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OUR MISSION

St. Pius X Catholic High School is a Catholic community dedicated to the education of the whole person, in an environment where extraordinary care and concern for the individual is ordinary.



OUR VISION

We, the Catholic learning community of St. Pius X Catholic High School, strive to maintain recognized excellence in all educational programs for students of all abilities. We strive to impart Christian ethical principles of living to students, preparing them to be productive and contributing members of a global society. We, as members of the St. Pius X Catholic High School community, seek to challenge each other individually to become lifelong learners in mind, body, and soul.





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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As another school year draws to a close and we transition into the summer months, I want to express my sincere appreciation for your dedication and commitment to our mission. Together, we have upheld the values of excellence in education and Christian ethics, shaping the lives of our students and preparing them for their futures.

As we take this time to rest, reflect, and recharge, let us remember the accomplishments and growth we have achieved together. Our community has shown resilience and strength, overcoming challenges and embracing opportunities for learning and development. As we enter the summer break, I encourage each of you to find moments of joy, relaxation, and renewal.

We look forward to the start of a new school year. Let us carry with us the lessons learned and the memories shared. May the spirit of St. Pius X continue to inspire us to strive for excellence and to nurture the minds, bodies, and souls of all who walk through our doors.

Yours in Christ,



Jim Lehn

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Steven Charleville, '16
Ben Ervin, '94
Mike Flanagan

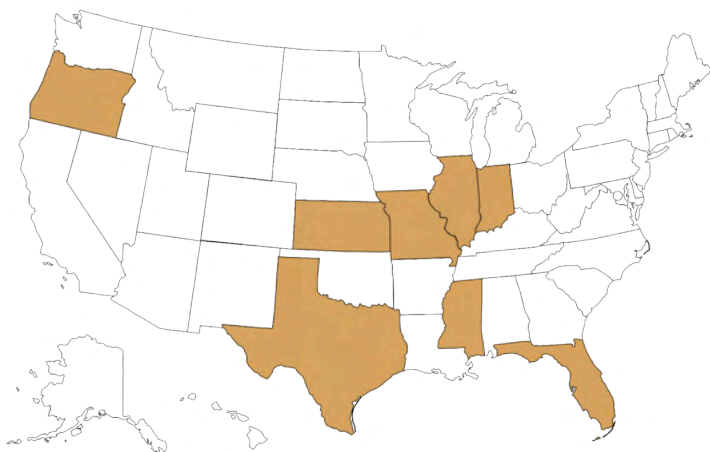
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Jim Lehn
President, St. Pius X Catholic High School

Karen DeCosty '93
Principal, St. Pius X Catholic High School

Congratulations, **CLASS OF 2024**

St. Pius X Catholic High School recently graduated 67 students in its 2024 class. 97% of the class will be enrolling in college in the fall or enlisting in the military. 63 students will be attending 26 different colleges in 8 states, with 2 seniors enlisting in the Army National Guard.



- Accepted at 62 colleges in 20 states
- 15 (22%) attending a two-year / technical college
- 48 (72%) attending a four-year college / university
- 2 (3%) have enlisted in the Army National Guard
- 48 students earned \$1.76 million in accepted merit / talent scholarships
- Class grade point average: 3.59
- 25 students graduated with a 4.0 or above GPA
 - Top GPA is a 4.339 / 4.5
- ACT Composite average for the Class of 2024 is 22.6
 - The top 10% of the class: 30.5 ACT composite
 - The top 25% of the class: 27.6 ACT composite
 - The top 50% of the class: 24.9 ACT composite
 - The national ACT average is 19.5



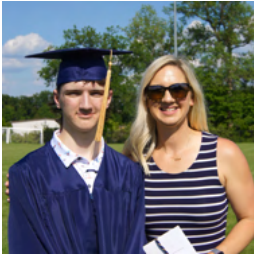


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St. Pius

Legacy Families

St. Pius X Catholic High School celebrates the achievements of first, second, and third-generation graduates. This legacy, enriched by the contributions of many families, embodies the enduring spirit and community of the school, bringing generations together to share in the joy of graduation.



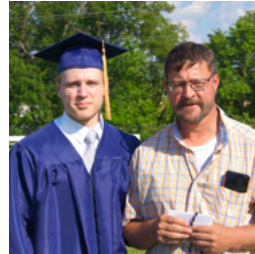
Noah Andrescavage
Cathleen (Ortmann '02)
Andrescavage



Logan Arnold
Jessica Arnold, '02



Olivia Charleville
Steven Charleville, '91



Alexander Coile
Michael Coile, '98



Emma DeCosty
Karen (Foley '93) DeCosty



Ayden Eldridge
Christopher Eldridge, '90



Scott Engelskind
Lisa (Weatherholt '91)
Bonastia



Patrick Flanagan
Peggy (Condon '91) Flanagan



Keaton Held
Andrew Held, '92



Kaden Lewis
Don Lewis, '90 and Laura
(Atzert '90) Lewis



Mallory McNutt
Jeffery McNutt, '98
Sarah (Smith '99) McNutt



Maryanne Mikko
Timothy Mikko, '95



Samuel Naes
Kenneth Naes, '85
Diane (Becker '87) Naes



Sydney Otec
Robert Otec, '88
Kelly (Hoesli '92) Otec



Zander Street
Patty (Zander '97) Street
Jim Zander, '64



Frances Surdyke
Tim Surdyke, '83
Janice (Laiben '89) Surdyke
Mark Laiben '69
Joyce (Meyer '70) Laiben



Alaina Walt
Amy (Rauscher '99) Walt

583 *program*

It has been an exciting 2023-24 school year regarding our 583 Program. Our innovative 583 program is our college visit initiative in which we take 5 college trips to 8 different schools in a student's first 3 years of high school. This school year, our juniors took trips to Southeast Missouri State University, Missouri Baptist University, and the University of Missouri at St. Louis (UMSL). Our sophomores took visits to Saint Louis University, McKendree University, Maryville University, and Lindenwood University. Our freshman students began their 583 journey this year by taking a trip to Jefferson College in the spring.

Recently, we have introduced a new element to our 583 program as we have identified students that are interested in the trades or a technical school and look to explore places of interest in those areas.

In February, we took a group of students to tour Good Earth Tools and to Jefferson College to get an in-depth look at some technical programs. In the spring, we took a group of 18 students to a regional event called "Build My Future STL" where students engaged in hands-on construction activities. We look forward to continuing to give our students opportunities to visit four year universities, two year colleges/technical schools, and local industry to explore as many post-secondary options as possible.



House OF THE YEAR

Another year has come and gone for the House System. While there are many opportunities to earn points over the course of the year, it was apparent from the beginning which house was the "powerhouse." The year started off with a great Feast Day celebration, inducting the freshmen and other new students into their houses. It was amazing to see how engaged they all were right away.

Congratulations to the Deutschman House for not only winning "House of the Year" but also dominating the entire year!



Student OF THE MONTH



Sophie Senkel
January

My plan after high school is to attend Ole Miss. I have been accepted into the Honors College and will be majoring in business on the pre-law track. St. Pius X prepared me for the future in every aspect. I feel confident I am capable of succeeding in college and beyond because of the foundation the education at St. Pius X has given me. I have learned the value of hard work and dedication through taking multiple college credit classes. St. Pius X isn't just my school, it's my home away from home and my family. Everyone here cares about each other and wants to see each other succeed. Even though I am so excited to go to college and start a new adventure, part of me doesn't want to leave.



Alexa Wideman
February

My plans after high school include attending Missouri Baptist University in the fall and working my way up to a doctorate degree in Forensic Psychology. I feel St. Pius X has

prepared me for this path through the extensive work load that has improved my work ethic and time management skills.



Olivia Charleville
March

My plans after high school include attending Southeast Missouri State to pursue a degree in Business administration. Upon obtaining this degree, I aspire to either become a part of my family's business or embark on initiating my own business endeavor. I am confident that St. Pius X equipped me both academically and personally for the journey ahead. St. Pius X fosters a nurturing community that offers a secure and supportive environment for learning, where exceptional teachers and peers contribute to personal growth and academic development, ensuring every student is prepared for their future.



Zander Street
April

My plans after high school include attending Missouri S&T to pursue a

degree in biomedical engineering on a baseball scholarship. Once I graduate with my degree, I want to obtain a job that will support me and my family all while helping others. My time at St. Pius has taught me how to balance academics and athletics, which will benefit me immensely being a college athlete.



Katie Rakers
May

After high school, I'm excited to pursue my dream of obtaining a Doctorate in Physical Therapy at SLU. Throughout my time at St. Pius X, I've felt incredibly supported and challenged, which has helped me develop the necessary skills and determination to succeed in my future endeavors. The rigorous academic environment and the emphasis on perseverance and goal-setting have been invaluable in preparing me for the rigors of graduate school and beyond. I'm grateful for the foundation I've received here, and I'm confident that it has set me on the right path for a fulfilling career in physical therapy.

Welcome CLASS OF 2028!



On Friday, January 26th, faculty, staff, and current students hand-delivered yard signs and acceptance packages to each member of the new class. This tradition marks the official welcome of these students into the school community and symbolizes the beginning of their high school journey. It's a time filled with excitement and anticipation as these young individuals prepare to start a new chapter of their academic and personal growth. We cannot wait to welcome these new students on their first day of high school in August.

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Campus Ministry CORNER

Anchored in Christ remains our overarching theme for the 2023-2024 school year. We have subdivided this theme into smaller subsections: Anchored in Truth, Anchored in Hope, Anchored in Love, and Anchored in Faith. Each time we gather for our all-school Mass, students from the corresponding house tied to the subtheme participate by reading the readings and petitions. Additionally, there is a reflection on the subtheme before Mass begins—a moment for all of us to contemplate as we journey through this theme this year.

We have had a few fun Campus Ministry events around the school this year. We spent a few days making beaded bracelets either having to do with the theme for the year or other Christ centered phrases. We also had several days where we made s'mores to remember that we all need s'more Jesus in our lives. We again this year celebrated the Immaculate Conception, Mary's birthday on September 8th, with cupcakes! We will be having our annual Root Beer float day in honor of St. Patrick and St. Joseph, and will again donate the proceeds to a charity of the students choosing.



There were three retreats in the fall, Freshman, Sophomore and Senior retreats. Freshman Unity Day was a ropes course held at Beaumont Scout Reservation, the guides lead the students through team building exercises. The Sophomore retreat was led by the MORE Team, MORE stands for Marianist Outreach Retreat Experience. The students got a lot out of the activities leading them to think about their current relationships with God and others around them. The Senior retreat was so great that several students asked to have another retreat this year. This was a smaller optional retreat for those who wished to attend. The junior retreat is also part of our spring schedule. This summer we will be taking current students and incoming freshmen to the Steubenville Summer Conference in Springfield, MO. We have 30+ students planning to attend. This will be a weekend full of community, faith and fun!

St. Pius X Sophomore and Junior students again went out into the local grade schools to congratulate second-grade classes on their First Holy Communion. They talked to the second graders about St. Pius X, since he is one of the patron saints of First Communicants, shared Eucharistic Miracles projects, written at a second-grade level by the current Seniors, last year in theology class, and they delivered a note of congratulations and a St. Pius X prayer card or bookmark. The second graders loved talking to these "big high school kids."



On March 4, 2024, Joe Halfmann was presented with the Archbishop May Service Award. He was one of 24 student winners from across the diocese, and these students have been outstanding examples of Christian service within their community.

Special ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS



This was the inaugural year for the Cardinal Glennon Guild Junior Executive Board. Sophie S., Adelynn W., Mackenzie G. were three of our students who were nominated to be on the board. These students helped facilitate two fundraising events at school. There was a Coat Drive in the fall, children's coats going to the kids at Cardinal Glennon and the adult coats going to a local women's shelter. The spring fundraiser was for kids books and activity kits (such as painting kits, etc) for the children at Cardinal Glennon. Both were successful and we can't wait to do more with this program as we grow with it.



Congratulations to Catalina K., Natalie P., Maria R., Luke S., and Tyler V. of St. Pius X Catholic High School for their remarkable achievement in earning both the Global Seal of Biliteracy and the Missouri Seal of Biliteracy!



Senior Zander S. was recently recognized at the Twin City Optimist Club Youth Appreciation Luncheon. This is an annual event that the Twin City Optimist Club uses to recognize outstanding students who have good character, strive to do their best at all times, and make a positive impact on their community. Congratulations to Zander!



Members of the Serra Club visited to present awards to two winners. Blair N. won Second Place in the ladies' category, while Josh M. won Second Place in the gentlemen's category. The winning essays, written by the sophomores, focused on navigating the challenges of our world by relying on the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Our school produced two out of the six winners in the diocese. Congratulations, Blair and Josh!



On April 24th, 17 students attended Build My Future STL. Build My Future STL gives students the opportunity to spend a day in the construction industry through an experiential showcase. Students were able to try their hand at various construction industry practices such as heavy equipment operations, welding, surveying, carpet laying, electrical applications, and much more.



Congratulations to Patrick F. and PJ K. who each hit the 1,000-point mark on February 15, 2024.

Legacy Gala DINNER AUCTION



The Legacy Gala was yet again an exceedingly successful event this year. There are not enough words to say THANK YOU to all of the parents, students, and their families who gave their time, donations of items, monetary contributions, and amazing talent to help us reach a net revenue of \$162,254.98! We are so humbled by your generosity.

The current students and families at St. Pius X brought in over \$45,000 in donations, baskets, live auction items, and more! This is incredible, and we can't THANK YOU enough for assisting with the success of the Legacy Gala Dinner Auction. Huge thank you to Laurie Lewis, Kelly Hermann, Michelle Donovan-Cudihee, Peggy Flanagan, Alisyn Beffa, Sara Colantuano, Whitney Lebon, and Jamie Kuzwara for being the parent leaders for each class and assisting with all of the donations.

Our Fund-a-Need 2024 goes towards St. Pius X's continued mission to renew, repurpose, and restore the facilities and resources we have, specifically our BATHROOMS. The Fund-a-Need raised \$15,350.00!

The Friends of Father Dalton Scholarship was created in 2011 to provide financial assistance for families who may need help to make Catholic education a reality for their child. Father Dalton committed a lifetime of service, pouring his heart and soul into growing St. Pius X. This year, we were able to raise \$22,950.00 for this amazing scholarship! That number is truly incredible and a testament to how important our Catholic faith and education is to our community.

As with any event of this magnitude, there are many to be thankful for. Thank you to everyone who donated, attended, volunteered, and supported the event financially. To the awesome decorating and set-up crew... You are simply amazing. Stephanie Wideman, Becky Czarnecki, Maureen Sherry, Dana Pipkin-Anderson, Gina Pate, Peggy Flanagan, Kelly Lehn, and Diane Naes... THANK YOU! A very special thank you is owed to Molly Miriani, parent of alumni, who has shared her creativity and dedication with us all for many years, transforming our school and gymnasium into a stage of enchantment and leaving us with unforgettable memories.

May God bless you,

Amy Atzert, Director of Events



FINE *Arts*



MUSIC & BAND

The music program at St. Pius X had a resurgent year! In the fall the band performed at Homecoming, and the Twin Cities Christmas Parade. Meanwhile the Choir Program was able to have a public performance at the Elk's Lodge in Hillsboro for the Sacred Heart group. Second semester found us getting really busy. The Choirs participated in the Missouri Music Education Symposium at Jefferson R-7. The Band also participated at the Music For All Regional Concert Band Festival held at O'Fallon Township High School in Illinois. Both groups came together to compete at the Music in the Parks competition held at Northwest High School, with awards being at Six Flags. Both groups earned 3rd place, with the band being just 4 points out of 1st place, and both groups were the highest scoring groups from Missouri in their classes. The year culminated with a performance from all groups at the spring Fine Arts Festival. Both groups are already looking forward to next year, as they will perform at Busch Stadium on July 31. The band is also sponsoring a camp for young musicians to come learn an instrument. People interested in either tickets for the Cardinals game, or signing up for the summer camp should contact Mr. Schaffer at dschaffer@stpius.com.

ART

The Fine Arts Festival and Senior Exhibition at St. Pius X Catholic High School on May 2 was magnificent. Showcasing a blend of student's artwork, the event celebrated the creative talents within the school community. Seniors were recognized for their dedication and contributions to the art department throughout their time at St. Pius X.



CONSIDER *St. Pius X*

Consider St. Pius X for high school - the sole Catholic co-ed option in Jefferson County. Whether a prospective freshman or a transfer student, we warmly welcome all. Experience our community firsthand through shadow days and tours. Contact our Director of Admissions, Breanna Bannes, at bbannes@stpius.com or 636-931-7487, ext. 117, to schedule a visit. Join us in welcoming future students into our dynamic community. Thank you for supporting educational opportunities.



CIRCLE THEATRE

St. Pius X Circle Theatre had a busy 2023/2024 season. The fall of 2023 brought a production of the farcical comedy *The Play That Goes Wrong* (High School Edition) by Lewis, Shields, and Sayer. Also in the fall, St. Pius X Speech continued competing in the Missouri Eastern Speech Association (MESA). In the spring of 2024, Circle Theatre took on the Don Zolidis one-act comedy **The Devil in Sherman Marsh**. For the second year in a row, speech and theatre placed first in their district for the one-act play and earned a trip to Springfield, Missouri, to participate in the state tournament.

Circle Theatre's fall production of *The Play That Goes Wrong* (High School Edition) was part Monty Python, part Sherlock Holmes, and a fun farce of a murder mystery where the audience never knew if anything actually went wrong!

Cassidy Longenecker performed her original oratory speech at the 2024 Cabaret, placing 4th overall in MESA for original oratory in December 2023.

St. Pius X Circle Theatre became the 2024 District Champions for the one-act play *The Devil in Sherman Marsh*, traveling to Springfield, MO in April to compete in MSHSAA's state speech tournament.



FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA

THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2024

FIREWORKS BEGIN AT 9:15 PM

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

CLASS 2

RECORD 7-13-1

TRACK & FIELD

CLASS 2

Took 2nd in District in both the Girls and Boys, first time in school history. Qualified eight girls to the State Championship Meet
Carolyn Argana, PJ Krodinger, Bridget Flanagan, Harper Gass, Elana Ruble, Carlei Clubb, Renee Hannekan-Callahan and Hollan Voyles and one boy Daniel DeGeare.

GIRLS SOCCER

CLASS 2

RECORD 18-3

Ranked 8th in the State

BOYS BASKETBALL

CLASS 3

RECORD 15-12

We had something that had never happened before. PJ Krodinger and Patrick Flanagan reached their 1,000 career points on the same night at HOME.

BOYS GOLF

CLASS 2

RECORD 2-6

Qualified two to State Championship - Will Becker and Logan Arnold

GIRLS BASKETBALL

CLASS 3

RECORD 24-5

The first-ever basketball team in our school's history to reach the State Final Four, and they did it with an impressive 3.8 GPA across the board!

BASEBALL

CLASS 3

RECORD 11-11

Won the Conference Title for the third year in a row

WRESTLING

CLASS 2

RECORD 11-3

In the program's third year, our boys dominated Districts and we boasted eight (8) State Qualifiers. We clinched the 11th spot out of 62 teams at the State level. Notably, Peyton Shaver and Dawson Literall both grabbed 3rd place in the State competition.

FEATURED Alumni



HALEY ALMANY **CLASS OF 2016**

Initially pursuing a degree in Biochemistry at the University of Mississippi, Haley found her true calling through the guidance and encouragement she received at St. Pius X. Now serving as a Judge Advocate in the United States Navy JAG Corps, stationed in Pearl Harbor, HI, Haley attributes her success to the open-mindedness instilled in her by her teachers, emphasizing the importance of following one's passions even if they lead to unexpected paths.

What Haley cherishes most about her time at St. Pius X is the strong sense of community and support she experienced.

Surrounded by peers, teachers, and staff who genuinely cared about her well-being and growth, she found a nurturing environment that fostered both personal and professional development. Haley's advice to current students echoes the lessons she learned at St. Pius X—never stop challenging oneself, always seek new experiences, and fearlessly pursue dreams, no matter how fleeting they may seem. Her life is a testament to the transformative power of embracing opportunities and staying true to oneself.



MEGAN DITTMANN-RYAN **CLASS OF 2012**

Megan Dittmann-Ryan graduated from St. Pius X in 2002, on a journey that has taken her to the forefront of civil rights advocacy. Her time at St. Pius X not only shaped her academic pursuits but also ignited a passion for justice that has defined her career. Inspired by the nurturing environment and influential teachers, Megan found herself drawn to law, ultimately leading to her role as a Supervising Attorney for the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Civil Rights.

Reflecting on her journey, Megan credits her resilience and adaptability for her success, emphasizing the importance of embracing change and pursuing passions even when they diverge from the original plan. Her diverse experiences, from teaching at St. Pius X to advocating for vulnerable populations in Missouri's foster system, have reinforced her commitment to making a positive impact in the world. Through her work investigating complaints of discrimination in education, Megan continues to uphold the values instilled in her at St. Pius X, embodying the school's legacy of justice and compassion.



BRITTANY FALKOWSKI

CLASS OF 2003

Brittany Falkowski reflects on her time at St. Pius X with gratitude for the solid foundation it provided. The rigorous coursework and supportive environment cultivated her academic and personal growth, instilling in her essential skills like time management and effective communication. These skills proved invaluable as she pursued her law degree and established a successful career as an equity partner at Husch Blackwell LLP, specializing in labor and employment law.

Among her fondest memories at St. Pius X was playing varsity softball alongside her older sister, Jennifer Papin. This experience taught her the value of teamwork, a lesson she carries with her to this day in her collaborative approach to legal practice. Brittany encourages current students to advocate for themselves and to recognize their worth, echoing the supportive and empowering ethos she experienced at St. Pius X. As her nephew, Chase Papin, prepares to become the third generation of their family to attend St. Pius X, Brittany's connection to her alma mater remains strong, a testament to the enduring impact of her time there.



SAMANTHA GOLDSMITH

CLASS OF 2015

Samantha (Loucks) Goldsmith has pursued a career in law as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for St. Francois County, Missouri. Graduating with a BA in Political Science from Southeast Missouri State University and later earning her Juris Doctorate from the University of Missouri Columbia School of Law, Samantha now prosecutes both felonies and misdemeanors, from charging to plea or trial.

Reflecting on her time at St. Pius X, Samantha credits the school with igniting her passion for law. Inspired by the Close Up trip program, Samantha discovered her desire to make a difference in her community through the legal system. Additionally, St. Pius X provided Samantha with the resources and support to pursue her academic goals, enabling her to secure scholarships and complete her undergraduate degree in just three years. This foundation has propelled Samantha into a fulfilling career where she continues to make a positive impact on her community through the pursuit of justice.



CAROLINE HILTON

CLASS OF 2017

Caroline (Barnes) Hilton, a graduate of St. Pius X in 2017, reflects on the profound impact her education had on her future career as a lawyer. The rigorous college credit courses she undertook at St. Pius X challenged her academically, preparing her for the demanding course loads she would face in both undergraduate and law school at Saint Louis University. Today, as a practicing lawyer, Caroline acknowledges the foundational role her high school education played in shaping her academic resilience and readiness for the challenges of higher education and beyond.



NANCY HUMMEL

CLASS OF 1983

Nancy Hummel graduated in 1983 and credits her time at the school for instilling in her valuable life lessons. Today, she balances her career as an attorney at Ritsema Law with her passion for skiing, embodying a harmonious blend of professional excellence and outdoor adventure. Reflecting on her journey, Nancy emphasizes the importance of caring for others, pushing oneself beyond limits, and maintaining faith—a testament to the holistic education she received at St. Pius X.

During her time at St. Pius X, Nancy cherished the strong sense of community, camaraderie in sports, and the feeling of belonging. Fond memories include the infamous math test incident and the coveted MOP award. As advice to current students, Nancy urges them to believe in themselves, pursue their dreams relentlessly, and take proactive steps to turn aspirations into reality. Her words echo the empowering ethos of St. Pius X, inspiring students to embrace their potential and seize opportunities with confidence.

St. Pius X Catholic High School

Endowment Fund

The St. Pius X High School Endowment Fund will serve as a long-term "savings account" for need-based scholarships, faculty and student enrichment, and unrestricted funds for the growing needs of our school. St. Pius X partners with the Roman Catholic Foundation of Eastern Missouri to manage funds.

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JENNA JOACHIMSTALER

CLASS OF 2015

Jenna Joachimstaler has found her calling as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in her local county. Armed with a Juris Doctorate earned from Missouri State University and SLU Law, Jenna is dedicated to upholding justice and ensuring the safety of her community. Her time at St. Pius X laid the groundwork for her future, with early discussions about college and opportunities to take college credit courses providing her with a head start in her academic journey. Jenna also credits the dedicated staff at St. Pius X for investing their time and energy into her growth and development, equipping her with the knowledge and skills needed

for success in her career.

Despite the academic rigor, Jenna fondly recalls the camaraderie she experienced through participating in sports teams. For her, the bonds forged on the field were among the most cherished memories of her time at St. Pius X. Jenna's advice to current students echoes the values instilled in her during her time at the school: have fun, get involved, and work hard. These principles, she believes, lay the foundation for a fulfilling and successful life.



SEAN MCDOWELL

CLASS OF 2017

Sean McDowell, a recent graduate from Southern Illinois University School of Law, has just completed his juris doctorate degree. Despite his busy schedule, Sean is already immersed in the legal field as a junior associate at Kreitler Law Firm, LLC, specializing in corporate and transactional law. Alongside his professional pursuits, Sean is eagerly planning his upcoming wedding to another St. Pius X alum, Alicia Thrasher, showcasing the enduring connections formed within the SPX community.

Reflecting on his time at St. Pius X, Sean fondly recalls the camaraderie and bonds formed through sports and team activities, such as bringing a ping pong table for lunch breaks. He emphasizes the importance of building connections and encourages current students to seize opportunities to connect with others, as the friendships forged at St. Pius X have played a pivotal role in both his personal and professional life.



STEPHEN PAUL

CLASS OF 1966

Stephen Paul has enjoyed a rewarding career in law, culminating in his role as Senior Legal Counsel at Shell Oil Company.

Responsible for corporate governance matters for Shell and its extensive network of subsidiaries, Stephen's dedication to excellence and integrity has left a lasting impact on the company. In retirement, he remains active as Past President and Director of the Shell Alumni Association of Greater Houston, where he continues to contribute to the legal community and enjoy pursuits such as golf, cooking, and travel.

Reflecting on his time at St. Pius X, Stephen highlights the school's emphasis on values, ethics, and service as instrumental in shaping his future career path in law. The faculty's focus on critical thinking and argumentation honed his research, analysis, and persuasion skills, instilling in him the confidence to excel in his profession. Despite the rigorous curriculum, Stephen fondly remembers the friendships forged at St. Pius X, particularly through his participation in baseball and football teams. His advice to current students is to embrace the opportunities for scholarship, discipline, and camaraderie at St. Pius X, emphasizing the importance of staying connected with fellow alumni and pursuing paths that lead to fulfilling and rewarding careers.

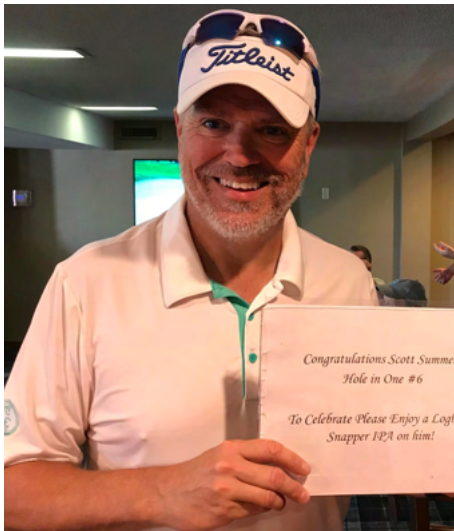


MATT PRICE

CLASS OF 1997

Matt Price reflects on how his time at the school instilled in him a strong work ethic and a passion for learning. From his early days as a state-level prosecuting attorney to his current role as Chief Legal Officer at Diamond Pet Foods, Matt attributes his success to the foundational values he acquired at St. Pius X. The school's emphasis on diligence and accountability fostered in him a lifelong love of reading and a relentless pursuit of knowledge.

While Matt cherishes the friendships forged at St. Pius X, it is the dedicated teachers who left an indelible mark on him. Despite his youthful bravado, he now deeply appreciates their commitment to imparting wisdom and shaping young minds. Reflecting on his journey, Matt advises current students to embrace the spiritual aspects of their education and to show gratitude to their educators. He acknowledges that his own appreciation for these elements came later in life and encourages students to seize every opportunity for growth and learning while they have the chance.



SCOTT SUMMERS

CLASS OF 1981

Scott Summers found his passion for law ignited during his senior year when he witnessed a mock trial conducted by the school. This experience, coupled with the profound influence of his teachers, set him on the path to becoming an attorney. Currently representing the State of Missouri in matters related to motor vehicle offenses, Scott credits the personalized attention and environment of St. Pius X for shaping his future. He emphasizes the importance of the close-knit community at the school, where students form lasting relationships with instructors and peers, fostering an atmosphere where they can thrive and excel.

Reflecting on his time at St. Pius X, Scott fondly remembers participating in musicals during his junior and senior years, highlighting the vibrant extracurricular life of the school. His advice to current students echoes the wisdom of an influential professor: prioritize enjoyment in everything you do. While hard work and dedication are crucial, Scott encourages students to find joy in their studies and to embrace the opportunities for growth and learning in a supportive environment like St. Pius X.



LOUISE TAYLOR

CLASS OF 2015

Louise Taylor has charted a successful career as Claims Counsel and AVP at Fidelity National Financial, the nation's largest title insurance company. With a Bachelor of Science in Socio-Political Communication from Missouri State University and a Juris Doctorate from Saint Louis University School of Law, Louise's role encompasses everything from coverage to claims resolution, including managing litigation and negotiation.

Reflecting on her time at St. Pius X, Louise credits the school's offering of college credit courses for helping her complete her undergraduate degree in just three years. This not only reduced the overall cost of her education but also shortened her time spent in school, providing her with a head start in her academic and professional journey. Her advice to current students echoes this sentiment, urging them to seize the opportunity to take college credit courses, especially if they have aspirations for graduate or doctoral studies.



WASHINGTON AVENUE

CLASS OF 2018 & 2020

Washington Avenue is a local band made up of three-fourths St. Pius X graduates. Eli Boyer '20 sings and plays rhythm guitar, Payton Hutson '18 plays lead guitar, Ben Huss '18 plays bass guitar, and Charles Hart (a native of Cedar Rapids, Iowa) plays drums. While the band officially formed in 2021, its roots went back to the Covid summer of 2020. Payton and Eli had known each other as students at St. Pius X but did not start talking about forming a band until learning of their mutual love of The Beatles and Bruce Springsteen. They had been writing songs for the past few years, and Ben was soon invited to play bass. The band originally planned to only play covers of older songs by artists they enjoyed, but they had written enough to try recording.

To date, Washington Avenue has released two albums, *Summer in St. Louis* (2021) and *Locked in the Gallery* (2022), and most recently, a single, "Won't Miss You" (2023). They have also played at several venues throughout St. Louis and in the Davenport, Iowa area (where Eli and Charles attended college). In 2023, they were named one of the top three best original bands in the St. Louis area in *St. Louis Magazine's* yearly A List issue. In March of this year, they were interviewed by Tim Ezell for *Fox 2 News in the Morning*, where they played their two most streamed songs, "80s Movie" and "Far Away," the latter having been their first single.

Their time at St. Pius X has extended into their young adulthood, as many of their former teachers and classmates have helped them along the way. Some of their biggest supporters have always been their friends, family, and the students and faculty of St. Pius X. They would not be where they are today if not for Mr. Taylor, Mr. McCreary, Mr. Halley, Ms. Wencker, and many others who have all helped with cheering them on and helping shape them musically. From the early mornings of rehearsing in the band room to the eleven o'clock at night phone call to Mr. Taylor because one of their guitar amps had stopped working less than ten hours before their appearance on *Fox 2 News* and they had to borrow one from the music department (yes, that happened), St. Pius X has helped them on their journey every step of the way!



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