

# Saint Pius X

## Catholic Church and School

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

February 22, 2026

Dear Friends,

In days of old, during the early years of our parish, there was a big field where the basketball court, the Community Center, and the side parking lot are today. Those of us who attended St. Pius X School were released during recess, and we would all scamper out to the field and play games. Sometimes, it was soccer. Other times, it was softball, football, or just running around. In those days, no one had to worry about school security like we do today. Those were different times.

They were different times, because we kids were simply allowed to go out and blow off energy. To be sure, we did have teachers monitoring us, but things were not as structured back then, and no one was afraid any of the kids would run off the property.

Those were important times for us as kids. We got a lot of exercise running around, and we learned a lot about interacting with fellow students. There were times we scraped up our knees from falling on the ground. Sometimes we flew off the merry-go-round and stained our clothes as we landed in the grass. Sometimes we got into skirmishes with each other. At all times, we developed and grew through physical activity. We created our own rules, we developed our own plays and strategies, and most importantly, we had fun.

It wasn't all fun, though. There were times when we had confrontations with each other, and there were a few dust-ups that required teacher intervention. Despite all of this, the activity helped to shape us as kids and taught us some lessons about life and about the need to work through things. They also forged lasting memories.

School isn't only about intellectual pursuits. It is intended to form the whole person and to condition us for the roles and pursuits we will take up in the future. In the end, those experiences rounded out our education and formation by conditioning us for the future. It built up our resilience and helped us to mature.

We are presented with an interesting scene in the gospel today. Before Jesus begins his ministry, he is led by the Spirit into the desert. It seems awfully strange that Jesus chose to do this prior to embarking upon his mission. Why would he do such a thing?

The events that follow help us to understand what his purpose was. In the desert, Jesus faces the Adversary, otherwise known as the Devil. The passage refers to him as the tempter. Like anything, before taking on a task, we have to go through some type of preparation. Each progressive year of school builds upon what we have learned in the prior year. Each period of physical activity during recess builds us up bodily so that we can develop coordination and cooperation with others. Jesus went into the desert so that he could be conditioned for what he was preparing to do.

Jesus faced the various temptations that exist in our own experience; the temptation to greed, or fame, or security, or trust solely in oneself. Not only was it a spiritually demanding ordeal, it was also physically demanding. He practiced resilience and fortitude during those 40 days of fasting and prayer. It sharpened his



## Who's Who

### Pastor

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strength of will and enabled him to resist those things that cause us to fall flat. In the end, through that experience, he shows us what we are capable of if we rely upon the help of the Lord.

We enter this desert experience of 40 days of Lent so that we can be conditioned too. The practices of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving hone us in on what we are truly called to be. The activities of sacrifice, self-restraint, and charity all make us fortified and strengthened in the face of things that normally catch us in weakness. If we really embrace this time of fasting, penance, and prayer, we may be surprised at how far we get in becoming more like Christ. If he did it, it is good enough for us.

*Fr. Paul*



### Welcome New Members

We warmly welcome Larissa Liska and Michael McClendon to our parish community! We are grateful that you have chosen to join us and share in the life of our parish. May you feel at home here as we gather to worship, grow in faith, and serve one another in Christ's love. Please keep Larissa and Michael in your prayers as they begin this new chapter with our parish family.

### 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 Sean and Thelma Higgins for your prayers for vocations this past week. Michael and Miranda Coffin will be praying with the Traveling Crucifix this week. Simon and Christina Purnell will be taking the Traveling Crucifix March 1 - 8, 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.

## Lenten Guidelines for Fasting and Abstinence

Lent is observed as a period of penance intended to encourage individuals to move beyond personal interests and listen to the voice of God in our lives. During Lent, Catholics who are age 18 – 59 are required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting entails consuming one full meal and two smaller snacks; the combined portions of the snacks should not exceed that of a single meal. Catholics aged 14 and older must also refrain from eating meat on Fridays throughout Lent. Meat, for this purpose, includes red meat and poultry, while fish and vegetables are permitted.

### 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



### Sunday, February 22nd

Vietnamese Decorating for New Year

Celebration All Day – PH

1:30PM – Baptisms – CH

5:30PM – Vietnamese New Year Mass – CH

### Monday, February 23rd

10:00AM – Funeral Mass – CH

11:00AM – Funeral Reception – PH

5:00PM – Boy Scouts – Cafe

7:00PM – Walking with Purpose – YC

### Wednesday, February 25th

6:00PM – Religious Ed – CC#1&2

7:00PM – Rosary – CH

### Thursday, February 26th

10:00AM – Funeral Mass – CH

12:00AM – Funeral Reception – PH

7:00PM – Confessions/Adoration – CH

### Friday, February 27th

10:00AM – Rosary – CH

10:30AM – Funeral Mass – CH

11:00AM – Funeral Reception – PH

6:30PM – Stations of the Cross – CH

### Saturday, February 28th

11:00AM – 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.



### Follow us on Facebook

Keep up on all the latest on our Facebook page. Go to our link at [facebook.com/stpiusxcc](https://facebook.com/stpiusxcc)

This week's deadline for submitting bulletin announcements is

**Wednesday by noon.**

## 6:30AM Weekday Masses During Lent

For many years now, St. Pius X has observed the tradition of a 6:30AM Mass on weekdays during the Lenten Season. Once again, we will be continuing this tradition and invite you to join us in this fruitful and enriching practice. We will also be having Masses on the Saturdays of Lent at 8:15AM.

## 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!

## A Lenten Invitation: Pray, Fast, Give

During this sacred season of Lent, we are invited to slow down and reflect more deeply on our relationship with God, our neighbors, and our common home. Through the Lenten pillars of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving we open our hearts to conversion and solidarity with those in need. Our parish will once again participate in Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl, a Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services. Through Rice Bowl, families are encouraged to pray, learn about global communities in need, fast in solidarity, and sacrificially support life-saving programs around the world. Pick up Rice Bowls in the vestibule of the church, pray and fast with intention, and return your donations at the end of Lent to support families around the world. To learn more, visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org). Let us journey together this Lent, growing closer to the Lord and one another.

## 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.

## Stations of the Cross

Please join us as we begin our Lenten devotion of Stations of the Cross. Come and walk with Christ on His journey to the Cross through prayer and reflection.

We hope you will join us for this meaningful Lenten tradition.



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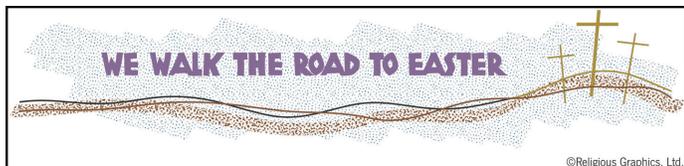
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# School News



Dear Blue Jay Families,

It has been a wonderful and eventful start to our Lenten season. I'm writing to share a few highlights from our staff, celebrate an amazing Blue Jay alumni achievement, and let you know about some exciting events on the horizon.

Our staff began the season with a retreat on Monday at Our Lady of Corpus Christi, led by Father James Kheller, S.O.L.T. The day was dedicated to deepening our understanding of what it means to be a Rosary School. We reflected on our mission and vision, revisited the inspiring story of how St. Pius X began this journey, and explored our path forward. A key part of our discussion was how we can help others embrace this devotion by praying the rosary.

I encourage you to visit Fr. Kheller's beautiful website, which chronicles this entire process. You'll even see some of our own students and staff featured! It's a wonderful resource with podcasts, an explanation of the three phases we followed to become a Rosary School, and a printable brochure. You can find it all here:

<https://knightsmiraculousmedal.com/>.

In other exciting news, we are thrilled to share that Hannah Bilka, a former Blue Jay who attended St. Pius X for 1st and 2nd grade in 2007-2009, is competing with Team USA in her first Olympic Games! Hannah is an accomplished athlete with medals from the IIHF Women's World Championships (team gold in 2023 and silver in 2022 and 2024).

KRIS News will be airing a special segment on Hannah this Thursday, featuring interviews with our staff and students. We are so proud of her and will be cheering loudly!

Finally, I ask for your prayers for our diocesan principals. We will be attending a retreat together next week at the Schoenstatt Retreat Center. We are looking forward to this special time of fellowship and reflection with our Superintendent, Dr. Hammel, and Bishop Mario.

Here's a look at what's coming up in the next few weeks:

- Mon, 2/24: Game @ MPB (4:00 G / 4:45 B)
- Mon, 3/3 - Wed, 3/5: Tournament Week
- Thur, 3/5: TEFA Night at SPX
- Mon, 3/9 - Fri, 3/13: Spring Break (No School)
- Tues, 3/17: Game @ St. Patrick's (4:00 B / 4:45 G / 5:30 B)
- Thur, 3/19: Game @ St. Cyril (4:00 G / 4:45 B)
- Sat, 3/21 SPX Campus Clean-Up Beautification Day (8:00-12:00)
- Tues, 3/24: Home Game vs. MPB (4:00 G / 4:45 B)
- Thur, 3/26: Home Game vs. St. Cyril (4:15 G / 5:00 B)
- Tues, 3/31: Game @ St. Elizabeth (5:00 G / 5:45 B)
- Thur, 4/9: Game @ St. Patrick's (4:00 B / 4:45 G / 5:30B)

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. Have a wonderful week!

God bless,

*Mrs. Beth Hinojosa*

Servant & Principal

*Have a blessed week!*

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# Mass Intentions



## Saturday, February 21st

5:30PM Jose Solis and Family

## Sunday, February 22nd

8:00AM Missy Havel's Intentions

10:00AM † Evelyn Mansheim by Family

12:00PM † Felix & Beatriz Ortiz by Ortiz Family

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

## Monday, February 23rd

6:30AM † Mary Pat & Albert T. Slavik by James & John Kelly

8:15AM † Elida Guzman by Phillips Family

## Tuesday, February 24th

6:30AM Lu Ugaz by Family

8:15AM † Jose Luis Suarez by Anita Suarez

## Wednesday, February 25th

6:30AM For the Priests Worldwide by Anonymous

8:15AM † Eugene Hrdlicka by Naida Hrdlicka

† Mary, John & James Kelly by KKH

† Julian Galloway by Family

† Ron Reumuth & Deceased Members of the

Reumuth Family by Reumuth Family

Gary & Joann Villarreal by Rick McCabe

Rudy & Cody Reed & Family by Rick McCabe

5:30PM † Maury Jarrell by Waynette Jarrell

† Karel Soudan by James Kelly

† Sharon & Tally Smart by James Kelly

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

† Felix Van Hoof by James Kelly

James W. Kelly III by James Kelly

## Thursday, February 26th

6:30AM John Kelly by James Kelly

8:15AM † Mary Clarice Serrano by Jeanie Balli

## Friday, February 27th

6:30AM Liliane Van Hoof by James Kelly

8:15AM † Clara Werland by John & Yolanda Villarreal

5:30PM † Ann Kassner by Family

## Saturday, February 28th

8:15AM † Anna Van Dijck by James Kelly

5:30PM † Robert Skrobarczyk by Al & Adelle Hesse

## Sunday, March 1st

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

10:00AM † Buck & Jay Shaw by Frances Shaw

12:00PM † Stella Campos by Family

5:30PM † Alfredo Garcia, Jr. by Rosie Garcia

## Financial Report for 2/15/2026

<b>Sunday Collection</b>	\$	<b>11,420.31</b>
<b>Sunday Online</b>	\$	<b>5,370.00</b>
Ash Wednesday	\$	60.00
GOF (Other)	\$	40.00
Memorial Fund	\$	20.00
Other Donations	\$	77.55
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>16,987.86</b>
<b>Other Contributions:</b>		
AOC	\$	823.00
Campaign for Human Dev.	\$	5.00
Christopher Janosek Scholarship	\$	50.00
<b>Other Contributions</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>878.00</b>
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>17,865.86</b>

## Please Pray for our Sick & Shut-Ins:

John Albertini, Ernie Albornoz, Luis Alvarado, Danilyn Arevalo, Sugar Arras, Abby Arredondo, Missy O'Rourke Atkinson, Tamara 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, Rose Marie Cortinas, Carole Cotter, Natalie & Elaine Elwood, Frances Leal Emry, Dale Flannagan, Guadalupe Flores, Bobby Floyd, Debbie Fuqua, Berta Garcia, Dakota Garcia, Victoria Garcia & Family, Juanita Gaytan, Deborah Giese, Joe Gomez, George Gongora, Hilario Gonzales, Sr., Beatriz Gonzalez, Linda Goulet, Ana Guzman, Monte Hall, Janice Hass, Roger Heitzmann, Jr., Shain Hennig, Shelley Hinojosa, Graham Hughes, Mark Hyde, Carl Jacobi, Joseph Jude, Desiree Kund, Jeanne Kunkel, James Lawrence, Annette Ledesma, Arlene Leep, Sharon Lewis, Gladys Lippincott, Kenny Lopez, Larry Ludka, Bill Lyman, Tom Malone, Mary Louise Mandujano, Christopher & Linda Manka, Norma Marshall, Samuel Marsillo, Bertha Martinez, David & Rick McCabe, Jack McCord, Delfina McHugh, Andra Megivern, John Miller, John Morgan, Sam Morris, Sterling Murphy, JG Musser, Sandra Nicolas, Jason Olog, Scott Olson, Ozzie Osborne, LindaPark, Joyce Pouncy, Joe Prejean, Derrel Puckett, Irma Ramirez, Tino Ramos, John Rank, Michelle Richter, Alexis M. Rodriguez, JoAnn Rosales, Jean & Hedy Rosenast, David Russell, Dolores Saenz, Dora Salazar, Kimberly Salch, Sandra Salinas, Janie San Miguel, Rick Sanders, Adam Saylor, David G. Scherzer, Mellissa Scherzer, Jack Schuett, Steve Schuster, Liz Sefcik, Anita Shirley, Alma Silva, Peter Siracusa, Rodney Sirius, Denise Sosa-Villagran, Mary Ann Starkey, Randy Sykora, Brandee Torres, Ernie Trevino, Jessica Underbrink, Mary Vasquez, Joan Vedder, Helen Witzsche, Wilson Woolley, Mary Bell Yankee, Carole Zanetti, Joe Zepeda, Belinda Garza Zuniga and all those who asked for and need our prayers.

