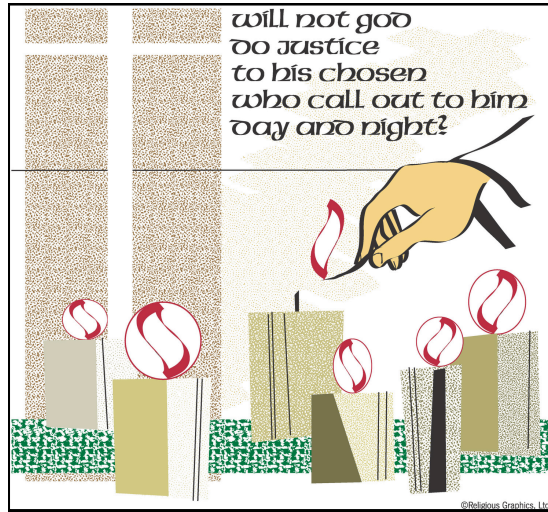


Saint Pius X

Catholic Church and School

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October 19, 2025



Dear Parish Family,

This Sunday, the Church throughout the world celebrates World Mission Sunday — a day to renew our awareness that we are missionary people sent by God to bring His love to all nations. At the heart of our faith lies a chain of divine promises:

- Jesus Christ is the Promise of the Father — the Savior sent to redeem humanity.
- The Holy Spirit is the Promise of Jesus — our Helper, Advocate, and the One who empowers the Church to continue Christ's mission.
- And all the children of the church are the promise and gift of God — called to carry forward the saving mission of Jesus and the helping mission of the Holy Spirit in our world today.

The Mission of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: From the beginning, God the Father desired that all creation be united in His love. Out of that love, He sent His Son — “not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him” (John 3:17). Jesus fulfilled this saving plan by preaching the Kingdom, healing the brokenhearted, forgiving sinners, and offering His life on the Cross. Before His Ascension, He promised another Helper: “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; and you shall be My witnesses” (Acts 1:8). The Holy Spirit now moves the Church — inspiring, strengthening, and sending us as witnesses of Christ's mercy.

The Church is Missionary by Her Very Nature: The Church Fathers remind us that the Church does not merely “have” a mission; she is mission. St. Augustine wrote, “The love of Christ, once kindled, cannot remain idle — it must share itself.” St. John Chrysostom said, “There is nothing colder than a Christian who does not seek to save others.” This missionary impulse springs from baptism itself. Every baptized person — not just priests and religious — is called to be a missionary disciple. Yet, priests, religious sisters and brothers, and lay missionaries make this calling visible by offering their whole lives in service to the Gospel. They are living signs that God's promise is still being fulfilled through human hearts that say “Yes.”

Families are the First Mission Fields: Mission Sunday is also a time to reflect on the sacred role of families. Parents are the first witnesses of faith. Their sacramental marriage, fidelity, love, prayer, and example plant the seeds of vocation in the hearts of their children. When a young person says “yes” to priesthood or religious life, it is not only their “yes” — it is also the fruit of a family that has taught them to listen to God's voice. Pope St. John Paul II once said, “The family is the first and vital cell of society, the first school of social virtues, and the seedbed of vocations.” When parents encourage their children to be open to God's call — whether as priests, religious, or committed lay faithful — they participate deeply in the Church's mission.

The Example of Missionaries: The world has been blessed with countless missionaries who gave everything for the sake of the Gospel - St. Francis Xavier, who left his homeland to bring Christ to India and Japan; St. Thérèse of the Child

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Jesus, who, though she never left her convent, became the patroness of missions through her prayer and sacrifice; St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta, who brought the compassion of Christ to the poorest of the poor; and so many other saints and anonymous missionaries who, inspired by the Holy Spirit, still serve quietly in schools, hospitals, and parishes across the world. They remind us that every act of love, every prayer, and every offering made for the mission of the Church has eternal value.

We can share in this mission: **1. By Prayer:** Like Moses in Sunday's first reading, lifting our hands in prayer sustains those on the front lines of evangelization. **2. By Generosity:** Supporting the Church's mission work helps build chapels, schools, and communities of faith in places where hope is scarce. **3. By Encouragement:** We must nurture vocations — encouraging our children and youth to ask, "Lord, what do You want of me?" As Pope Francis reminded us, "We are all missionary disciples — called to bring the joy of the Gospel wherever we go." Finally, this is a mission of love: Mission is not about programs or travel — it is about love in action. Every parent who teaches a child to pray and instill in them from very childhood the culture of faith, every young person who chooses to live their faith with courage, every parishioner who supports the Church's outreach — all are part of God's great mission of love. Let us remember: Jesus is the Promise of the Father, the Holy Spirit is the Promise of Jesus, and our children are the promise of the future of the Church. May we help them discover the beauty of giving their lives for Christ — as priests, religious, missionaries, and faithful witnesses of the Gospel.

Let this be the prayer for this week: Lord Jesus, You are the Promise of the Father. Send us Your Holy Spirit, the Promise of Your love. Bless our children and youth with generous hearts, that they may continue Your saving mission in the world. Strengthen all missionaries, priests, and religious, and make every family a seedbed of faith and vocation. May God bless us to carry out His noble endeavor through us. Amen.

Fr. Kurian Joseph

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 Linda Manka for your prayers for vocations this past week. Gary and Kathy Clark will be praying with the Traveling Crucifix this week. Walter and Dolores Taylor will be taking the Crucifix October 26 - November 2, 2025.



Respect Life Month – Pray the Rosary

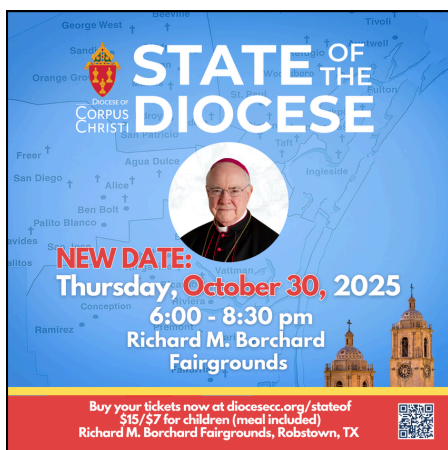
Every October the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is observed as Respect Life Sunday. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning to the end of their lives, and at every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

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.



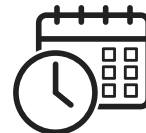
Catholic Daughters of the Americas Meeting

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court 2460 Angels of Mary will have their monthly meeting on Monday, October 20th in CC#1 at 6:30PM. All ladies of the parish 18 and over are welcome to attend. We are currently praying the Rosary at 5:00PM every Saturday during the month of October, and every first Saturday of the month year-round. We will be hosting the Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration in December for the parish.

Parish Happenings

Saturday, Oct 18th

8:00AM – Men's Club – CC#2
9:00AM – Men's Club – PH
10:00AM – Funeral – CH
12:30PM – Reception – YC



Sunday, Oct 19th

9:00AM – Men's Club BBQ – PH
1:30PM – Baptisms – CH

Monday, October 20th

6:00PM – Catholic Daughters – CC#1
6:30PM – Boy Scouts – Café
7:00PM – Walking with Purpose - YC

Tuesday, October 21st

5:00PM – Men's Club – PH

Wednesday, October 22nd

6:00PM – Religious Ed Rosary – PH

Thursday, October 23rd

8:00AM – Carnival Prep – CC#1 & CC#2 & PH
7:00PM – Adoration & Confessions – CH

Friday, Oct 24th – SCHOOL CARNIVAL

8:00AM – School Carnival – CC#1 & CC#2 & PH

Saturday, Oct 25th

8:00AM – School Carnival Clean-up – 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

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

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 is hosting its annual BBQ fundraiser on October 19th, from 11:00AM to 2:00PM in the Parish Hall. Each \$15.00 plate includes brisket, sausage, potato salad, and pinto beans. St. Pius X Student Council will be selling desserts, while the PTO will offer raffle tickets to support the School Halloween fundraiser. You can also check out and bid on items in the Silent Auction. Join us for a day of fun, food, and fellowship with friends and family!



Anniversary Mass Intentions

Due to the high volume of parishioners requesting Mass Intentions, we will make every effort to accommodate all requests for anniversaries of death and birthdays of the deceased on a first-come, first-served basis. Beginning Monday, November 3, we will commence scheduling ONLY these specific Masses. All other Mass Intentions may be arranged starting in December.

No Coffee and Donuts in October

In lieu of Coffee and Donuts, please make plans to support the Men's Club BBQ this weekend. Our next event will be held Saturday, November 16th after the 10AM Mass and hosted by the Catholic Daughters. We hope to see you there!

Acts of Charity

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.

Calling All Men

We invite all men interested in participating in a distinguished organization or seeking greater involvement with their parish to attend the upcoming Men's Club monthly meeting. The meeting will be held October 21 from 5:00 to 7:00PM in the Parish Hall and is open to all men of the Parish 18 years and older. Attendees are welcome to enjoy a meal and learn more about the club's activities and opportunities. There is something of interest for all who attend.



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School News



Blue Jay Families,

This week, my readings focused on a powerful and challenging message: the pursuit of excellence. I was struck by the common qualities shared by those who truly strive for it.

First, these people have joy in the success of others. When good things happen to someone else, they celebrate rather than compare. This is in contrast to the envy or jealousy that can so easily take root in our hearts. Where do you find yourself when you look at other people's successes?

Second, they are defined by a stellar work ethic. These individuals show up early, are reliable, take initiative without being asked, and consistently go above and beyond. Does this describe you, or is this something you strive for?

This reflection prompted me to consider excellence in a broader context across all areas of life. Our marriages, personal finances, physical fitness, spiritual health, careers, and family life. In Rediscover the Saints, Matthew Kelly encourages us to pursue this holistic excellence, noting on page 79 that "Saints are lovers of excellence." They are perpetual students, constantly learning more about God, humanity, and the spiritual practices that help them become the-best-version-of-themselves. Let us not settle for mediocrity. As Pope John Paul II urged us, "Do not be afraid". We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us. Philippians 4:13

But how do we build this life of excellence? The foundation is discipline. Kelly presents a compelling equation: Discipline = Happiness. He challenges us to take a close look at every facet of our lives, physical health, career, finances, friendships, marriage, parenting, and spiritual life, and see that each one requires intentional, disciplined effort.

For me, a practical starting point this year has been striving for excellence by guarding my speech. Kelly suggests that one of the most effective ways to grow in discipline is to control our tongues. He poses a simple but profound question: Can you keep a secret? This practice of mindful speech, found on page 28 of The Forgotten Way, is a keystone habit. When we learn to control our words, we often find it easier to control our tempers, our spending, and our reactions. It's a small, daily discipline that can affect every area of our lives, helping us build an excellent life. In closing, let us strive for excellence in every word and all that we do. We can remember the wisdom of St. James: "If anyone does not fall short in speech, he is a perfect man, able to bridle his whole body also." (James 3:2)

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]

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Have a blessed week!

Mass Intentions



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 † Alvino Campos by Family

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

Monday, October 20th

8:15AM † Martha Sykora by Randy & Jeraldine Sykora

Tuesday, October 21st

8:15AM Daniel Maldonado by Family

Wednesday, October 22nd

8:15AM Julian Galloway's Health by Family

† Lowell & Alice Didear

† Deceased Members of the Didear Family

† Deceased Members of the Darilek Family

† Ronald Mikulik by Mikulik Family

† Gilbert Schanen, Jr., by Nancy Schanen

† Bessie Matula by Al & Adelle Hesse

† Fred Vela by Jeanie Balli

Cathy Harrel by Beth Hinojosa

† David N. Scherzer by Family

† Alfredo Garcia, Jr. By Rosie Garcia

† 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

† Karel Soudan by James Kelly

5:30PM † Hiram O. Sosa by Chritina Arrisola

† Maury Jarrell by Waynette Jarrell

† Mary, John & James P. Kelly by KKH

† Lydia Vasquez by Family

† Ronald "Ron" Mikulik by Family

† Nacaria Rodriguez by Schoenstatt Mother's Branch

† Charles S. Mixon by Mary Vasquez

† Felix Van Hoof by James Kelly

Liliane Van Hoof by James Kelly

John Kelly by James Kelly

James W. Kelly III by James Kelly

† Anna Van Dijck by James Kelly

Thursday, October 23rd

8:15AM † Delpha G. Lugo by Deacon Loni Lugo & Family

Friday, October 24th

8:15AM Ramon Mikulik by Wallace & Randy Mikulik

5:30PM † Barbara Mikulik by Wallace & Randy Mi

Saturday, October 25th

5:30PM † Chuck Kovar by Jackie & Phyllis

Sunday, October 26th

8:00AM For the People of St. Pius X

10:00AM † Susan Hesse by Al & Adelle Hesse

12:00PM † Dee Samperi by Mary Fador

5:30PM † Ray, Lola Rose & Johnny Heiman by Agnes Heiman,
Siblings and their Families

Financial Report for 10/12/2025

Sunday Collection	\$	14,076.65
Sunday Online	\$	7,732.00
GOF	\$	40.00
Other Donations	\$	22.71
Total Operating Revenue	\$	21,871.36

Other Contributions:

AOC	\$	328.00
Bridge Group	\$	26.00
Christopher Janosek Schol.	\$	50.00
Quilting Ministry	\$	170.00
Respect Life Appeal	\$	55.00
Sunday Flower Donation	\$	103.00
Total Other Contributions	\$	732.00
Total Contributions	\$	22,603.36

Please Pray for our Sick & Shut-Ins:

John Albertini, Ernie Albornoz, 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, LindaPark, 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.



pray always and never lose heart!

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