

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

May 17, 2026

Saint Pius X

Catholic Church and School

Dear Friends,

It is that time of year. It seems as though Christmas just ended and we caught a little breather after all the festivities. People often ask me if I get to relax a little after the December holidays. My response to them is "Not at all". Once December is done and the New Year behind us, lots of things come careening down the highway that is life. Lent comes barreling through, and then Easter, Confirmations, First Confessions, and First Communions. As soon as we get through those, we prepare for all the end-of-the-school year activities. The school children have their awards ceremonies and older students are starting to move along. This is a time of many transitions.

This weekend, we recognize our high school and college graduates at the 5:30PM Sunday Mass. Each of them deserves to be feted for their accomplishments. To matriculate is a great success. It means that a student has gained a lot of knowledge from their teachers and can now move on to the next stage of their lives. This is an exciting moment for them, even if it is bitter-sweet for the parents. The graduates are spreading their wings to take flight into whatever journey the Lord has for them.

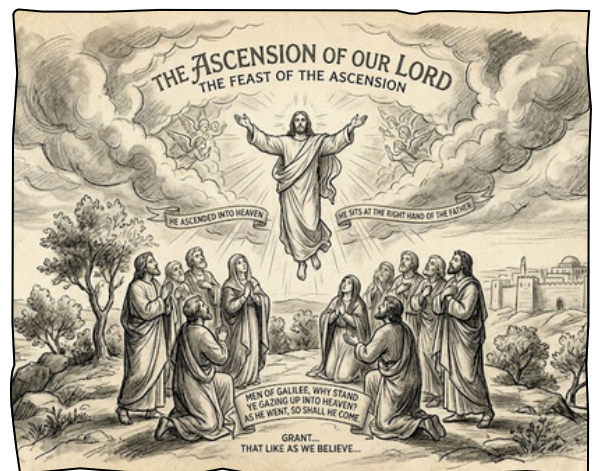
It is interesting to note that the graduates, who have in many cases been together in school for most of their lives, begin to wander off in many different directions depending upon what course they have set for themselves. They will begin to forge new relationships in the new places they will go. The vestiges of youth begin to fade as they embark into adulthood and take their place in the working world. We send them forth full of confidence and they go, according to their gifts and their calling.

This ritual of sending them off by means of graduation ceremonies, is a marker for their lives. They may still keep in contact with many of their old friends, but in many cases, they leave behind what they knew prior and strike off on their own to fulfill their career goals and to begin to forge their own life in the world.

All of this is not unlike what we celebrate in this weekend's feast. In most dioceses around the nation, the Feast of Ascension is transferred to this Sunday. The feast itself commemorates the departure of Jesus from his earthly ministry so that he can take on his universal role as Lord of all creation. He ascends into heaven so that he can then take his rightful place at the right hand of the Father where he governs all things and mediates on our behalf with the Father. At the same time, he ascends so that his disciples can be commissioned to go out to all parts of the earth.

This, you might say, is the apostles' graduation moment. They have been given all the learning that could take place during their time with the Lord. Now, they will receive the Spirit to give them wisdom to proclaim the gospel in all parts of the world. The angel asks them why they keep staring up into the sky after Jesus has ascended. Their instruction is to go out and baptize all nations in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. They had to take what they learned and apply it in the given circumstances in which they would find themselves.

The gospel wasn't going to be preached without their participation. Part of what ennobles us is that we



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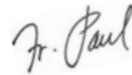
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participate in the ministry of Jesus Christ in various ways. Whatever career we are in and whatever road we will take, we have been given the task to make Christ known in the world. We utilize our ingenuity, our respective life skills, and our passion to bring the Kingdom of God to the world. It doesn't just happen on its own. Nor will anything take place if all we do is pray and nothing else. We must get out into the world and do things that cause the kingdom of God to increase. Let's not just let the world go by. Like the graduates we honor this weekend, let us go out into the world and make a mark. God will take what we do and multiply it many times over! God bless!



Flowers to the Blessed Mother

Catholic Daughters Angels of Mary Court 2460 will honor the Virgin Mary by presenting her with flowers on Sunday, May 17, 2026, at the 10:00AM Mass. Parishioners are encouraged to bring flowers from home to place in vases before the statue of Our Lady. We also pray the Rosary every Saturday in May at 5PM before the Vigil Mass on Saturday. Everyone is welcome to join us.

The Traveling Crucifix

Thank you to Kathleen Baish for your prayers for vocations this past week. Larry and Denise Hyde will be praying with the Traveling Crucifix this week. Richard and Theresa Arizmendi will be taking the Traveling Crucifix May 24 - 31, 2026.



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*

Bereavement Reception Ministry Volunteers Needed

The St. Pius X Bereavement Reception Ministry is seeking adult men and women volunteers to assist with receptions following funeral services. Duties include serving catered food and beverages and helping with cleanup. No food preparation is required. Volunteer times are flexible, with most receptions held on weekdays from late morning to midday and occasional Saturdays. Service time is usually about four hours per reception. This is a beautiful way to serve our parish and support families during times of loss. Please call the parish office if you are interested or have questions, 361-993-4053.

Bring Comfort and Christ's Presence to the Homebound

Looking for a meaningful way to serve? Join our Homebound Eucharistic Ministry and bring the joy of the Eucharist to parishioners who are unable to attend Mass due to illness, age, or disability. No special experience needed, just a willing heart.

- Share the gift of the Eucharist with those in need.
- Offer prayer, presence, and connection to our parish community.
- Flexible scheduling based on your availability.
- Training and guidance are provided.
- Safe Environment Certification (SE) is required.

If you feel called to this meaningful outreach or would like more information, please contact Deacon Lugo at deaconlugo@stpiusxcc.org or contact the parish office.

Coffee and Donuts Will Be Served Today

Coffee and donuts will be served Sunday, May 17th, in the Parish Hall following the 8AM and 10AM masses and continuing until 11:45. Please join us before or after morning mass for fellowship and a sweet treat!



Men of the Parish, You're Invited!

Looking for fellowship, good food, and a chance to get involved in Parish Life? Join the Men's Club on Tuesday, May 19th. All men of the parish, age 18 and older, are invited. A meal will be served at 6:30PM, followed by the meeting in the Parish Hall. Brotherhood, discussion, and camaraderie. The Men's Club awaits!

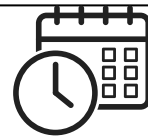
YOUTH MINISTRY

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, May 17th

8:00AM – Coffee & Donuts served after all morning Masses – PH

1:30PM – Baptisms – CH

5:30PM – Graduation Mass & Dinner

Tuesday, May 19th

6:30PM – Men's Club Meeting – PH

Thursday, May 21st

7:00PM – Confessions/Adoration – 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

The deadline for submitting bulletin announcements is **Wednesday at noon.**

Advertise in the Parish Bulletin

Local businesses 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 week.

Faith, Fellowship and Film: The Chosen Movie Series

Join us this summer for Wednesday Church Nights! We'll be watching *The Chosen Movie Series* followed by a discussion.

When: Wednesday, 6:00PM-7:30PM, June – July

Where: Parish Hall

Snacks: Popcorn provided, bring your own drink

Registration: Call the Parish Office with your name and phone number to sign up.

See the story, feel the faith, share the moment!

Youth Ministry Summer Programs

Youth Ministry is gearing up for a fun, welcoming, and engaging summer and we need your help! We are looking for adult volunteers (18+) to assist with our Tuesday & Thursday summer recreation program (1–3 PM) for youth ages 11–18. No special experience is needed, just a willingness to show up, connect, and support our teens. Volunteers will need to complete a Safe Environment training through the diocese. Ways to Serve:

- Help lead or assist with games and activities
- Supervise and build positive relationships with youth
- Donate snacks or supplies

Even helping once or twice this summer makes a meaningful impact!

We are also actively building our Youth Ministry Team for the upcoming school year, and we invite anyone feeling called to serve to get involved. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Brandon Lutz in the youth ministry office.

Acts of Charity

The Acts of Charity ministry is collecting for the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary in Lamar, Texas who are celebrating their 100th Jubilee this year. The Schoenstatt Retreat Center is in need of toilet paper, paper towels, toilet bowl cleaner, hand soap pumps, napkins, paper plates, plastic cutlery, non dairy creamer, ground coffee, pinesol, fabuloso, HEB or WalMart gift cards. Please place your donations in the designated bin in the back of the church or at the parish office. Please bring gift cards to the office. We value your continued participation and support as we continue to serve our community together.

Rainforest (VBS): Where Faith Takes Root and Grows!

Get ready for an exciting week of faith, fun, and friendship! Vacation Bible School will be held June 15-19, from 8:00AM to 11:30AM each day. Children are invited to step into a Rainforest Adventure, where they will discover God's love through engaging activities, uplifting music, and meaningful friendships in a fun faith-filled environment. The cost is \$30.00; \$25.00 for the 2nd child. Registration forms are available at the back of the church, the parish office and spxcc.org. For additional information please email Mary Maldonado at mmaldonado@stpiusxcc.org or call her at 361-993-4053. We encourage families to register early. We are also seeking volunteers to help make this special week unforgettable for our kids. Whether you can help with activities, snacks, or support, your time and heart will make a big difference.



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School News



Blue Jay Families,

Wednesday was the Feast Day of Our Lady of Fatima. I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on how our community here at St. Pius X has such a beautiful connection to Our Lady. We share a devotion to the rosary as a spiritual weapon. Our Lady of Fatima identified herself as Our Lady of the Rosary and urged the children to recite the rosary daily. Our students at St. Pius X are taught that holiness is not just for adults but for children, too, and that we are all called to be Saints! Francisco, Jacinta, and Lucia were young children devoted to Mother Mary, just like our students. They pray the rosary daily. The rosary leads us to the Eucharist. St. Pius X, the saint that our school is named after, is the one who lowered the age for children to receive the Eucharist. His motto, "To restore all things in Christ", parallels Fatima's call to stop offending God. After each decade we pray...Forgive us our sins... This is a beautiful Feast Day for us to remember and celebrate. There are so many connections between our St. Pius X community and Our Lady. What a wonderful thing.

Have a wonderful week!

Upcoming Events:

- 5/20 - Messy Olympics (5th Grade) EDGE Youth Group @ 6:30 p.m. YC
- 6/1 - Pre-K & Kinder Round-Up Day (10:00-10:30 a.m.)

God bless,

Mrs. Beth Hinojosa

Servant & Principal

A Partnership that Works

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Mass Intentions



Saturday, May 16th

5:30PM Mother's Day Novena

Sunday, May 17th

8:00AM Mother's Day Novena

10:00AM † Susanne O'Connell by Bob & Judy Buchanan

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

5:30PM † Thomas & Joseph Bily by Mary Margaret & Daughters

Monday, May 18th

8:15AM Mother's Day Novena

Tuesday, May 19th

8:15AM Marco Martinez by Family

Wednesday, May 20th

8:15AM † John Gross by Chuck Gross

† Anna B. Krejci by Chuck Gross

† Jeanne Baish by Family

Savanna Marduran by Beth Hinojosa

† Jim, Georgia Stillwell by Manuel & Lucy Ramirez

† Julian Galloway by Family

† John, Mary & James P. Kelly by KKH

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

5:30PM Renae Gilly by Family

† Ronald Mikulik by Mikulik Family

† David Scherzer by Family

† Gilbert Schanen Jr., by Nancy Schanen

† Maury Jarrell by Wyanette Jarrell

† Sharon Odle by Jackie & Phyllis Benesh

† 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, May 21st

8:15AM † Napoleon Madali by Naida Hrdlicka

Friday, May 22nd

8:15AM † Augustina Gross by Chuck Gross

5:30PM † Msgr. Richard Shirley by Family

Saturday, May 23rd

5:30PM † Msgr. Richard Shirley by Jackie & Phyllis Benesh

Sunday, May 24th

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

10:00AM † Gloria Gomez by Carlos Gomez

12:00PM † Alvino & Stella Campos by Family

5:30PM † Alene Koenig by Karen & Harly Day

Financial Report for 5/10/2026

Sunday Collection	\$	12,196.02
Sunday Online	\$	11,116.00
GOF (Other)	\$	83.00
Other Donations	\$	55.05
Total Operating Revenue	\$	23,450.07

Other Contributions:

AOC	\$	378.00
Catholic Communications Camp.	\$	20.00
Catholic Home Mission	\$	20.00
Catholic Relief Services Camp.	\$	20.00
Christopher Janosek Schol. Fun	\$	100.00
Emil & Marie Habeeb Schol. Fund	\$	315.00
Retired Diocesan Priests	\$	45.00
Other Contributions	\$	898.00
Total Contributions	\$	24,348.07

Please Pray for our Sick & Shut-Ins:

Becky Aikens, John Albertini, Ernie Albornoz, Bob, Kathy, & Tony Almendarez, Luis Alvarado, Danilyn Arevalo, Sugar Arras, Abby Arredondo, Missy O'Rourke Atkinson, Tamra Bacon, Manuel C. Balbin, Ann Marie Bazan, Georgie Benton, Bernice Berry, Lucy Boyd, Frances Branning, Kanon Brown, Bob Buchanan, Jimmy & Carolyn Buehrig, Michael Campos, Lisa Caperton, Belle Carson, Benita Marie Casey, Timoteo Casanova, III, 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, Martin 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, Pearl Lopez, Larry Ludka, Bill Lyman, Tom Malone, Mary Louise Mandujano, Christopher & Linda Manka, Norma Marshall, Samuel Marsillo, Abel Anthony Martinez, Ruben Martinez, David & Rick McCabe, Jack McCord, Andra Megivern, John Miller, Oralia Mir, Fred & Vickie Mitchell, 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, Petra Rodriguez, JoAnn Rosales, Jean & Hedy Rosenast, David Russell, Button Ruzicka, Dolores Saenz, Dora Salazar, Kimberly Salch, Sandra Salinas, Janie San Miguel, Rick Sanders, Arnold Santos, Adam Saylor, David G. Scherzer, Jack Schuett, Steve Schuster, Liz Sefcik, Anita Shirley, Alma Silva, Peter Siracusa, Rodney Sirius, Denise Sosa-Villagran, Mary Ann Starkey, Della Swoboda, Randy Sykora, Brandee Torres, Jaime Torres, Ernie Trevino, Sarah Urbanovsky, 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.



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