



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How much does St. Francis contribute from offertory giving to the school?

None of the parish offertory goes to the school! St. Clare's covers its own budget through tuition, fundraising, grants and donor support. At the same time, the parish provides a welcoming home for the school within its facilities, and the presence of the school brings new life, energy and families into the parish. This partnership allows both parish and school to thrive together in mission.

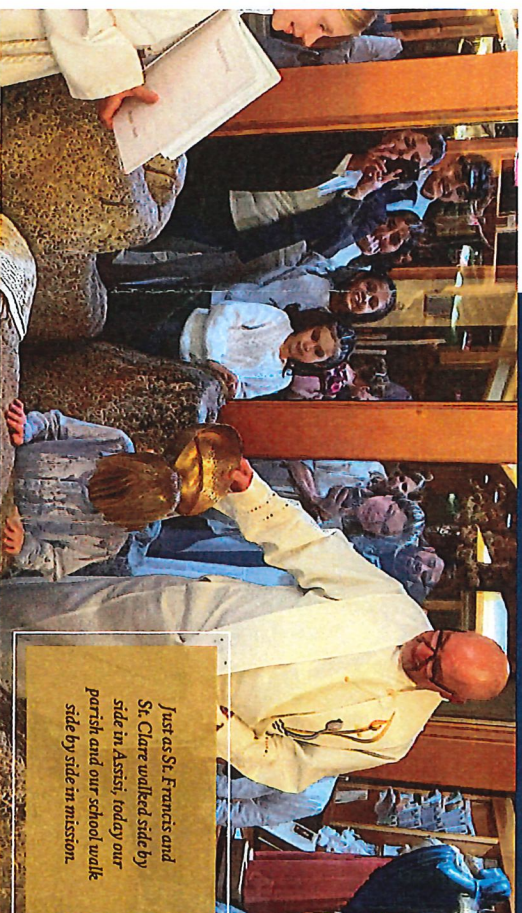
Why is St. Clare's School set up as an independent entity?


Being independent allows St. Clare's to provide an authentically Catholic education while protecting St. Francis from financial and legal risk. It ensures the school remains faithful to its mission at a time when many Catholic schools risk becoming too secular. This model, which is increasingly common and fully supported by the diocese, is a response of the laity to the church's call to evangelization.

How do the parish children who are not St. Clare's students benefit from the school's strengths?

Many St. Clare's teachers share their expertise and passion for Christ beyond the walls of the school. These practicing Catholics, who are specially trained in both the Montessori method and the increasingly popular Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) program, teach the parish's religious education. They help children encounter Christ through hands-on catechetical formation, giving them a rich experience of Scripture and liturgy. Religious education parents experience CGS as well during required parent evenings. In this way, the school's trained faculty help form St. Clare's students as well as the wider parish community in the faith.

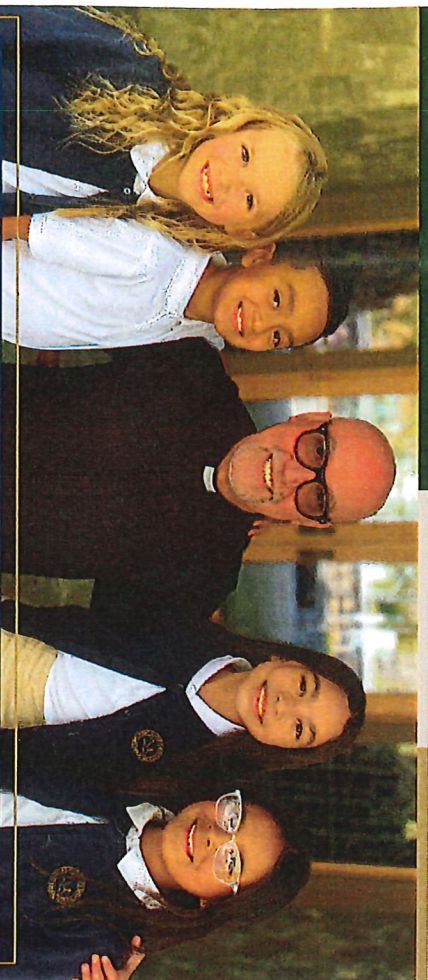
ST. CLARE'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL & ST. FRANCIS PARISH




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St. Clare's Catholic School serves students in PreK3 through 12th grade. Rooted in truth, goodness and beauty, St. Clare's is committed to helping children discover the fullness of who God created them to be.

Throughout the week, Upper School students attend daily Mass, while younger students often choose to give up part of their recess to fill the pews. Every Tuesday, St. Clare's students kneel at Adoration, and every Thursday the whole school gathers at the parish's Daily Mass and participates in Father Jorge's infamous Q&A sessions with the students.



AN INDEPENDENT CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Founded in 2018, St. Clare's School is an independent Catholic school and 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, meaning it operates with its own governing board and budget while remaining under the oversight of the bishop as a Tier II Catholic school in the Diocese of Reno. This model allows St. Francis to host a vibrant Catholic school community without taking on financial and legal liabilities. As a Catholic school in the Diocese of Reno, St. Clare's works under the supervision of the superintendent, ensuring the school's authentic Catholic identity and adherence to church teaching.

EDUCATIONAL APPROACH

Lower School: Montessori Formation

The Lower School serves students in PreK3 through 6th grade and follows a method developed by Maria Montessori. Driven by her Catholic understanding of the human person, she created an environment of wonder, discovery and independence. Montessori students develop habits of reflection and concentration that prepare them for lifelong discipleship. Religious formation is rooted in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, a hands-on program that invites children to encounter Christ in Scripture and liturgy in ways suited to their age and hearts.

Upper School: Classical Education

Building on that foundation, the Upper School, which serves students in 7th through 12th grade, offers a Classical curriculum that engages both the mind and soul. Students study theology, philosophy, Latin, literature, history, mathematics and the sciences, while also developing their talents in the creative and performing arts. The High School is part of the Chesterton Schools Network, one of the fastest-growing Independent Catholic Schools networks in the country, and has six instructors made up of full-time staff and volunteers. Athletics are an important part of student life. Students are able to participate on St. Clare's and Incline High School sports teams, ensuring a healthy balance of intellectual, spiritual and physical growth. Each year of formation builds upon the last, forming articulate, clear-thinking and joyful young adults.



ENROLLMENT

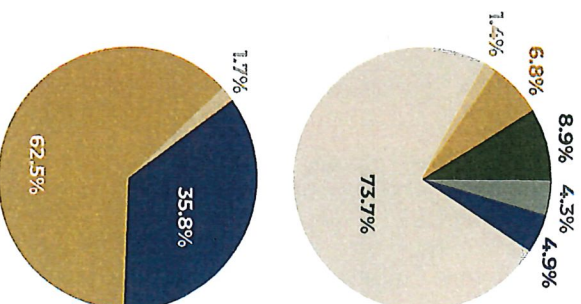
St. Clare's currently serves 45 students in preschool through 12th grade. Enrollment has grown steadily each year, and projections anticipate a 15% increase annually over the next two school years as more families are drawn to the school's mission and community. Growth is possible only at some grade levels due to space limitations as preschool through sixth-grade classes are currently at max capacity.



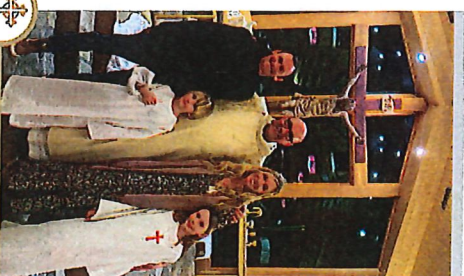
TUITION AND SCHOLARSHIPS

As with most Catholic schools, tuition covers only part of the true cost of education. At St. Clare's, about one-fourth of students receive tuition assistance. The gap between tuition revenue and actual costs is met through generous donations, grants and fundraising efforts, making Catholic education accessible to families of all means.

FINANCES



If you have any questions, please contact Alex Roodhouse at alex@stclairtristide.com



The Derrin family comes into the church after attending school mass and witnessing the beauty of the Catholic faith through their children's experience at St. Clare's.