

Saint Pius X

Catholic Church and School

Twenty-fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

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

September 13, 2026

Dear Friends,

There is one thing that is certain. Times change. As each year passes, we witness new trends in clothing styles, variances in expressions of speech, advances in technology, changes in forms of entertainment, and any number of other developments that differentiate our age from the generations that came before. You'll notice, for instance, that in this letter, I still double space at the end of my sentences. The popular grammatical trend now is to simply leave one space at the end of a sentence. Old habits are hard to break.

It is interesting how ways of communicating have changed as well. I may be dating myself, but I remember when people used expressions like "groovy" or "far out" or "gnarly" or "rad" to convey approval of something. Those expressions replaced words like "swell" or "nifty" from generations before. I have to admit that I'm not really familiar with what the current generation uses to express something good. I've heard some say "that's dope" or "sick" or maybe "fire" and "legit". If there is one word that has lasted the test of time, that word is "cool".

Regrettably, as the times have changed, so have some of the social conventions that we were taught in days gone by. It seems that a lot of basic courtesies that were prized in prior generations have drifted away over time. I remember being a little surprised when I was assigned to Sacred Heart Church in Odem in the early years of my priesthood. There, the young people were still being taught by their elders to greet adults with "sir" and "ma'am" to show a sign of respect. I have to admit it was a little shocking to know that there was a localized pocket in which those things were still being taught. It impressed me to see it in the schools, at church, and in the broader community. It was reinforced everywhere and it reflected in the respectful attitude of the youth. It sure would be a helpful thing to teach our young people these kinds of courtesies again these days.

As much as trends change in society, there are certain principles and moral expectations that never change. As the Scriptures state, "Nothing is new under the sun!" (Ecclesiastes 1:9). Our faith teaches us that we should always act with respect and kindness toward one another. A good examination of conscience



lays out for us those codes of conduct that never go out of fashion. Human beings remain the same and the law of God is written upon our hearts. Even though there are technological advances, and even though our knowledge of the universe has expanded over the centuries, we still are who we are as humans. What is right is right and what is wrong is wrong.

Jesus highlights one such moral principle that we are called to abide by. It is a principle that seems to have been thrown by the wayside all too often in our contemporary world. That principle of which Jesus speaks is the need to forgive. Peter asked Jesus how often he should forgive if someone sins against him. In his question, he asks whether or not seven times was enough. He thought he was being generous with regard to forgiveness. An astute reader would understand the number seven to be the number of perfection in scripture. Seven seems sufficient enough, yet Jesus corrects him and says, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." What Jesus is conveying to Peter (and to all of us) is that forgiveness knows no limit. We must be willing to forgive as often as is necessary.

This is an important lesson for this current time where forgiveness is almost non-existent in our vocabulary. It is imperative that we all rediscover how necessary and vital forgiveness is. In reality, every generation has struggled with forgiveness, which is why Jesus mentioned it. It is lamentable that our tendency is to first respond in a negative way to everything. We become judgmental, critical, and unforgiving toward others, but we expect others to show mercy to us. That is what is clearly presented in the Lord's parable in the gospel. The man expected the king to show mercy toward his debts, but the same man was unwilling to extend mercy toward someone who owed a mere fraction of what he

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himself owed.

Forgiveness is always in fashion. There is no doubt this is one of the most demanding aspects of our Faith. When we are wronged, we could easily take vengeance. Clashes and rifts can develop into outright war. Learning to forgive takes great heroic virtue, and more importantly, it releases the forger of compounding resentment. A lack of forgiveness harms the unforgiving person the most.

We've got to learn to forgive from the heart. It sets us free and the mercy we extend covers a multitude of sins. Obviously, forgiveness does not mean that we don't hold people accountable when necessary. We can't continue to allow people to take advantage of us. By the same token, the ultimate justice belongs to God. We can do certain things that prevent a person from taking advantage of us, but we can also forgive. Let's look after one another's good. To do so is really cool.

Fr. Paul

Happy Birthday, Fr. Joseph

This Tuesday, September 15th is the birthday of our beloved Fr. Joseph. Let us join together as a parish to extend our special wishes to him as he celebrates the gift of another year of life. We are so grateful for his kind and loving presence, faithful service, guidance, and dedication to our parish community. His simple wisdom, Christian example, joyful spirit, and care for others are a true blessing to all of us. We pray that God may bless Fr. Joseph with good health, abundant joy, and profound peace throughout many years to come. May his day be filled with immeasurable blessings. Happy Birthday, Fr. Joseph

Catholic Daughters Meeting

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court #2460 Angels of Mary will have their monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 15th in CC#1. We will have a social gathering at 6PM followed by business meeting from 6:30-7:30PM. All the women age 18 and over are invited to join us and become a member. We will discuss events for the coming months. Please join us and bring ideas.



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 collect 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 Ron and Mary Kuffel for your prayers for vocations this past week. Richard and Theresa Arizmendi will be praying with the Traveling Crucifix this week. The Hutzler family will be taking the Traveling Crucifix September 20 - 27, 2026.



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 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

Men's Club Meeting

All men, 18 years and older, are invited. September 15th in the Parish Hall. Meal served at 6:30 with a meeting to follow. Whether you're already part of the Men's Club or have never attended before, we would love to have you with us! Come enjoy a meal, meet other parishioners, and be part of our parish community. Come as you are, bring a friend and join us!

School Children Altar Server Training

The first altar server training session for our school children interested in becoming Altar Servers will be Wednesday, September 16th immediately following the School Mass in the church. During this training, young servers will learn what it means to serve at the altar, the different responsibilities of an altar server, and how to assist during Mass. Additional training sessions will be announced soon.

Men's Club Annual BBQ Fundraiser

Sunday, October 11th **Parish Hall** **11AM-2PM**

\$15 per plate including BBQ brisket and sausage, potato salad, pinto beans, bread, BBQ sauce, and a peppermint!

Tickets will be sold by Men's Club members after each Mass. We appreciate your support of our ministry and the opportunities it creates for service and fellowship.

St Pius X School Student Council will be selling desserts, and the PTO will be selling raffle tickets for the Halloween Carnival on Oct 23rd.



Parish Happenings

Tuesday, September 15th

5:30PM – Catholic Daughters – CC#1

6:30PM – Men's Club Meeting – PH

Wednesday, September 16th

7:00AM – Joyful Pillars – CC#2

Thursday, September 17th

7:00PM – Confessions/Adoration – CH

Friday, September 18th

4:00PM – Quince Rehearsal – CH

Saturday, September 19th

12:00PM – Altar Server Pizza Party – PH

2:00PM – Quinceanera – CH

Sunday, September 20th

9:30AM – Waffle Breakfast by PTO 9:30AM –

11:00AM – PH

1:30PM – Baptisms – CH

Waffle Breakfast!

Sunday, September 20th, 9:30-11AM

The PTO is cooking up a special treat for our Parish Family, WAFFLES! A very special THANK YOU to the PTO for this wonderful and generous gift to our Parish! What a beautiful way to bring our parish family together. Everyone is welcome!

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/stpiusxccc

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

Religious Education Classes Start This Week

Religious Education for all students in elementary school and those students needing sacraments will start on Wednesday, September 16th from 6-7PM. 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 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 Pizza Party](#) in the Parish Hall, Saturday, September 19th, at 12:00PM. 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.

Altar Server Recognition Ceremony

The 2026 Altar Server Recognition Ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, September 27 at Corpus Christi Cathedral at 2:00PM. There will not be a Mass, so be sure to attend Mass prior to the ceremony. The ceremony will begin with Vespers, which will be followed by the Recognition Awards.

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,

On Saturday, we hosted a very special celebration as St. Pius X Catholic School celebrated 60 years of existence and loving generations of Blue Jays.

Since opening its doors in September 1966 with just 209 students, St. Pius X has grown and changed along with its students. Classrooms have been added, buildings have been renovated, programs have evolved, and generations of students have come and gone, but the heart of our school has remained the same: faith, service, community, and a commitment to forming the whole child in a Christ-centered environment.

As we welcomed our alumni back to campus, we took time to remember the priests, religious sisters, teachers, parents, students, and countless members of our community who helped make St. Pius X what it is today. The story of our school is not simply found in dates and buildings; it is found in the people who prayed here, learned here, served here, and carried the Blue Jay tradition with them into their lives.

Sixty years is more than a milestone. It is a legacy.

On Saturday, we celebrated that legacy and the beautiful families that have made St. Pius X home for six decades. I want to thank Mr. Steve Tagliabue and everyone who helped bring this event to life.

Happy 60th Anniversary, St. Pius X Catholic School! May God bless our Blue Jay families, past, present, and future.

Blessings,

Mrs. Beth Hinojosa

Servant & Principal



School Ground Breaking



St. Pius X Catholic School First Graduating Class

Name _____		Phone _____		Student Name/Grade _____	
ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC SCHOOL					
41ST ANNUAL HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL - OCTOBER 23, 2026					
		\$3,000 Visa Gift Card		TICKET OFFERING \$5.00	
		\$1,000 Visa Gift Card		PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE	
		\$500 Visa Gift Card			
		\$350 Visa Gift Card			
		\$250 Visa Gift Card			
		\$100 Visa Gift Card			
NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN - DRAWING WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 30TH					
ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC SCHOOL					
361-992-1343 737 St. Pius Dr., Corpus Christi, TX 78412					
				TICKET SPONSOR:	
					
				361-985-1111	

Get Your Halloween Carnival Raffle Tickets!

Support St. Pius X Catholic School and our upcoming Halloween Carnival for just \$5 a ticket! Tickets will be available after every Mass, or scan the QR code to purchase online. Don't miss your chance to win some great prizes while supporting our school! You do not need to be present to win. The drawing will be held October 30!

Mass Intentions



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

Monday, September 14th

8:15AM † Cecilia Mikulik by Wallace & Randy Mikulik

Tuesday, September 15th

8:15AM † Milagros Arevalo by Romie Arevalo

Wednesday, September 16th

8:15AM † Mary Fuselier by De Havel

† Alfred Hesse by Dr. & Mrs. M.L. Ramirez, Jr.

Ramon Martinez by Family

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

† Julian Galloway by Family

† Ronald Reumuth & Deceased Family Members by Family

† David Martinez by Gonzalez Family

† Clairene Higdon by Kirt Higdon

† Manuel "Meme" Guerra by Family & Friends

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 † Ronald Mikulik by Mikulik Family

† Alfred Hesse by Estela Phillips

† Maury Jarrell by Waynette Jarrell

† Roberto Mejia by Jean Inman

† 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 17th

8:15AM † Anna B. Krejci by Chuck Gross

Friday, September 18th

8:15AM † Christina Dalryple by Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Hyde

5:30PM † Elida Guzman by Phillips Family

Saturday, September 19th

5:30PM † Jose Zuniga by Family

Sunday, September 20th

8:00AM For the People of St. Pius X

10:00AM † Carlene Read by Cheryl Johnson

12:00PM † Jose, Juan, Sara Zuniga by Family

5:30PM † Doak Russell by De Havel

Financial Report for 9/6/2026

Sunday Collection	\$	12,075.43
Sunday Online	\$	10,840.00
GOF (Other)	\$	40.00
Memorial Fund	\$	50.00
Santo Nino First Friday Mass	\$	604.00
Other Contributions	\$	135.55
Total Operating Revenue	\$	23,744.98

Other Contributions:

AOC	\$	1,594.00
Catholic University Collection	\$	10.00
Christopher Janosek Schol. Fund	\$	80.00
Disaster Relief Collection	\$	30.00
Other Contributions	\$	1,714.00
Total Contributions	\$	25,458.98

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, Geneva Ramirez, 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, Vivian Shelander, 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.

