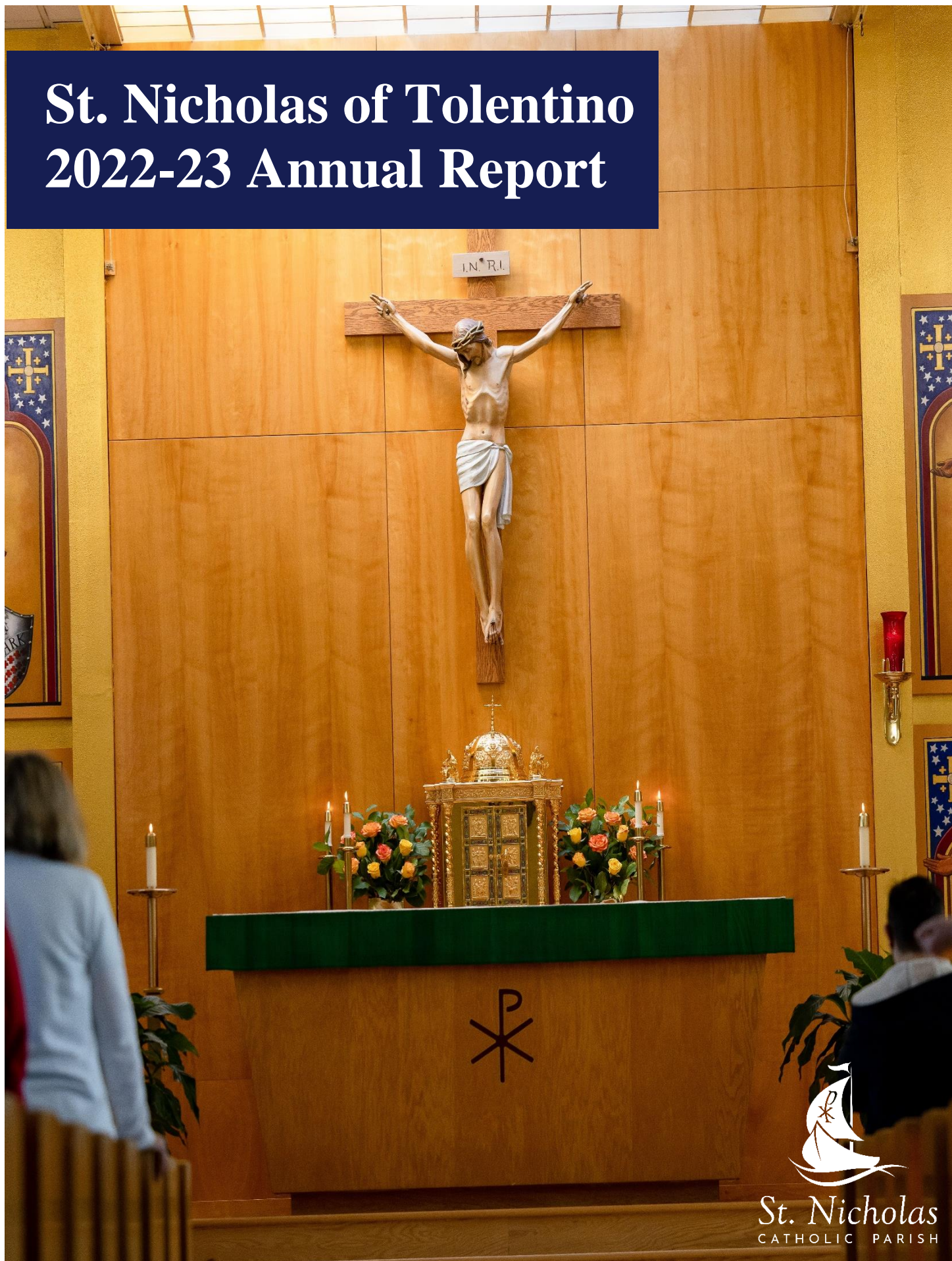


St. Nicholas of Tolentino 2022-23 Annual Report



St. Nicholas
CATHOLIC PARISH

Pastor Welcome



Dear Parishioners,

The word “testament” carries a lot of weight. I think of the Old Testament, the New Testament...a last will and testament. Nothing connected to the word testament is frivolous or unworthy of our attention.

With this in mind, the annual report you hold in your hands is a kind of testament. It’s a written witness to St Nicholas Catholic Church, but it’s not just one story! Instead, it’s a witness to how God is moving in many different lives. It’s *many* testaments, and each story points to the power, love, and faithfulness of Jesus Christ. We are many, but one. God operates in each life separately, but we can always discern when he is moving. It’s incredible!

So please, take some time with this year’s annual report. Read it over and see if you have the same reaction I do. This 2023 testament moves me to pray. It moves me to fall down in worship of our living, loving God, because this report shows that he is so, so good to us! Here’s to many more years together, weaving our lives together into a testament to the love, power, and mercy of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Gratefully in Christ,

Father Mark Guzman
Pastor

Financial Report



Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of our entire team here at St. Nicholas, I'm pleased to introduce this financial report to you for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, ending June 30, 2023.

Despite an uncertain economy, inflation, and various local, national, and worldwide challenges, you have stepped up once again as witnesses to the generous nature of our God. In the words of St. Ignatius of Loyola, you have given without counting the cost! Here are just a few highlights that stand out:

- **72 MORE HOUSEHOLDS CONTRIBUTED FINANCIALLY**
- **15 MORE HOUSEHOLDS ARE GIVING RECURRING GIFTS ONLINE**
- **BOTH THE PARISH AND THE SCHOOL ENDED THE YEAR WITH POSITIVE NET INCOME.**

While your gifts remain largely hidden, they are visible in what they allow – true ministerial freedom at our parish. We can evangelize, accompany, and disciple because of your faithfulness!

One way that you might consider maintaining this faithfulness is by setting up regular online giving. If you haven't already signed up for recurring online giving, please visit our giving page today at stnicholascc.org/give.

As we close out this year and look ahead to the next, I am forever grateful to each of you for your faithful witness. God is doing great things here at St Nicholas!

Gratefully in Christ,
Patrick Sharkey
Pastoral Assistant For Administration

Parish Financials – Snapshot



Income	Source	Expenses	Impact
86%	Offertory giving	56%	Ministries and parish activities
3%	Archdiocesan Campaigns, gifts, and bequests	40%	Operations, facilities, and maintenance
11%	Business and other revenue	4%	Assessments and other expenses

Income Statement – Parish



ORDINARY INCOME

<i>Account Name</i>	<i>FY Actual</i>	<i>FY Budget</i>	<i>FY Difference</i>
Offertory – General Operations	\$ 1,288,646	\$ 1,256,879	\$ 31,766
Archdiocesan Campaigns	\$ 44,906	\$ 26,605	\$ 18,301
Restricted Donations (Building Fund)	\$ 102,409	\$ 100,000	\$ 2,409
Business & Other Revenue	\$ 61,783	\$ 36,757	\$ 29,844
Total Income	\$ 1,497,744	\$ 1,420,242	\$ 77,502

ORDINARY EXPENSES

<i>Account Name</i>	<i>FY Actual</i>	<i>FY Budget</i>	<i>Difference</i>
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 630,372	\$ 631,535	\$ 1,163
Supplies & Programs	\$ 202,020	\$ 181,920	\$ (20,100)
School Subsidy	\$ 120,000	\$ 120,000	\$ -
Repairs & Maintenance & Capital Invest	\$ 174,435	\$ 165,969	\$ (8,466)
Business & Other	\$ 217,656	\$ 176,337	\$ (41,319)
Utilities	\$ 40,929	\$ 39,200	\$ (1,729)
Assessments	\$ 60,988	\$ 60,977	\$ (11)
Total Expense	\$ 1,446,402	\$ 1,375,940	\$ (70,461)

<i>Actual Gain versus Budget</i>	\$ 51,342	\$ 44,301
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Income Statement – School



ORDINARY INCOME

<i>Account Name</i>	<i>FY Actual</i>	<i>FY Budget</i>	<i>FY Difference</i>
Tuition	\$ 1,055,922	\$ 1,087,330	\$ (31,408)
Parish Support	\$ 120,000	\$ 120,000	\$ -
Fundraising, Grants, & Gifts	\$ 370,272	\$ 410,044	\$ (39,772)
Program Revenue	\$ 60,818	\$ 58,236	\$ 2,582
Business & Other Revenue	\$ 27,202	\$ 76,949	\$ (49,747)
Total Income	\$ 1,634,215	\$ 1,752,561	\$ (118,345)

ORDINARY EXPENSES

<i>Account Name</i>	<i>FY Actual</i>	<i>FY Budget</i>	<i>Difference</i>
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 1,191,592	\$ 1,260,200	\$ (68,608)
Supply Expenses	\$ 55,702	\$ 65,392	\$ (9,690)
Program Expenses	\$ 44,719	\$ 173,325	\$ (128,606)
Fundraising	\$ 44,478	\$ 53,890	\$ (9,412)
Utilities	\$ 42,007	\$ 47,863	\$ (5,856)
Insurance	\$ 42,979	\$ 49,630	\$ (6,651)
Business & Other	\$ 97,577	\$ 95,672	\$ 1,905
Total Expense	\$ 1,518,829	\$ 1,745,975	\$ (227,146)

<i>Actual Gain versus Budget Projected Loss</i>	\$ 115,385	\$ 6,586
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Other Stewardship

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

We received contributions through our 2023 ACA to help support the Archdiocese of Seattle, surpassing our assessment goal by \$5,641.

Assessment Goal	\$177,954
Received	\$183,595
Rebate	\$5,641



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Between Oct 22' and Sept of 23' Our St. Vincent de Paul assisted 363 families, which impacted 402 adults and 298 children! In total they gave out \$144,2382 of assistance to those in need!

Goods - Food	19,875
Goods - Gas Cards	\$7,450
Goods - Giving Tree	\$35,450
Other Goods	\$2,887
Services - Rent Assistance	\$31,219
Services - Motels	\$8,026
Services - Utilities	\$25,398
Other Services	\$14,075
Total Goods and Services	\$144,382












SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Our parish is dedicated to supporting the Church, both on a diocesan level and worldwide, as well as aiding the needs of our local charities.

Catholic Relief Services	\$2,549
Peter's Pence	\$1,115
St. Vincent de Paul Society	\$21,984
Priest Pension Fund	\$2,060
CRS Rice Bowl	\$1,412
Campaign for Human Develop.	\$1,160
Other Campaigns	\$5,087
Total:	\$34,843



2023 Ministry Impact

	DESCRIPTION	DETAILS
	Celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass	Average Sunday Mass attendance: 737 Daily Mass attendance: 48 No. of Masses Celebrated: 339 No. of Communion Services: 114
	Eucharistic Adoration	Hours committed: 104
	Funerals	24 individuals were laid to rest and their families were supported through funerals.
	Other Sacraments	Weddings: 9 Baptisms: 39 First Communions: 18 Confirmations: 28 Anointings: 249
	New Members	98 households were welcomed as new members of our parish last year.
	Ministries	32 different, Study, Prayer, and Service Ministries supported, including 7 new ones created this year!
	Children Educated	170 Children received a Catholic Education focused on building Saints and Scholars.
	Food for the Hungry	Jeannie Kares Ministry has provided over 10,000 to those in need.
	Help for Families in need	In addition to St Vincent de Paul, our Prepares program has helped over 50 families, and given away over 850 items.

Take Action in 2024!

We are all called to be part of the community of faith. One way to answer this call is through ministries and events – and our parish provides these opportunities throughout the year. We invite you to take part in our ministries and events – make sure to save these dates!

Holy days & Feasts	Mark Your Calendar
First Sunday of Advent - Advent begins	Dec. 3 rd , 2023
The Immaculate Conception (<i>Holy day of Obligation</i>)	Dec. 8 th , 2023
Ash Wednesday – Lent begins	Feb. 14 nd , 2024
Easter Sunday	March 31 st , 2024
The Ascension (<i>Holy day of Obligation</i>)	May 9 th , 2024
The Assumption of Mary (<i>Holy day of Obligation</i>)	August 15 th , 2024
All Saints (<i>Holy day of Obligation</i>)	November 1 st 2024
Events	
School Christmas Production	Dec. 13 th , 2024
Recue Project Kick off	Jan. 11 th , 2024
Visitation Guild Card Party	April 21st, 2024
School Spring Sing	May 9 th , 2024
St. Nicholas of Tolentino Festival	Sept. 7 th , 2024

Faith Formation Ministries

Atrium: A Eucharistic Beginning (Ages 4 & young 5's)

When/where: During the 5:30pm and 11am Masses - Parish Hall Room 7 (The Atrium)

Contact: Nina Potter (253) 851-8850

Atrium: A Eucharistic Beginning is a 10-session experience igniting amazement in the Catholic mass by putting into practice the meanings and symbolisms of its miraculous beauty. In the Atrium children prepare for a fuller and more conscious participation in the liturgy. They start to recognize words and gestures of the priest and assembly.

Atrium: The Liturgical Year (Kinder and 1st grade)

When/where: Sundays between the 8:30 and 11:00am Masses - Parish Hall Room 7 (The Atrium)

Contact: Nina Potter (253) 851-8850

Atrium: The Liturgical Year gives the child the foundation needed to prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion in their 2nd grade year. The Liturgical year bridges the initial recognition of words and gestures to an awareness of the values and understanding of a relationship with God.

Faith Formation Ministries - Continued

Friend to Friend (2nd - 4th grade)

When/Where: Monday Evenings in the Parish Hall

Contact: Nina Potter and Chloe Iverson (253) 851-8850

We are all called to be friends. Friendship exists where there is love and affection and trust and encouragement. Friend 2 Friend takes the wisdom from the gospel, guided by the liturgical year, to teach the Christian understanding and values of friendship. In age specific groups we take the wisdom from the upcoming Sunday gospel and gain a greater understanding that Christians really ought to be best friends to others because we have been befriended by a Savior.

Baptism Preparation

When/where: Classes are held quarterly

Contact: Nina Potter (253) 851-8850

We are always excited to baptize new children. To help the parents of the children ages 6 and under we baptism preparation classes quarterly. To sign up, please contact Nina Potter.

Sacramental Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist

When/where: We have a variety of class options and times held throughout the week.

Contact: Nina Potter (253) 851-8850

Our Catholic sacraments are celebrations that involve certain words and actions that point to God's work in our lives. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is received in preparation for the sacrament of First Holy Communion. We host a variety of class times to help children prepare to receive these sacraments.

Confirmation Adults and Youth

When/where: Varies

Contact: Youth Confirmation – Chloe Iverson (253) 851-8850

Adult Confirmation – Nina Potter (253) 851-8850

Confirmation is the final Sacrament of Initiation within the Catholic Church. When a person is confirmed, the grace given at Baptism is completed by the gifts of the Holy Spirit. This completion prepares the person to actively participate as a Catholic (both during Mass and within society). We have preparation classes both for youth ages 12-17 and for adults. We would love to help you complete your initiation in the faith!

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation)

When/where: RCIA For Youth/Family Sunday 9:45-10:45am – Parish Hall Room 4

RCIA For Adults – Monday 13:30pm – 1:45pm or Tuesday 6:15 – 7:45pm

Contact: Nina Potter (253) 851-8850

"Are you interested in becoming Catholic or just interested in learning more about the catholic faith? RCIA is the official program of the Catholic faith for people who want to inquire about Catholic Church and explore how to enter it. We welcome your questions and we welcome you!"



Prayer & Study Ministries

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

When/where: Every Thursday after the 9:00am mass till 12:00pm – Main Church

Contact: Christopher Polinsky: (253) 851-8850

“Discover the immeasurable graces that come from spending quiet time with Our Lord in silent Adoration. We will gradually be increasing the hours until Adoration is occurring all day on Thursdays. If you are interested in signing up for a weekly slot please Contact Christopher.”

Daily Rosary

When/where: Monday - Friday at 8:30am – Main Church

“Every morning, we begin our day at St. Nicholas by honoring our Blessed Mother and meditating on the life of her Son in the mysteries of the Holy Rosary. Join us to ask for her powerful intercession!”

Men’s and Women’s Bible Study

When/Where: Every Friday 9:30am and 6:30pm – Old Church

Contact: Deacon Mikhail Alnajjar (253) 851-8850

“Join us for a bible study led by Deacon Mikhail Alnajjar. We have one group that meets in the morning and another in the evening for folks that can’t meet in the morning. The bible study is open to all, men and women, young and young at heart. There are no materials necessary, just bring yourself and an open spirit. We hope to see you there!”

Prayer & Share

When/where: Every Tuesday from 10:00am – 12:00pm – Old Church

Contact: Paula Silk (760) 533-8358

“We are an women’s intercessory prayer group that strives for spiritual holiness. We love to sing and praise the Lord for His love and faithfulness. We also provide prayer through our church prayer chain. We believe in the power of prayer and consider it a privilege to pray for our church family, priests, our community, and whatever needs are given to us from the prayer box in the back of the church.”

Hearts Afire

When/where: Mondays 9:30am-11:30am – Old Church and
Wednesday 6:30pm-8:00pm -Parish Hall Room 2 or 3

Contact: Katy Tyree (425) 985-1806

“The ‘Hearts Afire’ group is a bold and fresh approach to a small-group faith renewal program. It's designed by Fr Michael Gaitley to set our hearts on fire with love of God and neighbor. We have studied a variety of programs, such as 33 days to Morning Glory and Divine Mercy: the Second Greatest Story Ever Told. Join us!”

Widows & Widowers Forward

When/where: Every 3rd Saturday 12:30pm - the Sunset Gill

Contact: Cynthia Brookbank at (505) 238-9369 or Judy Durand at (253) 857-3900

“The Widows/Widowers Forward (WWF) group brings together those who have suffered the death of a spouse. We meet for mutual support, to share our experiences, and exchange ideas and strategies to help navigate this new chapter in our lives. We offer comfort and companionship while seeking God’s will, purpose, and direction for our new beginning. Our gatherings begin with a prayer then lunch and conversation finishing with small group discussion to help us grow spiritually and cement friendships.”

Pray & Stay

When/where: Fridays 9:30-11:30am Parish Hall

Contact: Elizabeth Lohrmeyer elohrmeyer@gmail.com

“Pray & Stay helps women grow in holiness day after day, that is learning how to be a reflection of the heart of Christ by becoming the Heart to our families and to our parish. We do this through receiving the Sacraments, reading scripture and studying church teaching, and by serving each other through friendship and the gift of our time and talents.

Prayer & Study Ministries - Continued

Coffee Talk

When/where: Every Monday after the 9:00am Communion Service – Parish Hall

Contact: Deacon Mikhail: (253) 851-8850

Each Monday we gather for coffee in the Parish Hall with Deacon Mikhail for comradery and spiritual conversation. All are welcome and we would love for you to join us.

That Man is You

When/where: Every Saturday Morning at 7:00am – Parish Hall

Contact: John Odell (253) 970-1857

“That Man Is You” is a program designed specifically for Catholic men. It addresses the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, especially those relating to their roles as adults, husbands, and as fathers. We Invite all the men of the parish who are at least 18 years old to attend!

The Rescue Project

When/where: Offered various times during the year

Contact: Kieth Burke (253)973-2030

The Rescue Project is an 8 week experience of community, conversion, prayer, and the story that is the gospel. Its’s for anyone and everyone! It appeals to those who have been walking with Jesus for years, as well as those for whom Jesus is only a figure in ancient history. We invite you to attend and to invite your friends and family. Come experience the gospel!

Camp Solanus Boys Camp

When/where: Summer 2024 - Camp Don Bosco

Contact: Scott Taylor - CAMP@STNICHOLASCC.ORG

Camp Solanus is a middle school boys summer camp devoted to forming masculine leadership, friendship, and discipleship through bringing young men into encounter with The Man, Jesus Christ. Camp Launched in 2023 and we hope to double the number of campers in 2024.



Service Ministries

Home Bound Ministry

Contact: Mark McKibben (253) 851-8850

“As Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound, we take our baptismal call to care for the sick very seriously. We strive to provide comprehensive ministry to the sick, the homebound, and their families during their time of need. Helping the homebound feel that they continue to be part of the Body of Christ and that they remain in communion with us is an important part of our ministry. “

Service Ministries - Continued

Knights of Columbus

When/where: Every 3rd Wednesday 7:00pm – 8:00pm – Old Church

Contact: John Hyry (253) 405-1632

"St. Nicholas Knights of Columbus Council #9238 is a fraternal organization for men aged 18+ dedicated to serving the needs of our parish and school community."

PREPARES: Pregnancy and Parenting Support

When/where: Wednesday and Thursday from 3:00pm – 5:00pm – Old Church Basement

Contact: Lara Durand-Gordon (253) 502-2617

"PREPARES is an Initiative of the Catholic Bishops of Washington state, and a life affirming ministry that focuses on serving mothers, fathers, and their children up to the age of 5. Through a collaborative network of volunteers, we address essential needs and develop supportive, nurturing relationships that walk the journey with families. If you feel compelled to volunteer to help families in your community, please contact Lara Durand-Gordon."

St Vincent De Paul Society

When/where: Every 1st Wednesday 7:00pm – 8:00pm – Parish Hall Room 3

Contact: Karen Manning (253) 851-0554

"Vincentians respond to requests for assistance to individuals and families in the Gig Harbor and Peninsula communities who need food, housing, utilities and other financial assistance. Through home visits Vincentians reach out to listen and emphasize with our bothers and sisters in need. Our food bank offers year-round assistance and responds with food boxes to numerous families in need during the holidays."

The Visitation Guild:

When/where: Every 3rd Wednesday 10:00am – 12:00pm – Old Church

Contact: Dianne Irwin (206) 612-2107

"The Visitation Guild is a ladies' organization committed to friendship, support, and service. Our annual Spring Luncheon and Card Party raise money to support outreach programs including St. Vincent de Paul, Religious Education for children, St. Nicholas School and Youth Ministry."

Jeannie Kares: Casseroles for Nativity House

Contact: jeanniekares@stnicholascc.org

"Do you love to cook? Are you looking for a way to help our brothers and sisters in need? Join our casserole making team. Pick-up a casserole dish once a month in the parish office, make a meal, and return it to the parish at one of our convenient drop-off times. Your casserole will be delivered to Nativity House in Tacoma, where it will help feed hundreds of hungry souls!"

Stitch & Sew

When/where: Every 1st Thursday 12:30pm - 2:30pm – Old Church

Contact: Helen Hein (253) 820-7353

"Stitch & Sew produces blankets, quilts, and throws to support and serve our PREPARES and other programs. We gather once a month to work on projects together and to plan. Join us for service, fellowship, and fun! If you cannot make the meeting times, but would still like to participate in production of quilts and blankets, we are happy to accept your completed projects dropped off in the parish office. Donations of cotton fabric, yarn, or notions, can also be dropped off at the parish office during normal office hours."

Respect Life Guild

Contact: Barbara Patterson (253) 857-5209

"The St. Nicholas Respect Life Guild seeks to uphold the sanctity of each human life from conception to natural death. Some of our activities include praying a monthly Pro-Life Rosary on the first Sunday of the month, witnessing at Planned Parenthood during the "40 Days for Life Campaign," manning booths at local fairs, and inviting pro-life speakers to our parish. If you would like to get involved in the prolife movement, please join us."

Service Ministries - Continued

St Nicholas Grounds Crew

Contact: Brian Sanderson (253) 851-8850

"Do you like to work outside? Are you good with your hands? Join the St Nicholas Grounds Crew helping upkeep our parish campus. We always need folks to help with jobs like trimming, weeding, planting etc. Pick a time that works for you and contact Mark for more information."

Natural Family Planning Instruction

Contact: Christine Ryalls (253) 225-8889

"NFP is a safe, healthy, holy, and green alternative to artificial contraception. Many couples are happily surprised to find that following a woman's natural cycle helps improve their relationship as well. It also respects all of the teachings of the Church. We can help you learn more about NFP"



Liturgical Ministries

Liturgical ministries are those ministries that help with the celebration of Holy Mass. There are many opportunities for parishioners to help during the celebration...

Sacristans – help set up and prepare for Mass.

Altar Servers – Serve during the Mass, assisting the priest.

Ambassadors – fill the crucial role of serving as the "first face" of the parish and welcoming newcomers. Ambassadors also manage the collection and hand out bulletins after mass.

Lectors - read the Sacred Scriptures during mass.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - assist the priest in distributing the Sacred Body and Blood of Christ at Mass.

If you would like to learn more or volunteer for any of these ministries please contact Mark McKibben, (253) 851-8850.

Liturgical Ministries - Continued

Music Ministry is another important liturgical ministry. Do you sing or play an instrument? Please consider joining the choir for any of our Sunday liturgies. We practice Wednesdays at 6pm. If you are interested in more information about the choir or if you would like to volunteer please contact Amy Gallwas, (253) 851-8850



St Nicholas Catholic School

St Nicholas School

Contact: Karen Heins (253) 858-7632

“St Nicholas Catholic School is a K-8 Catholic elementary and Middle School that strives to raise up scholars and saints. Our mission is to provide our students with a superior education rooted in the Catholic faith. If you would like to learn more about our school please visit, Stnicholascc.org or call us! We are also always looking for volunteers to help strengthen our school. If you love working with kids please contact us.”

Future Ministries

Don't see a ministry that interests you? Have a cause that you would like to champion at St. Nicholas? Contact Patrick Sharkey, parishadmin@stnicholascc.org for help getting your ministry started! Each of us has gifts and can serve the church in some way. Lets all work together to fulfill our call to be missionary disciples of Jesus Christ!





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