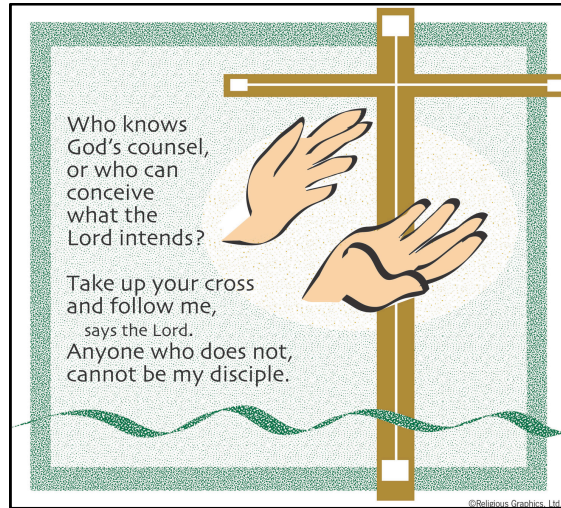


# Saint Pius X

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September 7, 2025



Dear Friends,

Well, it's that time of year again! The first cool front is blowing through, signifying that cooler weather is on the way. Birds are migrating to their winter homes. Leaves will soon be dropping from the trees. Daylight hours are getting shorter and the lights of stadiums have started to pierce the darkness. You know what that means. Football season is here!

This is the time when you start seeing folks wearing their team jerseys and leaving behind their summer outdoor activities to start spending time in their recliners with beer in hand to arm-chair coach their team. The most ubiquitous fans are followers of the Dallas Cowboys. It doesn't matter how good or how bad they are. Cowboys fans are not fair-weather fans. It doesn't matter that they haven't won a Super Bowl title in decades. Cowboys fans are die-hard adherents, both in season and out of season.

There is a reason the Cowboys are called "America's Team". Their fans can be found all over the country and their logo is unmistakably recognizable anywhere. Even if you aren't a fan, you have to admire the people who follow the Cowboys. They have the character of faithfulness. They will not waver. Their hope in a fabulous season is ever present. They won't budge from their devotion to the team. They may grimace when a play goes awry or a bad call is made. They may criticize a player, or the decision of the coaches, but they don't falter in their commitment to the team. Even when someone ridicules them for their devotion, they never flinch.

There is a lot to be said for this kind of team fidelity. Though not everyone is a Cowboys fan, one can appreciate the fact that their fans are die-hard. If only we had the same kind of devotion as Christians!

When Jesus was making his way on this earth, he had developed quite a following. So many people came to him for healing. Many who came to him were elated with his message and were eager to join up and be his disciples. Recognizing their fickleness though, Jesus rather abruptly dampens their enthusiasm by challenging them. He isn't interested in gaining a large following merely based upon his own popularity. Many politicians and celebrities feed off this kind of thing. The reality check for them is that after time, they are no longer considered to be the fresh face on the block. Eventually, the star of celebrity fades and they find that their fans have moved on to the next thing.

Jesus doesn't want people to be under any illusion. The decision to follow him is going to require great fortitude and spiritual stamina. To follow him would involve a cost. In order to follow him, his disciples were going to need to think seriously about the implications of discipleship. He doesn't want his followers to act on the spur of the moment. He wants us to give careful consideration of what following him means. He doesn't want us to be disciples for only a season. He wants us to commit ourselves to him for a lifetime. That means we can't be fair-weather disciples. We have to be willing to embrace all the demands that come along with discipleship. Jesus then names the conditions. If we truly wish to follow him, we must be willing to carry our own cross each day. There will be certain things that we must let go

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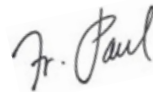
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of. We must place Christ as supreme above all other things - even family.

Marriage is a great image of this. When a man and woman love each other and decide to get married, they must carefully consider what the consequences are. In marriage, there is undoubtedly going to be periods of great strain over differences of opinion and the monotony of daily life. There will be all kinds of disappointments, sacrifices, and crosses that are a part of that relationship of love. Yet, there will be moments of great joy. The perseverance through the rough patches brings fulfillment and peace. For whole-hearted love, there is no compromise. Likewise, following Christ is so valuable that it is worth stripping everything down to the bare essentials.

Following Christ necessitates the sacrifice of coming to Mass. It requires submitting ourselves to daily prayers. It involves following the requirements for the sacraments and obedience to things like going to confession or fasting during Lent, or practicing good stewardship. It requires standing up against persecution or holding fast to issues related to the preservation of life. It also means being willing, in some cases, to face death.

What are the costs of discipleship in your own life? Don't shy away from taking up your crosses and carrying them. Don't ever give up on Christ who will never give up on you!



## Want to Become Catholic? Need to Complete Your Sacraments?

If you are an adult and want to become Catholic or if you are Catholic and want to complete your sacraments of Confirmation or First Communion, we will begin instructions through the OCIA on Sunday, September 14th. Sessions begin at 11:30AM in the Youth Center. For pre-registration, please contact Mary Maldonado at mmaldonado@stpiusxcc.org or 361-993-4053. Registration is also available at the first session.

### 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 Martin and Katy Gonzalez for your prayers for vocations this past week. Marie Hayes will be praying with the Traveling Crucifix this week. Kelly Ward will be taking the Crucifix September 14 - 21, 2025.



## 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](mailto:mmaldonado@stpiusxcc.org) or call 361-993-4053.

## The Ark Gala

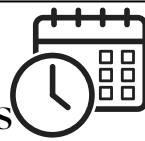
The Ark Assessment Center and Emergency Shelter for Youth will celebrate its 25th anniversary with a fundraiser on September 18, 2025, at the Richard M. Borchard Regional Fairgrounds in Robstown. The event includes dinner, live and silent auctions, and guest speaker Shaleasha S. McNeal, a former shelter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

## Get Involved

The parish calendar for September includes various events and programs focused on spiritual development and community participation. Parishioners may attend and take part in activities designed to benefit the faith community.

Alongside opportunities for spiritual education and service, the parish extends assistance beyond its members, fostering generosity and hospitality. Individuals have the option to participate in ministries and educational programs, while efforts also focus on supporting those requiring help.

## Parish Happenings



### Saturday, Sept 6th

10:00AM – Baptism Class – CC#2

### Sunday, Sept 7th

1:30PM – Baptisms – CH

### Monday, September 8th

6:30PM – Boy Scouts – Café

7:00PM – Walking with Purpose - YC

### Tuesday, September 9th

1:00PM – Sultana's – Rec

6:00PM – Acts of Charity – CC2

### Wednesday, September 10th

11:00AM – Funeral – CH

6:00PM – Religious Ed – CC1&2

### Thursday, September 11th

7:00PM – Adoration & Confessions – CH

### Friday, September 12th

4:00PM – Wedding – CH

7:00PM – Chopin Concert – CH

### Saturday, September 13th

2:00PM – Baptism – CH

### Sunday, September 14th

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.



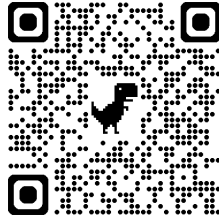
## Follow us on Facebook

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

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

## Religious Education

Registration for 2025-26 Religious Education and Confirmation is now live. Scan the QR code to register or paper registration forms are available at the back of the church



## Edge Meets Every Wednesday

EDGE, our dynamic middle school youth ministry, invites all students in grades 6 through 8 to participate in weekly gatherings filled with faith, fellowship, and fun. Sessions are designed to foster spiritual growth, build lasting friendships, and encourage young people to live out their faith in everyday life. Come join us at the Youth Center, Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00PM.

## Baptism Classes

Baptism classes take place on the first Saturday of each at 10:00AM in CC#2. Register by contacting the Parish Office at 361-993-4053 or by visiting the home page at our website: [Spxcc.org](http://Spxcc.org).

## Catholic Daughters Raffle

The Catholic Daughters will sell raffle tickets after Mass this weekend. Thank you for your support to make their charitable projects possible. May our Lord bless you abundantly!

## Acts of Charity

For September, the Acts of Charity Ministry is collecting items for the Holy Spirit Adoration Sisters (Pink Sisters) at the Blessed Sacrament Covenant, specially requesting Kleenex, hand sanitizer, paper towels, Fabuloso, toilet paper, Lysol wipes and toilet bowl cleaner, ChapStick, and HEB gift cards to support their daily needs.

## 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](http://catholiccharities-cc.org/celebration-of-charity), or contact 361.884.0651.



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# School News

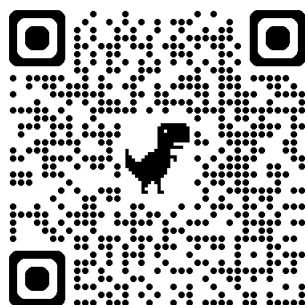


Blue Jay Families,

This weekend, the Church will celebrate a profound moment in the canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis. Carlo is a very relatable saint for our students. Born in 1991, he enjoyed football, Pokémon, action films, and his pets. He also had a strong Catholic faith that was the cornerstone of his life. He famously referred to the Eucharist as his "highway to Heaven," a devotion that led him to create a website documenting Eucharistic miracles that is still used today. It was the first of its kind.

As the first millennial to become a saint, he demonstrated that sanctity is attainable, even today. To celebrate this occasion, I invite all students to join me for a special reception in the teachers' lounge immediately following our School Mass this Sunday. We will enjoy light refreshments while learning more about Carlo's incredible journey. We will also discuss the call to holiness and how we can all aspire to live a life close to God, following the example of the saints. May you all have a blessed week.

*Mrs. Hinojosa*  
Servant & Principal



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*Have a blessed week!*

# Mass Intentions



## Saturday, September 6th -

5:30PM † Avelino Mangahas by Cena Smith

## Sunday, September 7th

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

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

12:00PM † Alvino & Stella Campos by Family

5:30PM † Doak D. Russell by De Havel

## Monday, September 8th

8:15AM † Anne Murray by Reumuth Family

## Tuesday, September 9th

8:15AM † William Bengtson by JR & Mary Jones

## Wednesday, September 10th

8:15AM Julian Galloway's Health by Family

† Lowell & Alice Didear

† Deceased Members of the Didear Family

† Deceased Members of the Darilek Family

Bridget May by Beth Hinojosa

Paula Prado by Beth Hinojosa

† Alfredo Garcia, Jr. by Rosie Garcia

Jose Gomez & Family by Rick McCabe

Dennis Doherty's Health by St. Pius X School

† Raymond Sykora by Randy & Jeraldine Sykora

† Sharon & Tally Smart by James Kelly

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

5:30PM † Paul Koenig by Karen & Harley Day

† 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

† Maury Jarrell by Waynette Jarrell

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

## Thursday, September 11th

8:15AM † Destiny Cortinas by Naida M. Hrdlicka

## Friday, September 12th

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

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

## Saturday, September 13th

5:30PM † Milagros Arevalo by Romeo Arevalo

## Sunday, September 14th

8:00AM † Gilbert Schanen, Sr. by Nancy Schanen

10:00AM † Ceclia Mikulik by Wallace & Randy Mikulik

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

5:30PM † Mary Fuselier by De Havel

## Financial Report for 08/31/2025

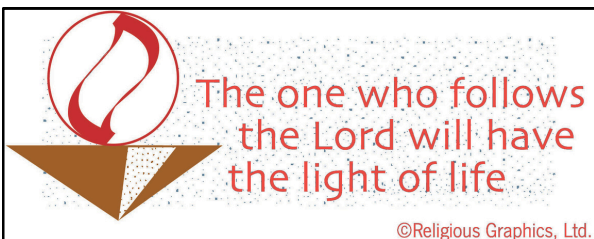
Sunday Collection	\$ 8,449.21
Sunday Online	\$ 7,298.00
GOF	\$ 40.00
Other Donations	\$ 216.27
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 16,003.48</b>

## Other Contributions:

AOC	\$ 960.00
Christopher Janosek Sch.	\$ 80.00
Emil & Marie Habeeb Sch.	\$ 80.00
Disaster Relief	\$ 5.00
Total Other Contributions	\$ 1,125.00
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 17,128.48</b>

## 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, Juanita Gaytan, 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, Kenny Lopez, 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 & Jerilynn 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, Jessica Undebrink, 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.



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