

Saint Pius X

Catholic Church and School

Twenty-first Sunday
in Ordinary Time

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

August 23, 2026

A Tribute to Papa Hesse (Alfred Hesse) 1929-2026

“Now the man Moses was very humble, more than anyone else on the face of the earth.” Numbers 12:3

These words of Scripture beautifully remind us of the life and spirit of Al Hesse. His was a life journey of nearly 97 years—a journey marked by the lives he touched, the love he shared, and the quiet service he gave through his life witness and presence both to the church as an ardent faithful, musician, choir member, member of St. Pius X Men’s club, and Alhambra. He also contributed much to the family as a loving father, to society as a dedicated citizen, and to the joy and betterment of many as a volunteer.

Moses was a great leader, but Scripture remembers him especially for his humility. He carried great responsibilities without seeking glory for himself. He served God and His people faithfully, trusting that his life and mission belonged ultimately to God. There is also something deeply moving in the final chapter of Moses’ life. After leading God’s people through the wilderness for many years, Moses was permitted to see the Promised Land from a distance. He stood on Mount Nebo and looked upon the land toward which he had journeyed for so long. He could see it, but he would not enter it. Then Moses was gathered to God.

In a beautiful and mysterious way, this image can remind us of Papa Hesse. Alfred Hesse journeyed through almost 97 years of life. He had his own promised hopes, dreams, relationships, and memories. Fr. Paul Hesse told me on more than one occasion, “Aug 31st is Dad’s 97th birthday. It would be nice if, God willing, he made it.” And then, just two weeks before his 97th birthday, he completed his earthly pilgrimage and went back to his Father’s house.

Certainly, we can see his final journey not as an ending, but as a transition—from seeing God’s promises from afar to entering into their fullness. Moses looked toward the Promised Land and then entrusted himself to God. Papa Hesse, after almost a century of earthly life, likewise completed his journey and placed himself in the hands of the heavenly Father. The journey was long; the destination was always God. His death reminds us of an important Christian truth: our earthly birthday is not the final measure of our life. Our true home is with God the Father. We count our years here, but God calls us beyond time into eternity. Papa Hesse came very close to his 97th birthday, but perhaps heaven had another celebration prepared for him. Instead of celebrating another birthday here on earth, he was called to celebrate the fullness of life in the Father’s house.

The words of Jesus give us hope: “In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places.” (John 14:2) So today, as we mourn our loss of this stalwart son of St. Pius X parish with Fr. Paul and his family, we also give thanks. We thank God for the gift of Papa Hesse’s long life, for the memories he leaves behind, for the wisdom he shared, for the gentleness and smile he always showed, and for the many ways in which his life

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Who's Who

Pastor

Very Rev. Paul A. Hesse, V.G.

Parochial Vicar

Fr. Kurian Joseph

Permanent Deacons

Deacon Salvador (Sal) Alvarado

Deacon Loni Lugo

Deacon Mark Arnold

Parish Secretary/Bookkeeper

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Mary Maldonado

Director of Youth Ministry

Brandon Lutz

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became a witness and blessing to this parish and many.

His legacy is not simply number 97. His legacy is found in the people who loved him, in the lives he influenced, and in the goodness that continues because he lived among us. May we remember him especially for the virtue that Scripture praises in Moses: Humility or Meekness. May his life teach us that true greatness is found not in seeking recognition, but in loving, serving, enduring, and trusting God. We are fortunate, by the grace of God, to have a continued presence of his smiling face, gentle behavior, and dedicated service through the faithful service of our dear pastor Paul, Alfred Hesse's youngest and beloved son.

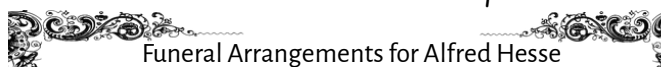
And now, like Moses having completed his earthly pilgrimage, may Papa Hesse rest in the presence of God who has prepared for him the true Promised Land—the eternal home. Papa Hesse, you came to the threshold of your 97th birthday, but God called you to a greater birthday—the birthday of eternal life. May you now see, not from afar, but face to face, the fullness of the Promised Land. May the Lord welcome you into His bosom, and may you rest forever in His peace.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon him. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Our heartfelt condolences, prayers and support to Mrs. Adelle Hesse, Steve, James, Fr. Paul, all family members, relatives and friends.

On behalf of St. Pius X Parish,

Fr. Kurian Joseph



Funeral Arrangements for Alfred Hesse

Rosary Service:

Monday, August 24, 2026, 7:00PM

St. Pius X Parish

Funeral Mass:

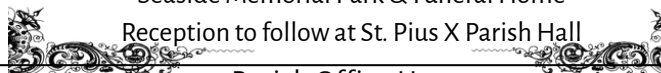
Tuesday, August 25, 2026, 11:00AM

St. Pius X Parish

Burial to follow at 12:30PM

Seaside Memorial Park & Funeral Home

Reception to follow at St. Pius X Parish Hall



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*

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!

Please Remember Those Who Have Died

With grateful hearts for the lives they shared with us, we remember in prayer those in our parish family and their loved ones who have recently passed away:

Espiridion "Speedy" Guillen, III

Mary Morin

Joan M. Vedder

Alfred Hesse, the beloved father of Fr. Paul Hesse

We extend our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to all their families and loved ones. May the Lord comfort them in their grief and surround them with His peace, love, and strength. As a parish family, let us continue to hold one another close in prayer during this time of loss.

Youth Ministry is Back

Our Youth Ministry programs are excited to welcome our middle school and high school youth back for another year of faith, fellowship, fun, and growing closer to Christ. Our high school ministry, Life Teen, as well as confirmation prep starts this **Sunday, August 16, at 6:30PM**, and our middle school ministry Edge starts this coming Wednesday, August 19, at 6:30PM. Both will meet in the Msgr Richard Shirley Youth Center.

Register online at our website and follow us on Instagram @stpiusxccym

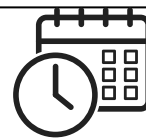
The Traveling Crucifix

Thank you to Richard and Elizabeth Ebertowski for your prayers for vocations this past week. Gary and Kathy Clark will be praying with the Traveling Crucifix this week. Rick and Angie Quiroz will be taking the Traveling Crucifix August 30 - September 6, 2026.



The Chosen Live in Corpus Christi

On Saturday, October 10th, several actors from the show "The Chosen" will be in Corpus Christi for an interfaith celebration. It will be held at Whataburger Field on Saturday, October 10th. This will be an experience full of inspiration, community and service featuring cast members from "The Chosen." This is a free event that helps support the Coastal Bend Food Bank. Bring a donation of non-perishable food items to the event. You can get free tickets now by going to www.diocesecc.org.



Parish Happenings

Monday, Aug 24th

7:00PM – Al Hesse Rosary & Visitation – CH

Tuesday, Aug 25th

11:00AM – Al Hesse Funeral – CH

12:30 – Funeral Reception – PH

Wednesday, Aug 26th

7:00AM – Joyful Pillars – CC#2

Thursday, Aug 27th

7:00PM – Confessions/Adoration – CH

Saturday, Aug 29th

10:30 – Guillen Funeral Mass – CH

12:00PM – Guillen Funeral Reception – YC



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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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**.

Altar Server Ministry

We are excited to announce that our Altar Server Ministry training is getting closer! We have been recruiting for several weeks, and we are so grateful for the many young people who have registered and are eager to serve. There is still time to sign up! Registration forms are available in the back of the church. We are looking forward to getting these young people trained and prepared to serve at the altar.

CCD Classes to Start Soon

Religious Education (CCD) for all students in elementary school and 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 can pick up a paper registration form in the back of the church or from the church office. For more information or questions contact Mary Maldonado at mmaldonado@stpiusxcc.org or 361-993-4053.

A Heartfelt Thank You

We extend our sincere gratitude to the St. Pius X Men's Club, St. Pius X School PTO, and all those who generously gave their time and talents to help prepare and serve the wonderful meal for our Feast of St. Pius X. A special thank you to everyone who cooked, prepared, served, set up, cleaned up, donated, and helped in any way. Your generosity, hard work, and joyful spirit made this celebration a beautiful and memorable occasion for our parish family.

ST. PIUS X 60TH ALUMNI CELEBRATION

Once a
BLUE JAY,
Always a
BLUE JAY.



ST. PIUS X
CATHOLIC SCHOOL
A ROSARY SCHOOL

Come home and celebrate the Blue Jay tradition with us!

Saturday, September 12, 2026

Join us as we celebrate 60 years of St. Pius X Catholic School and honor the generations of students, families, faculty, and alumni who have helped make our school what it is today.

9:30 AM – Welcome & Anniversary Reflections at St. Pius X Church
10:30 AM – School Campus Blessing
10:45 AM – Open House & Campus Activities
12:00 PM – Alumni Lunch & Celebration at Msgr. Adams Parish Hall
5:30 PM – Anniversary Mass at St. Pius X Church

Coastal Bend Blood Center Blood Drive

Help save lives by donating blood on Sunday, August 23rd from 9:00AM to 1:30PM at St. Pius X Catholic Parish. Our goal is to collect 12 units of blood, and 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.*

Pray for Earthquake Victims in Columbia

Please join us in prayer for all those affected by the devastating earthquake in Columbia. We especially remember those who have lost loved ones, those who are injured or displaced, their families, the first responders and all who are suffering. May God bring comfort, healing, and strength to all those suffering. If you and your family would like to offer special support, please consider donating to Catholic Relief Services, which is working with local Church partners to provide emergency assistance and care to those affected. To donate, please scan the QR code below. Let us entrust the people of Colombia to the loving care of Our Lady of Chiquinquirá, Patroness of Columbia.



Advertise in the Parish Bulletin

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.

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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,

As we complete the second week of school, students, parents, and teachers are settling into daily routines. I am pleased to share a brief update on our progress across seven key areas.

- Academic and Programmatic Highlights

This year, we transitioned from IOWA to MAP testing. It will be administered three times annually to better track student growth. Congratulations to Isabella (2nd grade) and Jemma (4th grade) for winning 1st and 2nd place in the Texas Catholic Mutual Flag competition, and to Spelling Bee winner Fiona Ruiz and runner-up August Parmar. We also secured a \$45,000 Kenedy grant for Smartboard upgrades, staff laptops, and a poster maker. Our Marketing and Enrollment Specialist, Norma Salinas, has already onboarded 67 TEFA students; 19 are new to our school.

- Faith and Spiritual Formation

Starting this school year with Dr. Hammel's theme "Made for More", we will also celebrate our 60-year anniversary and our theme of Once a Blue Jay, Always a Blue Jay. We will continue to celebrate Wednesday and First Friday Masses. We will continue our strong faith formation. Last year we prepared 22 students for First Holy Communion, supported 5 baptisms, and maintained daily Scripture rosaries. We are proud to have been designated as a Rosary School last year and will continue to have Adoration for our students.

- Student Life

We offer volleyball, basketball, a running club, and after-school programs including chess, student council, Marian Club, cheer, art, coding, robotics, Tippi Toes, Little Chef, STEM, and Library Club.

- Faculty and Staff

Staff participated in varied professional development and received raises between 2-5%, aligned with our budget.

- Facilities and Campus

We've installed new classroom countertops, three water stations, and a new sick bed. Beautification days are planned, and an Outdoor Classroom is in development through a grant. Roof replacements are also scheduled.

- Challenges and Progress

Enrollment has risen 30% from last year, now totaling 122 students. We are shifting fundraising efforts to include a Gala this February. Enrollment Numbers: Pre-K: 20, K: 14, 1st:21, 2nd:9, 3rd:21, 4th:16, 5th:13, 6th:9, Total:122

- Looking Ahead

Our priorities include implementing MAP testing, completing the Outdoor Classroom, implementing other Rosary Schools, creating an Annual Fund, GALA, Halloween Carnival, Golf Classic, retaining faculty, upgrading campus infrastructure, acquiring an art kiln, pursuing the HEB Early Childhood Excellence Award, and maintaining financial stability through increased enrollment.

Please keep Father Paul, his family, and the soul of Mr. Hesse in your prayers. Our students showed great compassion in praying for him as a community.

Many blessings,

Mrs. Hinojosa

Servant & Principal

Mass Intentions



Saturday, August 22nd

5:30PM † Felix Matula by Al & Adelle Hesse

Sunday, August 23rd

8:00AM † Alfred Hesse by Yolie and De

10:00AM Michael Maldonado by Family

12:00PM Mark & Christie Garcia by Family

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

Monday, August 24th

8:15AM † Barbara West by Reumuth Family

Tuesday, August 25th

8:15AM † David N. Scherzer by Family

Wednesday, August 26th

8:15AM † Martha Romeo by John & Yolanda

† Patricia Janosek by Family

† Daniel R. Chesney by Carol Duque

Lupita Mata by Beth Hinojosa

Ernie Pena by Beth Hinojosa

† Julian Galloway by Family

† Ron Reumuth & Deceased Family Members by Family

† Andres Sr., & Jr., Baby Boy Cesar, & Ezekiel Gonzales by Family

† Clairene Higdon by Kirt Higdon

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 † Claude Allen, Sr., by Gladys Lippincott

† Maury Jarrell by Waynette Jarrell

† John Boyd by Lucy Boyd

† Hiram O. Sosa by Family

† 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 27th

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

Friday, August 28th

8:15AM † Paul Irvin by Family

5:30PM † Bob & Willie Mae Shirley by Family

Saturday, August 29th

5:30PM † Rick Mulinix by Al & Adelle Hesse

Sunday, August 30th

8:00AM † Richard & Lydia McCabe by Rick McCabe

10:00AM For the People of St. Pius X

12:00PM Mary Dell Gonzales by Santos & Mary Jane Ronje

5:30PM † Mario Lopez by Pearl Lopez

Financial Report for 8/16/2026

Sunday Collection	\$	9,809.73
Sunday Online	\$	5,521.00
Assum. of the Blessed Virgin Mary	\$	200.00
GOF (Other)	\$	60.00
Challenge - Youth Building	\$	30.00
Other Contributions	\$	197.30
Total Operating Revenue	\$	15,818.03

Other Contributions:

AOC	\$	950.00
Emil & Marie Habeeb Schol. Fund	\$	80.00
Other Contributions	\$	1,030.00
Total Contributions	\$	16,848.03

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, Linda Goulet, Ana Guzman, Monte Hall, Janice Hass, Roger Heitzmann, Jr., Shain Hennig, Kirt Higdon, Shelley Hinojosa, Graham Hughes, Mark Hyde, Carl Jacobi, Joseph Jude, Cherl & Jeff Kratz, 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, David Mundell, 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, Matthew Rainey, 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, Joe Vela, Helen Witzsche, Wilson Woolley, Mary Bell Yankee, Carole Zanetti, Janie Zeller, Joe Zepeda, Belinda Garza Zuniga and all those who asked for and need our prayers.

