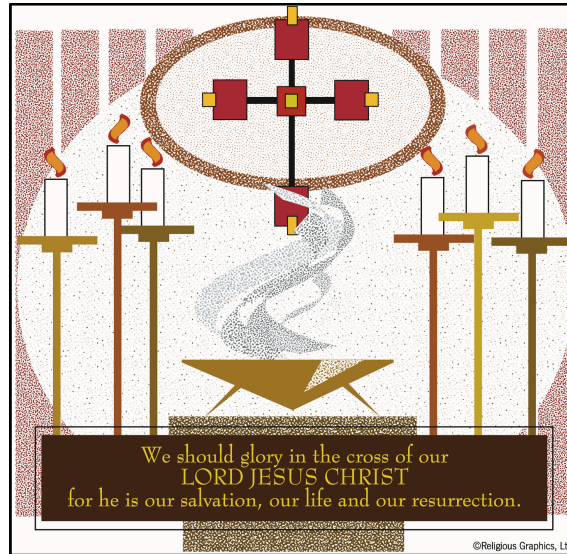


Saint Pius X

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September 14, 2025



Dear Friends,

Over the years, I have somehow accumulated a collection of crosses. Imagine! A priest who has a collection of crosses! I'm sure you would imagine that most priests have a few crosses in their possession. It kind of seems to go with the territory since our work is the same as St. Paul's – proclaiming Christ Crucified. Indeed, I do have quite a number of crosses and I have to say that I treasure them.

In my previous parishes, I would dedicate one wall of my office or my living room to display these crosses. My collection consists of crosses that my parents brought me from their travels abroad. Some were crosses that I purchased myself. Some were crosses that other people had gifted to me throughout the years. Some were crosses that accompanied me through my childhood or adorned my wall while I was in the seminary. I have crosses from Italy, Canada, the Holy Land, Germany, and other far flung places. Some were handmade by artists, and some were made by friends. Some are very traditional and some are stylized. Several have historical value and others just have sentimental value because they belonged to relatives and special friends. No matter where they came from, I've always cherished them.

Nowadays, my crosses no longer occupy a single wall. I have so many that I decided to place them in various rooms throughout the rectory. I think I have enough crosses now. However, there is something very compelling about crosses. As Christians, we should all have a strong affinity for crosses because it was on the cross that Christ accomplished our salvation. So, for Christians, the cross has become a sign of victory. In fact, the cross is part and parcel of who we are as Christians.

I don't know how many times throughout my life that I have had my eyes turn toward the cross, especially in moments of trial or pain. Somehow, looking at the cross affords comfort or perseverance. So many times, when I have visited people in the hospital or their homes, they tell me how in the midst of their suffering, they look at the crucifix. In those moments, they realize that what they are going through is nothing in comparison to what Christ went through. There is incredible power in looking upon the crucifix. That's why we keep the corpus (the body of Jesus) on the cross. It provides spiritual salve for those who suffer as they are reminded that Christ suffered for them in a far more profound way than what they are going through at the moment.

When we were baptized, we were baptized into Christ's death. We were marked with the sign of the cross when the priest anointed our chest and also when he anointed our heads. We were marked in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Just as we were baptized into Christ's death, we also rose with him to new life.

The cross is not just a symbol, but as the scriptures tell us, we carry about the cross of Christ within us. That means that it is integral to the life of the Christian. We all have a share in Christ's suffering on the cross. This makes our

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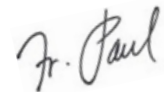
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perseverance through trials meritorious. By enduring the crosses we have, we are drawn more closely to Christ and our love for him deepens. The cross reminds us to prepare for the temporary nature of life and points us to heaven.

Jesus changed the cross from a horrendous instrument of death into an instrument of divine mercy and a symbol of love. That is what we celebrate today with this Feast of the Exhalation of the Cross. The cross is set before us as something beautiful, for it was on the cross that Christ gained our salvation. The cross shows us the depths of God's love and that he was willing to go to extreme lengths for us. Jesus died so we might not perish. His death and resurrection became the means of our salvation.

It is good for families to place crucifixes in their homes. They help us to be conformed more closely to Christ and they serve as a reminder of our own need to take up our cross daily to follow Christ. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." Look at the cross. Contemplate how much God loves us. Take up your cross each day and follow him.



Sacraments/OCIA

The parish offers OCIA sessions starting September 14th for adults preparing to receive sacraments. Classes are scheduled for 11:30PM in the Youth Center. For pre-registration, contact Mary Maldonado at mmaldonado@stpiusxccc.org or 361-993-4053. Registration is also available in person during class.

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

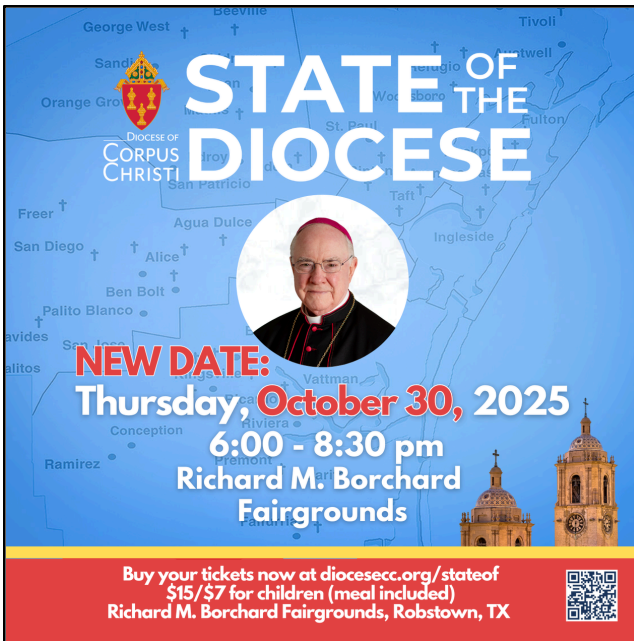
Marriages: By appointment only and 6 months advance notice.

Baptismal Instruction: Pre-register through the office.

Anointing of the Sick: On request

The Traveling Crucifix

Thank you to Marie Hayes for your prayers for vocations this past week. Kelly Ward will be praying with the Traveling Crucifix this week. Richard and Theresa Arizmendi will be taking the Crucifix September 21 - 28, 2025.



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.

Happy Birthday to Father Joseph

Fr. Joseph's birthday is Friday, September 15th. We extend our warmest wishes to Fr. Joseph for a happy and memorable birthday.

The parish encourages involvement in faith formation and service by offering programs for all ages. Whether through ministries dedicated to outreach, sacramental preparation, or youth engagement, parishioners can find meaningful ways to contribute and grow. Families and individuals are invited to explore upcoming events, participate in educational initiatives, and foster a welcoming environment for newcomers as well as longtime members. As the calendar advances, the community remains committed to strengthening spiritual bonds, nurturing personal growth, and celebrating milestones together.

Parish Happenings



Saturday, Sept 13th

2:00PM – Baptisms – CH

Monday, September 15th

6:00PM – Catholic Daughters – CC1

6:30PM – Boy Scouts – Café

7:00PM – Walking with Purpose - YC

Tuesday, September 16th

5:30PM – Men's Club – PH

Wednesday, September 17th

6:00PM – Religious Ed – CC1&2

Thursday, September 18th

7:00PM – Adoration & Confessions – CH

Saturday, September 20th

12:00PM – Sultana's Bunco – CC2

Sunday, September 21st

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



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.



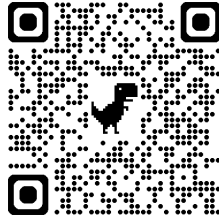
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This week's deadline for submitting bulletin announcements is **Wednesday by 2PM.**

Religious Education

Registration for 2025-26 Religious Education and Confirmation is now live. Scan the QR code to register or paper registration form 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.

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're starting our 12th Walking with Purpose Bible Study, "Ordering Your Priorities" – an eight-week practical study focused on prioritizing what matters most from God's perspective. Sessions are Mondays at 7:00PM in the Youth Center. Registration forms are available in back of the church, Parish Office or online.

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.

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. Scan the QR code for more information.





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School News



Blue Jay Families,

Today I reflected on the Gospel from Luke (6:12-19), which shows us a day in the life of Jesus. He prays, chooses his twelve disciples, heals the sick, and teaches. What stood out to me was his intentional act of choosing his friends.

This reminded me of my recent reading about Saint Vincent de Paul. He was a priest who dedicated his life to serving the poor in France, and he didn't do it alone. He was surrounded by friends and followers who joined him in his mission. One was a young scholar named Frédéric Ozanam. He was inspired by Vincent's teachings and, with the guidance of Sister Rosalie Rendu, went on to found the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Another follower was Matt Talbot, an Irish dockworker who overcame addiction and devoted his life to serving the poor, becoming an inspiration for many around the world.

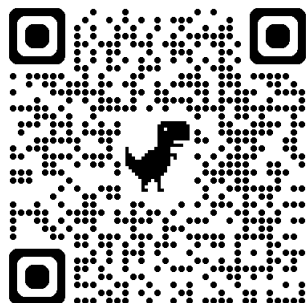
The connection is powerful. Just as Jesus chose his disciples, the saints also carefully chose their companions. As writer Matthew Kelly often notes, many saints had friends who also became saints. These were friendships built on mutual encouragement to become the best-version-of-themselves, to grow in virtue, and to live holy lives.

This makes me reflect on our own choices. Do our friends help us become the best version of ourselves? Will they encourage us on the path to sainthood, or lead us away from it?

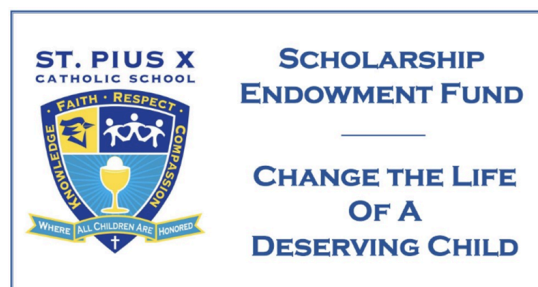
This past Sunday, we embraced this spirit of holy friendship by gathering for a Saint Carlo Acutis party. Students enjoyed fellowship, donuts, and drinks while learning about his life through a podcast and photos. We even discussed the four steps to becoming a saint!

Let's continue to learn from the saints, imitating their lives and their commitment to virtuous friendship. May we all choose friends who bring us closer to holiness, helping one another on the path to sainthood.

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, September 13th

5:30PM † Milagros Arevalo by Romeo Arevalo

Sunday, September 14th-EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

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

Monday, September 15th

8:15AM Delbert Hooper's 90th Birthday by John C. Hooper

Tuesday, September 16th

8:15AM † Ramon Martinez by Family

Wednesday, September 17th

8:15AM Julian Galloway's Health by Family

† Anna Brandesky Krejci by Chuck Gross

Paula Vargas by Beth Hinojosa

† John Boyd by John & Delia Swoboda

Kenny Lopez's Health by Kim Martinez

† 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

Liliane Van Hoof by James Kelly

John Kelly by James Kelly

James W. Kelly III by James Kelly

5:30PM † Alfredo Garcia Jr. By Rosie Garcia

† Gilbert Schanen Jr. by Nancy Schanen

Special Intentions by Mary Vasquez

† Ronald "Ron" Mikulik by Mikulik Family

† Eladio Castaneda by Wife & Family

† Anna Van Dijck by James Kelly

† Felix Van Hoof by James Kelly

† Karel Soudan by James Kelly

Thursday, September 18th

8:15AM † Mary, John & James P. Kelly by KKH

Friday, September 19th

8:15AM † Gloria Gomez by Carlos Gomez

5:30PM Alexander Landin Birthday & Good Health by Family

Saturday, September 20th

5:30PM † Maury Jarrell by Waynette Jarrell

Sunday, September 21st

8:00AM † Carlene Read by Cheryl Johnson

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

12:00PM † Rosa Linda Fernandez by Family

5:30PM † Doak D. Russell by De Havel

Financial Report for 09/07/2025

Sunday Collection	\$	13,172.00
Sunday Online	\$	10,449.00
GOF	\$	40.00
Filipino St. Nino Mass	\$	345.00
Other Donations	\$	27.20
Total Operating Revenue	\$	24,033.20

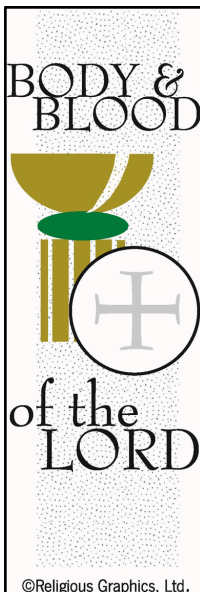
Other Contributions:

AOC	\$	930.00
Christopher Janosek Sch.	\$	80.00
Memorial Fund	\$	90.00
Special Collection - Gaza	\$	5,263.93
A/C Replacement Donation	\$	300.00
Total Other Contributions	\$	6,663.93

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