

January 18, 2026

Saint Pius X

Catholic Church and School

Dear Friends,

There is a point in the Mass right before the distribution of communion when the priest raises the eucharist slightly above the paten or chalice and says: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb." This short phrase echoes the words of St. John the Baptist when he points to Jesus after baptizing him and says: "Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world." With these words, the Baptist draws attention away from himself and directs it toward Jesus. This is consistent with his disposition, which recognizes that his ministry is not about himself. His ministry and his very being is to bear witness to Christ. Would that we all see our lives in this way?

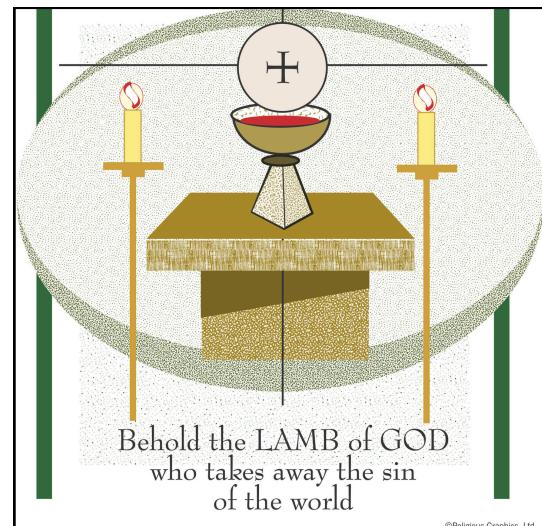
Just a few days ago, I saw a feature in the news about a 104 year-old World War II veteran by the name of Dominick Critelli, who was given the privilege of playing the National Anthem on saxophone at a hockey game on Long Island. The performance was straight-forward with very little flourish, and it brought a rousing response from the attendees. His patriotism was very evident and infectious. I, too, was moved by his rendition.

I have to admit that I find it somewhat rare these days to hear a rendition of the Star Spangled Banner that I like. Too often, the people performing add some type of distinctive flare to the anthem to showcase their talent. They make it about themselves. Unfortunately, a lot of performers don't realize that the anthem isn't about them. It is about showcasing the defining qualities of our nation, and that our freedoms were hard-fought by countless brave individuals who desired to preserve them. It is a tribute to our flag, which represents the unity of a nation that was built upon those freedoms. When the anthem is sung plainly and patriotically, it expresses the unity and the values that lie at the heart of who we are as Americans. Those are the truly rousing and inspiring renditions.

What we see in the gospel reading this weekend is the humility of John the Baptist who recognizes precisely who he is. He sees his place in the big picture as one whose existence is to point the way to the Lamb of God - Jesus. This attitude is very appealing. John has given the purpose of his life to make known the presence of the One who takes away the sins of the world. I think we all are very much aware of what happens when someone makes everything about themselves. When we see a humble person, however, we are inspired by their life, and their virtue challenges us to live in the same way.

The challenge for us is to ask whether or not our lives bear witness to Christ. Does our attitude and way of living inspire others to seek Christ? During the Mass, we are given the invitation when the priest says, "Behold the Lamb of God . . ." It is an invitation to look outside ourselves and see that the Lamb of God who is presented before us is our very life and the very purpose for our existence. Do we point the way to him in every aspect of our being?

The response to the invitation at Mass is very aptly, "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my



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Deacon Mark Arnold

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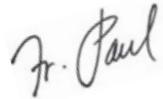
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roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed." By saying these words, we echo the humility of the centurion who proclaimed them when he requested Jesus heal his servant. We are but humble instruments, but all Jesus needs to do is say the word, and we shall be healed. In the big picture, it is not about us. It is all about Christ.

It is hard to let our ego step aside so that Christ may shine. So frequently our ego wants to be fed, and we want attention drawn to us. This kind of ego never fulfills the promise we think it makes. Our pride always leaves us wanting. The humility that draws attention to Christ is the ticket to true joy. God bless!



Coffee and Donuts Will Be Served This Sunday!

Mark your calendar! Coffee and donuts will be served this Sunday, January 18th in the Parish Hall after the 10:00AM Mass. Please join us for fellowship and a sweet treat!

Invitation to Bishop Mario Avilés Installation Mass and Vespers

Everyone is invited to attend the upcoming Solemn Vespers and Mass of Installation, where Bishop Avilés will be installed as the ninth Bishop of the Diocese of Corpus Christi.

Solemn Vespers will be on Tuesday, January 27th at 6:30PM and the Mass of Installation will be Wednesday, January 28th at 2:00PM. Both will be at Most Precious Blood Church in Corpus Christi. A large crowd is expected, so to accommodate as many attendees as possible, we suggest that those who wish to attend in person should plan to arrive early as parking spaces and seating are expected to fill up quickly.

For those who cannot attend in person, both events will be livestreamed on the Diocese of Corpus Christi's Facebook and YouTube pages, as well as on CCCN, the Corpus Christi Catholic Network app. Details and links can be found at diocesecc.org/installation.

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 Dennis and Karen Farias for your prayers for vocations this past week. Dorothy Lickteig will be praying with the Traveling Crucifix this week. Mark and Barbara Kaul will be taking the Crucifix January 25 - February 1, 2026.



Sinulog - Fiesta of the Santo Nino de Cebu

The Filipino Catholic Community of Corpus Christi will be celebrating the Fiesta of Santo Nino de Cebu Saturday evening, January 17th at 7:00PM

Parish Office Closed

The parish office will be closed on Monday, January 19th in observance of Martin Luther King Day and will reopen on Tuesday, January 20th at 9:00AM.

Advertise in the Parish Bulletin

Local businesses, organizations, and individuals are invited to advertise in our weekly parish bulletin. Advertising here ensures your message reaches a wide and diverse audience. Take advantage of our platform to maximize your visibility and connect with potential customers while contributing to the ongoing mission of our parish. Advertising proceeds directly fund church programs and outreach incentives. If you wish to place an advertisement in the parish's weekly bulletin, please contact the office Monday through Friday between 9AM and 5PM. The cost is \$25.00 per Sunday bulletin.

Welcome New Members

We are delighted to welcome Kelsey Thomas and the Mercier family, Michael and children Joshua, Aurora and Ariella. Please join us in extending a warm greeting and making them feel at home as we grow together in faith, fellowship and service.

Celebrating 35 Years

With grateful hearts, our parish family gives thanks as we celebrate the 35th Anniversary of the Ordination to the Priesthood of our Pastor, Rev. Fr. Paul Hesse. For thirty-five years, he has faithfully served God's people through the celebration of Mass, the Sacraments and his pastoral care. Through his guidance, compassion, and devotion, he has strengthened our faith and enriched our parish community.

We give thanks for his faithful service, spiritual leadership, and dedication to our parish and the wider church. May the Lord continue to bless Fr. Paul with good health, wisdom, and joy as he carries forward his sacred ministry.

Parish Happenings

Saturday, January 17th

8:00AM – Filipino Santo Nino Celebration – CH & PH

5:30PM – Girl Scouts Cookie Sale After Mass – CH

7:00PM – Santo Nino Fiesta – CH & PH

Sunday, January 18th

8:00AM – Girl Scouts Cookie Sale After Masses – CH

10:00AM – Coffee and Donuts – PH

Tuesday, January 20th

6:00PM – Acts of Charity – CC#2

6:30PM – Men's Club Meeting – PH

Wednesday, January 21st

6:00PM – Religious Ed – CC#1&2

Thursday, January 22nd

7:00PM – Confessions/Adoration – CH

Friday, January 23rd

8:00AM – Set-up for Book Fair – PH

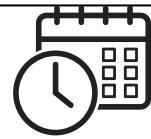
Saturday, January 24th

8:00AM – Set-up for Book Fair – PH

Sunday, January 25th

8:00AM – Set-up for Book Fair – PH

1:30PM – Baptisms – 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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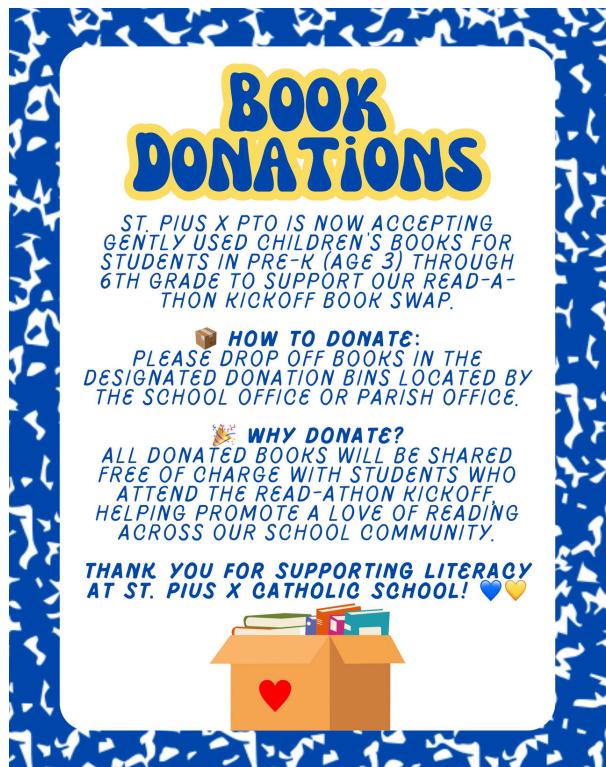
This week's deadline for submitting bulletin announcements is **Wednesday by noon**.

Adult Confirmation Class

Are you an adult who has been Baptized and received First Holy Communion but has not yet been Confirmed? Are you seeking to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation? Deepen your relationship with Christ and the Church through our Adult Confirmation Preparation Program. This is a wonderful opportunity to grow in faith, receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and fully participate in the life of the Church. Classes will begin in January, with Confirmation in March. Registration is now open at O.C.I.A. Registration. For more information, contact Mary Maldonado at 361.993.4053 or mmaldonado@stpiusxcc.com

Quilts For the Infirmed

The St. Rose of Lima Comforters is a ministry that sews lap quilts to comfort anyone who is suffering from chronic or long term illnesses. The quilts represent the prayers of the community wrapping them in prayer for healing and comfort. Just reach out to the parish office at 361-993-4053. There is no charge for the quilts.



January Acts of Charity

In January the Acts of Charity is collecting items for the Corpus Christi Hope House/Gabriel Project. Corpus Christi Hope House provides 24/7 support and services to families and pregnant women. They are in need of toddler socks, sizes 12 mos. - 4T, diapers sizes 4-7, wipes/diaper rash cream/ointment, sippy cups, baby shampoo/baby wash/baby lotion, new or gently used clean clothing for boys and girls, bibs/burping pads, crib and PacknPlay sheets, baby nursery kits/nail clipper sets, and baby fans for stroller and car seats. Items may be placed in the designated Acts of Charity bin at the back of the church or at the parish office. Your generous donations will greatly assist these families as they care for their young children.

Men's Club Meeting

The Men's Club kicks off 2026 with their first meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 20th in the Parish Hall. Join us for fellowship and dinner at 6:30PM followed by the business meeting at 7:00PM.

Meeting topics include recap of projects from Nov. 2025 to present, upcoming projects, and officer elections. Dues are \$20.00 yearly.

The Men's Club is more than a group. They are men of faith who give their time, talent and energy to serve our parish and strengthen our community. Now they're looking for new members to join in fellowship, fun, and meaningful service. Whether you're ready to roll up your sleeves or just curious about what we do, come for the dinner, stay for the camaraderie, and see how we make a difference!

All men of the parish are welcome. Come be part of something bigger!



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School News

Blue Jay Families,

As I reflect on my journey at St. Pius X, all my different roles as a student, parent, teacher, principal, and parishioner, I am continually reminded of the profound impact this community has had on my life and the lives of my family. The beauty of our shared mission in both school and parish has been a constant and formative blessing.



With our annual Enrollment season now underway, I feel compelled to share my personal story with you. My own Catholic education began here as a sixth grader, new to the experience. I was warmly welcomed and received my sacraments in seventh grade under the guidance of Sister Barbara Bluntzer. I then continued my formation at Incarnate Word Middle School. These foundational years in Catholic education shaped the person I am today and instilled in me the values I hold most dear.

Inspired by my own experience and that of my husband, we chose the same path for our children. Our family's story at St. Pius X School and Church has been one of unwavering support, academic excellence, and spiritual growth, which has been a narrative for which I will be forever grateful. If given the choice, I would make the same decision again without hesitation. My profound thanks go to every teacher and staff member who poured knowledge, care, and genuine love into my children's formation, a commitment that continues to touch their lives even now.

If you are discerning where to entrust your child's education for the coming school year, my recommendation is clear. To echo the words of our dedicated second-grade teacher: This is the "World's Best" School. While teachers and classrooms may change from year to year, the consistent dedication to loving formation and academic excellence remains our hallmark. St. Pius X will steadfastly continue its mission for generations to come.

I warmly invite you to experience our community firsthand. Please join us for our Open House on January 25th, following all Masses.

RSVP for the Open House here: <https://bit.ly/OpenHouse125>

You are also welcome to explore the activities planned for National Catholic Schools Week. Learn more and view our event schedule here: <https://app.smore.com/n/y9fqk>

Thank you for considering St. Pius X as your partner in your child's education and faith journey.

God bless,

Beth Hinojosa
Servant & Principal

A poster for St. Pius X Night. It features the school's logo with a red and black bird. The text "ST. PIUS X NIGHT" is at the top, followed by "Saturday, January 24th" and "7:05pm". Below that, it says "Performances by: 1st & 2nd Grade National Anthem" and "3rd, 4th, 5th Grade God Bless America". To the left, it says "\$10 scan QR code to purchase" and has a QR code. At the bottom, it says "Order Deadline: Wednesday, January 21, 2026 at 10pm Pick Up Tickets @ Will Call Day of Game" and "50% of proceeds go to the school!"

A poster for the Alumni Recognition Nominations. It says "NOW ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS!" and "ST. PIUS X ALUMNI ASSOCIATION". Below that, it says "20 in '26" and "Alumni Recognition NOMINATIONS". At the bottom, it says "SUBMIT A NOMINATION AT: HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/QWXXWYTFPMTZVN519" and "DEADLINE TO NOMINATE: FEB. 28, 2026". The St. Pius X logo is in the bottom right corner.

Have a blessed week!

Mass Intentions



Saturday, January 17th

5:30PM † Buck & Jay Shaw by Frances Shaw

Sunday, January 18th

8:00AM † Leslie Batte by Reumuth Family

10:00AM † Eddie Cruz by Judy Cruz

12:00PM For the People of St. Pius X

5:30PM Yolie Villarreal & De Havel

Monday, January 19th

8:15AM † Alfred Hesse Sr. by Al & Adelle Hesse

Tuesday, January 20th

8:15AM † Francisca Mora by Deliea Serrato

Wednesday, January 21st

8:15AM David Maldonado by Maldonado Family

Lu Ugaz's Health by Kirk Higdon

John Williams Health by Kirk Higdon

† Mary, John & James Kelly by KKH

† Julian Galloway by Family

† Rosie Elizondo by Norma Alaniz

Gary & JoAnn Villarreal by Rick McCabe

† Jim & Georgia Stillwell by Manuel & Lucy Ramirez

† Ronald Mikulik by Mikulik Family

† Maury Jarrell by Waynette Jarrell

† Deacon George Phillips by George Phillips Family

† Oscar & Gladys Phillips by George Phillips Family

† Elida Guzman by George Phillips Family

James W. Kelly III by James Kelly

John Kelly by James Kelly

Liliane Van Hoof by James Kelly

† Anna Van Dijck by James Kelly

† Karel Soudan by James Kelly

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

† Sharon & Tally Smart by James Kelly

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

† Felix Van Hoof by James Kelly

Thursday, January 22nd

8:15AM Jose E. Salinas Sr. by Family

Friday, January 23rd

8:15AM † Pete Balli by Jeannie Balli

5:30PM † Ronnie Fritz by Peggy & Family

Saturday, January 24th

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

Sunday, January 25th

8:00AM Wilson W. Wooley's Health by Joan Hennings

10:00AM † Jack Fodor by Mary Fodor

12:00PM † Alvino Campos by Family

5:30PM David McCabe by Rick McCabe



Financial Report for 1/11/2026

Sunday Collection	\$	9,330.01
Sunday Online	\$	8,367.00
GOF (Other)	\$	40.00
Filipino Santo Nino de Cebu	\$	1,757.00
2025 End of Year Contributions	\$	1,050.00
Other Donations	\$	299.75
Total Operating Revenue	\$	20,852.76

Other Contributions:

AOC	\$	433.00
Christopher Janosek Schol. Fund	\$	50.00
Other Contributions	\$	483.00
Total Contributions	\$	21,335.76

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, George Gongora, Hilario Gonzales, Sr., Beatriz Gonzalez, Nilza Gonzalez, Linda Goulet, Chuck Gross, Ana Guzman, Linda Habeeb, Monte Hall, Janice Hass, 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, Delfina McHugh, Andra Megivern, John Miller, Fred Mitchell, John Morgan, Sam Morris, Sterling Murphy, JG Musser, 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, David G. Scherzer, Melissa 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 Underbrink, 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.