

Saint Pius X

Catholic Church and School

**More than 60 years of faith
"To restore all things in Christ"**

February 8, 2026

Dear Friends,

If we were to look back through our journey, most of us could pinpoint certain individuals who made a big difference in our lives. Perhaps it was a teacher, a mentor, a friend, a coach, or some other individual who heavily influenced us. Maybe it was a parent, a grandmother, or another relative. Something about them made us feel confident, appreciated, or loved. Sometimes it takes just that one person, or a collection of individuals, to shine light into our lives.

I can think of a number of people who impacted me in a positive way. Either they encouraged me, or accepted me without judgement, or just showed me that I was valuable. One such person who has been on my mind recently, was someone whose family had a street named after them. Her name was Elsie Poenisch. I never saw her very much throughout the years, but on the few occasions that I did encounter her, she always greeted me enthusiastically. As soon as she saw me, she threw her arms around me and in a very spirited voice, she called out, "Hi Pauly"! She was the only one that ever called me by that name, which left an impact on me. She asked me a couple of questions about what I was doing, and I would answer very briefly. I was very young, and she was a senior so I didn't say very much. Then I would go about my business running around and spending time with cousins. Those were very brief, simple encounters, but she left a lasting impression upon me. She shined a little light on me just by her little hug and enthusiastic greeting.

I also recall Sister Aloysius, who was the Principal here at St. Pius X School way back in the day. I was having difficulty getting adjusted to school in those early days. She gave me encouragement and support, and that made me feel more comfortable. Some remember her as a diminutive and rather stern figure, but I will always remember her kindness to me. She was a light that shined in my life, who influenced my faith.

Another person I must mention is the elder reverend, Mr. Bennett. He was a protestant minister who gave me guitar lessons when I was still in elementary school. He asked me what kind of music I wanted to learn to play and I said, "rock music". He responded, "Well, let's start with this." He proceeded to teach me some classic old country songs. I think he wanted to steer me away from some of the "not so good" music that was out there. I really think he didn't know too much rock music anyway. Nevertheless, in his own way, he became a bit of a mentor to me, and I learned how to play the guitar at the same time.

Each of these three individuals were kind of obscure people in my memory, but in their own way, they were people who lit the way in my formative years. I'm sure that you would be able to search your memory and recall individuals who helped shape you either by being a light that revealed your value and goodness or salted you by their gentle guidance and love.

If there are people who helped shape us by guiding us, correcting us, or pointing out areas where we



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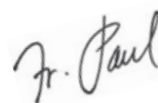
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needed to improve, then they were doing what Jesus exhorts us to do in the gospel today. Many of those people may have only had a small part to play in our personal growth, but they should not be discounted. Their light shone in our lives and they contributed to making us better people.

We are called to be a shining light so that others can see the goodness of God in us. We are also called to be salt for the earth. We need to season the world by our actions and by our fidelity to the gospel. We should never underestimate the impact we may have on others and how we play a part in shaping the lives of people we come into contact with. Our influence may only be brief. Nevertheless, a simple word, a compliment, an encouragement, a bit of advice or correction, or a simple hug may make a lasting impact on the lives of people. We may not even know the part we are playing in other people's lives. We may never see how the seed we planted will grow. Despite this, we are called to shine forth Christ's light in our world. He will do the rest.



Blessing of the Throats

In honor of St. Blaise, patron of those who have diseases and illnesses of the throat, it is tradition to bless throats on or around his feast day, which was this past Tuesday. In keeping with this tradition, we invite you to come forward after the end of any of the Masses this weekend, February 7th & 8th, to have your throats blessed.

Priests on Retreat This Week

Beginning Monday afternoon until Friday evening, Fr. Paul will be away on retreat with Bishop Mario and the other priests of the diocese. Fr. Joseph is currently in India observing the first anniversary of his brother's death. Both Fr. Paul and Fr. Joseph will return on Friday evening. Please keep them and all the priests in your prayers. We will have substitute priests for Masses this week.

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 Tom and Alpha Patterson for your prayers for vocations this past week. Andre and Kyla Ponton will be praying with the Traveling Crucifix this week. Sean and Thelma Higgins will be taking the Crucifix February 15 - 22, 2026.



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.

Catholic Daughters Rosary Rally

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas are hosting the monthly Rosary Rally on Saturday, February 14, 2026, at 10AM. We will be praying in the parking lot. Please bring a lawn chair and a hat. We will pray for our families and friends. Please join us in honoring the Virgin Mary by praying the Rosary.

Welcome New Members

We joyfully welcome David and Kathleen Clark as new members of our parish family and look forward to getting to know them as we grow together in faith.

YOUTH MINISTRY

COME BE PART OF OUR PARISH YOUTH COMMUNITY!

Life Teen High School Ministry meets Sundays, 6:30PM-8:30PM

Edge Middle School Ministry meets Wednesdays, 6:30PM-8:00PM

Games, friends, faith and fun. Grow in your relationship with Christ and with each other. Everyone is welcome. Bring a friend!

Parish Happenings



Tuesday, February 10th

1:00PM – Sultanas – CC#1

6:00PM – Acts of Charity – CC#2

Wednesday, February 11th

6:00PM – Religious Ed – CC#1&2

6:30PM – Rehearsal – CH

Thursday, February 12th

7:00PM – Confessions/Adoration – CH

Sunday, February 15th

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.

Quilts For the Infirm

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.



Walking With Purpose Bible Study is Back!

Get ready for an exciting six-week journey through Colossians with our new Walking with Purpose Bible study, Rooted and Radiant! We kick off things on Monday, February 16th 7:00PM to 8:30PM in the Youth Center. Come grow deeper in your faith, be strengthened in Christ, and enjoy great discussion and fellowship.

Registration forms are available at the back of the church. Please return them to the parish office. Sign up soon and don't miss this chance to be Rooted in truth and Radiant in faith. You can order the book Rooted and Radiant on the Walking with Purpose website. Come and join us for a great Bible study experience!

Easter Egg Hunt Candy Drive

Easter is hopping closer, and we need your help! We're collecting candy and plastic eggs for the children's Easter celebration. Please be sure all donations are individually wrapped, so they're egg hunt ready and can be placed straight into the eggs. Thank you for your generosity and for always helping us make holidays extra sweet, festive and fun for our kids. We truly appreciate you and all you do to make Easter special!

Contribution Statements For Taxes

Statements have been mailed out for 2025 contributions for tax reporting. If you have not received a copy, please contact us either by email at parishoffice@stpiusxcc.org or call us by phone.

Acts of Charity 40 Cans for Lent

As we journey through the season of Lent, we are invited to prayer, fasting and almsgiving. One way to live out this call is by supporting our 40 Cans for Lent food drive. We are collecting shelf-stable food items to be donated to the Coastal Bend Food Bank. Needed items include canned vegetables, canned meats and peanut butter. The Food Bank cannot accept expired or open items.

Donation bins will be available in the foyer at the back of the church on February 16th.

Thank you for your generosity and for sharing Christ's love with those in need during this holy season. Your kindness is deeply appreciated.



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School News



Blue Jay Families,

This past weekend, our Middle School Youth Group returned from a retreat at Camp Zephyr, where I had the privilege of serving as a chaperone and presenting a talk on the theme of "Joy." This is a topic the Lord has placed deeply on my heart this year, and I have been praying for guidance in growing in personal joy and sharing it with others. In a wonderful affirmation, we returned to Mass to hear Fr. Paul's homily, which, as you may have guessed, was also centered on "Joy." These moments remind us that the Lord often confirms we are on the right path.

In that spirit of joy, I am pleased to share some news and events here at St. Pius X Catholic School.

Celebrating Our Community

- Thank you to everyone who supported our recent Book Fair! We are thrilled to report total sales of \$5,289.45.
- Congratulations to our 3rd-5th graders, who will showcase their global learning at the Culture Fair on Feb 5, 2026, at 3:00PM in the Parish Hall.
- Penny Wars have concluded! Volunteers will be counting the funds this Friday, and we will share the results soon.

Upcoming Events

- Readathon Kickoff: Throughout February, special guest readers will visit campus to inspire a love of reading. Follow our social media for updates and visitor announcements.
- TEFA Assistance Nights: We will host a series of sessions to assist families with the online application for Education Savings Accounts. The first session is February 12, 2026, at 6:00PM in the Youth Center.
- New Scoreboard Ribbon-Cutting: Join us to celebrate the installation of our new scoreboard on February 12, 2026, at 3:45PM on the court.
- First Basketball games February 12, 2026, SPX vs St. Pats 4PM
- Smart Family Game Night: All are invited for an evening of fun on February 19, 2026, at 6:00PM in the Youth Center. Olive Garden will be catered. Please RSVP via the link: <https://bit.ly/45IysHi> or QR code.



A Few Special Highlights

Congratulations to Fiona Ruiz, winner of this year's Spelling Bee! Congratulations to runner up, August Parmar.

We are also incredibly proud of our students who participated last week in filming a commercial with the Office of Catholic Schools to promote the Texas Education Freedom Account. They represented our school excellently, and we look forward to sharing the broadcast soon.

Thank you for being a part of our joyful community. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

God bless, *Mrs. Beth Hinojosa*
Servant & Principal

Have a blessed week!

Mass Intentions



Saturday, February 7th – FIRST SATURDAY

8:15AM Jason & Missy Havel by De Havel
5:30PM For the People of St. Pius X

Sunday, February 8th

8:00AM † John Alaniz by Norma Alaniz
10:00AM † Buck & Jay Shaw by Frances Shaw
12:00PM † Sydney Maxwell by Greg & Lynn Gallagher
5:30PM † Gilbert Schanen, Sr. by Nancy Schanen

Monday, February 9th

8:15AM † Marilyn Matula by Al & Adelle Hesse

Tuesday, February 10th

8:15AM † Josephine C. Sheldon by Mary Vasquez

Wednesday, February 11th

8:15AM † John A. Janosek by Family
† Soledad A. Madali by Naida Hrdlicka
† Fran Schramel by Reumuth Family
† Edward & Mary Louise De La Garza by Rick McCabe
† Mary, John & James Kelly by KKH
† Julian Galloway by Family
† Jim & Georgia Stillwell by Manuel & Lucy Ramirez
5:30PM † Maury Jarrell by Waynette Jarrell
† Gilbert Schanen, Jr. by Nancy Schanen
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, February 12th

8:15AM † Gwen Janosek by Family

Friday, February 13th

8:15AM † Alice Didear
5:30PM † Ethel Batte by Reumuth

Saturday, February 14th

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

Sunday, February 15th

8:00AM † John A. Janosek by Family
10:00AM † Willie Mae Shirley by Family
12:00PM Virginia Constante by Christi Clark
5:30PM Jovita Reyes by Delfina Hughes

Financial Report for 2/1/2026

Sunday Collection	\$	10,571.02
Sunday Online	\$	6,971.00
Ash Wednesday	\$	25.00
Christopher Janosek Schol.	\$	80.00
Emil & Marie Habeeb Schol.	\$	80.00
Filipino Santo Nino	\$	20.00
GOF (Other)	\$	40.00
Total Operating Revenue	\$	17,787.02
Other Contributions:		
AOC	\$	290.00
Church in Latin America	\$	300.00
Retirement for Religious	\$	40.00
Other Contributions	\$	630.00
Total Contributions	\$	18,417.02

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, 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, 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.

Your faith rests
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but on the power
of GOD



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