

ST. NICHOLAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Stewardship



2022 - 2023

What will you give back to God
with the blessings you have received?



2022-2023

Special Masses **and HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION**

All Saints' Day
Tuesday, November 1, 2022

All Souls' Day
Wednesday, November 2, 2022

The Feast of Christ the King
Sunday, November 20, 2022

First Sunday of Advent
Sunday, November 27, 2022

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Thursday, December 8, 2022

Christmas Day
Sunday, December 25, 2022

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Sunday, January 1, 2023

Ash Wednesday
Wednesday, February 22, 2023

Palm Sunday
Sunday, April 2, 2023

Holy Thursday
Thursday, April 6, 2023

Good Friday
Friday, April 7, 2023

Holy Saturday
Saturday, April 8, 2023

Easter Sunday
Sunday, April 9, 2023

Divine Mercy Sunday
Sunday, April 16, 2023

The Feast of the Ascension
Thursday, May 18, 2023
Transferred to Sunday, May 21, 2023

Pentecost Sunday
Sunday, May 28, 2023

Trinity Sunday
Sunday, June 4, 2023

The Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ
Sunday, June 11, 2023

Sacred Heart of Jesus
Friday, June 16, 2023

The Assumption of Mary
Tuesday, August 15, 2023



Mass Schedule:
Daily: Tuesday – Friday 9 a.m.
Saturday 5:30 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction:
Tuesday 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

OFFICE HOURS:
MONDAY - THURSDAY
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
FRIDAY
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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Visit the parish website at www.stnicholasvb.com

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

Shrove Tuesday

PANCAKE SUPPER

& Burning of Palms Prayer Service

February 21st at

6:00 p.m.

Ash Wednesday

February 22, 2023

MASS TIMES

9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

“GOD’S TOUCHDOWN ON YOU!”

Dear Parishioners and friends,

God’s goodness and wonderful love continues to overflow at this time of year, as we celebrate the ways the Lord has called us into service on Stewardship Weekend. That abundance is the lifeblood of St. Nicholas Catholic Church. The fuel – the beating heart of our parish – is not any one (merely) human person or program. There’s no one person keeping it going. Even as pastor I am not solely responsible for what we have. But there is a person behind all of this. He makes Himself available to us every single day. He is the reason for our parish. He is the Good Shepherd, the ultimate friend to all who call on Him, our brother and Lord – the risen Jesus Christ. All of the stewardship activities of our parish contained in this booklet are living the mission of the Risen Lord.

I want every family in our city to know how great our parish is. But more than that, I want them to know the risen Lord who animates everything we do. I want everyone to know Jesus Christ a bit better in 2022-23 than they did last year because you are there to make a difference.

As we rejoice as a parish community and look ahead, I have two questions for you:

1. Do your neighbors know who is at the center of your life?
2. Do you want them to know him better?

If so, I would like to personally invite you to consider making just one change this season.

That sharing, of course, can be difficult to discern. I want to make it as easy as possible for you. So, *here’s my challenge to you – I want you to do “just one more thing” for the Lord.*

What does this mean? It’s simple. If you go to Mass once a week, go a second time. If you volunteer one hour a week at the parish, volunteer for two. If you participate in one ministry, look into what it would mean to participate in a second. Pretty easy, right?

You see, the Lord wants good things for His people. Every day, He pours out abundant, overflowing grace into our lives. This is never more true than in the glory of Easter – God’s goodness overwhelming and defeating death itself! And what he asks in return is very little – that we give to him the “one thing lacking” (Mk 10:21).

So, will you do it? Will you respond to my challenge? If so, *please join us at this year’s Stewardship Weekend and discern where you can faithfully share your talent. Or, stop me sometime after Mass and tell me.*

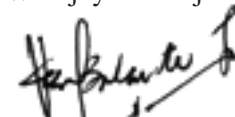
What will you take on? A second Rosary? Another donation to our food pantry? Dropping by the morning or evening Bible study you’ve been curious about? Serving at Mass as an Altar Server, Lector, Usher or Extraordinary Minister? Volunteering some time at one of our Parish Life events?

If you’re stumped, please read through this Stewardship booklet that shows some of the amazing opportunities available at St. Nicholas parish. Take a look through it and let me know what you think. What piques your interest? Where does your heart shout, “Yes! That’s for me!” Because that is where God is calling you to share in the abundance of his rising from the dead.

Thank you so much for considering this request. Above all, we want everyone in our city to become saints. Your partnership in this mission means the world to me. And remember, all of us here at St. Nicholas are Saints under construction!

You and your family are in my prayers, and I hope that I am in yours.

With joy on the journey together in Christ,



Fr. Venancio R. Balarote, Jr.
Pastor

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MISSION

The mission of St. Nicholas Catholic Church is to proclaim and spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ through celebration of our faith and sharing our time, talent and treasure in service of the Kingdom of God.

PARISH COUNCILS

PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Pastoral Council is the consultative body to the pastor regarding parish life and mission. As the leadership body of the parish, the Council draws on the gifts of the laity in making recommendations to the pastor in order to fulfill the parish mission. It is composed of elected and appointed members who coordinate programs and events through its standing committees.

Chair: Vacant

Council Members: Fr. Jun Balarote, Paul Battaglia, Steve Branning, Georjeane Blumling, Lora DiNardo, Donna Lang, Mark Norris, Ursula Muller, and Jeff Mingin

FINANCE COUNCIL

The Finance Council, an advisory body to the pastor, reviews the financial mission and ministry of the parish. Members are appointed by the pastor.

Paul Battaglia, Chair - pbattaglia@clarknexsen.com - 757-355-1103

Council Memers: Louis Schager, Susan Thornton, Brian Garrison, Lora DiNardo, and Fr. Jun Balarote

ACH Direct Deposit & Online Giving

Your consistent financial support of our parish is vital to achieving our stewardship mission. The easiest way to be sure that your gift of treasure reaches us, even when you can't be here, is through enrollment in our ACH Direct Deposit program. If you have not yet enrolled, we encourage you to consider doing so. Enrollment forms are avail- able in the church office or in the commons. As always, know that your generosity is a sign of your stewardship and participation in building the kingdom of God.

Lora DiNardo, Pastoral Associate/ Business Manager - ldinardo@stnicholasvb.com - 757-340-7231

PARISH ADMINISTRATION & STEWARDSHIP

The Parish Administration, led by Fr. Jun, is comprised of full and part time staff members and volunteers who are responsible for the smooth operation of the parish, care of the parish facilities, including care and upkeep of parish buildings and grounds. The operation of a parish includes distinct Ministry areas: Word, Worship, Community, Service, Leadership and Stewardship. The Administration provides support for all ministries, therefore one key task of administration is the encouragement and direction of the stewardship program within the parish. Stewardship of time, talent and treasure enables the parish and the ministries within the parish to achieve their goals and to grow in faith together while meeting the needs of the parish community. Volunteers in Administration put their faith into action throughout the week by serving as receptionists, administrative assistants, media assistants, technology support, count teams, landscapers, sacramental record-keepers, and Building & Grounds committee members. Volunteers also help lead and assist at annual events including the Parish Carnival and Stewardship Weekend.

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Building and Grounds Committee

This committee reviews the condition of parish buildings and grounds through scheduled inspections and assists in overseeing the maintenance of parish facilities including facility improvements and service contracts. Buildings and Grounds also provides a dedicated team of volunteers to cut the grass and care for the gardens for our parish grounds and rectory.

Roger Morgan - rocket1322@gmail.com - 757-363-2956

Money Counters

Count weekend collections for about four hours on Sunday morning once every four weeks. This is an appointed position.

Lora DiNardo - ldinardo@stnicholasvb.com - 757-340-7231 Susan Thornton – vbthornton@gmail.com

Volunteer Receptionist/Office Assistants

Office Volunteers assist the pastor and staff by greeting incoming visitors, answering phones, directing calls, taking messages, and sorting and distributing incoming mail. Training includes the use of office equipment such as the postage machine and photocopier. If interested, applications are available in the parish office.

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Parish Carnival & Flea Market

The Parish Carnival Committee organizes and runs the annual parish Carnival. The committee is comprised of parish-ioners, parish staff and representatives from all parish ministries. The Annual Flea Market is held during the parish Carnival. In the weeks ahead volunteers spend two days a week organizing and pricing donated items and manage Flea Market sales. This four-day fundraising event raises funds for parish ministries and includes live music, games, food, Carnival rides and Flea Market.

Carnival Chairs: Lora DiNardo- ldindardo@stnicholasvb.com and Mike Pettinger – idalaska@verizon.net

Volunteer Coordinator: Julie Ghassab - jghassab@gmail.com, Marketing: Keith Carlson, Food: Susan Thornton Equipment: Eddie Rodriguez, Finances: Lora DiNardo, Bake Sale: Luisa Gowen and Janet McCarragher, Flea Market: Peggy Rose – gaprose28@gmail.com- 757-648-9988

Rentals

The parish Social Hall is available to rent for private functions. The fee is \$300 for parishioners and \$600 for non-parishioners. There is an additional \$100 fee for liability and insurance coverage.

Lora Di Nardo - ldinardo@stnicholasvb.com or 757-340-7231

Commonwealth Catholic Charities'



Cabrini Children's Center at St. Nicholas is a shelter serving unaccompanied children ages 5-17 who are ultimately reunited with family and kin. The children's stay at the shelter is short, usually 30-45 days before they are reunified. During their stay, children receive education, medical care, counseling, recreational opportunities and social support. The shelter is staffed 24/7 and is licensed by the Department of Social Services. Funding for the program is through the federal government. CCC operates a similar shelter in Richmond, VA.

HOW TO SIGN UP FOR



Ministry Scheduler Pro

1. Go to <http://www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/SNCC>
2. Enter your username. and password.
3. Click on the "My Profile" tab.
4. Add/ update your contact information, Mass preferences, and availability.
5. Scroll down and click "Submit!"



Keep your phone number, email, and current updated in the Parish Database:

1. Go to <https://connectnow.parishsoft.com/Richmond/>
2. Click the New User link to display the Registration Form.
3. Complete Steps 1 -3 on the form. Required fields are marked with a **red asterisk: ***.
4. Click "Submit Registration."
5. If the system can verify your registration request, it displays a confirmation message to inform you that your registration was successful. You will receive an email containing your login credentials (username and temporary password) to the email address you provided in your registration.



LITURGY & WORSHIP

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration takes place on each Tuesday following 9 a.m. mass until 5:30 p.m. followed by Benediction. All are welcome to stop by and pray for a few minutes, a half hour or for an extended period of time. Private prayer and reflection is the basis for Eucharistic Adoration. There are aids to guide you if you are not familiar with Eucharistic Adoration. Two permanent people are scheduled for each hour.

Adoration: Elizabeth Kannarkat - 757-486-4061

Carol Voorhees – carvoor@verizon.net - 757-450-9716

Children's Adoration: Gabrealla Calcagno -757-893 2155

Liturgy Committee

Liturgy is the worship of a people who gather to celebrate the great mystery of our salvation. The committee draws on the liturgical seasons of the Church to fashion celebrations of faith consistent with the liturgical norms of the Catholic Church.

Georjeane Blumling - rblumling1@verizon.net - 757-236-5933

Altar Servers

Altar Servers assist the priest during Mass. Girls and boys, who are at least nine years of age and have made their First Communion, are eligible to serve.

Claire Costello - c73cos@yahoo.com

Jeff Mingin – jeffm@stnicholasvb.com

Steve Branning – sbranning@stnicholasvb.com

Arts and Environment Committee

In order to facilitate the enhancement of the beauty of our liturgical celebrations, this group plans and creates appropriate decorations and fresh flower arrangements for the church. The committee also creates memorial arrangements for those who want to remember a deceased loved one with flowers. New members are always welcome and we will gladly provide flower arrangement training.

Connie King - constance.king@aol.com - 757-289-1656

Clare Gloria - csgloria51@gmail.com - 757-498-4731

Eucharistic Ministers

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist are confirmed adults, approved by the pastor who distribute Holy Communion at Masses and take Communion to those unable to attend Mass.

Agatha Peterson - agatha@myexcel.com - 757-340-3852

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) Catechists

During Children's Liturgy of the Word, children are dismissed from the adult assembly to hear the Gospel at their level of understanding. They are led by two volunteers who are provided with teaching materials that are adapted to be made relevant to the lives and experiences of young children preparing them for full participation in the Liturgy. The children, ages 4-8, are called forward and dismissed before the readings from scripture and they return to the church after the homily.

Steve Branning - sbranning@stnicholasvb.com – 757-340-7231

Lectors

Adult and youth lectors help to make the Mass more meaningful by proclaiming God's Word to the congregation. Training is provided and a Lector Workbook gives insight into each week's readings. Time commitment is minimal and individualized. Youth lectors should be middle school aged and those of high school age are welcome to join as adult lectors.

Carrell Horvath- CarrellH@cox.net- 757-478-6191

Livestream Ministry

As the Parish Staff returns to their regular, full-time duties, we are in need of volunteers to assist with operating the Livestream for the Sunday 11am Mass and if available Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. Training will be provided. Anyone with basic computer and technical skill can help. Even as we have returned to our normal, in person worship, this ministry can continue to be a service to the homebound who wish to remain connected to our community. If you would like to help, please contact the parish office.

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Music Ministry

EVENT CALENDAR

LESSONS & CAROLS

Sunday, December 4, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Our Annual Lessons & Carols Liturgy & Christmas Concert featuring Family Choir, Folk Group, Christmas Choir, Children's Choir, and Gregorian Chant Schola. Grand reception to follow.

TENEBRAE

Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at 8:00 p.m.

A deeply moving liturgy that portrays the darkness of Christ's passion and death through music and scripture



Liturgical Planning of the Universal Prayer

Four groups meet monthly to reflect on Sunday Scriptures. The focus of this ministry is writing an opening commentary and Universal Prayer for weekend Masses.

Carol Vorhees- carvoor@verizon.net - 757-450-9716

Ministry Scheduler Pro

Ministry Scheduler Pro helps us set up volunteers, Mass schedules and provide a way for you to request a substitute if needed. To create a profile please email Charlene Brehl with your full name, email address, phone number and which liturgical ministry or ministries you are participating in.

Charlene Brehl - stnicholasadmin@stnicholasvb.com - 757-340-7231

Purificator Ministry

Purificators are the linen cloths used to dry sacred vessels at liturgies. Laundering of about 30 purificators per week is done at home. Individuals are scheduled on a rotating basis, approximately one week per month.

Betty Galway - bettygalway@gmail.com - 757-340-4776

Sacristans

Prepare the altar for the liturgy of the Eucharist by taking care of the linens and top altar cloth, the holy water fonts, candles, and holders. There are no monthly meetings, and the time requirement is scheduled on a rotating basis approximately once every 5 weeks for an hour and a half.

Mary Lou Ferralli - mlgf4js@gmail.com - 757-498-7011

Ushers

Greet and welcome parishioners arriving for Liturgy, manage the collection at Mass, as well as collect the offering of the people and assist those who bring forth the Eucharistic Gifts. Ushers ensure the locking of the building after the 5:30 p.m. Saturday and 11:00 a.m. Sunday masses. Seasonal volunteers are appreciated.

Charlie Taylor - skoots1@cox.net - 757-718-4860

Lora DiNardo - ldindardo@stnicholasvb.com - 757-340-7231

Music Ministry

The Music Ministry provides opportunities for parishioners to spiritually enrich the liturgy through music.

James Gardner - Director of Music Ministry - jgardner@stnicholasvb.com - 757-340-7231

Family Choir - 12 hours/month. Membership is open to all. Weekly practice is on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. Informal vocal training, classical and Vatican II era Catholic repertoire. Come alone or bring a friend, spouse, son or daughter. Family Choir alternates between 5:30 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. weekend Masses.

Folk Group - 14 hours/month. Membership is open to all, 6th Grade - Adults. Weekly practice is on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays before 11:00 a.m. Mass. Commitment is a must but the rewards are great: good musical, social, and spiritual mix, plus an Outer Banks beach retreat! Repertoire includes contemporary Catholic music, sacred music of diverse cultures, classical, chant, and more!

Children's Choir - 6 hours/month. Open to all in grade levels 1 - 6. Weekly practice September through early June. Sing at Mass twice each month during the school year and at special events. Vocal and music training with varied styles, plenty of fun. Bring a friend.

Christmas/ Easter Choir - Organized to celebrate the feasts of Christmas and Holy Week/ Easter. Short term commitment to a more sophisticated liturgical repertoire. Practice dates will be announced in the bulletin.

Cantors and Instrumentalists - Special ministries for those gifted with individual talent and extra training. Requires an interview with the Music Director.

Gregorian Chant Schola - 4 hours/month. Membership is open to all. Bi-Weekly practice on Sundays after 11:00 Mass. Sings at Mass once per month, rotating between 5:30, 8:30, and 11:00 Masses. Special focus on traditional Gregorian Chant repertoire. Training will be provided as we learn classic musical works of stunning beautiful, which Vatican II called the church's greatest artistic treasure.

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Parish Life

EVENTS



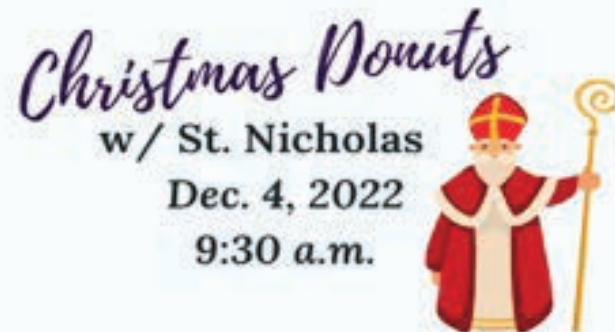
Hospitality
Weekend
Monthly



Fellowship Breakfasts



Oktoberfest
Oct. 29, 2022



Christmas Donuts
w/ St. Nicholas
Dec. 4, 2022
9:30 a.m.



Shrove Tuesday
PANCAKE SUPPER
Feb. 21, 2023



Lenten Pasta
Suppers
WEDNESDAYS
DURING LENT



Fish Fry
March



Easter
EGG Hunt
April 9, 2023

Co-chairs:

Keith Carlson & Janet McCarragher

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Christian Formation strives to bring our parishioners to encounter the person of Christ through Bible studies, adult formation and bringing the children of our parish to have a greater knowledge of their faith. Our mission is to guide the faithful to learn about our faith in order to lead lives of holiness and share our faith with others. We welcome all who feel the call to be part of our Christian Formation committee as we live out our mission together. *"The aim of catechesis is to put people not only in touch, but in intimacy with the person of Jesus Christ."* Catechesi Tradendae #5

Steve Branning, Director of Christian Formation and Evangelization - sbranning@stnicholasvb.com -757-340-7231

Christian Formation - Grades K – 5

Sessions are offered Sundays from 9:30 a.m. to 10:40 a.m. Adults are involved as catechists, aides, and substitutes.

Vacation Bible School

Join a wonderful group of volunteers for a week in the summer as we have fun bringing the wonder of God into the children's daily lives. Adult volunteers and youth volunteers serve as Bible story teachers, arts and crafts teachers, drama teams and game leaders.

Lending Library

The St. Nicholas lending library lends, free of charge, videos and books for adults and children to promote a richer understanding of our Roman Catholic faith. Materials are available to increase an individual's participation in, and love of, their relationship with God. This committee updates materials, tracks loans, keeps the Library area clean and well organized and helps keep the area fresh and inviting.

Adult Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation serves to foster personal and communal faith in the adult parishioners. Programs include adult catechesis on various topics during Christian Formation, and weekly study programs.

St. Nicholas Connect

This is a ministry for Young Adults ages 21 – 39 who seek the authentic Catholic life.

Jeff Mingin- jeffm@stnicholasvb.com – 757-340-7231

That Man is You!

That Man is You! honestly addresses the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, especially those relating to their roles as husbands and fathers. The program harmonizes current social and medical science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive! All men (18 and up) are welcome to join us Saturday mornings in the fall and spring from 630 a.m.-8:00a.m.

Ron McKechnie: ron@mckfamily.com or Steve Branning: sbranning@stnicholasvb.com -757-340-7231

Walking With Purpose

St. Nicholas offers Walking With Purpose (WWP) a Catholic Bible study that aims to bring women to a deeper personal relationship with Jesus by offering personal study and small group discussions that link our everyday challenges with solutions given to us through the teaching of Christ and the Roman Catholic Church. For more information or to join please contact Jacqui Branning. Sessions are held on Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11:00a.m. or Wednesday evening 7:00- 8:30p.m. Child care is offered in the morning session only.

Jacqui Branning - jacquibranning@gmail.com

2023 ST. NICHOLAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Carnival
&
Flea Market
May 18-21

* PARISH PICNIC * MIDWAY CARNIVAL
RIDES * HORSE RIDES * CAKE WALK *
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT ALL WEEKEND*
FOOD TRUCK RODEO * PARISH FLEA
MARKET * VENDOR SALES *

Thursday	5 p.m. - 10 p.m
Friday	5 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Saturday	10 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Sunday	12 p.m. - 5 p.m.



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

The sacraments are the “the masterworks of God” in the new and everlasting covenant. The purpose of the sacraments is to sanctify men, to build up the Body of Christ and, finally, to give worship to God. Because they are signs they also instruct. They not only presuppose faith, but by words and objects they also nourish, strengthen, and express it. That is why they are called sacraments of faith.

Infant Baptism

If it is a first child in the family, parents are required to participate in a preparation session. Sessions are held several times throughout the year. Adult volunteers assist in the facilitation of this program.
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R.C.I.A.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process for those who seek full membership in the Catholic Church. Primarily for the unbaptized, the rites involve a process of preparation and initiation into the Christian life through Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. The RCIA relies on sponsors who are active parishioners.
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Children’s Initiation

The Catechumenate for children is the process for children, not baptized as infants, who have reached the age of reason, to become members of the Catholic Church. Through the sacraments of initiation – Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist – the children celebrate their conversion.
Steve Branning - sbranning@stnicholasvb.com -757-340-7231

First Reconciliation

Preparation sessions for parents and children are held in the fall and early winter. Adults are needed to assist with workshops, retreats and office. Children must be registered in Christian Formation Class or attend a Catholic School.
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First Eucharist

Preparation sessions for parents and children are held in the winter. Adults are involved with the children as leaders, aides, assistant coordinators, and at social events. Children must be registered in Christian Formation Class or attend a Catholic School. Steve Branning - sbranning@stnicholasvb.com -757-340-7231

Marriage Preparation

Weddings require six months advance notice before wedding date is set. Call the parish office to schedule an appointment.
Lora DiNardo - ldinardo@stnicholasvb.com - 757-340-7231

Confirmation

Confirmation is the sacrament whereby baptized Catholics are “more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence they are as true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed.” In the diocese of Richmond confirmation is received by youth who have completed the 9th grade. Confirmation preparation consists of active enrollment in high school formation as well as participation in Confirmation specific preparation. The full details regarding Confirmation are available in the parish office.
Jeff Mingin - jeffm@stnicholasvb.com - 757-340-7231



**WE ARE EXCITED TO BRING BACK
THESE AMAZING EVENTS!**



We are looking for:
Kitchen Managers
Cook Crews
Volunteers

**PLEASE CONSIDER
VOLUNTEERING THIS YEAR.**

**MANY HANDS MAKE
LIGHT WORK**

Sponsored by Parish Life Committee
Co-chairs:
Keith Carlson & Janet McCarraher

YOUTH MINISTRY

Inspired by the words of John Paul II, the goal of Saint Nicholas Catholic Church youth ministry is to bring youth into relationship with Christ. We wish to help youth discover more fully the invitation that is already in their hearts. We wish to lead them to Christ in the tradition of St. Paul by bringing the culture and Christianity together. As a ministry we consecrate this mission to the Blessed Mother and continually ask her to bring us to Christ.

Adult volunteers are always needed. Adults may assist by volunteering for a specific task such as hospitality, decorations, chaperoning, and/or Catholic Heart Work Camp coordination. Adults may also assist as Core Team members of Edge, Life Teen, or Confirmation. Core Team members are adults who regularly attend youth events and who seek to be healthy faith mentors to the youth of St. Nicholas. All youth ministry volunteers are empowered to teach the truths of the faith and bring the youth into relationship with Jesus Christ through both word and example.

Jeff Mingin, Director of Youth Ministry - jeffm@stnicholasvb.com - 757-340-7231

EDGE Middle School Formation and Youth Group (Grade Levels 6-8)

Middle school students will attend classes on Sundays from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Youth will also gather regularly to enjoy social activities and retreats.

LIFE TEEN High School Formation and Youth Group (Grade Levels 9-12)

High school youth meet Sunday nights from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. to enjoy social time, games, catechesis, and prayer.

High school youth also participate in number of activities including retreats, social outings, and much more.

Youth Leadership Team

High School youth who have already received the sacrament of Confirmation assist in planning and implementation of youth ministry at St. Nicholas.

Catholic Heart Work Camp

Youth attend a dynamic and powerful mission trip during the last week in June. Youth and adults work all year to prepare for the mission trip by meeting regularly to fundraise and plan. Adults are needed to coordinate planning efforts and to chaperone. This is a very rewarding and powerfully experience for both youth and adults.

PARSH LIFE

Parish Life Committee

We seek to involve as many people as possible in parish activities and we need your help in two ways. First, we need several new committee members to help us plan and coordinate parish events such as Trunk-or-Treat/Oktoberfest, Donuts with St. Nicholas, Parish Receptions, Pasta Suppers, and Pancake Breakfasts. All are welcome, especially those of you with new ideas for events that would appeal to our younger parishioners. The time commitment is small - usually no more than a couple of hours a month. The rewards are Big Smiles and New Friends.

Second, we need more volunteers from the parish-at-large to help with manpower. At Stewardship Weekend there will be sign-up sheets for upcoming events, and throughout the year there will be many opportunities to volunteer. You may think you are simply offering your time, but in truth, your presence is enhancing the event and strengthening the parish.

Keith Carlson – keith@idamerica.com – 703-297-5057

Coffee Hospitality

St. Nicholas Coffee Hospitality is held on the 1st and 3rd weekends of the month after every liturgy. The congregation is invited to the Social Hall to meet fellow parishioners and enjoy light refreshments. Typically, four volunteers are needed for each mass. Volunteers are asked to show up 30 minutes before the start of liturgy to prepare and plate the food items and make coffee; Hospitality usually lasts about half an hour, with clean-up taking another 20 minutes or so. Volunteers typically receive email or telephone reminders four or five days in advance of a Hospitality Weekend and are asked to confirm their ability to help or secure a substitute.

Janet McCarraher - janetmc528@outlook.com – 757-567-5120

Luisa Gowen – mama_lu@cox.net – 757-463-6877

Men's Club

Men for the relentless pursuit of parish support! Members meet monthly to lead special events, including the annual Fish Fry, Trunk or Treat/Oktoberfest, and Parish Spring Picnic. The guys assess and develop solutions to parish needs utilizing inherent expertise and teamwork toward parish goals. Some club members also coordinate with other ministries and community groups, including youth, scouting, Parish Life, and others, to assist in a wider range of efforts.

Mike Pettinger - Men's Club Chair - idalaska@verizon.net - 757-496-0101

PASTORAL CARE

Pastoral Care ministers provide loving care to those in need during life’s most difficult trials through support groups and visitation ministry. Our mission is to bring Christ to others through spiritual direction, communion, and prayer.

Lora DiNardo, Pastoral Associate - ldinardo@stnicholasvb.com - 757-340-7231

Columbarium Ministry

This ministry assists the family of the deceased during the funeral and inurnment and oversees the maintenance of the Columbarium.

Tom Hostutler - tchostutler@verizon.net - 757-340-4551

George Foster - foster3704@cox.net - 757-340-8635

Funeral Hospitality Ministry

This ministry offers hospitality resources for families that are preparing for the funeral of a loved one. They will assist with a reception, large or small, for the family at the church after the funeral. Volunteers prepare and coordinate food donations, help set up seating for the reception, and assist with serving.

Janet McCarraher - janetmc528@outlook.com – 757-567-5120

Peggy Rose – gaprose28@gmail.com- 757-648-9988

Homebound Ministers

The ministers embody the care of the community for its sick members. Parishioners take the Eucharist and share scripture and prayer with those unable to come to church.

Lora DiNardo - ldinardo@stnicholasvb.com - 757-340-7231

Funeral Ministry

Funeral Ministry answers the call to fulfill two acts of mercy...

Corporal Work of Mercy – to bury the dead.

Spiritual Works of Mercy – to comfort the sorrowful and to pray for the living and the dead.

Our ministry calls us to kinship, to deep communion, as we journey together in grief. We extend the arms of our larger faith community to those grieving the loss of loved ones.

Team members serve by welcoming family and friends of the deceased, by guiding those who will participate in the funeral Mass, by handing out tissues, and by listening and sharing our presence with one another. Team members also arrive 45 minutes early to prepare the vessels and then help to restore the sanctuary to its standard environment after the Mass.

Lora DiNardo at ldinardo@stnicholasvb.com – 757-340-7231

SOCIAL MINISTRY

This ministry promotes legislative advocacy, peacemaking, and efforts to change and transform hearts and social structures. Committee members assess and respond to the needs of the deprived, disabled, neglected and oppressed in the parish, community and world at large.

Lora DiNardo – ldinardo@stnicholasvb.com - 757-340-7231

AIDS Ministry

This ministry attempts to meet the needs of our own parishioners as well as others within our community who have been affected by HIV.

James Throne - jamest@stnicholasvb.com - 757-340-7231

Christmas Gifts

Gift wishes are posted, picked by parishioners, wrapped, and brought to church for distribution. Gifts are provided to foster children, children of migrant workers, nursing home residents, children affected by AIDS, the working poor, and the homeless.

Clare Costello - c73cos@yahoo.com - 757-963-0031

Faith Works Coalition

Repairs and improves homes for elderly and low income families; helps eliminate substandard housing in our community; and collaborates with and assists other community organizations to achieve these goals.

Contact Roger Morgan - 757-363-2956 - rocket1322@yahoo.com or Pat Roll - fpatroll44@gmail.com - 757-431-8522

Food Pantry

Ministry volunteers oversee stocking the food pantry with donations from parishioners and distribution to the needy. Social Services provide referrals for food at six week intervals throughout the year.

Lee Ann Weddle - 757-463-3703

Mary Lee Poirer - 757-498-3191

Haiti Twinning

St. Anne’s, located in Maissade, Haiti, is the twin parish linked with St. Nicholas. We visit our twin parish and continue to support sustainable projects, such as farming, with partners Virginia Tech and USAID, to increase the self-sufficiency of the Haitian people.

Judeo-Christian Outreach Center Soup Kitchen

Volunteers shop, cook, deliver and serve 90 to 100 meals at the JCOC Soup Kitchen on Virginia Beach Blvd 8 to 9 times each year. This ministry offers an opportunity to serve the working poor and homeless on a frontline basis to those less fortunate.

Steve & Joan Tracy - 757-463-0269 - joantracy@gmail.com

Paul McNeil - 757-486-4985 - pmcneil@yahoo.com

Just Seniors

Just Seniors is a lively and involved group of over 210 members at St. Nicholas. This Christian fellowship includes social, religious, travel, and educational activities. Moreover, the members can respond to opportunities for providing care and service to other members as occasions arise. Monthly meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the church social hall and feature a guest speaker, a review of our various scheduled activities, signups for local and out of area trips, movie/dinner gatherings, and book club. Just Seniors has become a mainstay in the lives of all who belong and new members are eagerly welcomed at any time.

Tom Powner – thomaspowner@verizon.net

Nightingale Circle

The Nightingale Circle is a Ministry of Women coming together for conversation and caring, while bringing joy to our Homebound by creating personally crafted cards and personal notes. Meets from 10 a.m. to 12 noon every fourth Wednesday.

Susan Saunders - SusanSSaundersRN@gmail.com

2022-2023

Social Ministry

EVENTS

JUST SENIORS

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

RESPECT LIFE MONTH

WINTER SHELTER

JCOC SOUP SUPPER

Monthly Meetings

November 2022

January 2023

TBD

Quarterly



Special Collections

RESPECT LIFE

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICE

DIOCESAN HOME MISSIONS

PETER'S PENCE

RETIRED RELIGIONS

WORLD MISSION COLLECTION

ARCHDIOCESE FOR MILITARY SERVICES

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

JANUARY 2023

MARCH 2023

MAY 2023

JUNE 2023

SEPTEMBER 2023

OCTOBER 2022

NOVEMBER 2022

DECEMBER 2022

Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels delivers lunchtime meals to impoverished and disabled people throughout the Virginia Beach community. St Nicholas operates one delivery route for the second half of every month, with each driver delivering for one day. To volunteer as a delivery driver, contact Roger Morgan, 757-363-2956, rocket1322@yahoo.com. To request meal delivery service, contact Traci Minor - 757-419-8810 - mealsonwheelsvb@gmail.com

Respect for Life

This ministry promotes the sanctity of innocent life. During the month of March through the generosity of parishioners, baby items are supplied to Catholic Charities, Healthy Families and the Keim Center.

Johanna Gross - 757-481-8755

Debbie Nahra - debbie.nahra@cox.net - 757-340-6511

Sowers of Justice

This group meets the 2nd Friday of every month at local parishes. The Lord said "Love your neighbor as yourself." To love someone is to desire that person's wellbeing and take the steps necessary to secure that wellbeing. Become involved in such issues as health care, prison ministry, ecology, dismantling racism, legislative advocacy, and globalization.

Pat McNeil - pmcneil@yahoo.com - 757-486-4985

Thanksgiving Baskets

Through the generosity of St. Nicholas parishioners, this ministry collects, buys, and assembles turkey baskets with all the trimmings to the needy.

Janet McCarraher - janetmc528@outlook.com - 757-567-5120

Peggy Rose - gaprose28@gmail.com - 757-648-9988

Winter Shelter for the Homeless

One week in February each year, St Nicholas volunteers prepare and serve breakfast, lunch and dinner to the homeless who are participating in the emergency winter shelter program through the Lighthouse Center/Volunteers of America - who work to improve life for the forgotten. Additionally, we provide sleeping space, shower facilities, and toiletries.

Megan Lombard - megan.lombard@amerigroup.com - Connie King - constance.king@aol.com - 757-289-1656

ECUMENISM

Ecumenism Committee

The Ecumenical Committee promotes the spirit of ecumenism and interfaith awareness in the parish. They participate in meetings and services with other churches in the Little Neck area in pursuit of unity among Christian believers in various concrete ways.

Ursula Muller - ursula.muller@verizon.net - 757-486-1213

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