



## Crusader Connection

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## December 2, 2022

2022-2023 School Calendar

Good afternoon,

We are rolling right along into December with plenty of St. Henry and other related events planned. Tonight is the father / daughter dance, so shine your shoes, dads, your daughters are ready to party!

PTO has an updated newsletter below, I hear St. Nick is planning to visit school next week and the Immaculate Conception is next Thursday, December 8. Our boosters has an update to share that can be found [here](#).

Lastly, see [this letter](#) from Megan Daly, 3rd grade teacher. She has been offered a position to teach in England that she'll begin in January. We are thankful for her work at St. Henry for her 4+ years and wish her the best in the future.

Have a great weekend, everyone.

St. Henry, pray for us!

## School News



### Last Week in Pictures

In science, **junior high** students started class with their weekly interactive experiment. They learned about sodium polyacrylate, which is put in diapers. After cutting the diaper apart and pulling out the sodium polyacrylate, they observed its appearance and felt it. The more water that was added, the more water was absorbed. It became jelly like! Our **eighth grade** students helped change out and recycle the 500+ Breaking Bread books in church the week of Thanksgiving. At the conclusion of the 43rd Annual Crusader Classic, our **third grade** and **seventh/eighth** grade combined teams were crowned champions in their division. An **all school** Advent prayer service was held on Monday, November 28, led by our student council members. Throughout Advent, purple slips of paper will be available in the cafeteria where students can write a petition. The slips will be used to create a chain around the cafeteria. As the chain grows longer, it will be a reminder that we are many parts, but we are all one body.

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### SHCS Crusader Hall of Fame Nomination

Catholic schools could not thrive without the generosity of parishioners, parents, teachers, and volunteers. St. Henry Catholic School is no exception. Since 1995, we have recognized someone who has made significant contributions to our school through the sharing of their time and talent by inducting them into the SHCS Crusader Hall of Fame during Catholic Schools Week, held the last week of January.

**Nominee Criteria:** This award goes to an individual, couple, or group that has made a significant contribution over a number of years to St. Henry outside of "normal" expectations. The award winner will have demonstrated commitment of time and talent to the betterment of those at St. Henry in a way that may not have been experienced had the award winner not been so gracious. Though the award is an "alumni" award, it may be given to a non-graduate of St. Henry because anyone deserving of the award has clearly demonstrated a deep commitment to and love for St. Henry and would thus be considered an honorary St. Henry alumnus.

**Nominee Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee Parish:** \_\_\_\_\_ **How long?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Did the nominee attend St. Henry Catholic School?** \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No If yes, when? \_\_\_\_\_

**Does/did the nominee have children/grandchildren attend St. Henry?** \_\_\_\_ Yes  
\_\_\_\_ No *If yes, please include name/s:* \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Santa's Workshop Needs Help

St. Henry's PTO will hold their annual Santa's workshop for all students December 18-20. They are in need of Christmas gift wrap, tape, tags, but mostly Christmas bags and tissue paper.

The PTO is also accepting handmade items such as soaps, hats, keychains, bracelets, etc. Items may be dropped off at school by December 11. If you have questions, reach out to Chrissy Keller [chrissykeller0710@yahoo.com](mailto:chrissykeller0710@yahoo.com), Brittany Finch, [bfinch@sthenrynky.com](mailto:bfinch@sthenrynky.com), or call the school office, 859-342-2551.

## Cafeteria News

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# DECEMBER | 2022

**ST. HENRY CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
28	29	30	1 3 or 4 Way Chili Spaghetti Diced Onions, Shredded Cheese Oyster Crackers Kidney Beans Gleazed Carrots Mandarin Oranges Milk	2 French Toast/Waffles Syrup Cup, Scrambled Eggs Smile Fries Veggie Boats with Dip Baked Apples Milk	<b>Alternate Meal Options*</b>  Milk and choices of daily fruits and/or vegetables offered with all alternate meal options.  <b>PB&amp;J Grab &amp; Go</b> PB&J Uncrustables, cheese stick, Goldfish crackers  <b>Yogurt Grab &amp; Go</b> Yoplait yogurt cup, cheese stick, Goldfish crackers, pretzels  <b>Extras NOT included in the lunch:</b> Milk: 50¢ Small juice: 50¢ Switch can: 85¢ Water: \$1.30 Bagged snacks: 80¢ Rice Krispie Treat: 80¢ Muffins: \$1.00  *Meat option not offered on Fridays*  <b>*Menu subject to change by product availability*</b>
5 Fiesta Pizza or Chicken/Cheese Quesadilla Salsa Cup Corn Refried Beans Peach Cups Frozen Sidekicks Milk	6 Chicken Tenders or Fish Tenders Waffle Fries Green Beans Mini Biscuit Pear Cups Fresh Apples Milk	7 Spaghetti with Meatballs Garlic Breadstick Glazed Carrots Garden Salads Pineapple Tidbits Dried Cranberries or Cherries Milk	8 No School Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Holy Day of Obligation	9 Grilled Cheese or Cheesy Flatbread Tomato Soup Garden Salad Oyster Crackers Applesauce Fresh Oranges Milk	
12 Chicken Patty Sandwich or Fish Sandwich Potato Wedges Baked Beans Peach Cups Frozen Sidekicks Milk	13 Cheese Pizza or Pepperoni Pizza Steamed Broccoli Carrots and Celery with Dip Pear Cups Fresh Apples Milk	14 Roast Beef with Gravy and Dinner Roll or Turkey/Ham and Cheese Sub Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Strawberry or Mixed Berry Cups Fresh Grapes Milk	15 Beef Nachos or Soft Tacos Shredded Cheese, Sour Cream Salsa Cups Black Beans, Corn Mandarin Oranges Fresh Bananas Milk	16 Cheese Bites or Pizza Crunchers Marinara Sauce Corn Garden Salads Applesauce Fresh Oranges Milk	
19 Beef and Cheddar Sandwich or Pulled Pork BBQ Sandwich Mac and Cheese Green Beans Carrots with Dip Peach Cups Frozen Sidekicks Milk	20 Chicken Nuggets or Fish Nuggets Roasted Potatoes Baked Beans Mini Biscuit Pear Cups Fresh Apples Milk	21 No School	22 No School	23 No School	
26 No School	27 No School	28 No School	29 No School	30 No School	

Other Text Here

## PTO News



# PTO Connection

## DECEMBER 2022

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

\*AS WE APPROACH THE END OF 2022, PTO IS BUSY PLANNING A LOT OF ACTIVITIES. WE CAN'T DO THIS WITHOUT YOU. THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR CONTINUED HELP!

\*SANTA'S WORKSHOP IS LOOKING FOR **WRAPPING PAPER, TISSUE PAPER AND GIFT BAG DONATIONS**. SEND ANY DONATIONS TO THE OFFICE. SIGN UPS WILL BE POSTED FOR VOLUNTEERING.

\*JANUARY EVENTS -

- **LADIES NIGHT OUT (1/13 @FLYING AXES)** WILL BE \$50 A PERSON. LIGHT APPETIZERS WILL BE AVAILABLE. DRINKS AVAILABLE UPON PURCHASE. SIGN UP COMING SOON.
- **MOTHER/SON HOCKEY GAME (1/27)** - TICKETS ARE \$18 EACH. PURCHASE ONLINE THROUGH LINK IN THE CRUSADER CONNECTION.

### REMINDERS:

- PTO MEETINGS ARE IN THE CAFETERIA THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH FROM 7-8PM. DRINKS ARE PROVIDED!
- CONTACT YOUR ROOM PARENT FOR HELP WITH UPCOMING CHRISTMAS PARTIES AND CLASSROOM EVENTS.

### UPCOMING CRUSADER EVENTS:

LAST CALL FOR THE FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE! →



**SANTA'S WORKSHOP**  
DECEMBER 19TH AND 20TH

### YEARLY CALENDAR:

#### DECEMBER

- 2 - FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE - CHRISTMAS IN PARIS
- 13 - PTO MEETING
- 19-20 - SANTA'S WORKSHOP

#### JANUARY

- 10 - PTO MEETING
- 13 - LADIES NIGHT OUT - FLYING AXES, 7PM
- 27 - MOTHER/SON HOCKEY GAME
- 30 - CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

#### FEBRUARY

- 10 - MOTHER/DAUGHTER EVENT - GALENTINES DAY
- 15 - PTO MEETING
- 26 - FAMILY OUTING AT STRIKE AND SPARE

#### MARCH

- 4 - PARENT SOCIAL
- 14 - PTO MEETING

#### APRIL

- 2 - FAMILY EASTER EGG HUNT
- 19 - PTO MEETING

#### MAY

- 1 - TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK
- 2 - CONFIRMATION RECEPTION
- 9 - PTO MEETING
- 24 - 8TH GRADE BRUNCH
- 25 - KINDERGARTEN CELEBRATION RECEPTION



**Moms and sons!** Save the date: January 27, for our annual Cyclones game! Meet some of your Marvel Super Heroes, Game time is 7:30 PM. Perfect stocking stuffer for your Crusader! Tickets can be purchased today!



# Bingo

Did you know dinner is provided for our volunteers? We added salad and it is a BIG hit. Bingo is a great way to get involved in your school community! Sign up below or contact Jamie or Ryan for details!

**Weekly and monthly volunteers** are needed to help at bingo. Training is provided for all positions, along with dinner, drinks, and laughter. For more details, contact Ryan Bihl, [watermobihl@yahoo.com](mailto:watermobihl@yahoo.com), or Jamie Powers, [jamielpowers00@gmail.com](mailto:jamielpowers00@gmail.com).

Effective immediately, anyone under the age 18 will not be permitted in the cafeteria during our bingo sessions.

**Up next week, fifth grade parents and friends! Sign up at the link below!**

8th Grade	7th Grade	6th Grade	5th Grade	4th Grade
November 14 January 23 April 3	November 21 January 30 April 10	November 28 February 6 April 17	December 5 February 13 April 24	December 12 February 20 May 1
3rd Grade	2nd Grade	1st Grade	Kindergarten	Preschool
December 19 February 27 May 8	December 26 March 6 May 15	January 2 March 13 May 22	January 9 March 20 May 29	January 16 March 27 June 5

**Bingo Volunteer Sign up**

**VIRTUS®**



Anyone who volunteers in our school or parish must be VIRTUS trained and compliant. For current volunteers, the December bulletin is due January 4.

If you are interested in volunteering in our school or parish, there are many opportunities to attend the Protecting God's Children training; visit [VIRTUS.org](http://VIRTUS.org) > drop down to select Covington, KY (Diocese) > select a session to attend and register.

If you have questions or need additional information, reach out to our VIRTUS® coordinator,



**Anyone who has experienced sexual misconduct by a cleric, employee, religious, or volunteer of the Diocese of Covington is asked to contact Julie Feinauer, Diocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator, 859-392-1515. Professional assistance and pastoral support will be provided in confidentiality and with respect.**

Place	Date	Time
Diocesan Catholic Children's Home, Ft. Mitchell	Thursday, December 15	6:30 PM



**DINE TO Donate**

**It's Skyline Time!**

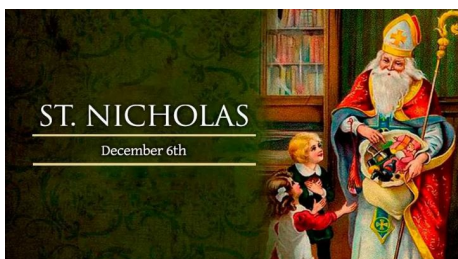
3159 Dixie Highway | Erlanger, KY

**Tuesday all day long!**

DINE IN \ CARRY OUT \ DRIVE THROUGH

**Be sure to mention St. Henry when ordering! Thank you for your support!**

## News from St. Henry Parish



### Feast of St. Nicholas

On December 6, the faithful commemorate a bishop in the early church who was known for generosity and love of children. Born in Lycia in Asia Minor around the late third or fourth century, St. Nicholas of Myra is more than just the inspiration for the modern day Santa.

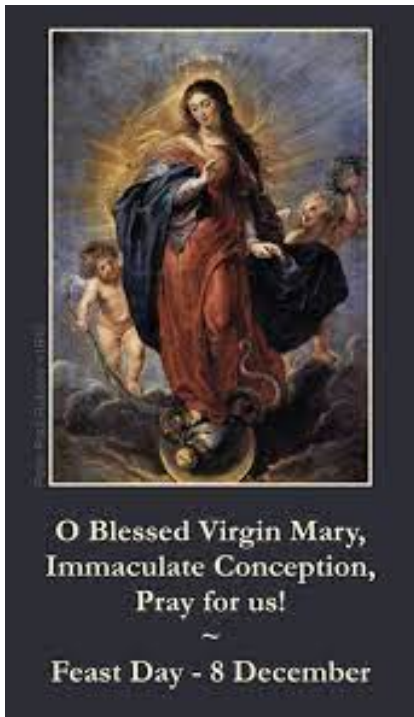
As a young man he is said to have made a pilgrimage to Palestine and Egypt in order to study in the school of the Desert Fathers. On returning some years later he was almost immediately ordained Bishop of Myra, which is now Demre, on the coast of modern day Turkey. The bishop was imprisoned during the Diocletian persecution and only released when Constantine the Great came to power and made Christianity the official religion of the Roman Empire.

One of the most famous stories of the generosity of St. Nicholas says that he threw bags of gold through an open window in the house of a poor man to serve as dowry for the man's daughters, who otherwise would have been forced into prostitution. The gold is said to have landed in the family's shoes, which were drying near the fire. This is why children leave their

shoes out by the door, or hang their stockings by the fireplace in the hopes of receiving a gift on the eve of his feast.

St. Nicholas is associated with Christmas because of the tradition that he had the custom of giving secret gifts to children. It is also conjectured that the saint, who was known to wear red robes and have a long white beard, was culturally converted into the large man with a reindeer-drawn sled full of toys because in German, his name is "San Nikolaus" which almost sounds like "Santa Claus." In the East, he is known as St. Nicholas of Myra for the town in which he was bishop. But in the West he is called St. Nicholas of Bari because, during the Muslim conquest of Turkey in 1087, his relics were taken to Bari by the Italians.

St Nicholas is the patron of children and of sailors. His intercession is sought by the shipwrecked, by those in difficult economic circumstances, and for those affected by fires. He died on December 6, 346.



## "Hail Mary, Full of Grace"

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Thursday, December 8, is a Holy Day of Obligation in the Catholic Church. ***Our parish school is closed on this day.***

Many Catholics believe this feast celebrates Jesus' conception through the power of the Holy Spirit in the womb of Mary. However, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception celebrates Mary's conception in the womb of Saint Anne without the stain of original sin. Jesus' conception is celebrated on the Feast of the Annunciation on March 25, nine months before Christmas.

In order to become the mother of Christ she was conceived free from the burden of original sin.

Saints Joachim and Anne prayed for a child for a very long time. Just when they had begun to lose hope, Saint Anne became pregnant with Mary. In order for Mary to become the mother of Christ, her soul never suffered the effects of original sin.

Tradition has it that the Eastern Church first celebrated the feast on December 9, as the "Feast of the Conception of the Most Holy and All Pure Mother of God" as early as the fifth century.

As the feast spread throughout the Eastern Church, the focus was more on Saint Anne and became known as "The Conception of Saint Anne, the Ancestress of God." It took a long time for the celebration of the Feast of Mary's Immaculate Conception to spread. During the eighth century it spread to the Western Church and began to be celebrated on December 8.

The feast received its present name in the eleventh century and became a feast for the whole Church during the eighteenth century.

[You can learn more about this solemnity and ways to celebrate here!](#)

**News from St. Henry District High School**





# ST. HENRY

DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

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# CRUSADERS

## Enrollment Events

### **HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST**

- Saturday, December 10, 2022: 8th grade students

### **PARENT Q&A**

- Saturday, December 10, 2022: 8th grade parents

### **NEW FAMILY INFORMATION NIGHT**

- Thursday, January 12, 2023: newly registered families + prospective families

### **COURSE SELECTION 1:1 MEETINGS**

- February 2023: registered incoming freshmen + parents

[Connect to SHDHS Online](#)

## Upcoming Events

- **December 2:** Father/Daughter dance
- **December 3:** Carrie Williams Memorial Euchre Tournament, Sterling Event Center
- **December 4:** The Second Sunday of Advent
- **December 6:** Dine to Donate: Erlanger Skyline
- **December 8:** The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Holy Day of Obligation, no school
- **December 11:** The Third Sunday of Advent/Bambinelli Sunday
- **December 13:** Dine to donate: The Hive
- **December 19-20:** Santa's Workshop
- **December 20:** Dine to donate: Coldstone Creamery (12:00-9:30 PM)
- **December 20:** Boosters Meeting
- **December 21:** Beginning of Christmas break
- **December 25:** The Nativity of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)
- **December 28:** Dine to donate: El Ocho Loco (all day)
- **January 1:** Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God
- **January 3:** Dine to Donate: Erlanger Skyline
- **January 4:** Welcome back, Crusaders!

# Our Parishes

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**Cristo Rey**  
25 Cavalier Boulevard  
Florence, KY 41042  
859-538-1175  
micristorey.com

## Join us for Mass!

### St. Barbara

**Fr. John Sterling, Pastor**  
*Chuck Melville, Deacon*

#### Sunday Obligation Masses

4:30 PM Saturday  
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Sunday

#### Eucharistic Service

10:00 AM Monday

#### Daily Mass

10:00 AM Tuesday-Friday

### St. Henry

**Fr. Joshua Lange, Pastor**  
*Fr. Aby Thampi, Parochial Vicar*  
*Mike Lyman, Deacon*

#### Sunday Obligation Masses

4:00 PM Saturday  
7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM  
& 7:00 PM Sunday

#### Daily Mass

8:00 AM Monday-Saturday  
8:30 AM **Friday only**

### Cristo Rey

**Fr. Allan Frederick, Pastor**

#### Sunday Obligation Masses

6:00 PM Saturday  
9:00 AM, 11:00 AM &  
1:00 PM Sunday

#### Weekday Mass

6:00 PM Wednesday

## ✝ ST. HENRY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

### 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.

## Connect With Us

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