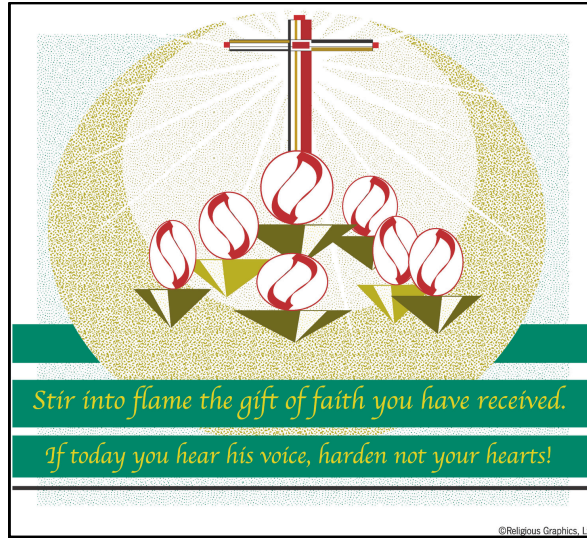


Saint Pius X

Catholic Church and School

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“To restore all things in Christ”

October 5, 2025



From the Parochial Vicar:

Dear friends,

We are in the month of October which holds a very special place in the heart of every catholic. October is the month of the Holy Rosary Devotion and the feasts of Guardian angels: Saints Therese of Lisieux, Francis of Assisi, Teresa of Avila, Luke the evangelist and Apostles Simon and Jude. All of them stirred the flame of faith through their lives as St. Paul writes to Timothy in the Second Reading of this Sunday: “I remind you to stir into flame the gift of God that you have through the imposition of my hands. For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control.” (2 Tim 1:6-7). Paul knew that faith is like a fire; it can burn brightly, but if neglected, it can die down into embers. Timothy had received the gift of faith and ministry through ordination, but Paul urged him: “Do not let it go cold; keep it alive.” This is also our invitation today. Each of us, through Baptism and Confirmation, has received the Spirit of God. But the question is: Do we allow that Spirit to shine? Or do we hide it under the ashes of fear, laziness, or worldliness?

Let us take inspiration from the example of St. Francis of Assisi. Few saints embody this exhortation better than St. Francis of Assisi, whose feast we celebrated on October 4th. Francis was born into comfort and wealth, the son of a prosperous cloth merchant. For many years, he lived for pleasure, comfort, and recognition. The flame of God was in him, but it was almost hidden beneath the ashes of worldly desires. Then came his encounter with Christ: in the poor, the leper, and before the crucifix of San Damiano, where he heard the Lord say: “Francis, rebuild my Church.” That word stirred the Spirit within him into a blazing flame. He left behind wealth and worldly ambitions, and began to live in radical simplicity, joy, and love for all of God’s creation. Francis once said: “All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle.” His life was that candle burning brightly with the Spirit of love, courage, and self-control. As the followers of Christ let us turn into ourselves today. We too must ask: What gift has God given me? Perhaps it is faith, kindness, generosity, the ability to teach, to encourage, to pray, to serve. These are not meant to remain dormant but to bloom.

- If you are a parent, stir into flame the gift of faith by teaching and living it before your family and children.
- If you are young, stir into flame the gift of God by standing up for what is right and noble, even if it costs you popularity.
- If you are elderly, stir into flame the gift of wisdom and prayer, supporting the Church and the people in ways unseen but deeply felt.

The Spirit given to us is not one of fear, but of power, love, and self-control. Like Francis, we are called to rebuild the Church, not only the buildings, but the living Church in our homes, communities, and world. Friends, the invitation

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today is clear: Do not let the flame die out. Nurture it with prayer, feed it with the Word of God, strengthen it with the sacraments, and spread it through works of charity. May the example of St. Francis inspire us to let the fire of God's love blaze in our lives so that, like him, we may rebuild the Church, experience and extol the beauty of creation and creator and draw souls to Christ. Let's stir into flame the gift of God we have received especially by saying the Holy Rosary in honor and devotion to our Blessed Mother all throughout this month. Through Her intercession may we become worthy to receive the promises of Jesus. May 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 Paul Tisdale for your prayers for vocations this past week. The McFarland family will be praying with the Traveling Crucifix this week. Linda Manka will be taking the Crucifix October 12 - 19, 2025.



Respect Life Month – Pray the Rosary

Every October the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is observed as Respect Life Sunday. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning to the end of their lives, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life.

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

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.

White Mass for Health Care Professionals

The White Mass will take place on Thursday, October 16 at 6:00 p.m. at Most Precious Blood Church in Corpus Christi. All healthcare professionals are welcome to join for an evening to honor physicians, advanced practice providers, nurses, therapists, researchers, medical assistants, receptionists, dietary staff, lab workers, chaplains, administrators, and all others who work in alliance with the healthcare field. Medical professionals who attend are welcome to wear their lab coat or uniform.

Parish Happenings



Monday, October 6th

6:30PM – Boy Scouts – Café

7:00PM – Walking with Purpose - YC

Wednesday, October 8th

6:00PM – Religious Ed – CC1&2

Thursday, October 9th

7:00PM – Adoration & Confessions – CH

Saturday, October 11th

2:00PM – Baptism – 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.**

Global Celebration of Young People

The Diocesan Offices of Youth Ministry and Young Adult ministry is hosting the upcoming Global Celebration of Young People. This is an international event in which each respective Diocese plans a celebration with the Church to highlight young people. This year, the event will be on Sunday, October 12th at Most Precious Blood Catholic Church, 3502 Saratoga Boulevard in Corpus Christi. The event takes place from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person. Contact Sr. Caritas at srcaritas@diocesecc.org with questions.

Remember Your Deceased Loved Ones in the All Souls Day

Novena

All Souls Day is around the corner and you are invited to remember your loved ones in the Novena of Masses offered for the repose of their souls. Novena Envelopes are available at the entrances of the church or in your monthly envelope mailings if you receive those in the mail. You may also include your deceased loved one in the Novena online by visiting spxcc.org and clicking on the floating "Giving" link or by scanning the QR Code here with your phone's camera.



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.



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

We'll Cook For You!

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.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS RAFFLE

The Catholic Daughters' Summer Raffle was a huge success! Thank you to everyone for your generous support.

The winners are:

1. One Corona Tuxedo Rental – Norma Alaniz
2. Last Supper Framed Art – Taylor Stephens
3. \$200.00 Visa Gift Card – Ron Osman
4. \$100.00 Visa Gift Card – Yolanda Villarreal
5. \$50.00 Visa Gift Card – Paul Tisdale
6. \$50.00 HEB Gift Card – Mario Merino
7. \$75.00 Senor Jaime's Mex Restaurant – Tony Rocha
8. Pottery Art Bowl – Elida Guzman
9. 12-piece Meal Pete's Chicken & More – Irma Ramirez
10. Autumn Wreath – Frank Trevino
11. \$20.00 Love Note Card – Estella Phillips
12. Autumn Wreath – Michael Mullins



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School News



Dear Blue Jay Families,

As we enter October, I want to reflect on the incredible display of community we witnessed this September. I was deeply moved by the way our Catholic schools came together as the Body of Christ to support one of our own and raise awareness for a vital cause.

In honor of Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, our community united for a "Gold Out Event" to celebrate Julian Galloway, a ten-year-old student from St. Pius X who has been courageously battling cancer since 2019. We were proud to host this event, which brought together our volleyball teams and raised funds for The Cure Starts Now, a non-profit organization dedicated to funding research to find a cure for cancer. <https://thecurestartsnow.org/>

The event was a true community effort, featuring food vendors, blanket and card-making stations that will be taken to child cancer patients at MD Anderson, face painting, and a performance by our Cheerleaders. The highlight was having Julian himself as our special guest, where he was presented with a cape and helped keep score alongside the event's emcee, my daughter, Isabella Hinojosa.

This event would not have been possible without the instrumental coordination of the St. Pius X PTO and Coach Priscilla Guerrero. We are also deeply grateful to the teachers, staff, and parents who volunteered, and to Randy Bailly for serving as our official referee.

The powerful sense of unity and purpose we felt has inspired us to make this an annual tradition, and we look forward to continuing it next year. We also hope that schools across Corpus Christi will consider hosting their own Gold Out games each September. While many support breast cancer awareness in October, this is a wonderful opportunity to also shine a light on the fight against childhood cancer.

In the face of such challenges, we find inspiration in stories of strength, like that of Julian and the Galloway family. They remind us of the power of faith and courage. Let us continue to surround one another with joy, faith, and prayer, remembering the words of our Superintendent, Dr. Rebecca Hammel: we are truly "better together."

God bless,

Mrs. Beth Hinojosa
Servant & Principal



NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN

RON MIKULIK

SERVICE AWARD

The Ron Mikulik Service Award was dedicated by the St. Pius X PTO in 2022 to the memory of longtime Parishioner and Volunteer, Ron Mikulik, and is awarded annually for exemplary service to the Parish and School Communities.

Deadline to Nominate: Friday, October 10, 2025

<https://forms.gle/N1229pLpcefVUkb7>

- ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC SCHOOL -

HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

OCTOBER 24 • 5:30-9:30PM

SILENT AUCTION!

New items are getting added daily! Be sure and take a look! Have an item you'd like to donate? Feel free to drop it off in the school office!

October 13 - Silent Auction goes live
October 25 - Silent Auction closes at 3pm

CANDY DRIVE!

Any size bag of individually wrapped candy can be donated by dropping off in the church office, school office or with your child's teacher.

CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS!

The success of our carnival truly depends on the support of volunteers like you. While we've already had a good number of people sign up to help, there are still a lot of open slots.

If you, or someone you know, are interested in helping, we'd welcome your help! Every little bit helps. Thank you for being such an essential part of this year's event. We are grateful for your commitment and appreciate it more than you know.

Questions? Email: pto@stpiusxschoolcc.org

RAFFLE TICKETS!

\$5 Proceeds directly benefit the school!

Check out these great prizes:

- \$1,000 Visa Gift Card
- \$350 H-E-B Gift Card
- \$250 Lowe's Gift Card
- \$100 Visa Gift Card
- \$50 Amazon Gift Card
- \$50 Cracker Barrel Gift Card

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Have a blessed week!

Mass Intentions



Saturday, October 4th – First Saturday

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

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

Sunday, October 5th

8:00AM † Richard Martinez, Jr. 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

Monday, October 6th

8:15AM † Matthew & Mark Irvin by Family

Tuesday, September 30th

8:15AM † Raymond I. Sykora by Randy & Jeraldine Sykora

Wednesday, October 7th

8:15AM Julian Galloway's Health by Family

† Pete A. Balli by Jeanie Balli

Yvonne Goulet by Beth Hinojosa

† Mary, John & James P. Kelly by KKH

† John Boyd by John & Delia Swoboda

† Alfredo Garcia, Jr. by Rosie Garcia

† Sharon & Tally Smart by James Kelly

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

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

For the Intercession & Protection of Our Lady, St.

Joseph & St. Michael by Rick McCabe

Joseph Jude by Mom

5:30PM † Maury Jarrell by Waynette Jarrell

† Joseph W. (Buck) Shaw by Joyce Fergus

† 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

Thursday, October 8th

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

Friday, October 9th

8:15AM † Mary Goodwin Kelly by KKH

5:30PM † Christina Dalrymple by Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Hyde

Saturday, October 10th

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

Sunday, October 11th

8:00AM † Fausta Gomez by Carlos Gomez

10:00AM † Dee Samperi by Mary Fodor

12:00PM † Ranae Gilly by Family

5:30PM † Randy R. Havel by De Havel

Financial Report for 09/28/2025

Sunday Collection	\$	13,152.44
Sunday Online	\$	5,219.00
GOF	\$	40.00
Other Donations	\$	33.06
Total Operating Revenue	\$	18,444.50

Other Contributions:

AOC	\$	318.00
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All Saints Day	\$	5.00
Bridge Group	\$	23.00
Campaign for Human Dev.	\$	25.00
Catholic Univ. of America	\$	20.00
Disaster Relief	\$	60.00
Emil & Marie Habeeb Schol.	\$	80.00
Holy Land	\$	20.00
Military Services	\$	30.00
Respect Life Appeal	\$	140.00
World Mission	\$	25.00
Total Other Contributions	\$	1,766.00
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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.