

Saint Pius X

Catholic Church and School

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

March 01, 2026

Dear Friends,

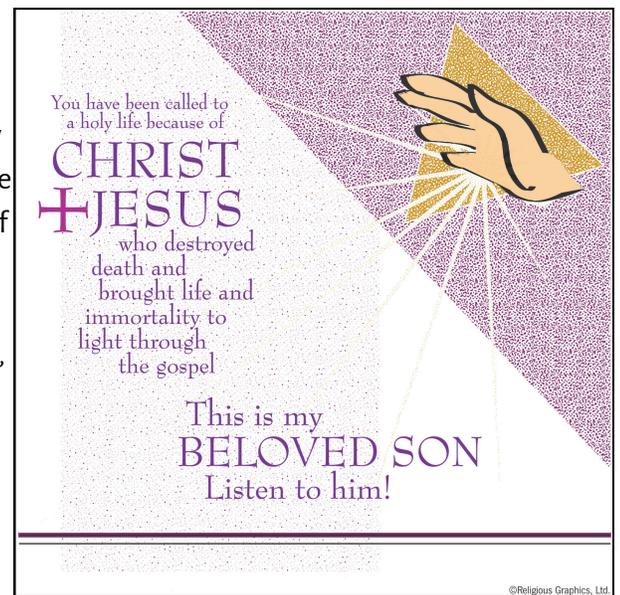
If I were to ask you if you have ever had an experience that was so joyful or so moving that it was hard to describe in words, I'd imagine that quite a few of you would say "yes." Perhaps one of these moments came while you were listening to some stirring music. Maybe it happened as you were gazing into the eyes of your baby boy or girl. It may have happened as you were looking out into a gorgeous sunset or when you were standing on a mountain looking out into the expanse. Occasions such as these can be both indescribable and profound. That is precisely the kind of experience that the disciples had on the Mount of Transfiguration. It was the type of experience that had a transcendent quality to it. Their experience left them awestruck and lacking in words to describe what was happening. There is no doubt, though, that it fundamentally changed their lives in such a way that they would never be the same.

Once a man and a woman have a child, their lives radically change. There is no going back to the life that they had known before. Their way of perceiving the world changes, and their way of thinking of themselves changes too. They wouldn't have it any other way, because this child has left them amazed at the miracle they have just experienced. Yet, even as they marvel at the gift of their precious little child, they also know that this child is going to need lots of help. As precious as the little one is, they know they will have to be about the business of changing dirty diapers, staying up late when the baby cries, taking care of it when it is sick, and so on. Reality hits them. Soon the daily challenges of raising a child become the norm. Even so, those parents would not trade it for the world. They often remember the miracle moment that the child came into the world. That moment transformed everything.

When the disciples went up to the mountaintop with Jesus, little did they know what they were about to encounter. Suddenly, they found themselves face to face with the glory of the Lord. They found themselves in the presence of Moses, the giver of the law, and Elijah, the great prophet. The disciples were so caught up in the moment, it caused Peter to declare, "Lord, it is good that we are here." The impact of that event was so profound, that the disciples did not want to leave.

Perhaps you have stood looking at a beautiful sunrise or gazing out upon a magnificent panoramic view and wished you could hold on to that moment forever. If a moment looking at God's wondrous creation can do that to us, think how even more wondrous it would be to gaze upon the glory of the Lord of the Universe! That is what the disciples experienced.

The event of the Transfiguration hearkens back to the experience that Moses had on the mountain when he gazed at God in the burning bush. Moses is the one with whom God established a monumental covenant. Now Jesus, presenting himself in glory to the disciples on the mountain top, represents the New Covenant. He is the fulfillment of the Law and the prophets.



Who's Who

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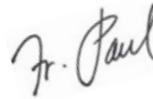
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Why did Jesus give the disciples this experience of His glory? He did it in order to bolster them up for the trials that they would experience later. He wanted to give them an experience that they could reflect back on and revive the fervor of their faith when things became tough. From time to time, it is important that we relive moments in our lives when we felt edified by our faith. It is important to recapture the fire of love that burns in our hearts for the Lord. These things keep us moving forward in hope when our energy is lagging or our hearts grow hesitant.

Let hope drive you. Never let despair rule the day. Move forward, and let the love of Christ sustain you. God's presence is with you all the way! God bless!



Catholic Daughters Rosary Rally

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas will have their monthly Rosary Rally after the 8:15AM Mass on March 7, 2026, in honor of Our Lady of the Immaculate Heart. We will pray in the parking lot. Please bring a lawn chair and a hat. Please join us as we honor the Virgin Mary.

Daylight Saving Time Reminder

Don't forget! Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 8, 2026. Be sure to set your clocks forward one hour before going to bed on Saturday night. We look forward to seeing you at Mass!



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*

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.

Volunteers Needed for Vacation Bible School

We are excited to begin preparations for our upcoming Vacation Bible School. In order to make this a joyful, faith-filled, and successful experience for our children, we need volunteers to help us.

There are many ways to serve, assisting with small groups, crafts, music, games, decorating, registration and more. Whether you have helped before or this is your first time volunteering, we would love to have you join us.

We will be holding an information meeting on Sunday, March 8, at 4:00PM in CC#1. This meeting will cover volunteer roles, schedules, and important details to help you prepare.

We truly need your support to make Vacation Bible School a wonderful experience for our parish children. Please consider sharing your time and talents. We look forward to seeing you there! For any additional information please email Mary Maldonado at mmaldonado@stpiouscc.org.

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



Monday, March 2nd

7:00PM – Walking with Purpose – YC

Wednesday, March 4th

6:00PM – Religious Ed – PH, CC#1&2

Thursday, March 5th

10:00AM – First Confessions – CH

6:00PM – PTO – Café

7:00PM – Confessions/Adoration – CH

Friday, March 6th

6:30PM – Stations of the Cross – CH

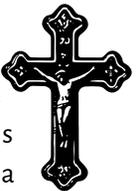
Saturday, March 7th

1:30PM – EMHC Class – CH

2:30PM – Baptisms – CH

The Traveling Crucifix

Thank you to Michael and Miranda Coffin for your prayers for vocations this past week. Simon and Christina Purnell will be praying with the Traveling Crucifix this week. Gene and Celeste Guernsey will be taking the Traveling Crucifix March 8 - 15, 2026.



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 noon.

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 csrricebowl.org. Let us journey together this Lent, growing closer to the Lord and one another.

Support Our Parish Scholarship Funds

Our parish is proud to offer the Christopher Janosek and Emil & Marie Habeeb Scholarships each year to support deserving students as they pursue higher education.

These scholarships reflect our commitment to encouraging academic achievement, faithful discipleship, and active involvement in parish life.

As educational expenses continue to rise, these scholarships make a meaningful difference for our families. They not only provide financial assistance but also affirm our parish's commitment to investing in the future of our youth.

We invite you to prayerfully consider donating to help support and sustain our two parish scholarship funds. Your contribution, no matter the size, helps invest in the future of our youth and strengthens our parish community.

Donations may be placed in the collection basket in a clearly marked envelope, mailed to the parish office (please note "Scholarship Fund" in the memo) or you may use the parish online giving platform. Thank you for your continued generosity and for supporting the youth of our parish with your prayers and financial gifts.

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 Friday at 6:30PM.

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.

Lenten Series: The Human Humility

This Lent, deepen your spiritual journey through a three-part adult series on The Litany of Human Humility, inspired by the spirituality of St. Ignatius of Loyola and his Daily Examen prayer.

Join us on Wednesdays, March 4, 18 and 25, from 6:00-7:00PM in the Parish Hall. Together, we will explore humility as a path to greater freedom, gratitude, and closeness with God through reflection, guided prayer, and discussion rooted in the Ignatian tradition.



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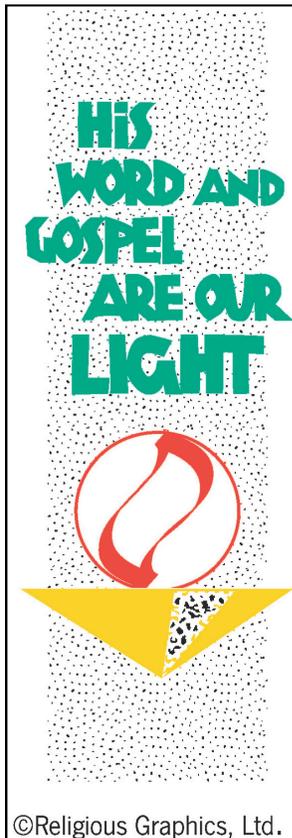
This week, I had the privilege of attending a principal's retreat at Schoenstatt with all the principals from our Diocese. The retreat was led by our Superintendent, Dr. Rebecca Hammel, and we were blessed to share dinner with Bishop Mario and Father Pete. It was a wonderful two days filled with meaningful reflection. One of the topics we explored was Excellence. As part of this focus, we conducted a visible Excellence Audit. It was an exercise we will also be doing as a school staff on March 6th, during our noon dismissal day. This audit will examine our campus exterior, classrooms, discipline, Catholic identity, and parent communication and experience.

Father Paul offered a powerful reminder during Mass today, as we should always put our best foot forward when someone visits the school, whether it's the Mayor or another guest at school. We are called to look our best and be our best. This ties beautifully to today's reading, where Jonah urged the people of Nineveh to be their best for God so that their city would be spared.

It's important for us to pause now and then and reflect on where we are and how we can grow as a school community, especially during this season of Lent. Are we reflecting the excellence that God calls us to?

God bless,

Mrs. Beth Hinojosa
Servant & Principal



Where Adventures Grow

Let's Start a Girl Scout Troop at St. Pius!

We are looking to start a brand new Girl Scout Troop out of your campus and it all starts with parent volunteers! Join us for our Virtual Parent Information Meeting to get started on all of the adventures and friendships she can make in Girl Scouts!

Parent Information Meeting
Monday, March 2
5:30PM-6:30PM on Zoom

Scan the QR Code to RSVP for the Zoom Meeting or for more information!

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Have a blessed week!

Mass Intentions



Saturday, February 28th

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

Monday, March 2nd

6:30AM John Kelly by James Kelly

8:15AM † Else Hesse by Al & Adelle Hesse

Tuesday, March 3rd

6:30AM David Russell by De Havel

8:15AM † Dolores Serrato by Deliea Serrato

Wednesday, March 4th

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

8:15AM † Lowell & Alice Didear

† Deceased Members of the Didear & Darilek Families

† Christopher Janosek by John, Debra & Brian

† Lydia Vasquez by Anita Vallejo

† Julian Galloway by Family

Spiritual Well-being for Dionel Johnny Garza by Parents

Mary Maldonado (RE) by Beth Hinojosa

† Marcos Salinas by Michelle Salinas

† Mary, John & James Kelly by KKH

5:30PM † Maury Jarrell by Waynette Jarrell

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

† Felix Van Hoof by James Kelly

Thursday, March 5th

6:30AM † Sharon & Tally Smart by James Kelly

8:15AM † Oscar & Gladys Phillips by Phillips Family

Friday, March 6th – FIRST FRIDAY

6:30AM † Jim & Georgia Stillwell by Manuel & Lucy Ramirez

8:15AM † Emil Krejci by Chuck Gross

5:30PM † Deacon George Phillips by Estela Phillips

† Barbara Mikulik by Randy & Wallace Mikulik

Saturday, March 7th – FIRST SATURDAY

8:15AM † James W. Sr. & Helen B. Kelly by James & John Kelly

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

Sunday, March 8th

8:00AM David Russell by De Havel

10:00AM † Vernon Krause by Bob & Judy Buchanan

12:00PM † Alvino & Stella Campos by Family

5:30PM † Elida Guzman by Phillips Family

Financial Report for 2/22/2026

Sunday Collection	\$	11,390.77
Sunday Online	\$	6,031.00
GOF	\$	40.00
Challenge	\$	30.00
Fence Donat. Men's Club	\$	1,000.00
Sunday Flower Donation	\$	60.00
Other Donations	\$	244.30
Total Operating Revenue	\$	18,796.07
Other Contributions:		
AOC	\$	380.00
Black & Indian Missions	\$	491.00
Total Other Contributions	\$	871.00
Total Contributions	\$	19,667.07

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, 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, Abel Anthony Martinez, Bertha Martinez, David & Rick McCabe, Jack McCord, Andra Megivern, John Miller, John Morgan, Sam Morris, Sterling Murphy, JG Musser, Sandra Nicolas, Jason Olog, Scott Olson, Ozzie Osborne, Linda Park, 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.

