

Saint Pius X

Catholic Church and School

Nineteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

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

August 9, 2026

Dear Friends,

The moisture started forming into droplets. In only a few seconds, the droplets began to trickle down and drop to the ground. At that moment, I wished that I had two things . . . a hat and a handkerchief to wipe away the perspiration beading up and rolling down my face from the top of my balding head. I was out taking my chihuahua for a little stroll in the middle of the day. I spied the ground and noticed huge crevices forming again, even though we had a decent rain just a few weeks ago. August temperatures are unrelenting. In times like these, we need some serious prayer beseeching God for a respite from the burning summer heat! Prayers brought us much needed water for our watershed, but we need more. Prayers can again bring us refreshing rain to cool things down.

I've watched the members of the Green Team working in the heat of the midday sun and can't help but feel for them. It is brutal out there. I wonder if it would be possible to cook a couple of eggs or barbecue some fajitas on the sun-baked concrete? You know we are in a desperate situation when people pray enthusiastically for the arrival of a tropical storm in order to get some much needed rain.

I know many of you have been praying for rain lately. I myself have mentioned the need in the general intercessions at Mass for weeks on end. Despite all our efforts to call upon the Lord for mercy upon a parched land, the persistent drought makes us question whether or not our prayers are being heard.

The temptation to believe that God is not listening to our prayers is not unusual. Does this mean that God really does not hear our prayers? Or could it be that God is holding back on answering our prayers so that we will reach out to Him with a greater desire?

It seems to me that periods of seemingly unanswered prayer call forth from our hearts an increased desire to be heard. Perhaps this is precisely what God wants. God wants us to stretch our hearts, to immerse ourselves in more fervent prayer so that we will learn greater trust in Him.

This past week, we celebrated the feast day of St. John Vianney, the patron saint of diocesan priests. He has a beautiful catechetical instruction in which he speaks of prayer. In it, he says, "Some men immerse themselves as deeply in prayer as fish in water, because they give themselves totally to God. There is no division in their hearts." Ideally, this should be the case for all of us. Prayer should be such an integral part of our lives that our day is permeated with it. It should be as natural as breathing. When it becomes this essential to our lives, it brings us resilience, builds our trust, and fosters internal peace.

We notice in the Gospel this weekend, that the disciples had to learn to trust the Lord. When the storm on the sea tossed their boat, they became frightened. Their anxiety increased when they saw the Lord coming



Who's Who

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toward them walking on the water. Peter demonstrates faith and trust by stepping out of the boat to approach the Lord on the water. Everything went well for him until he began to sink as he took his gaze off the Lord and took notice of the stormy seas. When he called out to the Lord for help again, the Lord quickly snatched him up and rescued him.

We need to keep our gaze fixed upon the Lord through persistent prayer. We need to do this even when we perceive that there is no response. That way, when the storms of life begin to lash up against us, or when we are tempted to believe that God isn't hearing us, we will not waver. Instead, we will turn again to prayer in trust. The Lord will not let us down!

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.). We are happy to 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 welcome as well!

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

No Holy Day Obligation on Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Please note that there is no obligation to attend Mass this year on the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday, August 15th since it falls on Saturday. However, we strongly encourage you to celebrate the Solemnity by attending Saturday morning Mass at 8:15 that morning.

Welcome New Members

Please join us in welcoming our newest members to St. Pius X: John Cobble, George and Priscilla Reyes. We are blessed to have you as part of our parish family. May God continue to guide and bless you as we grow together in faith and fellowship. Welcome to St. Pius X!

The Traveling Crucifix

Thank you to Bert and Beth Ramos for your prayers for vocations this past week. Dennis and Karen Farias will be praying with the Traveling Crucifix this week. Richard and Elizabeth Ebertowski will be taking the Traveling Crucifix August 16 - 23, 2026.



Altar Flowers in Memory of Christopher Janosek

The flowers on the altar this week are lovingly given by the family of Christopher Janosek on the anniversary of his passing. May these flowers serve as a beautiful reminder that love never fades, and cherished memories are a lasting blessing.

Celebrate the Feast of Our Patron, St. Pius X!

On **Friday, August 21st** our parish family will joyfully celebrate the **Feast of St. Pius X**, the beloved patron of our church. St. Pius X, known as the "Pope of the Eucharist," had a deep love for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and encouraged all Catholics, especially children to receive Holy Communion frequently and with great devotion. His motto "**To Restore All Things in Christ,**" continues to inspire us to renew our faith and to live with humility, holiness, and love.

Please join us at the **5:30PM Mass** as we give thanks for the gift of our patron saint and ask for his intercession for our parish and our families. Following Mass, everyone is invited to gather in the parish hall for food, fellowship, and celebration. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a parish family, welcome new friends, and celebrate the faith that unites us. We hope you and your family will join us as we honor St. Pius X and pray that, through his example and prayers, our parish may continue to grow in love for the Holy Eucharist and in discipleship to Christ.



Parish Happenings

Tuesday, Aug 11th

6:00PM – Acts of Charity – CC#1

Wednesday, Aug 12th

7:00AM – Joyful Pillars – CC#2

Thursday, Aug 13th

7:00PM – Confessions/Adoration – CH

Sunday, Aug 16th

8:00AM – Coffee and Donuts Served After Morning Masses – PH

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

A Place For You at the Altar

There is a special place at the altar, and it could be for you. Our parish is inviting boys and girls who have received their First Holy Communion to consider becoming Altar Servers. Serving at Mass is a beautiful way to grow closer to Christ, deepen your love for the Holy Eucharist, and actively participate in the sacred liturgy. Altar Servers assist the priest during the celebration of the Mass with reverence and devotion, helping our parish worship God with dignity and joy. Whether you're serving for the first time or returning after time away, training will be provided.

Coffee and Donuts Will Be Served Next Sunday!

Mark your calendar! Coffee and Donuts will be served next Sunday, August 16th, in the Parish Hall beginning after the 8:00AM Mass. Please join us for fellowship and a sweet treat! Thanks to the Catholic Daughters for serving.



CCD Classes to Start Soon

Religious Education (CCD) for all students in elementary school, as well as those students needing sacraments, will start on Wednesday, September 16th from 6-7PM. An informational parent meeting will be on Wednesday, September 9th at 6PM in the school cafeteria. Registration is available online at the parish website, or you may pick up a paper registration form in the back of the church or the church office. For more information or questions contact Mary Maldonado at mmaldonado@stpiusxcc.org or 361-993-4053.

Stewardship Thought - Keeping Our Eyes on Jesus

In this week's gospel Peter steps out of the boat in faith but begins to sink when he focuses on the wind and waves instead of Jesus. Stewardship calls us to do the same, to trust God with our time, talents and resources. When our eyes remain on Christ, we can faithfully respond to His call and use His blessings for His purposes.

Acts of Charity Ministry Meeting

The Acts of Charity Ministry will meet **Tuesday, August 11, 6:00PM-7:00PM**, in **CC#1**. We are prepared for an exciting fall season of serving our community. Together, we will plan meaningful outreach opportunities, including caring for those in need, hosting bereavement lunches, and finding new ways to share God's love through acts of compassion. Whether you've served before or are simply curious about getting involved, we'd love to have you with us. Your ideas, your heart, and your willingness to serve can make a real difference. Come be part of something that changes lives!

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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

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By Mrs. G

(Retired Teacher)

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Elementary Tutor
Grades K-5
All Subjects

Spanish Tutoring
(All ages - All levels)



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School News



Blue Jay Families,

Our teachers and staff have started the year with Mass at the Cathedral. Our theme for St. Pius X this year is Once a Blue Jay, Always a Blue Jay. Celebrating 60 years! We dedicated the past several days to back-to-school trainings. On our first day, we started with prayer and spiritual reflection, focusing on a shared commitment to Catholic education.

We also focused on our mission and vision, as well as our behavior management system, known as PAX (the Good Behavior Game). The term "PAX" is Latin for PEACE, and this program, developed and studied at Johns Hopkins University, is in its second year of implementation here. It has proven highly effective; any staff member can quiet the entire school in just a few seconds. We focused on our Curriculum, textbooks, and Star training and ended with Adoration at Blessed Sacrament.

We were also blessed with a presentation by Father James Kelleher on Marian Apparitions. We also reviewed campus security, Smart Family essentials, and had training on how to use our NEW BUS! So many exciting things.

I would like to extend my gratitude to an anonymous donor who continues to fund our Hallow membership. This serves as a valuable resource for both our staff and students, enriching our prayer life and enhancing our religion curriculum in numerous ways. St. Pius X is a forward-thinking school that offers an abundance of resources for our students and staff who are truly blessed.

I also want to share that we received a Kenedy grant called The Digital Leap: Integrating Innovative Classrooms and Secure Campus for \$45,000. This will provide several important things, from staff laptops to new campus security cameras. We are so grateful for this wonderful blessing.

We can't wait to welcome our students on the first day of school and have some special guests joining us! Come with bright smiles and positive energy; it's going to be a joyful morning!

God bless,
Mrs. Beth Hinojosa
Servant & Principal

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 will provide the biographies and photos of these distinguished alums.

Stephen Tagliabue, St. Pius X EAC, Alumni Relations

Mass Intentions



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

Monday, August 10th

8:15AM † Mary, John, James P., & Margaret Kelly by KKH

Tuesday, August 11th

8:15AM † Leonel Duque by Carol Duque

Wednesday, August 12th

8:15AM † Deceased Members of the Didear & Darilek Families

† Mary Chesney by Carol Duque

Raquel Coburn by Beth Hinojosa

Liz Martinez by Beth Hinojosa

† Julian Galloway by Family

† Tillie Rincon by Jeannie Balli

Beth Hinojosa by Paula Vargas

† Jim & Georgia Stillwell by Manuel & Lucy Ramirez

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 † Msgr. Richard Shirley by Family

† Maury Jarrell by Waynette Jarrell

† 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 13th

8:15AM † Nellie Mead by Reumuth Family

Friday, August 14th

8:15AM † Barbara Hesse Rico by Al & Adelle Hesse

5:30PM † Mary Annie Gross by Chuck Gross

Saturday, August 15th

5:30PM † Román & Luisa Arévalo by Family

Sunday, August 16th

8:00AM † Christopher Janosek by Family

10:00AM † Leonel Duque by Carol Duque

12:00PM † Charles Brocato by Monica Layton

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

PRAYER TO ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, PATRON SAINT OF PEACE

Saint Francis, our brother, you who eight hundred years ago went to meet Sister Death as a man at peace, intercede for us before the Lord.

You recognized true peace in the Crucifix of San Damiano, teach us to seek in him the source of all reconciliation that breaks down every wall.

You who, unarmed, crossed the lines of war and misunderstanding, give us the courage to build bridges where the world raises up boundaries.

In this time afflicted by conflict and division, intercede for us so that we may become peacemakers: unarmed and disarming witnesses of the peace that comes from Christ.

Amen.

Financial Report for 8/2/2026

Sunday Collection	\$	12,053.36
Sunday Online	\$	5,920.00
Memorial Fund	\$	50.00
GOF (Other)	\$	60.00
Other Contributions	\$	466.08
Total Operating Revenue	\$	18,549.44

Other Contributions:

AOC	\$	679.00
Christopher Janosek Schol. Fund	\$	80.00
Other Contributions	\$	759.00
Total Contributions	\$	19,308.44

Please Pray for our Sick & Shut-Ins:

Becky Aikens, John Albertini, Ernie Albornoz, Bob, Kathy, & Tony Almendarez, Luis Alvarado, Danilyn Arevalo, Richard Arizmendi, 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, Carolyn Pedrotti, 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, Larry D. Turner, 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.