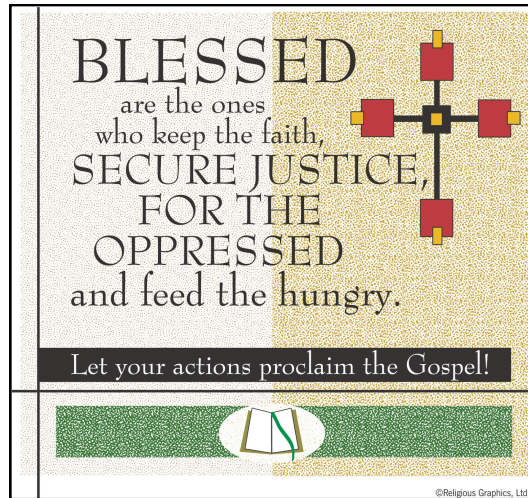


Saint Pius X

Catholic Church and School

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September 28, 2025



Dear Parish Family,

Very early Monday morning, I will be departing for two weeks to lead a pilgrimage to Italy with a group of 46 pilgrims. The focus of the journey is the Jubilee Year of Hope. Every 25 years, the Church opens the holy doors at the major basilicas in Rome for pilgrims to pass through, symbolizing the opening of the doors of our hearts to Christ and his mercy. Our group will pass through the holy doors, and the highlight of the trip will be attending a Wednesday papal audience with Pope Leo XIV. During the journey, we will be praying for you, the parishioners of St. Pius X, especially as we visit the basilica in Venice where St. Pius X was Patriarch of Venice, and as we visit his tomb in St. Peter's Basilica. Know that I will bring you along in my heart.

From the Parochial Vicar:

Dear friends,

The United Nations tells us how wide the gap is between the rich and the poor: the richest 20% of the world's people use 86% of all goods and services, while millions of children die each day from hunger and malnutrition. At the same time, so much food is wasted in developed countries, enough to feed those very children. These numbers are just a small reflection of the deep inequality in our world today.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus gives us the parable of the rich man and Lazarus. It is the only parable where a character is given a name: Lazarus, which means "God is my help." The rich man lived in comfort, dressed in fine clothes, and dined lavishly every day. Lazarus, poor and sick, lay at his gate, longing for scraps. Yet the rich man never reached out to help him. Notice Jesus never condemned the man for being wealthy. His sin was not what he did but what he failed to do. He simply ignored Lazarus. His was the sin of omission. And so, when both died, Lazarus found comfort in God's presence, while the rich man suffered.

This is a powerful lesson for us. So often, we are glad that we haven't hurt anyone. But have we failed to help when we could? In Matthew 25, Jesus tells us that at the Last Judgment people will be condemned not for adding to others' suffering, but for neglecting to relieve it: "I was hungry, and you gave me no food; I was thirsty, and you gave me no drink; a stranger and you gave me no welcome." The truth is that our salvation is not only about avoiding sin but also about doing good. As St. Basil reminds us: "The bread you hold back belongs to the hungry; the coat you keep stored away belongs to the naked; the shoes gathering dust belong to those without shoes." At this time I do appreciate the concern and generosity for others of our St Pius Family from my own very personal experience as well as from the sharing of many.

Who's Who

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Dear friends, the Lord does not ask us for what we cannot give. Even small acts of kindness, small sacrifices, and small gestures of love can make a great difference. The world does not lack resources; it often lacks goodwill. This is what Mahatma Gandhi once said "the world has enough for its needs but not for its greed." And as Winston Churchill said: "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." This week, let us open our eyes and our hearts. Let us not pass by the "Lazarus" at our door. Let us add a little joy to someone's life, through a kind word, a helping hand, or a charitable gift. For in serving the poor, we serve Christ Himself. May the Lord help us to live not just for ourselves, but as true disciples who love, share, and bring hope.

God bless,

Fr. Joseph Kurian

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 Richard and Theresa Arizmendi for your prayers for vocations this past week. Paul Tisdale will be praying with the Traveling Crucifix this week. The McFarland family will be taking the Crucifix October 5 - 12, 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 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.



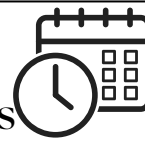
Red Mass

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>

Fr. Paul Away on Pilgrimage

Please keep Fr. Paul and 46 pilgrims in your prayers as they travel to Italy for the Jubilee Year of Hope tonight. They will be passing through the Holy Doors for the Jubilee and will attend an audience with Pope Leo XIV. During the pilgrimage, the group will be offering Masses and praying for all of your intentions.

Parish Happenings



Monday, September 29th

6:30PM – Boy Scouts – Café

7:00PM – Walking with Purpose - YC

Wednesday, October 1st

6:00PM – Religious Ed – CC1&2

Thursday, October 2nd

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.



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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.

Acts of Charity October Project

For October, the Acts Of Charity is collecting NEW blankets for Mother Teresa Shelter, Catholic Charities & Timon's Ministries. Donations may be made in the bin in the back of the Church or parish office. The Sister-Servants of the Holy Spirit of Perpetual Adoration, Pink Sisters, thank you for your kindness and most generous donations.


ANNUAL BARBECUE
Sunday, October 19, 2025 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM Parish Hall
BBQ Brisket & Sausage Potato Salad and Beans
One Plate – Only \$15.00
<i>We'll Cook For You!</i>

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.

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.

Vendor Sale!!

Need gifts for the up coming holidays? Join us at Villa Maria Senior Apartments for a Vendor Sale!

3146 Saratoga Blvd.

Community Building

Corpus Christi, Texas

361-857-6171.

Friday, October 03, 2025

11:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Come and support our vendors. A variety of items and baked goods will be sold!


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School News



Blue Jay Families,

Recently, I've had the joy of spending time in our classrooms, particularly with our preschoolers. In those moments, I've found a beautiful opportunity to set aside my endless list of responsibilities and simply be present. I'll admit, during one of these visits, while trying to dance on the carpet and check a text message, a little one gently touched my face, turning me back toward the teacher so I wouldn't miss the next move.

It was a simple, powerful reminder of how important it is to give our whole hearts to whatever we are doing and to be truly present, whether in our work, as parents, or in our friendships.

This experience made me think of the ultimate example we have in Jesus. Throughout the Gospels, we see Him constantly surrounded by crowds, demands, and urgent tasks. Yet, He consistently treated each person and each moment with profound respect and attention. He was never too distracted to truly see the person in front of Him, whether it was a sick woman touching His cloak, a tax collector in a tree, or one of His disciples with a question. He was the perfect example to us, showing service. He showed us how to be fully present and attentive to the needs of others. He is the perfect role model for us in what it means to be a servant.

As I reflected on this in Adoration this week, I thought about all the distractions we have that pull us away from the important things we should focus on. Our phones, screens, extracurriculars, and even our good and busy work can steal our attention, pulling us away from our relationship with Christ, our families, and the important moments that matter most.

St. Paul wrote in Corinthians, "I am telling you this for your own benefit, not to impose a restraint upon you, but for the sake of propriety and adherence to the Lord without distraction" (1 Corinthians 7:35).

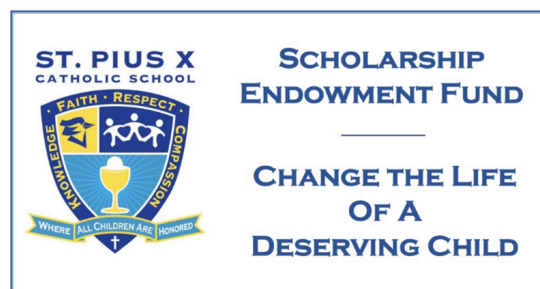
I encourage you this week to take a quiet moment with the Lord and ask yourself: What is distracting me from what is truly important? Where is God inviting me to set aside the "many things" so I can choose the "better part" and be fully present to Him and to those He has placed in my life? Sometimes this can help us to just slow down and enjoy what is happening right in front of us. Don't miss the opportunity to dance with those little ones.

God bless,

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 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

Monday, September 29th

8:15AM † John Buckner by Helen & RC Allen

Tuesday, September 30th

8:15AM Reparation for Offences Against Our Lady by Rick McCabe

Wednesday, October 1st

8:15AM Julian Galloway's Health by Family

† Rick Mulinix by Al & Adelle Hesse

John Oelschlegel by Beth Hinojosa

Jose Gomez by Rick McCabe

Kenny Lopez' by Kim Martinez

Juanita Gaytan's Health by Family

Joseph Jude by Mom

† Annie Vallejo by Rawen Family

† Karel Soudan by James Kelly

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

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

† Sharon & Tally Smart by James Kelly

5:30PM Claude Allen, Jr. by Gladys Lippincott

† Deacon George Phillips by Estela Phillips

Mass of Thanksgiving by Mary Vasquez

Liliane Van Hoof by James Kelly

John Kelly by James Kelly

James W. Kelly III by James Kelly

† George Zertuche, Jr. by Diana Garza & Family

† Anna Van Dijck by James Kelly

† Felix Van Hoof by James Kelly

Thursday, October 2nd

8:15AM † Deceased Members of the Swilling Family by Family

Friday, October 3rd - First Friday

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

† All Souls by Rick McCabe

5:30PM † Mario Lopez by Pearl Lopez

† Alfredo Garcia, Jr. by Rosie Garcia

† Deacon George Phillips by Estela Phillips

† Barbara Mikulik by Wallace & Randy Mikulik

† Maury Jarrell by Waynette Jarrell

Saturday, October 4th - First Saturday

8:15AM † John Buckner by Helen & RC Allen

5:30PM † Joey O'Brien by Jackie & Phyllis

Sunday, October 5th

8:00AM † Richard Martinez by Villarreal Family

10:00AM † RC Allen by Marion Heldenfels

12:00PM † John Alaniz by Norma Alaniz

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

Financial Report for 09/21/2025

Sunday Collection	\$ 8,151.22
Sunday Online	\$ 7,673.00
GOF	\$ 40.00
Challenge	\$ 30.00
Other Donations	\$ 0.00
Total Operating Revenue	\$ 15,894.22

Other Contributions:

AOC	\$ 741.00
Sunday Flowers	\$ 50.00
Respect Life Appeal	\$ 20.00
Catholic University of Am.	\$ 45.00
Disaster Relief	\$ 1,147.00
Total Other Contributions	\$ 2,003.00

Total Contributions \$ 17,897.22

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, Kim Hofstede, 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, Mary Louise Mandujano, 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, Wilson Woolley, Mary Bell Yankee, Carole Zanetti, Joe Zepeda, Belinda Garza Zuniga and all those who asked for and need our prayers.