



Crusader Connection

December 17, 2021

2021-2022 School Calendar

Good afternoon,

I've spent all morning warming my body by drinking hot tea in preparation for the afternoon dunk tank. I don't know what I was thinking (maybe I wasn't), but it'll be fun for the kids!

We're also considering adopting a new motto at St. Henry: stop the spread. It applies to Covid, lice and the pending flu season (we've had our first flu case this week).

We look forward to the next couple of days at school having classroom parties and visiting Santa's Workshop. We're certainly ready for the break, it's been a year unlike any other, but celebrating the holidays with our children at school is a great way to get in the mood for the magic of the season.

Our faculty, staff, volunteers and support people here at St. Henry wish you the best this Christmas season and heading into the New Year. Here's to a better 2022 than we've seen in 21 or 20.

St. Henry, pray for us!

COVID19 Update

During the month of December we've had 23 positive cases among families, students and staff. Fourteen positive cases have been students or staff. Twenty-three is the highest amount of cases we've had since the start of last year. The previous highest month was last January totaling 13 cases.

Many families have chosen the test to stay option when considered a close contact, so we've been able to keep students at school avoiding the amount of quarantine we've seen in the past.

Students that have been vaccinated avoid quarantines and tests if they are a close contact and do not have symptoms. We have some vaccination cards on file in the office. In January we will be asking families to voluntarily provide a

copy of vaccination cards to assist in contact tracing. According to the Diocese, the vaccination is not and will not be mandated; the vaccination cards are just to assist when a student is considered a close contact.

Continue to remind your children to have their masks when they come to school and remind them to wear them properly.

Thanks for everyone's continued support during all of this. There will be a time when it's behind us, but until then let's do what needs to be done.

New This Week



Santa's Workshop coming in just a few days!!!

Sunday, December 19 after 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM Masses: families welcome!

Students will be shopping Monday/Tuesday during assigned school times.

Workshop packets came home this week in student's take home folders. These should help you plan out their shopping trips next week. Extra shopping forms are available in

the school office and down in the Workshop.

Santa's Workshop is located in the lowest level of the Elementary School building.

The elves are still looking for Gift Wrap / Bag / Tag donations and can accept as late as Monday morning. Please drop off in school office or main lobby.

Thank you to all of the parents, high school students, and Silver Crusaders that have volunteered so far! We are still looking for Elves, so if you have even an hour on Monday or Tuesday and are Virtus certified, please consider signing up below. ****We are short staffed on Tuesday afternoon, so any help that can be given would be greatly appreciated****

Questions? Contact the head elf, Tracy Patrick, 513-923-0532, or email gradyjamesmom@yahoo.com

[Santa's Workshop Sign Up](#)



Mother/Son Cyclone Event

St. Henry's mother/son event is back! Join us for Marvel Super Hero Night at the Cyclones January 28, 2021. Moms, aunts, grandmas, and more are welcome! Enjoy specials at the concessions and watch the Cyclones take the ice! Click below to purchase your tickets!

[Purchase Cyclone Tickets](#)

Middle School Youth Group

Due to a lack of volunteers and the Christmas season,



the middle school youth group will NOT be meeting in December. Watch the newsletter and parish bulletin for more information regarding our plans with the youth group.

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY

The traditional blessing of the Baby Jesus figurines will take place at all Masses this weekend.

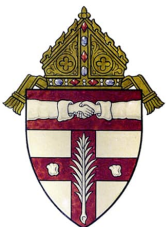
On Sunday during the 9:30 AM Mass, children will be called forward during the homily for a special blessing (dress them in their Christmas best!). Donuts, coffee, and juice will be served in Wehage Hall following the 9:30 AM Mass.



ST. HENRY CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Henry Church Decorating Tuesday, December 21 @ 7:00 PM

Volunteers are needed to help with decorating the church for Christmas. Perfect opportunity for families receiving the active church tuition rate and eighth grade/high school students needing service hours; just show up at 7:00 PM in church!



Diocese of
OWENSBORO

Bishop John Iffert is asking pastors to take up a special collection at all Masses the weekend of Dec. 18-19 for the people of the Diocese of Owensboro devastated by the December 11 tornadoes. The money collected will be given directly to Bishop William Medley to aid in the recovery. **Checks should be made**

out to St. Henry Church. We will then send a check to the Diocese of Covington on your behalf.

Bishop Iffert learned from Bishop Medley that the tornadoes have devastated areas of

the Diocese of Owensboro, including a candle factory in the city of Mayfield. Many of those injured in the Mayfield candle factory were parishioners, and others represented migrants and the marginalized in the community.

Please pray for all those suffering from this disaster.



Catholic schools in the Diocese of Covington are seeking to fill a number of immediate openings. These include classroom teachers, counselors, instructional aides, and substitute teachers. Many positions need to be filled beginning in January through the end of the 2021-22 school year. Visit the "Employment" page on the Diocesan website, www.covdio.org/schools/employment, under "Teacher Openings" and "School-Related Openings," to view the postings and for information on how to apply. Questions may be directed to skoplyay@covdio.org.



Live Nativity: St. Pius X Church

The Diocese of Covington's live nativity is a beautiful and meaningful Christmas tradition which began in 1994. Put together by the Knights of St. John from Mother of God Church, the nativity has delighted thousands of visitors and features resin figures with live animals. The nativity is at St. Pius X Church, Dudley Road, Edgewood, and will run from 6:30-8:30 PM December 18-23. Bring the family and start a new tradition!

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PICK OF THE WEEK

December 19, 2021

WATCH

CHRISTMAS IN ROME: A CELEBRATION OF THE NATIVITY

Nowhere celebrates the birth of the Savior like Rome. This Christmas, marvel at the Holy City's festive celebration of the coming of the child Jesus in Bethlehem.



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VIRTUS

VIRTUS: The December bulletin is posted and is due January 4, 2022. **December is an open month for all VIRTUS users who need to catch up on their bulletins.** As a reminder, all volunteers that work with children in our parish and/or school must be VIRTUS trained and up to date on bulletins. If you have questions, please visit virtus.org, email Laura Ryan, our VIRTUS Coordinator, lryan@sthenynky.com, or call the parish office, 859-727-2035.



Bingo

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JOIN US FOR BINGO MONDAY NIGHT!

DOORS OPEN: 5:00 PM
JITNEYS BEGIN: 6:45 PM
REGULAR GAMES: 7:30 PM

Monday, December 20

New Holiday Game
50" Smart TV Prize!

3825 Dixie Highway | Elsmere KY | 859-342-2551

Bingo Update

Volunteer for one night out per month and you can help St. Henry community at the same time. Fellowship with community members. Volunteer with a friend and it's a night out. Dinner and drinks are provided. To volunteer, contact Jamie Powers, 859-814-9998, jamielpowers@gmail.com or text/call Ryan Bihl, 859-760-3325 or click the link below!

Weekly Grade Volunteer Schedule

December 20: 3rd Grade
December 27: 2nd Grade
January 3: 1st Grade
January 10: Kindergarten
January 17: Preschool

Bingo Volunteer Sign up

Boosters

St. Henry 6th Grade Boys Basketball League

Please volunteer to help our Boosters and School with signing up for a shift to work the 6th grade Boys Basketball League

Please click the button below to help out; thank you!

[6th Grade Boys Basketball League
Volunteers](#)

Dine to Donate

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El 8 LOCO
RESTAURANT

Wednesday, December 22
11:00 AM-9:00 PM
621 Stevenson Road, Erlanger

CAFETERIA



JANUARY | 2022

ST. HENRY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
3 NO SCHOOL	4 NO SCHOOL	5 Roast Beef with gravy Mashed Potatoes Dinner Roll Corn Pineapple Tidbits Fresh Fruit Milk	6 Chicken Nuggets Mac & Cheese Baked Beans Veggie Boat Mandarin Oranges Fresh Fruit Milk	7 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Oyster Crackers Garden Salad Applesauce Fresh Fruit Milk	<p>Alternate Meal Options "Options may vary by day" "Milk offered with all meals"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hummus Grab-n-Go -Hummus cup, Tostito chips, cheese stick, carrots and dip, fruit cup • Protein Pack -Hardboiled egg, cheese stick, jungle crackers, carrots and dip, fruit cup • PBJ Grab-n-Go -PBJ sandwich, cheese stick, goldfish, carrots and dip, fruit cup • Turkey Coin & Cheese Lunchable -Turkey coins, cheese cubes, Ritz crackers, Cheez-Its, carrots and dip, fruit cup • Turkey OR Ham & Cheese Sandwich -Turkey OR ham sandwich offered as main entrée alternative. Served with each day's fruits and vegetables. <p>Meal options not offered on Fridays Menu subject to change by product availability.</p> <p>Extras (not included in the free lunch): Milk: 50¢ Water: \$1.25 Small juice: 50¢ Bagged snacks: 75¢ Pudding cup: 75¢ Rice Krispie Treat: 75¢</p>
10 Mini Corn Dogs Mac & Cheese Green Beans Broccoli with Dip Frozen Sidekick Diced Peaches Fresh Fruit Milk	11 Cheeseburger/Hamburger Potato Wedges Baked Beans Diced Peas Fresh Fruit Milk	12 Honey Sloppy Joe Sandwich Waffle Fries Corn Pineapple Tidbits Fresh Fruit Milk	13 3 or 4 Way Chili Spaghetti Kidney Beans, Diced Onions Shredded Cheese Oyster Crackers Glazed Carrots, Veggie Boat Mandarin Oranges Fresh Fruit Milk	14 Donato's Cheese Pizza OR Cheesy Breadsticks w/marinara sauce Steamed broccoli, Garden Salad Applesauce Fresh Fruit Milk	
17 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day NO SCHOOL	18 Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Carrots with Dip Green Beans Diced Peas Fresh Fruit Milk	19 Spaghetti with Meatballs Glazed Carrots Garden Salad Pineapple Tidbits Fresh Fruit Milk	20 Corfetti Pancakes Sausage Links Sizzle Fries Veggie Boat Baked Apples Fresh Fruit Milk	21 Pizza Crunchers Marinara Sauce Green Beans Garden Salad Applesauce Fresh Fruit Milk	
24 Chicken Tenders Roasted Potatoes Green Beans Diced Peaches Frozen Sidekick Milk	25 Beef Tacos Salsa, Sour Cream Corn Refried Beans Diced Peas Fresh Fruit Milk	26 Chicken Drumstick Mashed Potatoes Dinner Roll Glazed Carrots Pineapple Tidbits Fresh Fruit Milk	27 Chicken Nuggets Mac & Cheese Baked Beans Veggie Boat Mandarin Oranges Fresh Fruit Milk	28 French Toast Scrambled Eggs Salsa Veggie Boat Baked Apples Fresh Fruit Milk	
31 Rotini with Meat sauce Garlic Breadstick Garden Salad Steamed Broccoli Diced Peaches Frozen Sidekick Milk	1	2	3	4	

This institution is an equal opportunity provider

Upcoming Events

- **December 19:** Fourth Sunday of Advent/Bambinelli Sunday
- **December 19:** Santa's Workshop Preview Day after 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM Masses
- **December 20/21:** Santa's Workshop
- **December 21:** Boosters Meeting
- **December 22:** Dine to Donate: El Loco Ocho all day
- **December 22-January 4:** Christmas Break
- **December 25:** The Nativity of the Lord
- **December 26:** The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
- **January 1:** Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
- **January 2:** The Epiphany of the Lord
- **January 4:** Dine to Donate: Erlanger Skyline all day
- **January 5:** School resumes
- **January 5-28:** Mid-year MAP testing
- **January 11:** Dine to Donate: Pieology
- **January 17:** MLK Jr. Day, no school
- **January 26:** Dine to Donate: El Ocho Loco
- **January 28:** Spirit wear day
- **January 28:** Mother / Son Cyclones game
- **January 30:** Open House, Catholic Schools Week kick off

Our Parishes

St. Henry

St. Barbara

Cristo Rey

Mission Statement

St. Henry Catholic School is a place where we learn, grow, and become Disciples of Christ by embracing the Gospel message. We will work toward our full potential each day in order to demonstrate our respect for the sacrifices made by the entire St. Henry community to ensure our success. We will remain *connected* to God and others, gain *confidence* in our academic, social, and physical abilities, and *contribute* to the community through service and leadership.

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