



Ministries at St. Nicholas

St. Nicholas is a church where...

Everyone is welcome.
Everyone is loved.
Everyone is empowered.
Everyone belongs.
Everyone!

It fills us with joy and hope to be a place where people can share their gifts and talents and co-create with God to make our world a better place.

We are an Intergenerational Community of faith. This means that all ages are welcome, encouraged, and empowered to serve our church and our neighbors. We know and trust that when we give generously of our time and talent, we are shaping our lives after Jesus and walking in the footsteps of our favorite saint: Saint Nicholas.

We pray this booklet will help you discover how you want to participate in the life of the church and in caring for our neighbors and community.

We are a creative and generous community who love Jesus, one another, and our neighbors. Join us as we grow in service, faith, hope, and love.

God's Peace and Blessings,
Rev. Beth+

Worship Ministries

Acolyte

Our Children and Youth Acolytes assist the priest and lay ministers with our Sunday Worship and other seasonal worship opportunities. Ages 8-18 are invited to join in this ministry as they commit to serve by bringing up the gifts (bread and wine) to the altar, carry the cross and banners, and set the altar for communion.

Altar Team

Our Altar Team is a dedicated group of people who help prepare the altar for our Sunday Worship. We set-up the day of worship, clean-up after the service, and care for the linens. This is a ministry for all ages.

AV/Tech team

Our AV and Tech ministers help lead worship by assisting with sound, online streaming, and connecting with our online congregation. Teenagers and adults are welcome to join in this important ministry.

Children's Chapel

This seasonal child-friendly worship service will take place during the 9:30am worship for all children up to 5th grade. Adult and youth helpers will be trained by our Family Minister, Jena.

Greeters

Our Greeters welcome the congregation and visitors into our space. They provide information about our church and hand out visitor cards and post cards for special events.

Hospitality Hosts

Hosts provide and set up snacks and beverages to enjoy after worship services. They also remain afterward to help clean up the hospitality table and encourage the congregation to help. Two hosts are needed—one for 8am worship and one for 9:30am worship.

Music Ministers

Help lead worship by offering gifts of singing and/or playing instruments. Seasonal and special musical offerings will be held throughout the year.

PrayGround Helpers

Adult and Youth helpers assist our toddlers in learning how to worship and engage with liturgical toys in our PrayGround.

Readers/Eucharistic Ministers

Every Sunday we have two volunteers who serve as readers and lay eucharistic ministers to assist in leading worship. Readers proclaim God's word and lead the Prayers of the People. They also serve as chalice bearers (sharing the wine) during communion.

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Children and Youth

Youth Group

Teens in 6th through 12th grade are welcome to join in our once a month meetings, special teen events, and mission trips.

Homework Club

Kids and Youth meet up after school on Wednesdays from 4:30pm to 5:30pm. Snacks and homework help are provided. For our young preschoolers, we will have play and reading time.

Holy Hangout

6:15-7:30, right after Dinner Church. Children, preschool- 5th grade, are invited to come and learn about the Bible and why its stories are still important today and how it can shape your character.

Sunday Morning Kids JOY Group

Children, preschool-5th grade, join Jena in the courtyard on Sunday mornings, 8:45-9:15, for games and stories. This is a special time between our services where children can connect with one another and build their identity as a child of God.

Communion Workshops

We offer communion workshops twice a year where children and youth of all ages can learn about the elements of worship and the importance of the Great Thanksgiving. Parents are welcome to stay and learn too.



Congregational Care

The Crafty Crew

On the third Saturday of every month, faithful crafters meet from 9-11am to work on either their own projects or special projects for outreach efforts at St. Nick's. People of all ages who love to sew, crochet, knit, needle point, and create cards come to encourage and learn from one another.

Creative Spirituality Workshops

Special workshops are offered on Sundays and other days as planned throughout the year. These workshops include pottery, jewelry making, painting, collage making, and other arts and crafts.

Dinner Church

All ages are welcomed at this themed potluck that meets Wednesday evenings from 5:30-7:30pm, September-May. Dinner church is a time of fellowship and friendship. We share a meal and informal prayers, and each week has a different theme for what sort of food to make and bring, which can always be found on a printout calendar and social media.

Divorce Care Small Group

A new offering for this year, this ministry is offered once a month on Wednesdays beginning at 6pm. Come for Dinner Church and then meet in the Children's Chapel Learning Room. Childcare is offered.

Lay Eucharistic Visitors

A ministry for community members who are homebound and cannot attend our worship services in person. Lay Eucharistic Visitors go out and pray, bring communion (the blessed bread and wine), and fellowship with our members who cannot come to church.

Let's Say Grace

An offshoot of the Hospitality Ministry, Let's Say Grace provides dinners for community and families in need of respite or extra care due to illness, travel, etc.

Newcomer's Dinners

Offered four times a year, these events are held at Rev. Beth's house and open to all newcomers to learn more about St. Nick's and meet other newcomer's in the community.

Women's Fellowship Ministry

This ministry offers a once a year community event: Galentines. This event is open to all women and teens in the church and their friends and family. It is a time of friendship, outreach, food, and fun.

Workdays

St. Nick's holds a workday every month except July. These days begin at 8am and are finished by 11am. The work includes, gardening, mowing, cleaning, improvements on the buildings and grounds, decorating for special events and prepping for ministry needs. All ages are welcome to help take care of our space.

Formation

Baptism Workshops

Baptism workshops are offered multiple times a year for people of all ages. They cover a walk through of the service, the importance of baptism, and appropriate age-related content. The workshops last one to 1.5 hours.

Episcopal 101/Confirmation Workshops

These workshops are offered in the fall and spring and taught by Rev. Beth and helpers. These classes cover the basics of the Episcopal Church and are for teens and adults who either wish to prepare for the Rite of Confirmation or simply want to learn more about our Episcopal tradition.

Lunch and Learn

A conversational Bible study offered at noon on Thursdays by Rev. Beth. Bring your lunch and be prepared to learn about one of the readings for the coming Sunday.

Men's Breakfast Small Group

This men's group meets Friday mornings at 6:30am at Bill Miller on 281 at Bulverde Rd. Designed to strengthen friendships, provide prayer, encouragement, and growth in spiritual life. This group is mutually led on different books and books of the Bible.

Tuesday Night Bible Study

Offered from September-May, this Bible study is an in-depth look at one of the Gospels or books of the Bible. It is led by Rev. Beth and held in the Children's Chapel Learning Room.



Outreach and Community Events

Animal Blessing

Our yearly community event in honor of St. Francis and his love and care for animals. All leashed or properly crated animals are invited to receive a blessing. For the humans of all ages, we have free art and craft activities. Volunteers are welcome to assist with various duties to make this beloved event a success.

Arlon Seay Elementary School Ministry

One of our newest ministries at St. Nick's, this ministry is a partnership with ASES school to help them with meeting the needs of students and teachers.

Opportunities include food outreach for students, monthly encouragement gifts for teachers, and special appreciation events. Teen and adult volunteers are welcome to join in the ongoing ministries to ASES.

Christmas Tree Lighting

Adopt a tree at St. Nick's and decorate it in order to spread Christmas Cheer from mid November through to Epiphany. The Friday after Thanksgiving, we support the Bulverde/Spring Branch Chamber of Commerce Christmas Tree Lighting in the Village of Bulverde. We offer hot chocolate, cookies, crafts, and music for the enjoyment of the thousands of visitors to this area. All ages can volunteer to help with decorating, participating in the live nativity, leading Christmas music, helping with arts and crafts, offering hot chocolate and cookies.

Good News Garden

Our Good News Garden is located on the west side of the church building. Join us in our efforts to beautify our space and provide food items for Provisions and neighbors in need. In addition, there are opportunities for engaging with the community in learning about creation care and education on the importance of gardening. All ages are welcome to participate in this important ministry.

JOY Camp

Our intergenerational Vacation Bible School. This is usually offered the last Wednesday-Friday in June, from 5:30-7:30pm. All ages gather together to play, create, sing, dance and learn our scriptures. Dinner is provided from faithful volunteers. Teen and adult volunteers are invited to help with food, art, music, teaching, games, decorating and set-up, and clean-up.

Outreach and Community Events

Musik in the Park

This event is offered 6x per year at the local Bulverde Community Park. It is a free music concert and St. Nick's offers activities for children, youth, and families at no cost. Volunteer to come and meet new friends and help with the activities.

Provisions Outreach Center

Provisions Outreach Center is located just east of St. Nicholas behind Vine in the Village Wine Bar and Restaurant. We keep a basket out for collections of food and toiletries for Provisions every Sunday. We also provide freezer space for them as needed. Volunteers are welcome to bring in supplies for Provisions and to volunteer time to help them meet their ministry needs.

Winding Branch Ranch

This Rescue-Revive-Rehome ranch is a vibrant non-profit located ten minutes away from St. Nick's. Volunteers of all ages are welcome to our service days with them.

Worship at The Heights of Bulverde

Offered on the 2nd Sunday of the month, this ministry is offered for the patients and clients of this facility located near the Walmart at 46 and 281. Volunteers are welcome to help lead Morning Prayer and build relationships with patients and staff.

Community Organizations

Share Center

San Antonio Food Bank

St. Jude's Ranch for children

Bulverde/Spring Branch Activity Center

Young Life

Bulverde Thrift Store

Friends of the Park

Friends of the Library

Bulverde Humane Society

Hope Hospice

Comal County Habitat for Humanity

Casa of Central Texas

Meant to Soar

Comal County of Los Ninos

Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Comal County