



# Alumni Newsletter

*The focus of this newsletter is to keep you informed about what is happening on campus and to celebrate our alumni accomplishments. We would love to hear from you!*

Dear Alumni of St. Pius X,

As always, there is a great deal happening at St. Pius X. We remain steadfast in our mission to provide a strong college preparatory education rooted in the principles of our Catholic faith.

This year marks the launch of our Lancer Academy—an exciting new initiative for students in grades 9–11 that offers unique, experiential learning opportunities outside the traditional curriculum. During the final 10 days of the school year, students will participate in a variety of academic, professional, and creative courses. Through specialized classes, field experiences, internships, and project-based learning, Lancer Academy is designed to deepen career exploration, strengthen practical skills, and inspire personal growth. To learn more, please visit: <https://www.stpius.com/the-lancer-academy.html>.

We are also pleased to share that we have renewed and expanded our merit scholarship with Missouri Baptist University (MBU). St. Pius X graduates who are accepted to MBU are now eligible for a \$24,000 annual scholarship. This aligns well with a new opportunity for students interested in pursuing Osteopathic Medicine. Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (LECOM) has partnered with Mercy Jefferson and several Missouri colleges to offer an affordable and accessible Pre-Med pathway.

In addition, for the first time in school history, our football team advanced to the Class 2 State Championship. While we did not bring home the title, we are immensely proud of this young team and excited about the future of the program. We are also moving forward with a multi-phased plan to build a new football field and track complex, an investment that will serve student-athletes for years to come.

Please continue to keep St. Pius X in your prayers as we work each day to fulfill our mission of providing a vibrant, faith-filled Catholic education.

Yours in Christ,  
**Jim Lehn**  
President  
St. Pius X Catholic High School



We had an incredible StPX Giving Day 2025 on Thursday, November 6! The entire St. Pius X community came together to show their Lancer spirit raising a total of \$115,816.40! Lancer Nation—THANK YOU for supporting Catholic education! Our mission continues moving forward as we strive to reach our fiscal year end goal of \$287,000.

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**Featured Alumni - Keith Kennedy '08**



From the halls of St. Pius X to the bright lights of Los Angeles, Keith Kennedy '08 has built an impressive career as a director and filmmaker, blending creative storytelling with commercial impact. After earning his degree in Electronic Arts: Video Studies from Missouri State University, Keith set out to bring authentic, emotionally resonant stories to life through film. His breakthrough came in 2018...

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### Washers Tournament

St. Pius X is truly blessed to have alumni who step up with such generous hearts. On October 4, 2025, we celebrated the 4th Coach Bill and Carol Schmidt Memorial Scholarship Fund Washers Tournament—an incredible day rooted in love, legacy, and community. Thanks to the dedication of so many, an amazing \$15,266 was raised to help students who dream of receiving a Catholic education at St. Pius X.

Bill and Carol together devoted more than 50 years of faithful service to our school—Bill as a beloved teacher and coach, and Carol as a guiding presence in our front office. Their legacy continues to shine through the lives they touched.

“Thank you” hardly captures the deep gratitude we feel for the Schmidt family and the committee whose hard work brings this special tradition to life each year. We are especially grateful to the alumni whose devotion made this event possible: Larry Kist '75, Brian Westrich '76, Al Grossius '76, Rolfe Wagner '75, Pam LaPlant '75, and Mike Prindeville '76.

Your dedication embodies what it means to be part of the St. Pius X family. Thank you for keeping the Schmidts’ legacy alive and supporting our students in such a meaningful way.



# TRIVIA NIGHT



JANUARY 17

Registration fee  
includes water,  
soda and beer

\$25 PER PERSON / \$200 PER TABLE  
(8 PER TABLE)

Doors open at 6:00 pm,  
trivia starts at 6:30 pm

**To register, use the link below or  
contact Katy Nesselbush, '09**



(636) 931-7487 ext.106



knesselbush@stpius.com



[www.stpius.com/trivia](http://www.stpius.com/trivia)

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP AWARD



REGISTER

## What is a Class Representative?

An elite Lancer alumni who is part of a special group of St. Pius X graduates. Typically, one or sometimes two individuals from each alumni class are chosen to rally their classmates for a little Lancer fun. Responsibilities may include:

- Participate in alumni class challenges
- Maintain an alumni class communication chain
- Coordinate reunion correspondence

- Strengthen alumni relationships through networking events

More information about class reps can be found on our [website here](#). If you are interested, please email Katy Nesselbush, Alumni Relations Coordinator, at [knesselbush@stpius.com](mailto:knesselbush@stpius.com)

Thank you to Sarah (Alderson) Joiner for stepping up as our Class of 1996 Rep!

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### **St. Pius X Legacy Gala Dinner Auction**

RETURN TO THE GARDEN



# ST. PIUS X

## *Legacy Gala*

*Save the Date*

APRIL 11, 2026

ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

"I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, and I in him will bear much fruit"

- John 15:5



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Admissions



# ST. PIUS X

## CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

# Class of 2030

# Apply now!

### 4 REASONS TO CHOOSE *St. Pius X*

**583**  
*Program*

5 CLASS TRIPS TO  
8 DIFFERENT COLLEGES  
OVER THE FIRST  
3 YEARS

**\$24k**  
*yearly*

SCHOLARSHIP TO ST.  
PIUS X GRADUATES  
WHO GET ACCEPTED  
AND ATTEND MISSOURI  
BAPTIST UNIVERSITY

**\$500K**

FINANCIAL  
AID & AWARDS  
DISTRIBUTED  
ANNUALLY

**1 hour lunch**

- EAT/BREAK
- STUDY
- ATTEND CLUBS
- TUTORING
- WORKOUT
- ATTEND MASS
- MEET WITH FACULTY
- MEET WITH COLLEGE REPS



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**ATHLETIC CALENDAR**

### Career Day

On November 13, our students took part in Career Day, an exciting opportunity to meet with professionals from a variety of fields. Guests shared their experiences, offered valuable career insights, and encouraged students to think about their own future goals. We extend our sincere thanks to all of the alumni who volunteered their time and expertise to inspire our students! If you are interested in being a Career Day rep for the 2026 Career Day, contact Katy Nesselbush at [knesselbush@stpius.com](mailto:knesselbush@stpius.com) to get on the list.



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### Upcoming Alumni Games





# ALUMNI SOCCER GAME

DECEMBER 20, 2025

10:00 AM

ON THE BOYS SOCCER FIELD AT ST. PIUS X

ALL ARE WELCOME! RSVP TO TRAVIS  
BANNES AT (314) 520-5092

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## Class Reunions

Class of 1964 - 61 years



**Class of 1975 - 50 years**



**Class of 1985 - 40 years**



Class of 1990 - 35 years



Class of 1995 - 30 years



Class of 2010 - 15 years



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## Athletics



## Football

History has been made! Congratulations to our incredible Lancers Football Team on competing in the MSHSAA Class 2 State Championship for the first time in school history! Your grit, heart, and relentless determination have taken our program to a whole new level. What an unforgettable milestone for St. Pius X! We are so proud of you, this is only the beginning!

St. Pius X Catholic High School is excited to share a big step forward for our community, the development of a brand new football field! Every donation and sponsorship will play a vital role in creating a home field that will serve generations of Lancers for years to come. At this time, we are gratefully accepting monetary donations to help make this vision a reality. In the near future, we will also be introducing sponsorship opportunities for businesses and individuals, including the chance to have names proudly displayed on the field.

More details coming soon—stay tuned! Thank you for your continued support of St. Pius X.



**BUILD THE FIELD. FUEL THE FUTURE.**

**St. Pius X Catholic High School is reaching out to our community as we take an exciting step forward: the development of a new football field. Every sponsorship and every donation contributes directly to building a new home field that will serve generations of Lancers.**

For more info, please contact  
President Jim Lehn at

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(314) 608-0669

**BUILD THE FIELD. FUEL THE FUTURE.**



**DONATE**



## Volleyball

We are so proud of our Lancers for bringing home 2nd place in the Class 4 State Volleyball Championship! Their incredible hard work, teamwork, and determination shone throughout the season and especially on the state stage. Congratulations to the players and coaches on an outstanding season, you've made Lancer Nation proud!



### Cross Country

St. Pius X sent 3 runners to the State Cross Country Meet this season:

- J. Metzler:** 9th place
- N. Statzel:** 81st place
- T. Robinson:** 112th place
- E. Bishop:** 123rd place

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### Girls Golf

St. Pius X sent 1 golfer to the State this year as well:

**M. Krutzsch:** 88th place

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Merry Christmas



**Merry Christmas**  
from St. Pius X

Merry Christmas from St. Pius X! May the joy of Christ's birth fill your heart with peace, hope, and abundant blessings this holy season.

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**ALUMNI**  
*Association*

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