

Saint Pius X

Catholic Church and School

**Eighteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

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

August 2, 2026

Dear Friends,

I'm sure it wouldn't be a shock to you, but apart from baptisms, blessings after Mass, and visits with parishioners, my experience with babies is relatively limited. I am the youngest of my siblings, so I was never blessed with the responsibility of having to take care of a baby brother or sister. I was finally initiated into the world of diaper changes and baby bottles when my nephew was born, but I was blissfully able to walk away and leave the real parenting to my brother and late sister-in-law. Despite my limited experience, though, I am a good observer, and it amazes me how quickly parents learn to distinguish the subtle variances in the baby's cry in order to figure out what their child needs.

When a baby cries, the little one is not fully capable of expressing what he or she wants. Obviously, the baby's cognitive ability is not fully developed yet, so the child simply cries out for something, totally dependent upon someone fulfilling the need. The parents are left to try to figure out what that need is. They know that their child is either tired, or hungry, or that a diaper change is in order. When they get it right, the child knows and quiets down in contentment.

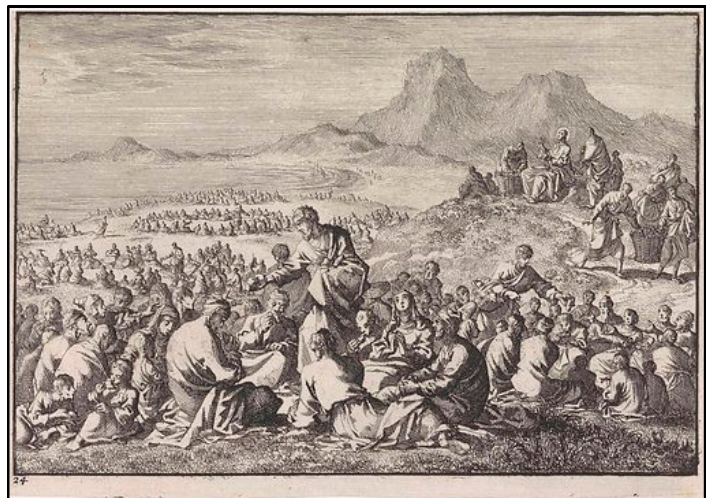
A similar dynamic presents itself in the spiritual realm. We often go through life trying to fill a need. Perhaps we find ourselves hurting, anxious, or dissatisfied and can't seem to put our finger on what exactly is the problem. We are hungering for something, but we can't seem to figure it out.

Every human being has a spiritual hunger that longs to be filled. We can't always pinpoint it, but we attempt to satiate that hunger through trial and error. Some people attempt to satisfy their hunger through shopping, others through casual sexual relationships, and still others through power or prestige. Most of these people have no clue what they are searching for, so they drift around aimlessly trying to figure out what is wrong. They cry out for somebody or some thing to assuage their desire, but none of these things work.

There is only one thing that truly works. When we discover it, we know that we have it right. That one thing is the Truth. That Truth is Jesus. When we find him, he transforms everything about us and makes us whole. We come to realize that only he can satisfy that inner hunger. He satisfies that hunger by giving us himself as heavenly food to feed our innermost cravings. He gives us his very life in the Eucharist.

The story of the multiplication of the loaves in today's gospel, presents to us a foretaste – a foreshadowing of the food that Jesus would give us in the Eucharist. The feeding of the multitude anticipates the feeding of the generations of faithful with the Body and Blood of Christ. When we receive him worthily, we find contentment and the satisfaction of our inner yearning.

This is why the Mass is so important. Everything in our lives is ultimately directed toward Christ, and we encounter Christ in the most intimate way possible in the Eucharist. Without this heavenly food, we would



Who's Who

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continue to cry out in desperation to be filled. Yet, when we are in union with him, we discover the deepest meaning of our lives.

Let's never lose sight of that fact. Nothing can substitute for the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. He is our all in all! God bless!

Fr. Paul



Want to Become Catholic? Interested in Learning More About Catholicism?

If you are an adult interested in becoming Catholic or want to learn more about our Faith, we are beginning inquiry sessions for the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (O.C.I.A.). Join us after any of the Masses this weekend at the door leading from the church to the office. We will be happy to meet you and answer any questions you may have. Also, anyone who is already Catholic, but needs to complete their Sacraments of First Communion and/or Confirmation are also welcome!

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

Altar Server Ministry

Have you been thinking about becoming an altar server? There's still time to join this wonderful ministry! Registration forms are available at the back of the church. Simply pick one up, complete it, and return it to the parish office, place it in the collection basket, or give it to one of the ushers or Deacons after Mass. Please return it as soon as possible. If you've already completed your form, thank you! We are currently preparing a training schedule for our new altar servers and will be in touch soon with a meeting and training dates. We look forward to welcoming you to this important ministry.

Stewardship Thought

In today's Gospel, Jesus feeds the multitude with five loaves and two fish offered in faith. This miracle reminds us that God does not ask us to give what we do not have, but to generously offer what we do have. When we place our time, talent, and treasure in the Lord's hands, He blesses and multiplies them abundantly for the good of others. Let's respond to God's generosity by sharing our gifts with grateful hearts and trusting God will provide all that we need.

The Traveling Crucifix

Thank you to Mick and Betty Boudreau for your prayers for vocations this past week. Bert and Beth Ramos will be praying with the Traveling Crucifix this week. Dennis and Karen Farias will be taking the Traveling Crucifix August 9 - 16, 2026.



This Week's Family Challenge - Share What You Have

As a family, choose one way to share God's blessing with others this week: Prepare a meal or snack for a neighbor, friend, or someone in need. Donate to a local food pantry. Invite someone who might be lonely to share a meal with your family. Spend time thanking God each day for the blessing He has given you and talk about ways you can be generous with others. At the end of the week, share how you saw God's love multiply through your acts of kindness.

When traveling, check **Masstimes.org** for churches near you. As always, do not forget to support St. Pius X financially through online giving that helps assure that we will have a consistent income during this summer months.

Share the Joy of Faith This Summer

Summer offers a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with family, friends, and neighbors. As disciples of Christ, we are called to share the hope and joy we have found in Him. A simple invitation to join you in Mass, a kind conversation, or a heartfelt prayer can make a lasting difference in someone's life.



Parish Happenings

Wednesday, Aug 5th

7:00AM – Joyful Pillars – CC#2

Thursday, Aug 6th

11:00PM – Funeral Reception – PH

7:00PM – Confessions/Adoration – CH

Friday, Aug 7th

1:30PM – Funeral Reception – PH

Saturday, Aug 8th

11:00AM – Funeral – CH

11:00AM – Funeral Reception – PH



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/stpiusxc

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

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.

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 initiatives. 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.

LifeTeen and Edge Kickoff

Our middle school and high school ministries as well as preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation will be starting soon! Our high school ministry, Life Teen, as well as Confirmation prep will begin with their Fall Kickoff on Sunday, August 16 at 6:30PM. Our middle school ministry, Edge, will have their Fall Kickoff on Wednesday, August 19 at 6:30PM. For more information and to register for our youth ministry programs and Confirmation Prep go to the youth ministry page on our parish website.

Coastal Bend Blood Center Blood Drive

Help save lives by donating blood on Sunday, August 23, from 9:00AM to 1:30PM at St. Pius X Catholic Parish. Our goal is to collect 12 units of blood. Every donation can make a difference for patients in need throughout the Coastal Bend. As a thank you, donors will receive a free T-shirt and a P.F. Chang's coupon while supplies last. Interested individuals can visit <https://bit.ly/4ebHNfp> or call the Blood Center at 361.855.4943 to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins are always welcome.

Thank you for your generosity and for helping give the gift of life.

Catholic Daughter Rosary Rally

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court #2460, Angels of Mary, will have their monthly Rosary Rally on Saturday, August 8th. This time we will be praying at 8AM to try and beat the heat. August is the month dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Let us answer Our Lady's request to pray the Rosary daily. Let us pray for our families, our loved ones and our parish. We will be praying in the parking lot. Please bring your rosary, a hat, a chair, and a friend!



Transfiguration of the Lord

On Thursday, August 6, the church celebrates the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, when Jesus revealed His divine glory to Peter, James and John. The Transfiguration reveals who Jesus truly is, the beloved Son of God, the fulfillment of Scripture, and the One whose voice deserves our complete trust and obedience. This feast reminds us that Christ calls each of us to be transformed by His grace. May this feast inspire us to become more like Christ in all we do.

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(All ages - All levels)



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School News

2026 ST. PIUS X ALUMNI RECOGNITION



Dear Parishioners, Alumni, family and friends of St. Pius X School,

It is our honor and privilege to announce the “20 in '26 St. Pius X Alumni Recognition”.

Family, teachers, friends and fellow parishioners nominated these alumni and twenty were selected by the St. Pius X Educational Advisory Council (EAC) for this prestigious recognition.

The development of the alumni's faith and excellence in education began as students at St. Pius X. The solid foundation formed here helped produce success in their career, faith, family and community. Many of these recognized alumni follow as legacy of siblings, parents, family and in-laws that have graced the campus of St. Pius X over these sixty years. They serve as an outstanding example of what can be achieved as alumni of St. Pius X.

If you'd like to find out a little more about these outstanding individuals, please check out display cases in the church and the school. Soon, the St. Pius X School website which will provide the biographies and photos of these distinguished alums.

Stephen Tagliabue
St. Pius X EAC
Alumni Relations

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ALUMNI HONOREES

Honoring former students who continue to inspire future generations
through *leadership, faith, and service.*

Leslie Garcia Ashby

John (Jack) McNiff

Monica Benavides Narvaez

Joseph McNiff

Hannah Bilka

Michael Miller

Martin Bomba

Patrick Paris

Daniel Cisneros

Rebecca Ramos Taylor

Peggy Didear

Robert Ramos

Robert (Bobby) Galvan

Diana Bluntzer Sherman

Sally Nicolas Gilbreath

Ryan Skrobarczyk

Alexandra Harrel

David Thomas

Alexandria Rossi Kreitzer

Lynnae Zdansky

*A Tradition of Excellence,
A Future of Promise.*

ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC SCHOOL

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Mass Intentions



Saturday, August 1st – FIRST SATURDAY

8:15AM † Penny Pacheco by Randy & Jeraldine Sykora
5:30PM † Mario Lopez by Pearl Lopez

Sunday, August 2nd

8:00AM † Jose Zuniga by Family
10:00AM † Kimberly Hofstede by Bob & Judy Buchanan
12:00PM † Stella Campos by Family
5:30PM For the People of St. Pius X

Monday, August 3rd

8:15AM † Doyle Harris by Julia Harris

Tuesday, August 4th

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

Wednesday, August 5th

8:15AM † Lowell & Alice Didear
† Francis Mansheim by Joanie Whitmire
† Clairene Higdon by Kirk Higdon
† Jeanne Baish by Family
† Jose Salinas, Sr. by Family
Spiritual Well-being of Dionel Johnny Garcia by Parents
Michelle Hogan by Beth Hinojosa
Brandon Lutz by Beth Hinojosa
† Julian Galloway by Family
† Mary, John, James P., & Margaret 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 † Joel Guerra, Julie Moreno, Ende Garia by Dolores Saenz
† Maury Jarrell by Waynette Jarrell
† Faustino & Ruby Torres by Estela Phillips
† Joe Cavalier by Linda Cavalier
† 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, August 6th

8:15AM † Deacon Manuel Maldonado by Family

Friday, August 7th – FIRST FRIDAY

8:15AM † Ron Reumuth by Family
† Jim & Georgia Stillwell by Manuel & Lucy Ramirez
† Mucio Jr., Ciprino, & Domingo Alvarado by Gonzales Family
5:30PM † Deacon George Phillip by Estela Phillips
† Barbara Mikulik by Wallace & Randy Mikulik
† Jovith Reyes by Delfina McHugh
† Jose Fancisco Farias by Dennis & Karen Farias
† Melba Rodriguez by Gonzales Family

Saturday, August 8th

5:30PM † Fran Schramel by Reumuth Family

Sunday, August 9th

8:00AM † Patricia Janosek by Family
10:00AM For the People of St. Pius X
12:00PM † Danielle Boyles by Ciena M. Smith
5:30PM † Trey Turner by Gladys Lippencott

Financial Report for 7/26/2026

Sunday Collection	\$	9,658.37
Sunday Online	\$	6,166.00
GOF (Other)	\$	40.00
Sunday Flower Donation	\$	60.00
Other Contributions	\$	47.00
Total Operating Revenue	\$	15,971.37

Other Contributions:

AOC	\$	865.00
Emil & Marie Habeeb Schol. Fund	\$	80.00
Retired Priests Fund of Diocese	\$	20.00
Solidarity Fund for Church in Africa	\$	55.00
Other Contributions	\$	1,020.00
Total Contributions	\$	16,991.37

Please Pray for our Sick & Shut-Ins:

Becky Aikens, John Albertini, Ernie Alborno, Bob, Kathy, & Tony Almendarez, Luis Alvarado, Danilyn Arevalo, Sugar Arras, Abby Arredondo, Missy O'Rourke Atkinson, Tamra Bacon, Manuel C. Balbin, Carmen S. Barrera, Ann Marie Bazan, Georgie Benton, Bernice Berry, Lucy Boyd, 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, Alfred Hesse, Shelley Hinojosa, Graham Hughes, Mark Hyde, Carl Jacobi, Joseph Jude, Desiree Kund, 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, Ruben Martinez, David & Rick McCabe, Jack McCord, Andra Megivern, John Miller, Oralia Mir, Fred & Vickie Mitchell, John Morgan, Sam Morris, Pamela Muller, Sterling Murphy, JG Musser, Sandra Nicolas, Jason Olog, Scott Olson, Ozzie Osborne, Linda Park, Tom Patterson, Joyce Pouncy, Joe Prejean, Derrel Puckett, Frances Quinn, 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, Wayne Schoen, Jack Schuett, Steve Schuster, Liz Sefcik, Anita Shirley, Alma Silva, Peter Siracusa, Rodney Sirus, Denise Sosa-Villagran, Mary Ann Starkey, Anne Suarez, 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.

