

St. Pius X Catholic High School
Press Release

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St. Pius X Catholic High School Announces New Head Boys Basketball Coach

Crystal City, MO – April 8, 2026 – St. Pius X Catholic High School is proud to announce the hiring of Edin Kurtovic as the new Head Boys Basketball Coach. Kurtovic brings a strong passion for the game, a proven track record of developing student-athletes, and a commitment to continuing the proud tradition of the St. Pius X basketball program.

Kurtovic returns to St. Pius X with extensive coaching experience at both the boys and girls levels. Most recently, he served as Assistant Boys Basketball Coach at Fox High School (2024–2026) in Arnold, Missouri, where he coached and developed young players through targeted training sessions designed to prepare them for varsity competition. He also implemented defensive schemes and managed in-game substitutions while working alongside Hall of Fame Coach Chris Trimmer to elevate team performance.

Prior to Fox, Kurtovic spent five seasons (2019–2024) as Assistant Boys Basketball Coach at St. Pius X Catholic High School. During his tenure, he mentored and trained student-athletes, collaborated on practice planning and game strategy, and played a key role in the program’s success, including a District Championship (2019–2020), a Conference Championship (2021–2022), and an overall record of 81–47 during that span. Kurtovic also contributed as Assistant Girls Basketball Coach at St. Pius X during the 2020–2021 season, helping guide the team to a District Championship while focusing on skill development and team cohesion.

In addition to his coaching background, Kurtovic brings valuable leadership experience from his service in law enforcement. He served as a Police Officer with the Maryland Heights Police Department in 2020 and with the Saint Louis Metropolitan Police Department in St. Louis, Missouri from 2017 to 2020. While serving with the Saint Louis Metropolitan Police Department, Kurtovic was recognized as a Medal of Valor recipient—the highest honor awarded by the City of St. Louis—for his bravery and commitment to protecting others. In these roles, he conducted patrols, responded to emergency situations, and implemented community policing strategies to enhance public safety—experiences that have strengthened his leadership, discipline, and ability to connect with individuals from all backgrounds.

“We are excited to welcome Edin Kurtovic to the St. Pius X family,” said Athletic Director Tilden Watson. “His passion for basketball, commitment to developing young men, and alignment with our school’s values make him an excellent fit for our program.”

Kurtovic expressed enthusiasm about the opportunity, stating, “I am honored to join St. Pius X Catholic High School and lead the boys basketball program. I look forward to building relationships with our student-athletes, competing at a high level, and representing the school and community with pride.”

Kurtovic earned his education through studies at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, St. Louis Community College, and Jefferson College.

St. Pius X Catholic High School looks forward to the leadership and energy Kurtovic will bring as the program continues to grow and compete.

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