

Saint Pius X

Catholic Church and School

Twenty-second Sunday
in Ordinary Time

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

August 30, 2026

Dear Friends,

I'd like to use this week's letter to say a few heartfelt words to all of you. My family and I would like to express our most profound gratitude to all of you for your prayers, your messages of condolence, your gestures of love, and your support over the course of the past couple of weeks as we mourned the loss of my father, Alfred Hesse. You have all brought us immense consolation during a very difficult time. Not only has this been a loss to us as a family, but it has been a great loss to the entire parish family here at St. Pius X.

My father was a founding member of this parish. Shortly after my birth, St. Pius X Parish was founded, and we all moved over to help get this parish off the ground. From early on, my dad participated in the choir and also became a reader at Mass. When we kids became altar servers, he served as a sponsor and took us to very memorable annual altar server summer camps at Garner State Park. My father also got involved in the Boy Scout troop, which we were involved in, serving as a committee member and attending campouts with us.

Over the years, Dad involved himself in a number of activities here at the parish. He joined the Men's Club as a charter member. He joined the Alhambra, which is not only a social organization, but also supports and ministers to the disabled and cognitively challenged. He was the bus driver for the St. Pius Travelers Club, and was a long-time member of the Serra Club, an organization to support and promote priestly and religious vocations. Dad also offered his artistic talents to the parish in any number of ways throughout the years. His life revolved around the life of faith, and he was, in some ways, a fixture here at the parish. He also had a lively sense of humor. He used one of his famous lines whenever he introduced himself to people saying, "Hi, I'm Father Paul's father, Al." I often heard people groan whenever he made a pun. These were among the many enduring qualities that he had.

As a family, we were struck by the outpouring of love that came from you, the parishioners, as you came to express your support at the vigil service, rosary, and the funeral Mass. It was overwhelming to see a church full of the people that he loved. We also have been moved by the many cards, Masses, and other expressions of sympathy we have received throughout these last several days. Your love has been a great strength to us in this time of mourning.

We also are grateful for the people who brought food, provided desserts for the reception, coordinated the reception after the funeral, and helped decorate using the memorabilia that symbolized my father's life. We also appreciate the choir and the musicians who sang for the liturgy, the staff who worked behind the scenes, and the funeral home staff that made everything run smoothly. I also need to include Catherine & Jamie, my father's nurses, and his caregivers, Belinda, Christine, Marivel, Dakota, Gloria, and Nicole.

I want to offer a special thanks to Fr. Joseph for his very beautiful tribute to my father in last weekend's



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

Director of Religious Education & Adult Faith Formation

Mary Maldonado

Director of Youth Ministry

Brandon Lutz

Music Minister

Michael Mullins

5:30pm Mass Band Leader

School Principal

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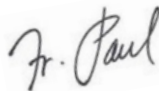
www.spxcc.org

School Website

www.stpiusxschoolcc.org

bulletin. He captured beautiful sentiments of love and the promises of God.

The loss of a loved one is never easy. What made this loss especially difficult for me was the fact that he lived a good long life of nearly 97 years. That meant that his long presence gave us the opportunity to love him even more fully. Given that he was ever-present in the parish also means that his absence is profoundly felt. My family and I take comfort in the promise that we will one day see him again in the heavenly banquet. I have every hope and confidence that he will receive the reward that he so longed for. May he rest in peace.



Welcome New Members

Please join us in welcoming Joseph and Krizza Vilorio and their children, Jacob and Isabel, as the newest members of St. Pius X. We are blessed to have your family join our parish community. May St. Pius X be a place where you feel welcomed, supported, and strengthened in faith, fellowship, and service. Welcome to our family, we are so happy to have you!

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. Stay tuned, **Altar Server training is coming soon!**

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

September Acts of Charity Project

During the month of September, Acts of Charity will be collecting donations for the Pregnancy Center. They are in need of diapers in sizes 3-5, along with new socks, bibs, and infant and toddler food. Donations can be placed in the bin at the back of the church or dropped off at the Parish Office. Thank you for your generosity and for helping provide support to mothers, infants, and young children in our community.

The Traveling Crucifix

Thank you to Gary and Kathy Clark for your prayers for vocations this past week. Rick and Angie Quiroz will be praying with the Traveling Crucifix this week. Michael Mercier will be taking the Traveling Crucifix September 6 - 13, 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.

Food Handlers Course

Mark your calendars! A Food Handlers Class will be held on Wednesday, September 23, at 6:00PM in the Parish Hall. Come to learn food safety tips and guidelines from our local Health Department. For any questions, please contact Randy Sykora at 361-960-3220. We hope to see you there!
Cost: \$12:00 Cash Only

Thank You from the Coastal Bend Blood Bank

Thank you for hosting a lifesaving blood drive with the Coastal Bend Blood Center! The most recent blood drive hosted by St. Pius Catholic Church had a goal of collecting 12 units and 10 units of blood were collected. This is the equivalent of 30 lives saved! Remember, each whole blood donation can save up to three lives. Thank you for hosting a blood drive with the Coastal Bend Blood Center and saving lives in our community. We would love to hear your feedback! Please let us know how your blood drive experience was with the Coastal Bend Blood Center.



Parish Happenings

Wednesday, September 2nd

7:00AM – Joyful Pillars – CC#2

7:00AM – Alhambra's – REC

Thursday, September 3rd

7:00PM – Confessions/Adoration – CH

Friday, September 4th

7:00PM – Santo Nino Filipino Mass – CH

7:00PM – Filipino – 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/stpiusxcc

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

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@stpiouscc.org or 361-993-4053.

Youth Ministry

In Youth Ministry, our mission is to guide middle school and high school youth closer to Christ through prayer, learning, fellowship, and fun, helping them encounter Christ's love in a way that transforms their hearts, shapes their words and actions, and inspires them to share that love with the world.

Life Teen/ Confirmation

Grades 9-12

Sundays @ 6:30pm

Edge

Grades 6-8

Wednesdays @ 6:30pm

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.

TUTORING

By Mrs. G
(Retired Teacher)
361-854-9928

Elementary Tutor
Grades K-5
All Subjects

Spanish Tutoring
(All ages - All levels)



Please support our bulletin sponsor.

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.



Journey to Damascus



Journey to Damascus (JTD) is a 3-day Christian weekend for those who want to deepen their relationship with God, strengthen their faith, and experience true Christian brother/sisterhood. It is open to all denominations and centers on renewal through prayer, reflection, and community. JTD is for those seeking a stronger foundation in Christ and deeper unity with other believers.

The weekend is full physically, emotionally, and spiritually, so pilgrims should set aside outside responsibilities and come ready to be present.

The upcoming 2026 Weekend Schedule is:

Men's: September 17-20

Women's: October 15-18

Weekends are held at the OLCC Campus on Lantana and the Weekend Fees are \$225.00 (assistance is available for those with need). More information can be found at www.journeytodamascus.org or you may contact Bud Colwell @ 361-779-1971 or Michelle Ochoa 361-400-5473

School News



Blue Jay Families,

Happy third week of school! We've already completed our MAP testing for reading and math, and your child's teacher will review these results along with their benchmarks with you during our parent/teacher conferences in October.

This past weekend, we hosted our first PTO social of the year, and it was a wonderful success. A huge thank you to our PTO, and especially to Nicole Ruiz, for all her hard work in bringing it together.

I'm also excited to let you know that our Alumni event will take place on September 12th at 9:30 a.m., starting in the Church. Everyone is welcome to attend. More details can be found in the bulletin and on our website.

Please mark your calendars for two important safety meetings coming up:

- September 3rd (6-7 p.m., Youth Center) - Online Safety Isn't Just Social Media
- Homeland Security Investigator Craig DeLeon will share practical insight on protecting our kids in today's digital world. Please note this is an adult-only event.
- September 17th (6-7 p.m., Youth Center) - Growing Whole Kids
- Presented by Beth Polito of Smart Families, with childcare available in the cafe.

Both events address critical topics for our families, and I strongly encourage your attendance. With so much in the news lately, it's more important than ever that we stay informed about the risks technology can pose and how we can help our children grow up safe and healthy.

Finally, don't forget to watch for club sign-ups starting after Labor Day. This is a great opportunity to get involved. Be sure not to miss out on all the amazing clubs we have right here at St. Pius X!

God bless,

Mrs. Hinojosa

Servant & Principal

ST. PIUS X 60TH ALUMNI CELEBRATION

Once a
BLUE JAY,
Always a
BLUE JAY.



ST. PIUS X
CATHOLIC SCHOOL
A ROSARY SCHOOL

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

Come home and celebrate the Blue Jay tradition with us!

Mass Intentions



Saturday, August 29th

5:30PM † Rick Mulinik 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

Monday, August 31st

8:15AM † Vivian Hennings by Joan Hennings

Tuesday, September 1st

8:15AM † Doyle Harris by Julia Harris

Wednesday, September 2nd

8:15AM † Lowell & Alice Didear

† Avelino Mangahas by Ciena M. Smith

† Henry Villarreal by Wife

Bridget May by Beth Hinojosa

† Julian Galloway by Family

† Jim & Georgia Stillwell by Manuel & Lucy Ramirez

† Max Almendarez by Lucy Boyd

† Alfred Hesse by Paul Tisdale

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 † Viola E. Sosa by Family

† Ruby Torres, Dorothy Creager, BB Hinojosa by Estela Phillips

† 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, September 3rd

8:15AM † Eddie Mandujano by Johnny & Yolanda Villarreal

Friday, September 4th – FIRST FRIDAY

8:15AM † Leslie Batte by Reumuth Family

† Isabel Gonzales by Nelva Ramos

Spiritual Well-being for Dionel Johnny Garza by Parents

† Mary, John, James P. & Margaret Kelly by KKH

5:30PM † Deacon George Phillips by Estela Phillips

† Barbara Mikulik by Wallace & Randy Mikulik

† Maury Jarrell by Waynette Jarrell

Saturday, September 5th – FIRST SATURDAY

8:15AM † Al Hesse by Fr. Paul Hesse

5:30PM † Avelino Mangahas by Ciena M. Smith

Sunday, September 6th

8:00AM † Heriberto Villarreal by Johnny & Yolanda Villarreal

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

12:00PM † Alvino & Stella Campos by Estella Campos

5:30PM † Doak Russell by De Havel

Financial Report for 8/23/2026

Sunday Collection	\$	9,057.08
Sunday Online	\$	5,914.00
GOF (Other)	\$	40.00
Sunday Flower Donation	\$	60.00
Other Contributions	\$	130.10
Total Operating Revenue	\$	15,201.18

Other Contributions:

AOC	\$	653.00
Other Contributions	\$	653.00
Total Contributions	\$	15,854.18

Please Pray for our Sick & Shut-Ins:

Becky Aikens, John Albertini, Ernie Alborno, 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, Sally Ann Gilbreath, 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, Cheryl & 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.

