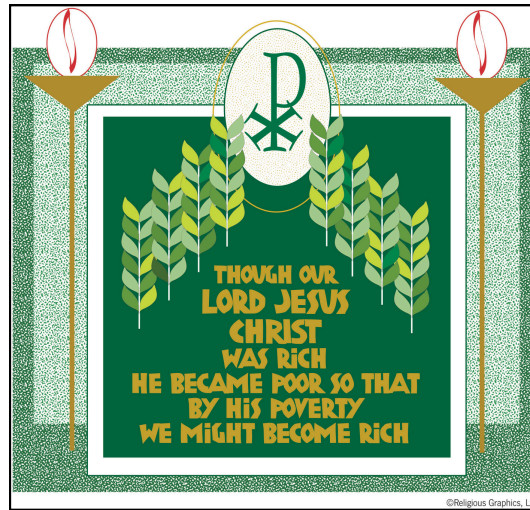


# Saint Pius X

Catholic Church and School

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

September 21, 2025



Dear Friends,

If you've ever had to rent a car, you know that it requires a simple process of examining the condition of the car before you are given the keys and are able to drive off. Normally, the process involves walking around the car with the rental agent and notating any dents and scratches that are already on the vehicle. This is good for the renter and good for the rental agency.

The one renting will usually point out any defects or damage that may already be on the car for one reason: to assure that he or she doesn't get accused of doing damage done by previous renters. No one wants to be charged for something they didn't do.

The walk-around is also good for the agency because if upon returning the vehicle, some new damage appears that wasn't there previously, they can be pretty certain that it was damaged by the current renter. This enables them to recoup some money for damage to their vehicle.

For this reason, I sometimes find driving a rental to be a bit stressful. This was especially true some years ago when I was with a fellow priest driving a rental in Costa Rica while on vacation. I was dodging vehicles, potholes that could swallow a whole car, and avoiding big trucks on the highway. I was praying that nothing would happen to us, but also that nothing would happen to the car!

You might say that car rentals involve stewardship. The vehicle does not belong to us, so we strive to care for it and to use it well so that we can return it in good condition. This seems to me to be a wonderful analogy of the call to be good stewards of all the gifts that God has given us. This is particularly true of spiritual gifts. We may think that our house, our cars, and our possessions are ours and ours alone, but in the big picture, they all really belong to God. It is his providential care that enables us to possess things. Ultimately, all the things we have in life do not really belong to us. We are merely stewards of them.

We are stewards of our possessions, we are stewards of our pets, we are stewards of our property, we are stewards of our health, and so on. Everything is a gift from God, and he permits us to have a share in them. In the end, everything could be taken away in a flash. It is God who dictates what we ultimately are able to accumulate.

It is also true that we are stewards of our spiritual lives and our faith. God gave us the gift of faith. He gave us the ability to worship him and to utilize our capacities to make a difference in the lives of others. We will be accountable for how we use all that God has given us.

That's where the gospel points us to today. The gospel is the parable about the dishonest steward. He was caught squandering his master's property. He was using it for his own means of enrichment. Once he was discovered, he had to make an accounting for his actions.

Interestingly, Jesus eventually seems to compliment the steward for acting prudently so that he could save his skin.

## Who's Who

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The true message of the gospel, though, is that we will have to make an accounting for all that has been entrusted to us. Do we use our possessions well and put them at the service of others? Or do we selfishly use them for our own prideful comfort? Do we utilize our time well? Or do we sit around wasting away the day without accomplishing much? Do we share our talents and gifts to build up others? Or do we tear others down or not use our gifts at all? We will each be called to answer for what we did in this life, whether good or ill. We should learn to be good stewards by being responsible, safeguarding the vulnerable, and protecting others from being marred by abuse, animosity, or hatred.

I'd like to mention another type of stewardship. This week, the replacement for our parish hall A/C has begun. The units came in early and the installation is underway. I mentioned a couple of weeks ago some of the other projects we were working on. Slowly we are fixing up things on our property due to YOUR financial stewardship of the gifts you have. Thank you for being supportive of the parish. Your stewardship makes a difference! We try to be accountable stewards of your gifts to build up the parish and to continue to do the ministries we have been called to do. Thank you!

*Fr. Paul*

### Blessing of the Animals

October 4th is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Since he is the patron saint of animals, it is tradition to bless animals to commemorate his feast. We will have the Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, October 4th at 9:30 am in front of the church on St. Pius Drive. Bring your pets to have them blessed! Dogs, cats, fish, birds, reptiles, horses, and all other kinds of pets are welcome!

### The Traveling Crucifix

Thank you to Marie Hayes for your prayers for vocations this past week. Richard and Theresa Arizmendi will be praying with the Traveling Crucifix this week. Paul Tisdale will be taking the Crucifix September 28 - October 5, 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.*

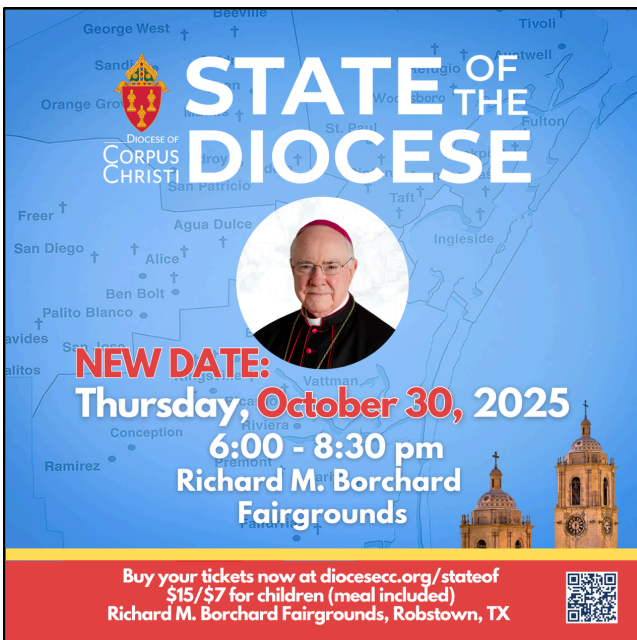
*Baptismal Instruction: Pre-register through the office.*

*Anointing of the Sick: On request*

## Sacraments/OCIA

The parish offers the OCIA process for adults preparing to receive sacraments or who are interested in becoming Catholic. Instructions are scheduled for 11:30AM in the Youth Center. For registration, contact Mary Maldonado at [mmaldonado@stpiousxcc.org](mailto:mmaldonado@stpiousxcc.org) or 361-993-4053. Registration is also available in person during class.

Religious Education Elementary classes for grades 1 through 5 meets on Wednesdays from 6:00-7:00PM. Register at: [www.stpiusxcc.org/religious-education-registration](http://www.stpiusxcc.org/religious-education-registration).



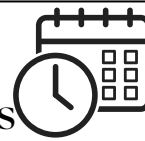
## Red Mass

The Diocese of Corpus Christi will celebrate the Red Mass on October 8th, at 6:00 p.m. at St. Patrick's Church, 3350 S. Alameda in Corpus Christi. The Red Mass invites all the faithful to come together to pray for God's guidance and blessings on those in the legal and judicial community as they pursue justice. Bishop Mulvey will be the keynote speaker. A reception will follow. For more information and to RSVP for the reception, please visit: <https://diocesecc.org/redmasstradition>

## Men's Club BBQ

The Men's Club will offer pre-sale BBQ tickets for purchase following the weekend Masses on September 20 & 21, 27 & 28, October 4 & 5, and 11 & 12. Each plate, priced at \$15.00, includes brisket, sausage, potato salad, and pinto beans. The BBQ event is scheduled for Sunday, October 19, for 11:00AM to 2:00PM in the Parish Hall. Additionally, St Pius X School will sell desserts, and the PTO will offer raffle tickets in support of the School Halloween fundraiser.

## Parish Happenings



### Sunday, Sept 21st

10:00AM – Donuts & Coffee after Mass - PH  
1:30PM – Baptisms – CH

### Monday, September 22nd

10:00AM – Funeral – CH  
6:30PM – Boy Scouts – Café  
7:00PM – Walking with Purpose - YC

### Wednesday, September 24th

6:00PM – Religious Ed – CC1&2

### Thursday, September 25th

7:00PM – Adoration & Confessions – 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.**

## Youth Ministry

### Life Teen High School Ministry & Confirmation Sundays at 6:30pm

### Edge Middle School Ministry

### Wednesdays at 6:30pm

In Youth Ministry, our mission is to guide middle school and high school youth closer to Christ through prayer, learning, fellowship, and fun. We accompany them on their faith journey, helping them encounter Christ's love in a way that transforms their hearts, shapes their words and actions, and inspires them to share that love with the world.

Register at: [www.stpiusxcc.org/youthministry-registration](http://www.stpiusxcc.org/youthministry-registration).

## 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.

## Join Us for Coffee and Donuts THIS WEEKEND!

Coffee and Donuts will be served TODAY, Sunday, August 21st after the 10AM Mass. Please join us for fellowship and a sweet treat in the Parish Hall! Thank you, St. Pius X PTO for hosting this month's event



## 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.

## Blood Drive Set for Friday, Oct. 24th from 5:15PM - 8:00PM

Support your student in achieving Pint Size Hero status by donating blood 2 or more times between May 11, 2025, and May 9, 2026. Recipients of the Pint Size Hero award will receive special recognition and a commemorative shirt at the end of the year. While appointments are encouraged, walk-in donors are welcome! All donors will receive a t-shirt and a Denny's coupon as a token of appreciation.

## 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.



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# School News



Blue Jay Families,

This past week, I had the privilege of chairing an accreditation visit in San Antonio at the historic Little Flower School, which has been serving students for more than 100 years. Its church, the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Little Flower, is beautiful. Within the Basilica rests a relic of St. Thérèse of Lisieux, and her "Little Way" is beautifully woven throughout the community. If you have not yet had the opportunity to visit, I highly recommend it. From October 31st through November 4th, the Basilica will host a special Pilgrimage and offer opportunities for veneration of the relics of St. Thérèse. You can learn more at: <https://littleflowerbasilica.org/shrine>.

While I enjoyed my experience here, I am especially grateful to be back home with our Blue Jays. As the saying goes, home is where the heart is, and my heart is most certainly here. We have an exciting week ahead with Rock Your School Week! I don't want to give away too many surprises, but our teachers and staff have prepared engaging and creative activities that will make the week extra special. Be sure to stop by the office; you might just find a sweet way to brighten your day.

Looking ahead, please take a moment to visit our Halloween Carnival GiveSmart page. New silent auction items are being added, and raffle ticket sales are in full swing. We are still gratefully accepting donations of small and large toys, silent auction items, candy, and drinks. Your continued support makes all the difference.

Just as St. Thérèse reminds us, it is often the little things we do that make the biggest impact. Thank you for all the ways you give of your time, talent, and treasure to support our school. Together, we accomplish great things.

*Mrs. Hinojosa*  
Servant & Principal

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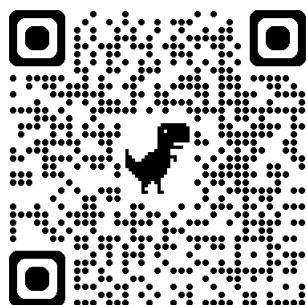
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Contact the school for more information about the  
Scholarship Endowment Fund.

*Have a blessed week!*

# Mass Intentions



## 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

## Monday, September 22nd

8:15AM † Maximina Rivera by Leal & Bazan Family

## Tuesday, September 23rd

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

## Wednesday, September 24th

8:15AM † Julian Galloway's Health by Family

† Patricia Janosek by Family

† John Boyd by Lucy Boyd

† Father Kurian Joseph by Beth Hinojosa

† David Scherzer by Family

† Christina Dalrymple by Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Hyde

† Mary, John & James P. Kelly by KKH

† 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

† Alfredo Garcia Jr. By Rosie Garcia

† Joseph Jude by Mom

5:30PM † Eladio Castaneda by Wife & Family

† Isabel Anorga by Tamez Family

† Gilbert Schanen Jr. by Nancy Schanen

† Maury Jarrell by Waynette Jarrell

† Anna Van Dijk 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, September 25th

8:15AM † Carmelita M. Tung Palan

## Friday, September 26th

8:15AM † Laura Escobar by Cindy & Fred Rodriguez

5:30PM † Luis A. Lopez by Family

## Saturday, September 27th

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

## Sunday, September 28th

8:00AM † Paul Irvin by Family

10:00AM † Mary, John & James P. Kelly by KKH

12:00PM † Julio Reyes by Delfina McHugh

5:30PM † Olivia Cordona by De Havel

## Financial Report for 09/15/2025

Sunday Collection	\$	13,431.69
Sunday Online	\$	5,183.00
GOF	\$	40.00
Other Donations	\$	348.81
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>19,003.50</b>

### Other Contributions:

AOC	\$	313.00
Christopher Janosek Sch.	\$	50.00
Quilting Ministry	\$	20.00
Memorial Fund	\$	100.00
Special Collection - Gaza	\$	195.00
Catholic University of Am.	\$	377.00
Disaster Relief	\$	15.00
Mother Teresa Shelter	\$	30.00
Total Other Contributions	\$	1,100.00
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>20,103.50</b>

## 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, Kanon Brown, 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, Joseph Jude, 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



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