



St. Pius X Catholic School

"Building Leaders for Christ"

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<https://spxsa.school>

Fr. Pat O'Brien

Pastor

Genese G. Bell, Ed.D

Principal

Mark Your Calendar

12/21 Student-led Mass at 5pm, followed by Los Posadas, ALL school families are welcome

Las Posadas

Sunday, December 21
after the 5 PM Mass
(meet in the grotto)

Procession followed by
fellowship with tamales, posole,
hot chocolate, and buñuelos.

Kids, bring your parents to
join in the piñata fun!



Don't forget to
bring a flashlight.

12/22-No School,
1/2/26 Christmas Holiday

12/25 Merry Christmas



1/5 School resumes

1/7 School Mass 8:15am

Honors Assembly
after Mass

1/14 School Mass 8:15am

1/16 PTC Meeting 12pm in
the SPX Library

[https://school.stpiusxa.org/
calendar](https://school.stpiusxa.org/calendar)

Advent Music Program

Thank you
for sharing
your talents
with us!



SAVE THE DATE:

The online application for TEFA will open on **February 4, 2026**

In this Advent and Christmas season, our school radiates the light of Christ. In our classrooms, students learn that knowledge and faith go hand in hand—and that hope grows when we serve others with joy.

A Catholic education is a lasting gift. It shapes hearts and minds to see Christ in the world and respond with courage and love.

As we prepare to celebrate His coming, may we continue to share this light with every family who desires it.

Learn more about how Hope for the Future and Texas Education Freedom Accounts can make Catholic education possible. More information can be found on the Archdiocese website at: <https://archsa.org/catholic-schools/esa/>.

Learn more: [Texas Education Freedom Accounts \(TEFA\) also known as ESAs](#)



Celebrate with us!

Sunday, December 21

Las Posadas - Meet at 6 PM in the Grotto.
Tamales and Hot Chocolate to follow
in the Family Center.

Wednesday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

4:00 PM Mass (with Children's Pageant)
7:00 PM Mass

Thursday, December 25 – Christmas Day

12:00 AM Mass (begins at Midnight)
8:00 AM Mass
10:15 AM Mass
12:00 PM Mass (Spanish)

Sunday, December 28 – Feast of the Holy Family

Regular Mass Schedule

Wednesday, December 31 (Vigil)

Solemnity of Blessed Virgin Mary
6:30 PM Mass

Thursday, January 1

Solemnity of Blessed Virgin Mary
10:00 AM Mass
12:00 PM Mass (Bilingual)

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Dates Closed

December 24 & 25, 31, and January 1

Half Days (closing at Noon)

December 26 through January 2

All other Days will be our normal hours.

M-Th 9 AM-5 PM, Fri 9 AM-4 PM

We celebrate the fourth Sunday of Advent by sharing LOVE



During this last week of Advent, we share LOVE.

As you go about your week, instead of getting angry with the other drivers on the road, offer a prayer for them, if your brothers and sisters are frustrating you, let your heart fill with LOVE that you have brothers and sisters nearby.

Write letters of thanksgiving to people in your life, these notes will bring smiles and LOVE to those around you.



Run, run, as fast as you can...what a fun time our PreK students had chasing the Gingerbread man all over campus!



Hope for the Future applications are OPEN

Hope for the Future provides tuition assistance to families in need, giving their children the opportunity to receive a quality Catholic education.

Their mission is to ensure that financial barriers never prevent a child from receiving a Catholic education.

Apply TODAY at <https://online.factsmtg.com/aid>

**Early Verification
ends January 31st**

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CHURCH CONSTRUCTION NEWS

It's almost here! Construction for our church renovations and additions will begin very soon! Here is what you need to know:

1. Daily and weekend Masses will be held in the Msgr. Martin Family Center beginning Monday, January 5, 2026.
2. Our Blessed Sacrament Chapel will remain open until March 1, 2026. After that time, you may visit nearby churches that have a chapel. We will also have some scheduled adoration times in the Family Center. Watch the St. Pius X Church bulletin for details.
3. Additional parking is always available along Harry Wurzbach Road and Five Oaks Drive. We may be inconvenienced a little for the next year, but the results will be fabulous! Still need to make a pledge to support our Capital Campaign? Pledge cards are available in the church and office, or just make your donation online at: [Capital Campaign 2025 | St. Pius X Catholic School](#)



Help Shine a Spotlight on San Antonio's Best!

It's time to celebrate the businesses that make our city great! You can vote for **St. Pius X Catholic School** (under Private School in the EDUCATION Category) and **St. Pius X Child Development Center** (under PreSchool/Daycare in the EDUCATION Category) EVERY DAY!

Now through **January 2, 2026**, you can nominate (vote) for our **St. Pius X Catholic School** and **St. Pius X Child Development Center** once a day, every day. Each

nomination brings us closer to crowning the best of the best in San Antonio. To nominate/vote, go to:

www.MySA.com/Yoursa!



**Join us for our student-led Mass
at the 5pm Mass on Sunday,
December 21, 2025 and stay
for Las Posadas.**



News from our SPX Church

Las Posadas

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Kids, bring your parents to join in the piñata fun!



Don't forget to bring a flashlight.

*There will not be a newsletter over the Christmas break,
Have a wonderful holiday season with your family and we
will see you back at school on January 5, 2026.*



How many gifts did "my true love" receive during the 12 Days of Christmas?

Mrs. Wright's 2nd grade class spent 12 days solving this puzzle.

One Partridge in a Pear Tree for 12 Days

$1 \times 1 = 1$
 $2 \times 1 = 2$
 $3 \times 1 = 3$
 $4 \times 1 = 4$
 $5 \times 1 = 5$
 $6 \times 1 = 6$
 $7 \times 1 = 7$
 $8 \times 1 = 8$
 $9 \times 1 = 9$
 $10 \times 1 = 10$
 $11 \times 1 = 11$
 $12 \times 1 = 12$

A Total Of 12 Partridges and 12 Pear Trees in 12 Days.

Five Golden Rings for 8 Days

$1 \times 5 = 5$
 $2 \times 5 = 10$
 $3 \times 5 = 15$
 $4 \times 5 = 20$
 $5 \times 5 = 25$
 $6 \times 5 = 30$
 $7 \times 5 = 35$
 $8 \times 5 = 40$

A Total of 40 Golden Rings in 8 Days.

The True Love's Gifts:

$1 \times 12 = 12$
 $2 \times 11 = 22$
 $3 \times 10 = 30$
 $4 \times 9 = 36$
 $5 \times 8 = 40$
 $6 \times 7 = 42$
 $7 \times 6 = 42$
 $8 \times 5 = 40$
 $9 \times 4 = 36$
 $10 \times 3 = 30$
 $11 \times 2 = 22$
 $12 \times 1 = + 12$

Total Gifts: 364

Do you see the number patterns?

The Twelve Days of Christmas
December 25 - January 5

How Many Gifts did My True Love Receive during The Twelve Days of Christmas?

3 French Hens for 3 Days

$1 \times 3 = 3$
 $2 \times 3 = 6$
 $3 \times 3 = 9$

A Total of 9 French Hens in 3 Days.

4 Calling Birds for 4 Days

$1 \times 4 = 4$
 $2 \times 4 = 8$
 $3 \times 4 = 12$
 $4 \times 4 = 16$

A Total of 36 Calling Birds in 4 Days.

5 Golden Rings for 5 Days

$1 \times 5 = 5$
 $2 \times 5 = 10$
 $3 \times 5 = 15$
 $4 \times 5 = 20$
 $5 \times 5 = 25$

A Total of 40 Golden Rings in 5 Days.

6 Swans in a Lake for 6 Days

$1 \times 6 = 6$
 $2 \times 6 = 12$
 $3 \times 6 = 18$
 $4 \times 6 = 24$
 $5 \times 6 = 30$
 $6 \times 6 = 36$

A Total of 66 Swans in a Lake in 6 Days.

7 Maids a-Milking for 7 Days

$1 \times 7 = 7$
 $2 \times 7 = 14$
 $3 \times 7 = 21$
 $4 \times 7 = 28$
 $5 \times 7 = 35$
 $6 \times 7 = 42$
 $7 \times 7 = 49$

A Total of 42 Maids in a-Milking in 7 Days.

8 Ladies Dancing for 8 Days

$1 \times 8 = 8$
 $2 \times 8 = 16$
 $3 \times 8 = 24$
 $4 \times 8 = 32$
 $5 \times 8 = 40$
 $6 \times 8 = 48$
 $7 \times 8 = 56$
 $8 \times 8 = 64$

A Total of 64 Ladies Dancing in 8 Days.

9 Lords a-Leaping for 9 Days

$1 \times 9 = 9$
 $2 \times 9 = 18$
 $3 \times 9 = 27$
 $4 \times 9 = 36$
 $5 \times 9 = 45$
 $6 \times 9 = 54$
 $7 \times 9 = 63$
 $8 \times 9 = 72$
 $9 \times 9 = 81$

A Total of 81 Lords a-Leaping in 9 Days.

10 Pipers Playing for 10 Days

$1 \times 10 = 10$
 $2 \times 10 = 20$
 $3 \times 10 = 30$
 $4 \times 10 = 40$
 $5 \times 10 = 50$
 $6 \times 10 = 60$
 $7 \times 10 = 70$
 $8 \times 10 = 80$
 $9 \times 10 = 90$
 $10 \times 10 = 100$

A Total of 110 Pipers Playing in 10 Days.

11 Drummers Drumming for 11 Days

$1 \times 11 = 11$
 $2 \times 11 = 22$
 $3 \times 11 = 33$
 $4 \times 11 = 44$
 $5 \times 11 = 55$
 $6 \times 11 = 66$
 $7 \times 11 = 77$
 $8 \times 11 = 88$
 $9 \times 11 = 99$
 $10 \times 11 = 110$
 $11 \times 11 = 121$

A Total of 121 Drummers Drumming in 11 Days.

12 Drummers Drumming for 1 Day

$1 \times 12 = 12$

A Total of 12 Drummers Drumming in 1 Day.

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Do you see the number patterns?

On the 12 days of my true love gave to me

CHRISTMAS

12 lords a-leaping
11 pipers playing
10 drummers drumming
9 ladies a-milking
8 maids a-milking
7 swans in a lake
6 golden rings
5 golden rings
4 calling birds
3 french hens
2 turtle doves
1 partridge in a pear tree

PARTRIDGE in a PEAR TREE



SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE

"NO KID SLEEPS ON THE FLOOR IN OUR TOWN"

December 16, 2025

Dr. Genese Bell, Principal
St. Pius X Catholic School
7734 Robin Rest
San Antonio, TX 78209

Dear Dr. Genese Bell, Mrs. Agatha Christian, and Members of the National Junior Honor Society,

We would like to send our deepest appreciation to you and Mrs. Agatha Christian, and the Members of the St. Pius X National Junior Honor Society for the very generous donation of 132 pillows to Sleep in Heavenly Peace TX - San Antonio Chapter. Our volunteers will be delivering SHP beds to 200 children on Christmas Eve. One can only imagine how excited those children will be to be able to sleep in their own bed with their new pillow and bedding! It is through the support of donors like you that we are excited to report that we have been able to provide beds, mattresses, pillows, and bedding for 1669 children in the Bexar County area so far this year. What a blessing!

Currently we have over 1000 applications for children in need of a bed here in San Antonio. We look forward to partnering with you again as we aim to eliminate the problem of children who do not have a bed because "No kid sleeps on the floor in our town." Again, thank you, thank you for your continued and awesome support!

Sincerely,

Co-Chapter Presidents of the Sleep in Heavenly Peace TX – San Antonio Chapter
Gerry Fleming, Stan Gross, Barbara Hall, and the All-Volunteer Committee.

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Continuous Enrollment

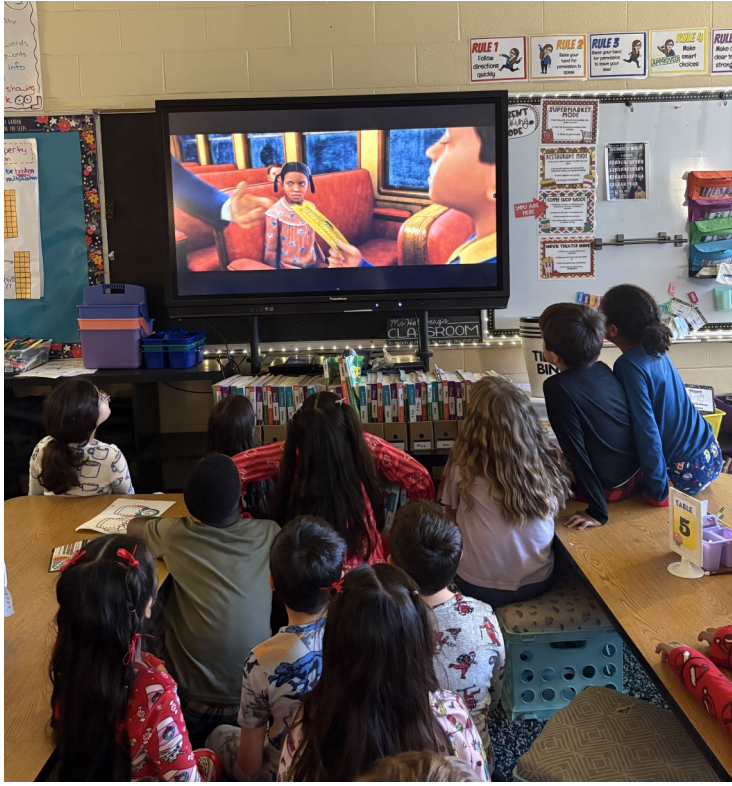
At **St. Pius X Catholic School**, we are proud to partner with families in the Catholic education of their children. In an effort to simplify the annual enrollment process, we have adopted **Continuous Enrollment**. **This means that once you enroll your child(ren) at St. Pius X, they will be considered enrolled until graduation, or until you notify us otherwise.** This agreement outlines the terms and expectations of Continuous Enrollment at St. Pius X Catholic School.

Terms of Continuous Enrollment

- 1. Automatic Re-enrollment** Beginning with the 2026-2027 academic year, all current students will be automatically re-enrolled for each subsequent school year unless a parent or guardian submits a written **Intent to Withdraw**.
- 2. Annual Notification of Changes** Families will receive an annual notice of any updates to tuition, fees, or policies on or before Catholic Schools Week (last week in January). These changes will become part of this agreement unless a written intent to withdraw is submitted.
- 3. Parishioner form**
A Parishioner form must be submitted to School Office each year in order to receive parishioner discount. This must be turned into the School Office by July of 2026. The SPX bookkeeper will send the School Office a list of all active, contributing SPX parishioners.
- 4. Withdrawal Policy**
If a family chooses not to continue enrollment for the next school year, they must notify the school in writing **by March 1st** of the current school year. Notices must be sent to: admissions@spxsa.org. Failure to notify the school by this date may result in financial penalties, as outlined in the current tuition agreement.
- 5. Tuition and Fees**
Tuition and fees are set annually and subject to change. By signing this agreement, you agree to comply with the school's tuition schedule and policies. All tuition charges will be posted to FACTS, and then discounts will be applied (such as parishioner, staff, sibling, military, or alumni). **Each student will have the non-parishioner tuition posted to their 2026-2027 FACTS account, and when their family's parishioner status is verified, the appropriate discount will be applied.**
- 6. Behavioral and Academic Standards**
Continued enrollment is contingent upon adherence to the school's academic, behavioral, and financial expectations. St. Pius X Catholic School reserves the right to refuse continued enrollment at its discretion.
- 7. Communication**
All official school communications, including updates to policies and deadlines related to Continuous Enrollment, will be sent via email and/or posted on the school website. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to review these communications regularly.

This signed agreement must be returned to the School Office by the end of January.
Copies are available on our website [We are a Continuous Enrollment School | St. Pius X Catholic School | San Antonio, TX](#) and in the School Office. Thank you!

Polar Express Day



Merry Christmas

From your SPX 7th Grade Santas!




Merry Christmas

From the SPX 8th Grade Angels






TECH FREE THINGS YOU CAN DO OVER CHRISTMAS BREAK



With kids at home all day it can be a challenge to keep them occupied without a device. Here is a list of ideas of things they can do instead of using a screen.



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- Paint the fence with water
 - Put together a holiday puzzle
 - Have a paper airplane race
 - Make paper flowers
 - Build a bug hotel
 - Do a relay race
 - Go for a bike ride
 - Fly a kite
 - Draw with sidewalk chalk
 - Climb a tree
 - Pop bubble wrap
 - Read a book
 - Build with Lego
 - Have a trivia night
 - Play a card or board game
 - Sing songs
 - Build a fort
 - Take a glow stick bath
 - Play dress up
 - Play solitaire (learn to play)
 - String Cheerios or Popcorn
 - Create with cardboard boxes
 - Put on a puppet show
 - Build a matchbox car ramp
 - Go to the library
 - Play hair salon
 - Color Free Printables
 - Play "20 Questions"
 - Build a house of cards
 - Have a pillow fight
 - Indoor Camp
 - Have an at home spa day
 - Practice or learn playing chess
 - Put on a play (write it yourself)
 - Play Would You Rather
 - Draw a comic book
 - Start a journal
 - Paint with watercolors



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FAMILIES
SHAPING SOULS

SIGN THE PLEDGE HERE →



LET'S SELL, REBELS!!

Catholic Life Raffle Fundraiser Ends Jan. 23rd



Hi, my name is _____ and I'm in _____ grade at St. Pius X Catholic School. I'm selling Catholic Life raffle tickets for \$5.00 with a chance to win the Grand Prize of \$20,000 and other cash prizes! 100% of sales go directly to our school and will help create a new multipurpose room in our school. Would you like to buy a ticket and support our school? THANK YOU!!

WAYS TO SELL:

1. Call your grandparents (*be sure to tell them you love them, too*)
2. Make a video to share on social media
3. Text 5 friends a video or fun picture of the raffle tickets
4. Call your family, cousins and friends
5. Give your parents/grandparents tickets to take to work
6. Take to your dance/karate/gymnastic/etc. classes
7. Sell tickets after Mass (at any church)
8. Take tickets to your basketball game and ask spectators
9. Go for a walk, knock on your neighbor's door and ask them!
10. Write an email with your parents to send to their email list

Remember - it doesn't hurt to ask someone to buy a ticket!
The worst they can say is no, but they can also say YES! You won't know until you ask!



STUDENT PRIZES FOR SELLING

★ FREE SHOE OR JEWELRY DAY

For every \$100 worth of tickets sold, students will receive a coupon to wear any shoe (including crocs!) OR jewelry to school for a day.



★ YOUR DAY, OUR DRIVE!

Your family's name will be entered into a drawing for every \$1,000 worth of tickets sold! Winner gets a round trip bus ride for up to 14 people! You plan the day- we give the ride! Guests will meet at St. Pius X and a driver will drop off and pick up from anywhere in San Antonio during a 4-6 hour time span. Must be scheduled before the 2026-27 school year.



★ CLASS FIELD TRIP OF CHOICE

The class that sells the most raffle tickets will go on a field trip of their choosing!

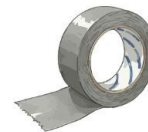


VOTES ARE IN:



★ THE FATE OF OUR PRINCIPAL...

If the entire school raises \$40,000, Dr. Bell will be taped to the wall of the school!



Don't forget to turn in as you sell and pick up more tickets in the front office!
All tickets and sales due by January 23RD.

Follow our school on Instagram: [spx_rebels](#)



Follow us on [Facebook](#) and subscribe to our [YouTube Channel](#).

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