

ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT 2024-2025





Our Mission

St. Helen Catholic School is committed to educating the whole person to see with Christ's eyes.

Our Vision

St. Helen Catholic School is a place where God permeates all that we do while we foster joyful disciples who know, love, and serve Christ and one another.

Our Leadership



Dear SHCS Community,

So many blessings! We humbly bring to you an overview of the amazing things that God has done in our St. Helen Catholic School community during the 2024-2025 school year.

We are blessed to be surrounded by so many who have such a strong commitment to Catholic education and the spiritual formation of our fine young people.

May God bless you abundantly!

Peace,
Mary Kay Sims
Principal

Dear Friends of St. Helen,

I want to express my gratitude to the school teachers, staff members, and students who help make our school a place where the love of Jesus Christ can be experienced and shared in the lives of the students through study, service, and sacraments.

I am also very grateful to many benefactors and parents who have given generously and worked tirelessly to support the children in Catholic education at St. Helen, thus providing them with the invaluable opportunity to expand their knowledge, explore their potential, strengthen their sense of self and come to know God who loves them.

May God bless you abundantly.

In Christ,
Rev. Hai Nguyen
Pastor

ATHLETICS

SHCS is a member of the Austin Christian Athletic Association where 85% of our 5th through 8th grade students participate in Cross Country, Flag Football, Volleyball, Basketball, Soccer, and Track. SHCS is proud to have won 36 League Titles over the past 15 years! Go Lions!



DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC RALLY

Students in grades 6 through 8 attended a Eucharistic Rally hosted by the Diocese of Austin. The rally was an all-day retreat centered on the Eucharist with an opportunity for Holy Mass with Bishop Vasquez. The students participated in Adoration, talks about the Eucharist, and fun and games with other Catholic middle school students.



GEORGETOWN CHRISTMAS STROLL

SHCS proudly sponsored the 43rd Annual Georgetown Christmas Stroll Parade. Students, parents, faculty, and staff showed their Christmas spirit around the beautiful town square with messages of Peace, Hope, and Love.



MAKERSPACE

With the belief that hands-on learning in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) enrich the classroom experience for students, our library has taken on a major endeavor creating Makerspace. With a multi-faceted approach to robotics, coding, circuitry, engineering, and creative use, Makerspace reached students at all grade levels.



NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

Our National Junior Honor Society in collaboration with Catholic Charities was blessed with a year of service projects. They collected items to be donated to local charities, including the Annunciation Maternity Home, S.A.F.E, The Locker Charity, and the Williamson County Animal Shelter.



SACRAMENTS

Our 2nd grade class received their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Students in grades 2 through 8 attended Reconciliation twice last year.

SCRIPPS NATIONAL SPELLING BEE

Students in grades 3 through 8 participated in the 100th Scripps National Spelling Bee. The purpose of the Spelling Bee is to help students improve their spelling, increase their vocabularies, learn concepts and develop correct English usage that will help them all their lives.

SHCC FALL FESTIVAL

The community of SHCS proudly sponsored a pumpkin decorating booth at the SHCC Fall Festival. The activity was fun for all who attended the festival. The proceeds donated to SHCC were \$1,500.00

SPIRITUAL RETREATS

SHCS 5th grade students attended The School of Environmental Education at Camp Kappe located in Plantersville, TX. The retreat is an outdoor experience of God's gift of nature while studying life cycles, food chains, and conservation of resources. SHCS 8th grade students attended Tecaboca, where they engaged in prayer, adoration, archery, riflery, fishing, and, boating.

STUDENT SERVICE

Serving our community is one of the core values instilled in all students attending SHCS. This year, a total of 1,936.5 service hours were recorded for students in grades 5 through 8. Four of our 8th grade students were recognized at the Diocesan St. Thomas Aquinas Mass for outstanding service.



Income and Expenses

The summary below is an overview of the 2024-2025 St. Helen Catholic School operating budget.

REVENUE

72% Tuition

17% Fundraising & Grants

11% SHCC Subsidy



EXPENSES

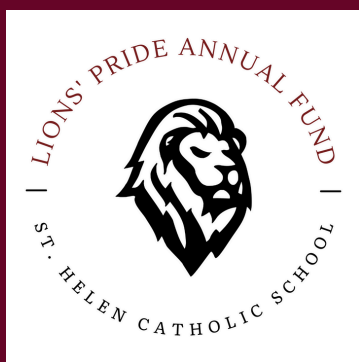
88% Salaries & Benefits

7% Instructional Programs

3% Admin. & Fundraising

2% Building & Maintenance





The Lions' Pride Annual Fund continues to provide necessary resources to enrich the education of the students attending St. Helen Catholic School and bridge the gap between expenses and tuition. These funds ensure that we employ quality teachers and give them the tools and training to provide excellent instruction. At St. Helen, we are committed to providing a quality, affordable Catholic education to students in and around Georgetown. By donating to The Lions' Pride Annual Fund, you partner with us to ensure this tradition lives on for years to come.

Thank you for your support!!

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Thank You!

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WHY WE FUNDRAISE

SHCS sets tuition at the lowest cost possible to make a Catholic education an affordable option for more families. Your gifts to the Annual Fund provide financial stability and help fill the "gap".

WHAT IS THE GAP?

Each year, there is a "gap" between the tuition amount charged to each family, and the actual costs incurred by the school to educate each child. In 2024-25, that difference is \$3,919.12 per student. It is through fundraising, tuition assistance grants, parish subsidies, and the generosity of donors that this additional cost is met.



FUNDING THE GAP SUPPORTS

- Classroom Supplies
- Instructional Programs
- Library Books & Expenses
- Student Spiritual Retreats
- Technology Upgrades
- Textbooks & Workbooks

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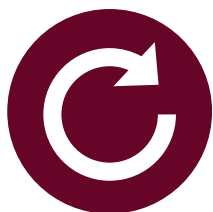
We are grateful for the many ways you made a collective impact in 2024-2025 and would appreciate your continued support. The impact of your unrestricted gifts to our Annual Fund is expansive. Each student, teacher, and family benefits from your gifts. Every area of the school requires bolstered support to maintain the excellence that has already been achieved yearly. Your gifts increase the quality of each individual child's educational experience as St. Helen evolves to meet current and emerging needs to maintain a legacy for many years to come.

Gifts to the 2025-2026 Lions' Pride Annual Fund can be made by check or securely online.

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