

Saint Pius X

Catholic Church and School

Twenty-third Sunday
in Ordinary Time

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

September 6, 2026

Dear Friends,

Parenting can be difficult. It is a huge responsibility that requires a great deal of wisdom, fortitude, and resilience, along with a heavy dose of patience and mercy. Very quickly, parents begin to understand that raising a child will involve a tremendous amount of self-sacrifice. They learn this through sleepless nights as they get up in the middle of the night when their child cries. They learn the time demanded of them as they provide for their child's basic needs like food, water, and clothing. They learn to practice vigilance as they keep a watchful eye so their child doesn't wander off or get too close to precarious situations.

Most parents take very seriously the intellectual, physical, and spiritual growth and development of their children, so that they can succeed and be individuals of good moral character. Sometimes, they have to give guidance and correction to their children so that they learn right from wrong.

There are times, however, when human weakness interferes with this parental responsibility. As children test their boundaries and begin to exert their own wants and desires, it can be a little daunting for parents. Good and wise parents learn how to balance these whims by maintaining some boundaries and helping their children set priorities. Sometimes, parents have to be courageous enough to say "no" to their child, especially when they see that the child's behavior is not constructive. One of the big dangers though is when parents don't want to be parents and neglect to correct the child's behavior. When parents fear correcting their child because they want to be "liked", they end up doing their child a disservice. In these cases, parents cater to their children and often remain silent because they don't want to create waves.

If parents really love their children, they will sometimes need to be lenient, and other times they may need to give correction. Striking a balance in love is always important. Failure to guide children can have negative results in their lives.

In the gospel, Jesus speaks of the duty we have in helping those who are weak to grow and develop in a way that reflects the goodness of Christ. That does not mean that we should be always prying into people's lives or interfering in their business. The love of our neighbor has to be prudent and tactful. The more we help people grow in doing what is right, the more it strengthens the community. It goes without saying that correction is usually not welcome by those who need it most. Try correcting a family member and see how well it goes over.

Correction is never easy, and it can often result in strained relationships. Oftentimes, it may be best not to speak. And then there are times when failure to get involved is not an act of love, but an act of neglect. It is important in all cases to show great charity and love. Honest concern can be heated, but it can also clear the air for change. We always have to remember that none of us are perfect, so when we bring up the faults of others, we need to be prepared to hear about our own faults. Again, it is paramount to be prudent and charitable. Reconciliation should always be the goal. If the problem cannot be addressed in a private way, then one or two others may need to get involved. Again, this should always be done with loving concern.



Who's Who

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

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Christ desires unity. Therefore, it is important to address problems before they have the opportunity to fester and create more serious problems. Prayer should always be at the heart of every situation. We are called to imitate Christ. His desire is that we live in unity so that our love for each other gives a greater expression of Christ's power in our lives. Let's not shy away from resolving problems that exist. Rather, let's do what we can to correct those issues so that we can grow stronger as a community.

God bless.

Fr. Paul



Parish Office Closed for Labor Day

Please be advised that the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 7th, in observance of Labor Day. The office will reopen on Tuesday, September 8, at 9:00AM. May the Lord bless you and your loved ones with a safe, restful, and joyful holiday.

Catholic Daughters Monthly Rosary Rally

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court #2460, Angels of Mary, will have their monthly Rosary Rally on Saturday, September 12th. We will be praying at 8AM to try and beat the heat. September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows. Let us answer Our Lady's request to pray the Rosary daily and pray for our families, our loved ones and our parish. We will be praying in the parking lot so bring your rosary, a hat, a chair, and a friend!

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

Acts of Charity

The Acts of Charity Ministry will meet Tuesday, September 8, 6:00PM-7:00PM, in CC#1. We will continue to 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!

Acts of Charity will be collecting donations for the Pregnancy Center in September. 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.

The Traveling Crucifix

Thank you to Rick and Angie Quiroz for your prayers for vocations this past week. Ron and Mary Kuffel will be praying with the Traveling Crucifix this week. Richard and Theresa Arizmendi will be taking the Traveling Crucifix September 13 - 20, 2026.



The Chosen Live in Corpus Christi

The Chosen Interfaith Celebration joins the Coastal Bend Food Bank on Saturday, October 10th from 11:00AM to 1:00PM at Whataburger Field, 734 E. Port Ave., in Corpus Christi. Doors open at 10:30AM. Enjoy an afternoon of community and inspiration featuring cast members from The Chosen. Admission is free! While food donations are not required, non-perishable food items are greatly appreciated to help fill local food pantries and provide meals to Coastal Bend neighbors facing hunger. Food collection barrels will be available at the event. Consider hosting a food drive with your family, workplace, or community group and bring your collection with you! Learn more at coastalbendfoodbank.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

Chopin Society Concert

Join us for a beautiful evening of music featuring the works of Frederic Chopin and more on Friday, September 11th at 8:00PM in the church. All are warmly invited to attend and enjoy this special concert. We look forward to sharing this evening with our parish community and guests.



Parish Happenings

Tuesday, September 8th

6:00PM – Act of Charity – CC#1

Wednesday, September 9th

7:00AM – Joyful Pillars – CC#2

Thursday, September 10th

7:00PM – Confessions/Adoration – CH

Friday, September 11th

8:00PM – Chopin Concert – CH

Saturday, September 12th

9:30AM – 1:00PM – 60th Alumni Celebration –
CH, PH, School

5:30PM – Alumni Anniversary Mass – 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.**

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

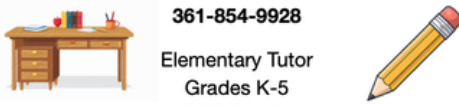
Take advantage of our platform to maximize your visibility and connect with potential customers while contributing to the ongoing mission of our parish. Advertising proceeds directly fund church programs and outreach incentives. If you wish to place an advertisement in the parish's weekly bulletin, please 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.

Altar Server Ministry Pizza Party!

Are you a former altar server, a current altar server, already signed up to serve or interested in becoming an altar server? You're invited! Join us for an Altar Server Ministry Pizza Party in the Parish Hall, Saturday, September 19th, at 12:00PM. This will be a great opportunity to meet other Altar servers, reconnect with friends, and learn more about this special ministry. We'll enjoy some pizza and have a Q&A session about the Altar Server Ministry. Boys or girls who have received their First Holy Communion are welcome to participate in this ministry. Families are welcome! Please RSVP to the Parish Office 361.993.4053 no later than Friday, September 18th.

Welcome New Member

Please join us in warmly welcoming Kelly Correia to St. Pius X! We are delighted to have Kelly join our parish family. We look forward to growing together in faith, fellowship, and service as we continue our journey with Christ. Welcome Kelly, we are so happy to have you with us!

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,

Today, we had the beautiful opportunity to celebrate our Back-to-School Mass with Bishop Avilés at the Corpus Christi Cathedral. Our 5th- and 6th-graders joined students from the other Catholic schools, along with their graduating classes, for this special celebration of our Catholic school community.

Bishop Avilés concluded Mass with a special reminder that we are One Body in Christ. As I looked around the Cathedral, surrounded by so many students, teachers, and families united in our Catholic faith, I could truly feel the truth of those words. The Holy Spirit was at work!

After Mass, I had the blessing of spending time in Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. As I sat quietly with the Lord, I reflected on Luke 9:57-62, where Jesus encounters several people who desire to follow Him. Each one, however, has something they feel they must do first. Jesus' response reminds us that following Him requires a willingness to place Him first, even when doing so is difficult or requires us to let go of things that may seem important.

As we continue this school year, I found myself asking: What is Jesus asking me to put second so that I can put Him first?

Perhaps it is slowing down and making more time for the Sacraments rather than allowing ourselves to get caught up in the busyness of life. Perhaps it is making time for a family member we don't get to see often, reaching out to someone who needs encouragement, or simply creating more space each day to listen to the Lord.

My prayer for all of us this week is that Jesus will show us what it means to be completely devoted to Him and to recognize the ways He is calling each of us to follow Him more closely. May we continue to remember that, as a Blue Jay family and as Catholic schools, we are One Body in Christ.

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, 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

Monday, September 7th

8:15AM † Paul Koenig by Karen & Harly Day

Tuesday, September 8th

8:15AM † William Bengtson by JR & Mary Jones

Wednesday, September 9th

8:15AM † Alfred Hesse by Dr. & Mrs. M.L. Ramirez, Jr.
† Deceased Members of the Didear & Darilek Family
† Mary, John, James P. & Margaret Kelly by KKH
† Anne Murray by Reumuth Family
† Ronald Reumuth by Reumuth Family
Paula Vargas by Beth Hinojosa
† Julian Gallaway by Family
Lillian Diaz by Beth Hinojosa
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 † Alfred Hesse by Joan Henning
† Florentino T. Sheldon, Jr. by Mary Vasquez
† Maury Jarrell by Waynette Jarrell
Safe Travels for the Haley Garza 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, September 10th

8:15AM † Deacon George Phillips by Phillips Family

Friday, September 11th

8:15AM Gabby Maldonado by Family
5:30PM † Alfredo Garcia, Jr. by Rosie Garza

Saturday, September 12th

5:30PM † Milagros Arevalo by Romie Arevalo

Sunday, September 13th

8:00AM † Rosa Linda Fernandez by Family
10:00AM For the People of St. Pius X
12:00PM Alexander Landin's Health by Mom
5:30PM † Gilbert Schanen Sr., by Nancy Schanen

Financial Report for 8/30/2026

Sunday Collection	\$	9,053.71
Sunday Online	\$	4,946.00
GOF (Other)	\$	60.00
Memorial Fund	\$	150.00
Other Contributions	\$	226.75
Total Operating Revenue	\$	14,436.46

Other Contributions:

AOC	\$	475.00
Disaster Relief Collection	\$	20.00
Emil & Marie Habeeb Schol. Fund	\$	80.00
Other Contributions	\$	575.00
Total Contributions	\$	15,011.46

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, 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, Madaline Martinez, 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 Sirius, 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.

