

# Saint Nicholas

BENEFICIAL SOCIETY

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## Please Support the Sacred Music Ministry

The Choir Director plays a vital role in preserving and promoting the sacred tradition of Gregorian chant through leadership of the Choralschola and Mary Immaculate Choir. This position is essential for enhancing the beauty and reverence of the Latin Mass (Missa Cantata), bringing greater honor and glory to God.

Our Choir Director dedicates considerable amounts of time each week to research, rehearsal preparation, individual coaching, musical education, and conducting choirs during Holy Mass.

Recognizing the valuable contributions of the Choir Director, the St. Nicholas Beneficial Society provides a modest stipend to assist with related expenses, including travel and the procurement of music resources.

To support this important ministry, use the Donate Now button or QR Code. Thank you for your generous support!

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## 2024 Financial Report

The Saint Nicholas Beneficial Society (SNBS), an apostolate of Marian Restoration (MR), an independent Pennsylvania non-profit registered with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Department of State Bureau of Corporations and Charitable Organizations. SNBS qualifies as a charitable organization under IRS Code Section 501(c)(3). Our financial situation as of December 31, 2024:

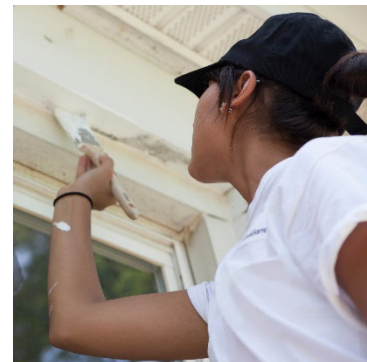
2024 FINANCIAL SUMMARY	
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$76
DONATIONS	\$13,962
GIFTS TO BENEFICIARIES	(\$12,097)
BUSINESS EXPENSES	(\$497)
END OF YEAR BALANCE	\$1,443

The SNBS expenses were for web hosting, a dedicated e-mail account, and fees to PayPal for credit card transactions.

Read on to learn more about how some of you gifts helped others.

## WorkDays—Bringing Catholic Charity to Life

At the heart of the Saint Nicholas Beneficial Society (SNBS) is a desire to serve our fellow man in the name of genuine Christian charity. Inspired by the example of our patron, St. Nicholas of Myra, and guided by the command of Our Lord to love our neighbors, we are pleased to introduce “WorkDays”—a new apostolate for members to volunteer their time and talent for those who need a helping hand.



### Why WorkDays?

Many in our community find themselves without the means or ability to maintain their homes and properties, whether due to age, infirmity, lack of income, or simply overwhelming circumstances. WorkDays brings together volunteers to assist with critical household tasks such as painting, carpentry, plumbing, yardwork, cleaning, and even farm chores. Our goal is to lift burdens from those who cannot accomplish these tasks on their own, offering both practical help and fraternal support. When needed, the volunteers also pool their resources to purchase paint, cleaning supplies, or the right tools for the project—ensuring the work is completed thoroughly and with care.

### How It Works

When someone in need reaches out to SNBS, our coordinators visit the home to assess the scope of the project. We work with the homeowner to schedule a convenient weekend, gather the necessary materials, and recruit volunteers. Over successive Saturdays, a dedicated team of “Friends of Saint Nicholas” will then arrive, tools in hand, ready to serve.

### A Look at a Few WorkDays Projects

Below are some of our SNBS Workday initiatives, highlighting both recent and upcoming projects. This glimpse demonstrates the variety of needs that our volunteers address and the heartfelt commitment of those who give their time.

Client	Workdays	Volunteers	Manhours	Money Raised	Work Done
Client #1	3	15	60		Plumbing, Painting, Cleaning, Landscaping
Client #2	2	5	45		Drywall, Plumbing, Architectural Drawing
Client #3	1	4	20		Painting
Client #4	0	1	8	\$500+	Locating Donor and Contractor for Work
Client #5	7	1	25		Cleaning, Hauling, and Repairing Animal Pen

### How You Can Get Involved

**Volunteer Your Talents:** Whether you are skilled in plumbing or just handy with a paint roller, your help is invaluable.

**Donate Materials or Funds:** Some projects require specialized tools or supplies that homeowners cannot afford. Even a modest donation can make a major impact.

**Pray for Our Efforts:** If you cannot join in person, please offer prayers that our volunteers remain safe and that this ministry bears fruit in bringing souls closer to Christ.

To learn more, or if you know someone who could benefit from a WorkDay, please reach out via email at [info@SaintNicholasBeneficial.org](mailto:info@SaintNicholasBeneficial.org) or contact one of our Directors personally.

## Still in Need: Help a Young Family Build a Future

We are reaching out again on behalf of a remarkable young family who continues to face serious challenges and needs the support of our community.

This Mexican couple and their two young children have spent the past seven years as part of our traditional Roman Catholic community. Each year, they return under the official U.S. foreign worker program so the father can work on a local organic farm, learning and contributing to sustainable agriculture. Despite their hard work and deep commitment, they face significant barriers to stability.

### An Urgent Need for Transportation

One of the most significant challenges this family faces is transportation. Without a reliable vehicle, they struggle to access essential services such as healthcare, grocery shopping, and attending church. A safe, working-condition automobile would grant this family the independence they need to thrive. We are reaching out to our generous community members who might have a vehicle they no longer need. Donating a car, or even selling it at a low price, would be a profound act of kindness that could transform their daily lives.

### A Path Toward Stability

Due to U.S. regulations for seasonal workers, this family must return to Mexico each year before reentering the U.S.—a difficult journey, especially with two young children. Despite these challenges, they've built a modest home in Pennsylvania and remain hopeful for a more permanent life here.

Their next step is applying for a Green Card, allowing them to stay year-round and begin the path to citizenship. But the immigration process is long and complex, and they need legal guidance from someone well-versed in U.S. foreign worker regulations. Legal immigrants and seasonal workers face numerous challenges in securing permanent work status, including lengthy wait times and extensive paperwork.

### How You Can Help

Your generosity—whether through a vehicle, legal assistance, or financial support—can help this family break the cycle of seasonal uncertainty and build a future right here in our community. To offer assistance, please contact SNBS President Reuben DeMaster at [ReubenDeMaster@gmail.com](mailto:ReubenDeMaster@gmail.com).

## Are You Willing to Serve?

Since 2018, the Saint Nicholas Beneficial Society has served the Traditional Roman Catholic community with dedication and compassion. As we look to the future, we are eager to expand our leadership team to continue our mission and broaden our impact. We are seeking enthusiastic and committed individuals to join our Board of Directors, which we are expanding to nine voting members. This includes four officer positions (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer) and five voting Directors.

### Our Mission

For those unfamiliar with our purpose, the Saint Nicholas Beneficial Society is committed to providing charitable support to those in need within our community. We offer financial assistance, educational scholarships, and various forms of aid to

help improve the lives of individuals and families. Our work is rooted in the values of compassion, service, and community spirit.

## Open Positions

### Treasurer

We are looking for an individual with an accounting or financial background to fill the role of Treasurer. The role will be responsible for overseeing the financial health of the Society, managing budgets, and ensuring that our resources are used effectively to further our mission.

### Secretary

We seek someone with a tax or legal background to serve as Secretary. This role involves maintaining accurate records, <mailto:reubendemaster@gmail.com> managing correspondence, and ensuring compliance with legal requirements. The Secretary is crucial in maintaining the organizational integrity and operational efficiency of our Society.

### Director

We are expanding our Board to include five voting Directors. Currently, we have three Director slots, with one position open. We are especially interested in individuals with experience helping the homeless or with a background in social work. Many situations we encounter involve complex social needs, and having someone knowledgeable in this field would greatly enhance our ability to provide effective assistance.



## Why Join Us?

By joining the Saint Nicholas Beneficial Society's Board of Directors, you will have the opportunity to make a meaningful impact in the Roman Catholic community by collaborating with a team of individuals committed to charitable work.

## How to Apply

If you are enthusiastic about our mission and interested in contributing to our leadership team, we encourage you to apply. Please contact one of the SNBS Officers or [info@SaintNicholasBeneficial.org](mailto:info@SaintNicholasBeneficial.org) to express your interest or to learn more about these opportunities. We look forward to welcoming new members who share our commitment to making a difference.

## Other Ways You Can Help

- **Volunteer:** Offer your skills and time to support our projects and initiatives.
- **Become a Friend of St. Nicholas:** Join our community to strengthen our mission and extend your support on an ongoing basis.
- **Donate:** Your financial contributions enable us to sustain and expand our efforts to assist those in need.

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Every act of kindness, big or small, contributes to a greater impact. Join us in our apostolate of charity, support, and worship.