



## Crusader Connection

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**September 29, 2023**

[2023-2024 School Calendar](#)

Dear Parents,

Happy almost October! It is hard to believe that we are already at the end of September. As we enter into October we have a number of fun things coming up here at school including our school pet blessing, the Scholastic Book Fair, and Halloween to name a few. Today we had our first Olympic Team meeting. This involves students from across grades K-8 coming together as a team to get to know each other and prepare for our Olympic Day, which will take place in May. Our 8th grade students lead these teams in it is a great opportunity for them to practice leadership skills.

Like I mentioned, we have several upcoming events. First, is that next Wednesday, October 4 is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi so we will have our school pet blessing. Be sure to check below for more information. Friday, October 6 is Mad Hatter (of Alice in Wonderland fame) Day so students will be allowed to wear crazy hats to school. I also wanted to mention Halloween. We will be allowing students to dress up for Halloween this year. I am excited to see their creative costumes! The guidelines are as follows...

- No face/body paint
- No weapons
- No masks
- No blood/gore
- Costumes should meet all dress code requirements in terms of length and coverage
- Dress code appropriate shoes are required
- Colored hairspray is permitted

On Thursday, October 5 at 6:00pm we will be having a meeting to discuss our school's major fundraiser for this year. For the past several years we have done Cru Club, but after seeking input from several stakeholder groups we have decided not to move forward with Cru Club for this year and to plan a more community focused event instead. This event will be similar to the Crusader Royale, but we are looking to change it up a little bit. If you would like to be on the planning committee for this event or would like to give input as we get started please let me know or feel free to come to the meeting next Thursday. The meeting will take place in the school cafeteria.

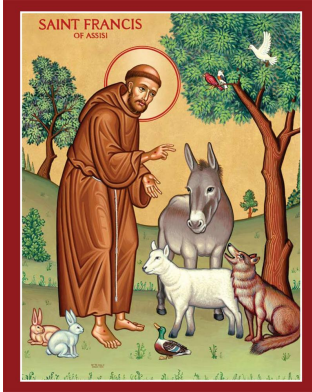
Don't forget that the October VIRTUS bulletin will be available online October 1 and is due November 7. If

you would like to volunteer with our school and aren't VIRTUS trained, there are classes in October you can attend. Contact [Kristina Goodridge](#), our VIRTUS coordinator, to learn more. Also, our Bingo team is looking for volunteers. The new Diocesan policy on Bingo is that Bingo volunteers do NOT need to be VIRTUS trained, so if you have been looking for a way to volunteer, but are not trained, Bingo may be for you! They are currently looking for a third week caller and table worker. If you are interested or would like to learn more, reach out to Ryan Bihl at [watembihl@yahoo.com](mailto:watembihl@yahoo.com).

Have a great weekend!

God Bless,  
*Mrs. Kimberly Wagner*

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### **Blessing of Pets**

In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, we will have our annual pet blessing on Wednesday, October 4.

Blessing of school family pets will take place on Wednesday at 7:45 AM in the parking lot. We ask that all parents park in the lower part of the lot so we have space to gather. Students will go into their classrooms at the beginning of the day so we can take attendance. After attendance, all students will come back outside for the pet blessing. All pets must go home with parents after the blessing. The parish pet blessing will take place at 7:00 PM in the parking lot.

All pets must be leashed or contained and under the control of their owner at all times.

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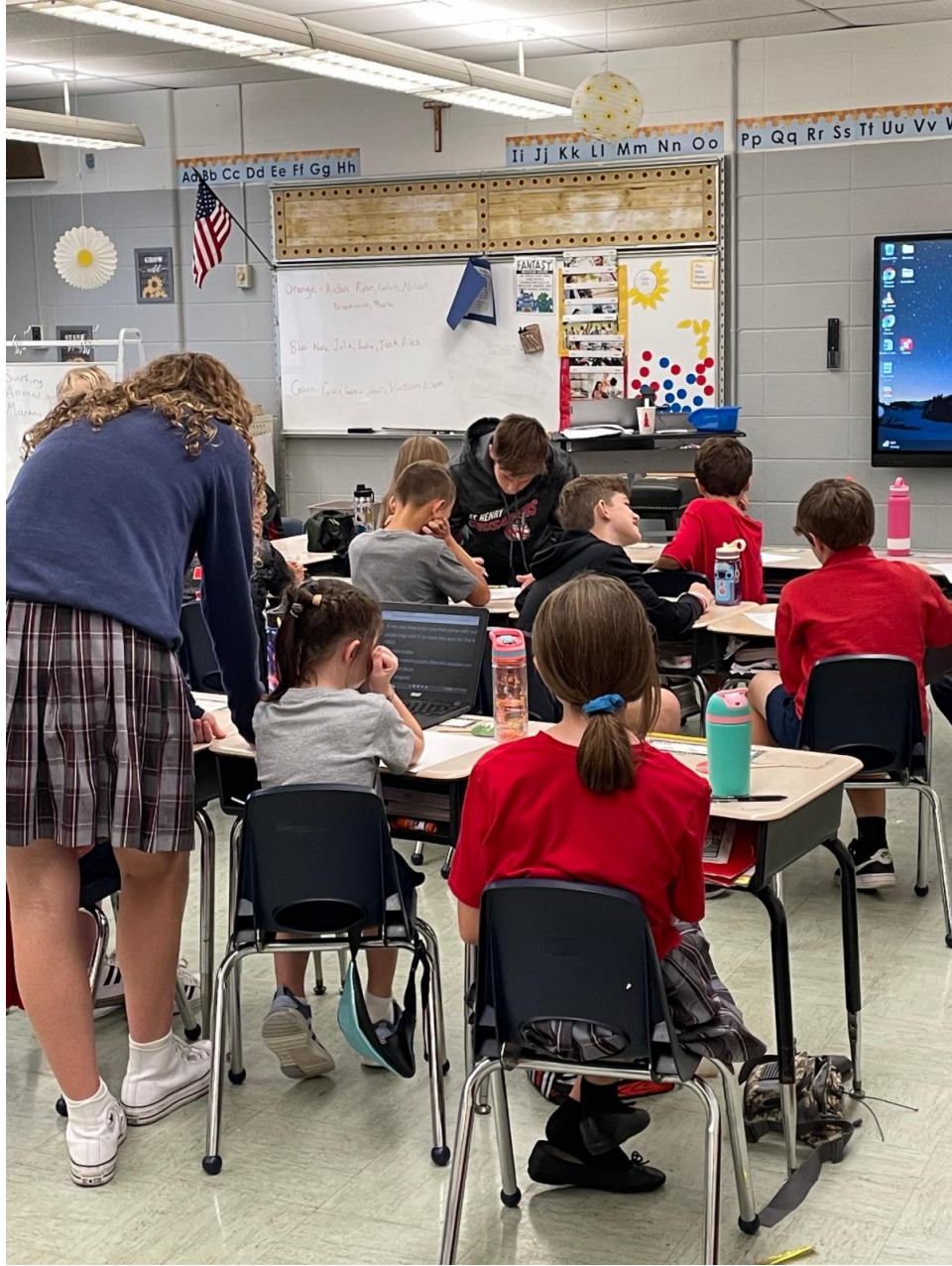
**Fr. Sterling presided at our all school Mass this morning; ask your children about the Feast of the Guardian Angels!**

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# Olympic Team Meetings

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# STAFF SPOTLIGHT



*Amanda Ackerman*

MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER

- THE BEST PART ABOUT BEING A STAFF MEMBER AT ST. HENRY IS SHARING MY FAITH AND LOVE OF LEARNING WITH STUDENTS.
- FAVORITE DRINK IS LACROIX AND PLACES TO EAT INCLUDE SKYLINE OR GRATER'S. LOVES COWTAILS, PEPPERMINT PATTIES, AND MILKY WAYS TOO!
- IN HER SPARE TIME, SHE LOVES TO READ!



*Do the best you can today  
and that is good enough.*



# STAFF SPOTLIGHT



*Mariah Smith*

FIFTH GRADE TEACHER

- THE BEST PART ABOUT ST. HENRY IS THE WONDERFUL STUDENTS, FAMILIES, AND COWORKERS FEEL LIKE FAMILY.
- FAVORITE DRINKS ARE COFFEE AND COKE ZERO. LOVES CHIPOTLE FOR LUNCH AND EXTRA-TOASTED CHEEZ-ITS AS A SNACK!
- IN HER SPARE TIME, SHE LOVES TO READ!



*NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE: THE WORD  
ITSELF SAYS "I'M POSSIBLE!"*



LUNCH					OCTOBER 2023 Large Elementary School Menu					MY CHOICE BOOKS	PAY FOR MEALS ONLINE MySchoolBacks.com			
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken Quesadilla OR Cheese Quesadilla Refried Beans, Corn Salsa, Sour Cream Peaches, Sidekicks Juice Milk	Spaghetti & Meat Sauce OR Chicken Alfredo Garlic Breadstick Glazed Carrots, Garden Salads Mandarin Oranges, Fresh Fruit Parmesan Cheese Juice, Milk	Hot Dog OR Chili Coney Shredded Cheese, Diced Onion Curly Fries, Green Beans Pineapple, Fresh Fruit Carnival Cookie Juice, Milk	Confetti Pancakes Sausage Patties, Syrup Cup Smile Fries Celery & Dip Pears, Fresh Fruit Juice Milk	Cheese Bites OR Pizza Crunchers Marinara Sauce Steamed Broccoli Garden Salads, Pickle Spears Applesauce, Fresh Fruit Juice, Milk	2	3	4	5	6	9	10	11	12	13
Fiesta Pizza OR BBQ Chicken Pizza Peas & Carrots, Corn Garden Salads Peaches, Sidekicks Juice Milk	Chicken Tenders Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Green Beans Dinner Roll Pineapple, Fresh Fruit Juice Milk	Tangerine Chicken OR Teriyaki Chicken Brown Rice, Fortune Cookies Steamed Broccoli, Carrots & Dip Mandarin Oranges, Fresh Fruit Juice Milk	Mini Cinnamon Rolls OR Mini Strawberry Bagels Scrambled Eggs Tater Tots, Veggie Boats & Dip Baked Apples, Fresh Fruit Juice Milk	Professional Development Day, no school	16	17	18	19	20	23	24	25	26	27
Mini Corn Dogs Macaroni & Cheese Steamed Broccoli Corn Peaches, Sidekicks Juice Milk	Chicken Patty Sandwich OR Fish Sandwich Curly Fries Green Beans Pineapple, Fresh Fruit Chocolate Chip Cookie Juice, Milk	3 or 4 Way Chili Spaghet Shredded Cheese, Diced Onion Oyster Crackers, Kidney Beans Glazed Carrots, Garden Salads Mandarin Oranges, Fresh Fruit Juice Milk	Sausage, Egg & Cheese Breakfast Syrup Cup Smile Fries Veggie Boats & Dip Pears, Fresh Fruit Juice Milk	Grilled Cheese OR Bosco Stick Tomato Soup, Marinara Sauce Garden Salads, Pickle Spears Oyster Crackers Applesauce, Fresh Fruit Juice, Milk	23	24	25	26	27	no lunch; parent/teacher conferences	Cheese Pizza OR Pepperoni Pizza Steamed Broccoli Garden Salads Peaches, Sidekicks, Chocolate Brownie Cookie, Juice, Milk	Nachos OR Soft Taco Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Salsa Shredded Cheese, Sour Cream Black Beans, Corn Mandarin Oranges, Fresh Fruit Juice, Milk	Chicken Nuggets Macaroni & Cheese Peas & Carrots, Garden Salads Dinner Roll Pears, Fresh Fruit Juice Milk	Mini French Toast OR Mini Waffles Scrambled Eggs, Syrup Cup Tater Tots, Veggie Boats & Dip Baked Apples, Fresh Fruit Juice Milk
Chicken Quesadilla OR Cheese Quesadilla Refried Beans, Corn Salsa, Sour Cream Peaches, Sidekicks Juice Milk	Hot Dog OR Chili Coney Shredded Cheese, Diced Onion Curly Fries, Green Beans Pineapple, Fresh Fruit Carnival Cookie Juice, Milk	30	31											

Alternate meal options include PB&J Grab & Go, Yogurt Grab & Go, Turkey & Cheese Sandwich, or Grilled Chicken Box Salad. Fruits & Vegetables offered with all options. Meat options not available on Fridays. Menu subject to change by product availability. This institution is an equal opportunity employer.

**SCHOLASTIC**  
**FALL 2023**  
**PREVIEW**  
**WATCH NOW!**

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Books featured include: *Top Story*, *I Am My Ancestors' Wildest Dreams*, *Secrets of the Sky*, *Beholder*, *This Indian Kid*, *Masters of Deceit Volume 5*, *Blue*, *Courage to Dream*, *All We Need is Love*, *Artifice*, and *When Rubin Plays*.

The Scholastic Book Fair will be at St. Henry October 10-23 and we will need volunteers to help with the fair.

[Click the link](#) to set up your student's wallet, scroll down to the bottom to volunteer, and more! If you have questions, contact Martha Bohman, [mbohman@sthenrynky.com](mailto:mbohman@sthenrynky.com).

### Boosters Golf Outing

There are a few foursome spots still available for the St. Henry Booster Golf Outing at The Golf Courses of Kenton County. Registration and lunch at 11:30 AM. Shotgun start at 1:00 PM. Cost is \$100 per player with 18 holes, cart, lunch, dinner, drinks included. Raffle and contest prizes include a Joe Burrow signed football, Nike and Oakley sunglasses, golf bags, and many restaurant gift cards. Also, a 9-hole parent/child scramble starts at 9:00 AM; cost is \$25 per player. Email [golf@sthenrynky.com](mailto:golf@sthenrynky.com) to register.

**Thank You to our students who helped unload and distribute Mumkins this week!**





*Jesus*  
is my great  
friend and the

*Eucharist*  
my highway to heaven.

Blessed Carlo Acutis

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# Eucharistic Miracle of HERENTALS

BELGIUM, 1412



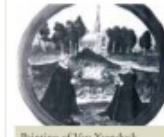
In the Eucharistic Miracle of Herentals, some Hosts that had been previously stolen were found after eight days perfectly intact, in spite of the rain. The Hosts were found in a field near a rabbit burrow, surrounded by a bright light and arranged in the form of a cross. Every year, two paintings of the Antoon van Ysendyck, depicting the miracle, are taken in procession to the field where a small shrine was built – *De Hegge*. Here a commemorative Mass is celebrated before numerous people. The two paintings are presently kept in the Cathedral of Sint-Waldefrudiskerk ad Herentals.



Church of San-Waldefruds, Herentals



A. Van Ysendyck (1801-1875). A series of paintings by "Het wonder van de Hegge" – The Holy Miracle of the Fence, Church of San-Waldefruds



Painting of Van Ysendyck depicting the miracle



Interior of the Church of San-Waldefruds



The "De Hegge" chapel built at the place where the miracle took place



In 1412, a certain Jan van Langerstede went for lodging to a hotel not far from the little city of Herentals. This professional man was stealing sacred objects from churches and selling them all over Europe. The day after his arrival at Herentals, he went to the nearby village of Poederlee. He entered the parish church and, without being noticed, stole the chalice and the ciborium containing five consecrated Hosts. As he was returning to Herentals, in the place known as "De Hegge" ("the fence"), he felt as if pulled by a mysterious force that was keeping him from continuing his journey. So he tried to get rid of the Hosts by throwing them into the river, but his every attempt to do so was useless. Jan was on the verge of despair when he saw a field not very far away with a big rabbit burrow where he straightaway hid the Hosts. The task

took place without any trouble, and the man was able to peacefully return to Herentals. In the meantime, the city judge, Gilbert De Pape, began an investigation to discover the author of the theft in the church of Porderlee. Among the suspects was also our Jan. The police searched his luggage and found the chalice and the ciborium.

*Jan then confessed* everything except the fact that he had thrown away the Hosts. He was to be immediately hanged, and Jan had already climbed the scaffold when, encouraged by the priest to cleanse his soul before dying, completely confessed his guilt. The judge then suspended the execution and ordered Jan to indicate the exact place where he had left the Hosts. A large crowd followed them. As soon as

they arrived at the field, they saw the Hosts all radiant, arranged in the form of a cross. Strangely, the Hosts remained intact, notwithstanding the weather, and they were at once brought back in procession, some to Herentals and some to Poederlee, where they remained until the 16th century. On January 2, 1441, the miracle was declared authentic by the magistrate of Herentals. At the place where the Hosts were found, a small chapel was built, which was visited by numerous prelates, such as Jean Malderus, Bishop of Anvers in 1620, and Pope Benedict XIV in 1749. The daughter of John of Lussembourg, Elizabeth Van Görlitz, paid for the enlargement of the chapel, which later on was transformed into a shrine.





“When we go before Jesus  
in the Blessed Sacrament,  
we represent the one in the  
world who is in most need  
of God’s Mercy.”

St. John Paul II

**FIRST FRIDAY  
EUCCHARISTIC  
ADORATION  
OCTOBER 6  
9:15 AM  
BENEDICTION  
1:00 PM**



All new and returning Challenge members and Team Leaders are invited to join us to [kickoff](#) the 2023-2024 Challenge year.

Challenge is a group for 5th-8th grade girls and highschool leaders. Does your daughter like to learn more about and share her faith? How about have fun, be creative, get service hours, go to awesome weekend retreats and summer camps, meet new friends, and get closer with Jesus?

Then Challenge is for your girl!

Get more info on Challenge [HERE](#)



**It's SKYLINE time,  
Crusader family!**

***Tuesday, October 3  
All Day Long!***

**Stop by all day long to support your  
Crusaders!**

**Erlanger Skyline  
3159 Dixie Highway**

## Volunteer Opportunities

- **Church cleaning (St. Henry):** second Saturday of the month after the 8:00 AM Mass; just show up. Must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

## Bingo

**2023-2024 Bingo Volunteer Sign  
Up**

If you have any questions, contact Ryan Bihl, [watermobihl@yahoo.com](mailto:watermobihl@yahoo.com), 859-760-3325, or Jamie Powers, [jamielpowers00@gmail.com](mailto:jamielpowers00@gmail.com), 859-814-9998.

## News from St. Henry District High School

### FUTURE CRUSADER EVENTS!

#### SHADOW VISITS / FAMILY TOURS

Experience a day in the life of a St. Henry District High School student. Prospective 7th or 8th grade students or transfer students can register to spend a school day on the SHDHS campus, attend classes, eat lunch, speak with teachers, and visit with other students. There is something for everyone at SHDHS! Spaces are limited. Please register at <https://shdhs.org/admissions/visit-shdhs/>.

**Family Tours** are an excellent way for families to walk the school and have those one-on-one conversations with the principal. The family tours are usually after the regular school day has ended. They typically last about an hour and a half. Families can schedule a tour of SHDHS. <https://shdhs.org/admissions/visit-shdhs/>.



## VOLLEYBALL GRADE SCHOOL NIGHT

Thursday, October 5, 2023

3rd to 8th Grade students are invited to the SHDHS vs. St. Ursula Volleyball Game. Games are at 5:00pm, 6:00pm, & 7:00pm. Meet the SHDHS Volleyball team! Wear a volleyball team uniform shirt and get in free!

## OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, November 19, 2023

6th, 7th, & 8th grade families

Registration will open in October



## Pieces from 2022 Alumni Art Show



The annual St. Henry District High School Alumni Art Exhibition is right around the corner and we want to showcase your pieces! You can submit up to three pieces 32X40 or smaller. Pieces need to be framed or matted for hanging. Digital and 3D pieces are accepted.

Work may be dropped off in the SHDHS office anytime 8:00 AM-3:00 PM by October 25.

Then, mark your calendar and plan to join us at the annual Alumni Art Exhibition in the Wilson Family Art Gallery on Friday, November 3 and Saturday, November 4 from 5:00-7:00 PM.

Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

For more information please contact Katie von Handorf at [kvonhandorf@shdhs.org](mailto:kvonhandorf@shdhs.org).

CRUSADERS

FOOTBALL



# ARE YOU READY?

FOR SOME FOOTBALL

Calling All  
Current  
8th Graders

St. Henry High School  
2024 Strength and Agility Program  
& JV Football Sign Up

<https://bit.ly/SHDHSFootballTraining>



#GoCRU



**SIGN UP TODAY!**



**ST. HENRY CATHOLIC PARISH**

# DONUT BE AFRAID

**CALORIES DON'T COUNT ON SUNDAY!**



**The Worship Committee is  
bringing back Donut Sunday!**

Join us in Wehage Hall for  
donuts and refreshments  
after the 9:30 AM Mass on  
Sunday, October 1!



Anyone who volunteers in our school or parish must be VIRTUS trained and compliant. **The October bulletin will posted October 1 and is due November 7.** If you are interested in volunteering in our school or parish, there are many opportunities to attend the Protecting God's Children training: see list below or 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, Kristina Goodridge, 859-342-2551, or email [kgoodridge@sthenryky.com](mailto:kgoodridge@sthenryky.com).

*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.*



The image is a promotional flyer for a sale. It features a white background with a decorative border of autumn leaves in shades of orange, yellow, and red, interspersed with small orange berries. At the top center, there is a logo for 'SCHOOLBELLES' which consists of a blue banner with the text 'SCHOOLBELLES' in white, set against a light blue shield-shaped background containing a white bell icon. Below the logo, the text 'FALL for you SALE' is displayed in a large, white, serif font on an orange rectangular background. Underneath this, the text '30% off everything' is written in a large, bold, yellow sans-serif font. At the bottom, a white rectangular box with a thin black border contains the text 'September 28<sup>th</sup> - October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023' in a black sans-serif font.

# Upcoming Events

- **October 3:** Dine to Donate @ Erlanger Skyline, all day
- **October 4:** School Pet Blessing, 7:45 AM
- **October 5:** 5th grade to Reds Museum
- **October 5:** School Fundraiser Meeting in Cafeteria, 6:00pm
- **October 6:** Mad Hatter Day- Wear a Crazy Hat
- **October 9:** 8th grade to SHDHS for Crusader Preview Day
- **October 10-11:** 8th grade to Camp Joy
- **October 12:** Feast of Bl. Carlo Acutis
- **October 12:** PTO Meeting, 7:00pm
- **October 16-20:** Scholastic Book Fair
- **October 18:** Dine to Donate @ Donato's/Dixie Highway

## Our Parishes

### St. Barbara

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### St. Henry

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### Cristo Rey

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## ✝ 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.

### St. Henry Catholic School

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