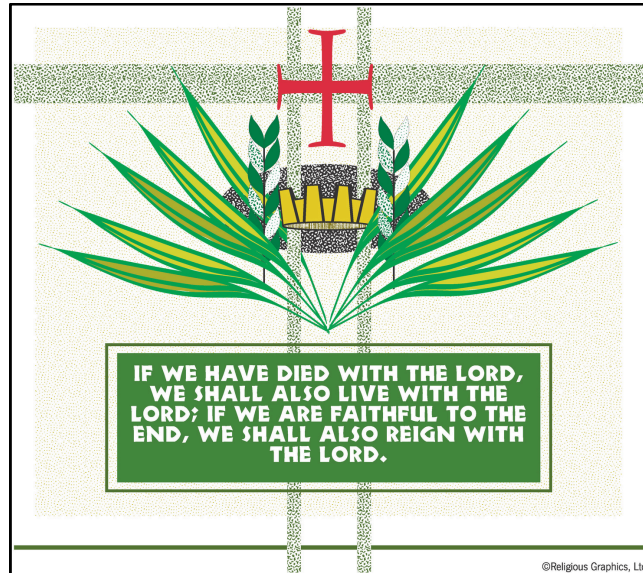


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October 12, 2025



Dear Friends,

I am writing this letter at the conclusion of my Jubilee Pilgrimage to Italy during this Year of Hope. During the last several days, a group of 46 pilgrims and I have been journeying throughout Italy visiting significant places that are connected with our faith. Along the way, we have been praying for all of you, the parishioners of St. Pius X, especially as we visit places pertaining to his life.

We started in Milan where St. Ambrose was bishop. It was here that the great Father of the Church, St. Augustine was baptized by Ambrose after Augustine was moved by the preaching of Ambrose. Walking the aisles of the extraordinary Milan Cathedral was like retracing the steps of the ancient Christians.

We also visited Venice where St. Pius X was patriarch prior to being elected to the papacy. Although we took gondola rides, we also celebrated Mass in the Basilica of St. Mark's, where the evangelist is laid to rest. Knowing that our patron had graced the halls of St. Mark's was a thrill.

We made our way to the town of Padua to visit the basilica of St. Anthony, then we moved to Florence, Pisa, Siena, and Assisi. The history of these places is unrivaled. Assisi in particular, was extraordinary as we visited the tombs of St. Francis of Assisi and St. Clare. But the highlight for our group was being able to visit the tomb of the new saint, St. Carlo Acutis. This was very moving for our group. It was a clear sign that God is still calling people to sanctity. Holiness is still possible for all of us.

The grand highlight of the tour was to attend a general audience with the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV. We arose before the crack of dawn to go down to the Vatican, go through Security, and find seats. A couple of hours later, he came out in his pope-mobile. The crowd was ecstatic. Seeing the pope connected us with the unbroken tradition of the successors of Peter. Our Church has a firm foundation in Christ and in Peter the Rock.

After celebrating Mass in St. Peter's, and having visited the uncorrupted body of St. Pius X, we gathered as a group and prayed for all of you back home. We gave thanks to God for a beautiful opportunity.

Our pilgrimage was a beautiful, exhausting, exhilarating experience. It was a true pilgrimage in the fullest meaning of the word. It was a lot of walking, but in the end, it was a great sacrifice for the Holy Year and all the graces that come from it. Jesus talks about the one man who came back to Jesus after having been cured, and gave thanks to him. We should likewise be grateful for all we have and are.

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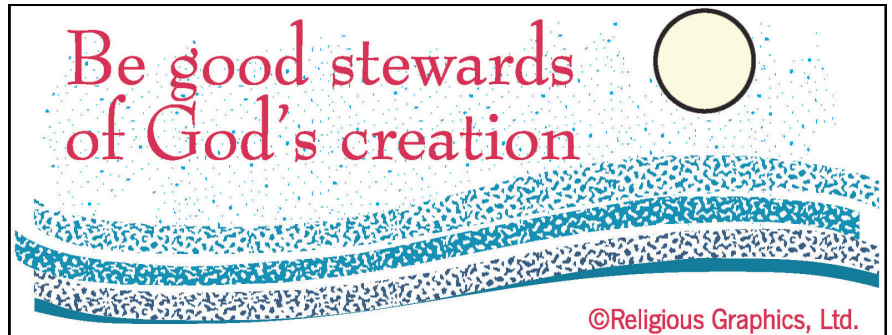
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As I draw this pilgrimage to a close, I offer my gratitude to God for all of you and for giving me the opportunity to serve you. You have been with me in prayer during this time and I hope you have been praying for me in return. I pray that the Lord make you ever grateful for his abundant blessings. By the time you read this, I will have returned.

Ciao! Arrivaderci!

Fr. Paul



The Traveling Crucifix

Thank you to The McFarland family for your prayers for vocations this past week. Linda Manka will be praying with the Traveling Crucifix this week. Gary and Kathy Clark will be taking the Crucifix October 19 - 26, 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

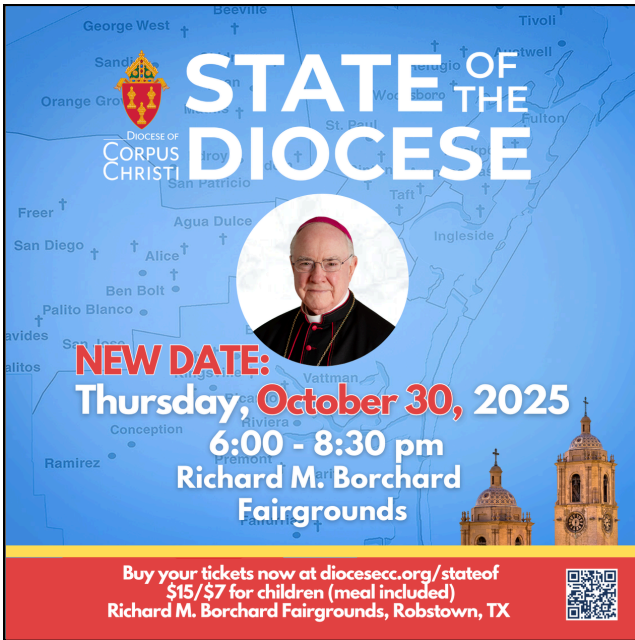
Marriages: By appointment only and 6 months advance notice.

Baptismal Instruction: Pre-register through the office.

Anointing of the Sick: On request

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.



Church Blood Drive Oct 19th from 9:00AM – 1:00PM

The collection target is 12 units of blood. All blood types are currently needed. Those interested may sign up at <https://bit.ly/4mBqCFs> or call 361.855.4943 to schedule an appointment. 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.

School Blood Drive OCT 24 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.

Priests Away At Convocation This Week

Fr. Paul & Fr. Joseph will be out of the office for a convocation of priests of the diocese from Monday evening until Wednesday noon. Please keep them in your prayers while they are away. Emergencies will be monitored.

Parish Happenings

Saturday, Oct 11th

1:00PM – Sultanas Bunco – CC#2

2:00PM – Baptisms – CH

5:30PM – Men's Club BBQ Ticket sales – CH

Sunday, Oct 12th

8:00AM – Men's Club BBQ Ticket sales – CH

1:30PM – Baptisms – CH

Monday, October 13th

6:30PM – Boy Scouts – Café

7:00PM – Walking with Purpose - YC

Tuesday, October 14th

1:00PM – Sultanas – REC

6:00PM – Acts of Charity – CC#2

Wednesday, October 15th

6:00AM – Men's Club – PH

6:00PM – Religious Ed – CC1&2

Thursday, October 16th

8:00AM – Men's Club – CC#2

9:00AM – Men's Club – PH

7:00PM – Adoration & Confessions – CH

Friday, Oct 17th

8:00AM – Men's Club – CC#2

9:00AM – Men's Club – PH

Saturday, Oct 18th

8:00AM – Men's Club – CC#2

9:00AM – Men's Club – 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.



Follow us on Facebook

Keep up on all the latest on our Facebook page. Go to our link at facebook.com/stpiusxcc

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!

Acts of Charity

The Acts of Charity Ministries will meet on Tuesday, October 14 from 6-7 pm in CC #1. All parishioners interested in being a part of one or more of our ministries are invited to attend this meeting. These ministries are Bereavement lunches, Monthly Outreach, St. Rose of Lima Quilting, Financial Assistance, Hospitality, and Visiting the Homebound.

October Acts of Charity is seeking donations of new blankets for the Mother Theresa Shelter, Catholic Charities and Timon's Ministry. New blankets can be left in the designated Acts of Charity bin at the back of the church, or you can drop them off at the parish office. Your generosity will help support those in need during the colder months. We value your continued participation and support as we continue to serve our community together.

Youth Ministry

Life Teen High School Ministry & Confirmation
Sundays at 6:30pm
Edge Middle School Ministry
Wednesdays at 6:30pm

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 week, we celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, a beautiful reminder of the power and peace found in this prayer. As a school community, we came together for a special Eucharistic Adoration and Global Rosary at Our Lady of Corpus Christi. It was a moving experience to hear each bead recited by a student and to join in prayer with other schools, an initiative inspired by Father James Kelleher SOLT.

This season has deepened my own journey with the rosary. I've been following the "Rosary in a Year" program on the Ascension App with Father Mark Mary Ames, and it has helped me rediscover what a profound gift Mother Mary is to each of us. She is not just a holy figure to admire, but a loving Mother we can turn to for every need. I have always aspired to be like her as a mother. In fact, on my wedding day, I asked for her guidance to become a loving wife and, God willing, a mother who reflects her compassion. Praying the rosary reminds me of the boundless love she has for all of us. She has a love so boundless that she gave her son for our salvation.

Just like any relationship, our connection with Mary grows through communication and quality time. The rosary is one way to do that. It's a way to bond with our heavenly Mother and strengthen that relationship.

This call to prayer is shared in the story of Our Lady of Fatima. When Mary appeared to the three shepherd children, Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta. Mary entrusted them with a crucial message for the world. She repeatedly asked them to pray the rosary every day for peace and for the conversion of sinners. She asked them for the faithful devotion of the rosary, promising that through it, hearts and the world could be changed.

I invite you to embrace this practice in your own life. A wonderful place to pray is during adoration, which we offer here at St. Pius X on Thursdays at 7PM. You can also pray from home using the Hallow App, to which our school community has free access this year, thanks to an anonymous donor. If you're looking to understand the rosary more deeply, whether you're a novice or a seasoned prayer, please join me in the free "Rosary in a Year" challenge on the Ascension App.

There are so many opportunities to grow in faith, whether on your own or as a family. As the old saying goes, "A family that prays together, stays together." Let us take Mary's message at Fatima to heart and, through the simple beads of the rosary, build a future rooted in peace, love, and unwavering faith. Or as my second-grade teacher taught me... A decade a day keeps Satan away. 😊

God bless, *Mrs. Hinojosa*
Servant & Principal

- 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!

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- \$1,000 Visa Gift Card
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- \$100 Visa Gift Card
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Mass Intentions



Saturday, October 11th

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

Sunday, October 12th

8:00AM † Fausta Gomez by Carlos Gomez

10:00AM † Dee Samperi by Mary Fodor

12:00PM † Renae Gilley by Family

5:30PM † Randy R. Havel by De Havel

Monday, October 13th

8:15AM In Gratitude and Petitions to Our Lady by Rick McCabe

Tuesday, October 14th

8:15AM Joseph & Petronilla Volk by Sue Hess

Wednesday, October 15th

8:15AM Julian Galloway's Health by Family

† Gilbert Schanen, Sr. by Nancy Schanen

Evelyn Freeman by Beth Hinojosa

Rudy & Cody Reed & Family by McCabe Family

Joseph Jude by Mom

† Teresa Anorga by Tamez Family

† 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

Purgatory Souls by Virginia Costante

5:30PM † Anna Van Dijk by James Kelly

† Felix Van Hoof by James Kelly

† Maury Jarrell by Waynette Jarrell

† Karel Soudan by James Kelly

Liliane Van Hoof by James Kelly

John Kelly by James Kelly

James W. Kelly III by James Kelly

† Alfredo Garcia, Jr. by Rosie Garcia

† George Zertuche, Jr., & Frances Thrash by Diana Garza & Family

Martha Southerwood by Mary Glorfield

Thursday, October 16th

8:15AM † Robert Sanchez by Villarreal Family

Friday, October 17th

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

5:30PM City, Church, Diocese & People of Corpus Christi by Rick McCabe

Saturday, October 18th

5:30PM † Maury Jarrell by Waynette Jarrell

Sunday, October 19th

8:00AM † Mary Anne Gross by Chuck Gross

10:00AM † Dorothy Krause by Judy & Bob Bucananen

12:00PM † Dee Samperi by Mary Fodor

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

Financial Report for 10/05/2025

Sunday Collection	\$	22,483.55
GOF	\$	40.00
Other Donations	\$	155.32
Total Operating Revenue	\$	22,678.87

Other Contributions:

AOC	\$	1,130.00
Christopher Janosek Schol.	\$	80.00
Disaster Relief	\$	30.00
Respect Life Appeal	\$	340.00
Total Other Contributions	\$	1,580.00
Total Contributions	\$	24,258.87

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, 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, 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, Sandy Sosa, Denise Sosa-Villagran, Mary Ann Starkey, Randy Sykora, Brandee Torres, Ernie Trevino, Jessica Undebrink, Mary Vasquez, Joan Vedder, 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.



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