesse, V.G.

Parochial Vicar

Fr. Kurian Joseph

Permanent Deacons

Deacon Salvador (Sal) Alvarado

Deacon Loni Lugo

Deacon Mark Arnold

Parish Secretary/Bookkeeper

Director of Religious Education & Adult Faith Formation

Mary Maldonado

Director of Youth Ministry

Brandon Lutz

Music Minister

Michael Mullins

5:30pm Mass Band Leader

Mick Boudreau

School Principal

Beth Hinojosa

361.992.1343

Maintenance

Ernie Pena, Jose Vasquez,

Yolanda Villarreal

Contact Us

Office Phone 361.993.4053

Office Fax 361.992.0352

Office email parishoffice@stpiusxcc.org

5620 Gollihar Road

Corpus Christi, TX 78412

Parish Website

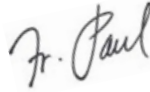
www.spxcc.org

School Website

www.stpiusxschoolcc.org

We aren't stopping with physical restoration. We are looking at a few other spiritual renovation projects that we hope to have underway in the days ahead. Let's continue to pray for the vibrancy of our parish and let's all play a part in giving fitting tribute to our patron, St. Pius X! Through his intercession, the light of Christ will shine brightly in our members.

God bless!



Parish Offices Closed Monday for Labor Day

The parish offices will be closed Monday, September 1, 2025, for Labor Day and will reopen Tuesday, September 2, 2025, at 9:00am.

As we move into September, the parish calendar remains full of opportunities for spiritual growth and community engagement. Parishioners are encouraged to stay connected and involved, as upcoming events and programs promise to enrich the life of our faith community.

In addition to opportunities for spiritual formation and service, the parish community continues to extend care beyond its walls, nurturing a spirit of generosity and hospitality. As members are invited to participate in ongoing ministries and educational programs, attention turns toward supporting those in need, reflecting the parish's commitment to compassionate outreach and stewardship.

Volunteers Needed

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

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

The Traveling Crucifix

Thank you to Norma Salinas for your prayers for vocations this past week. Martin and Katy Gonzalez will be praying with the Traveling Crucifix this week. Marie Hayes will be taking the Crucifix September 7 - 14, 2025.



Acts of Charity

This September, the Acts of Charity Ministry monthly collection is for the Holy Spirit Adoration Sisters (Pink Sisters) at Blessed Sacrament Convent, with specific items such as Kleenex, hand sanitizer, paper towels, Fabuloso, toilet paper, Lysol wipes and toilet bowl cleaner, ChapStick, and HEB gift cards requested to help meet their daily needs.

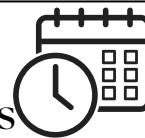
Confirmation & Youth Ministry Programs Resume

Confirmation & Youth Ministry is scheduled to resume on September 10th from 6:30PM to 8:30PM. For additional information, please contact Mary Maldonado at mmaldonado@stpiusxcc.org and/or Brandon Lutz at blutz@stpiusxcc.org or call 361-993-4053.

The Ark Gala

The Ark Assessment Center and Emergency Shelter for Youth will celebrate its 25th anniversary with a fundraiser on September 18, 2025, at the Richard M. Borchard Regional Fairgrounds in Robstown. The event includes dinner, live and silent auctions, and guest speaker Shaleasha S. McNeal, a former shelter resident. Sponsor tables are available. For details or reservations, call 361.241.6566.

Parish Happenings



Monday, September 1st – LABOR DAY

6:30PM – Boy Scouts – Café

Wednesday, September 3rd

11:00AM – Funeral – CH

6:00PM – Religious Ed Parent Meeting – Café

7:00PM – Alhambra's – Rec

Thursday, September 4th

6:00PM – PTO - Cafe

7:00PM – Adoration & Confessions – CH

Friday, September 5th – FIRST FRIDAY

5:30PM – Healing Mass – CH

7:00PM – Santo Nino Mass – CH

Saturday, September 6th – FIRST SATURDAY

8:15AM – First Saturday Mass – CH

Sunday, September 7th

1:30PM – 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/stpiusxcc

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

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

Golf Tournament

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church will host a Golf Tournament on October 13, 2025, at the Northshore Country Club in Portland, TX. The event will feature mulligans, food and beverages, as well as prizes including a \$15,000 hole-in-one, raffle, silent auction, and door prizes. Sponsorship opportunities are available. Register here:

<https://sjbcctx.org/stjohnthebaptistgolftournament>

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.

Catholic Charities Diamond Anniversary

Catholic Charities will commemorate 60 years of service at the Celebration of Charity: A Legacy of Light, scheduled for September 25, 2025, at the Omni Corpus Christi. The event will feature dinner, a musical performance by Tony Melendez, and remarks from honorary speaker Reverend Larry Snyder. For further information, ticket purchases, or sponsorship opportunities, please visit catholiccharities-cc.org/celebration-of-charity, or contact 361.884.0651.



ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC SCHOOL
FAITH • RESPECT • KNOWLEDGE • COMPASSION
A ROSARY SCHOOL

SERVING OUR FUTURE LEADERS IN GRADES K3 - 6TH

OFFERING MORNING & AFTER SCHOOL CARE FOR ALL GRADE LEVELS

737 ST. PIUS DRIVE
CORPUS CHRISTI, TX 78412
361.992.1343
WWW.STPIUSXSCHOOLCC.ORG

ENROLL NOW



Give your family peace of mind. Preplan your final arrangements.

- Cemetery spaces
- Funeral plans
- Traditional/Cremation

SEASIDE
Memorial Park & Funeral Home

Anissa Hernandez
Ph: (361)548-6977
Email: anissa.hernandez@seasidefuneral.com
Home appointments available.

Please support our bulletin sponsor.

School News



Blue Jay Families,

This past Wednesday, we celebrated the Feast of Saint Monica. She is a saint who holds special meaning for me. Not only is she the patroness of my best friend, who was born on this feast day, but she also embodies the virtues of perseverance and prayer. In many ways, my friend reflects Saint Monica's devotion through her constant prayers for family and friends. Our long friendship began here, at St. Pius X Catholic School, and it reminds me how formative this community and faithful families can be in nurturing such grace-filled lives.

During our school Mass, Father Joseph spoke to the children about Saint Monica's persistent prayer for her loved ones. Her example invites us all to consider how the saints continue to teach and inspire us in our daily walk of faith.

I recently came across a thought-provoking reflection in Matthew Kelly's book, *Rediscover the Saints*, which asks two challenging questions:

1. If we multiplied your life by 70 million, what would the Church in America look like?
2. With over a billion Catholics in the world, what would the Church be like if everyone lived as you do?

These questions encourage each of us to reflect on our own contribution to the mission of the Church.

I'd also like to share some uplifting news. Last week, I mentioned our need for additional funding toward a new scoreboard. Thanks to the incredible generosity of our parishioners, we not only met but exceeded our goal, raising \$3,500. We are deeply grateful, and I've been assured that any additional unforeseen needs will also be supported. Thank you, Father Downey and Mr. Bobby Gough.

I recognize that not everyone is able to contribute financially, and that's okay. We are blessed with a powerhouse PTO, a dedicated Education Advisory Council, and numerous parish organizations filled with volunteers who generously offer their time and talent. Those efforts are seen and appreciated.

So I ask you, as Matthew Kelly does: How is God calling you to participate? How can you contribute your gifts to our parish and school?

Having grown up here at St. Pius X, I have witnessed firsthand how God works through His people. This is a holy and vibrant community, and I am proud to be part of it. Thank you for sharing your time, your talents, and your treasure to help our school thrive. Together, we make Christ visible to those around us. His light truly shines through St. Pius X.

I'll close with a prayer from Matthew Kelly's book:

Loving Father,

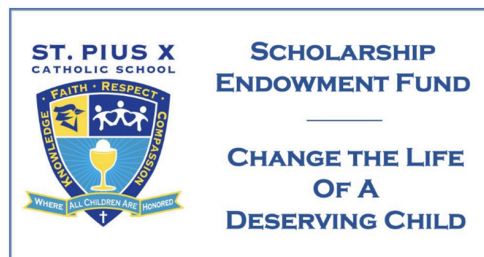
Open my heart to the areas of my life that need to change so that I can carry out the mission you have imagined for my life. Inspire me to live the Catholic faith in ways that are dynamic and engaging. Show me how best to get involved in the life of my parish. Make our community hungry for best practices and continuous learning, and help us to realize that we each have a role to play in making our parish a perfect place for imperfect people trying to walk with you. Amen.

God bless,

Mrs. Hinojosa
Servant & Principal



SCAN HERE TO FILL OUT
ALUMNI FORM



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

Have a blessed week!



Mass Intentions



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

Monday, September 1st - Labor Day

8:15AM Doyle Harris by Julia Harris

Tuesday, September 2nd

8:15AM Henry & Mary Villarreal by Family

Wednesday, September 3rd

8:15AM Julian Galloway's Health by Family

† Heriberto Villarreal by Johnny & Yolanda

Lupita Mata by Beth Hinojosa

† John Buckner by Helen & RC Allen

† Raymond Sykora by Glayds Lippencott

† Michelle Ascenzi by Champaine Family

Liliane Van Hoof by James Kelly

John Kelly by James Kelly

James W. Kelly III by James Kelly

5:30PM † Maury Jarrell by Wyanette Jarrell

† Mary, John, James P. Kelly by KKH

† Mary Osborne by Witten Wade

† Alfredo Garcia, Jr. by Rosie Garcia

Thursday, September 4th

8:15AM † Leslie Batte by Reumuth Family

Friday, September 5th - First Friday

8:15AM † Isabel Gonzales by Nelva Ramos

† All Souls by Rick McCabe

† 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 † Dennis Quintero by Mary Vasquez

† Barbara Mikulik by Wallace & Randy Mikulik

† Eladio Castaneda by Wife & Family

† Deacon George Phillips by Estella Phillips

† Anna Van Dijck by James Kelly

† Felix Van Hoof by James Kelly

† Karel Soudan by James Kelly

Saturday, September 6th - First Saturday

8:15AM † All Souls by Rick McCabe

5:30PM † Avelino Mangahas by Cena Smith

Sunday, September 7th

8:00AM For the People of St. Pius X

10:00AM Florentino T. Shelton, Jr. by Mary Vasquez

12:00PM † Alvino & Stella Campos by Family

5:30PM † Doak D. Russell by De Havel

Financial Report for 08/24/2025

Sunday Collection	\$	9,506.45
Sunday Online	\$	5,989.00
GOF	\$	40.00
Assumption of Mary	\$	20.00
Other Donations	\$	96.53
Total Operating Revenue	\$	15,651.98

Other Contributions:

AOC	\$	438.00
Christopher Janosek Sch.	\$	100.00
Memorial Fund	\$	50.00
Catholic University	\$	10.00
Total Other Contributions	\$	598.00
Total Contributions	\$	16,249.98

Please Pray for our Sick & Shut-Ins:

John Albertini, Ernie Albornoz, 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, Wanda Mays, 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, Joe Villarreal, Joan Whitmire, Helen Witzsche, Mary Bell Yankee, Carole Zanetti, Joe Zepeda, Belinda Garza Zuniga and all those who asked for and need our prayers.

