



## Crusader Connection

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**September 15, 2023**

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Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that we are half way through the first quarter of our school year! As we have gone through these first weeks, I have appreciated your communication and your partnership in educating your children. As we head into October, we begin seeing more field trips and activities for our students and I am looking forward to seeing how they grow through these experiences! We also start to see more illnesses and doctor's appointments at this time of year. If your child will be absent, please be sure that you are notifying the school office, not just your child's teacher. This helps us ensure that we have all of our students accounted for. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter!

This week, we finished up our MAP testing, with the exception of a few people who will be finishing makeup testing next week. Overall our students did a great job being focused as they took these tests. They will give us a lot of data that will help us determine what areas we need to focus on throughout the rest of the year.

Today was our school picture day and it was fun to see our students all dressed up. I'm sure they are going to have great looking pictures! This evening is our Parent Volleyball Challenge so we hope to see many of you there for this fun event. Next Friday is our annual Grandparents' Day event. That registration is due by the end of the day today so we know how many people to plan for. Next Saturday, evening is the parish movie night. All school families are welcome to attend! You can find all of the information below. I hope you will be able to be at one or more of the events to experience this fun St. Henry community!

Speaking of fun events, if your 8th grader is still interested in going to Washington D.C., you are still able to register for the trip. You can find the registration information for the trip [HERE](#). Students who do not go on the trip will still be expected to attend school while their classmates are gone. If you have any questions about the trip please reach out to Mrs. Lageman.

Have a great weekend!

God Bless,  
*Mrs. Kimberly Wagner*



## The Gaga Pit Returns!

You may have already noticed the octagonal structure located near the gym doors. It has been two years since the school's last gaga pit was in use and had to be removed due to deterioration and safety concerns. Planning for a new gaga pit began in March of 2023. Gaga is a fast-paced, high energy sport played in an octagonal pit. The more players, the better! Dubbed a kinder/gentler version of dodge ball, the game is played with a soft foam ball and combines the skills of dodging, striking, running, and jumping, while trying to hit opponents with a ball below the knees. Players need to keep moving to avoid getting hit by the ball. Fun and easy, and everyone gets a serious workout!

The new Gaga pit was assembled on Friday, August 18, and was in use later that afternoon as families began showing up to the CruClassic volleyball tournament. Owen Strothman from Boy Scout Troop 1 in Florence volunteered to do his Eagle Scout Service Project for St. Henry Catholic School, planning, designing, and constructing a new gaga pit for students to enjoy. As Owen's project description states, "the gaga pit will promote physical activity, teamwork, and sportsmanship for kids of all ages and skill levels during school recesses and evening/weekend activities in the gym." It is constructed with marine-grade, pressure-treated lumber, and has a primer coat of paint on it all for greater life span and a black foam floor mat to protect against injuries.

Owen is the son of Ryan and Lori Strothman of Florence and a senior at Ryle High School. The project was funded through the generosity of the St. Henry Men's Holy Name Society, our Athletic Boosters provided the flooring, as well as two private donors. Thank you, Owen Strothman and Boy Scout Troop 1 for your Eagle Scout Service Project that benefits our school with a new, safer, and longer-lasting gaga pit that St. Henry Catholic School students will enjoy for years to come!

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## Altar Servers Needed

If your child/ren serve Masses at St. Henry, please sign them up. We need servers this weekend and throughout the month. It is especially helpful if experienced servers sign up so that the younger students can learn from them. If you have questions, email Kris Staverman, [kstaverman@sthenrynky.com](mailto:kstaverman@sthenrynky.com). Thank you.



# *Peace, Love & Little Donuts*

**SEPTEMBER 22 & 23**

**EDGEWOOD & FLORENCE LOCATIONS**

**7AM-3PM FRIDAY & 8AM-2PM SATURDAY**

Be sure to mention St. Henry and 10% of the proceeds will be donated to us!  
Thank you for supporting your Crusaders!



## **Crusader Classroom Volleyball Challenge**



## Crusader Volleyball Challenge 2023

The challenge is today, beginning at 3:45 PM for our 8th grade/teacher game! Parent games begin at 5:00 PM. During the tournament, the parking lot is blocked off for a night of tailgating and family fun. Food, soft drinks, and beer will also be sold at the concession stand.

The brackets are as follows:

3:45 PM: 8th grade students vs SHCS teachers

Match 1: 5 PM (2nd grade vs 8th grade)

Match 2: 5:45 PM (5th grade vs 6th grade)

Match 3: 6:30 PM (Preschool/Kindergarten vs 4th grade)

Match 4: 7:15 PM (1st grade vs 3rd grade)

Match 5: 8:00 PM (7th grade vs winner of Match #1)

Match 6: 8:45 PM (winner of Match #5 & Match #2)

Match 7: 9:30 PM (winner of Match #3 & Match #4)

The Championship: 10:15 PM (winner of Match #6 & Match #7)

I look forward to seeing everyone on the court! Please contact Kristen Bowen [k10j10@yahoo.com](mailto:k10j10@yahoo.com) if you have any questions. Thank you!

**Adult and student volunteers** are also needed; all adults must be VIRTUS trained/compliant. [VOLUNTEER HERE](#)



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The oldest documents concerning the Holy Blood of Bruges date back to 1256. The Holy Blood probably was part of a group of relics of the Passion of Christ preserved at the imperial museum of Bucoleon in Constantinople (modern Istanbul). In 1203 Constantinople was besieged and conquered by the crusaders. Baldwin IX, Count of Flanders, after being crowned as the new emperor, sent the relic of the Precious Blood to his native country at Bruges.



Relic of the Most Precious Blood



A knight presenting to be the Count of Flanders bringing back the Most Precious Blood



Procession in honor of the Most Precious Blood



Church of the Most Precious Blood



Detail of Bruges



Interior of the Church of the Most Precious Blood, Bruges



Recent analyses were made on the crystal bottle containing the Holy Blood. The bottle has been dated as of the 11th century. It is also said it was made in an area near by Constantinople. Although in the Bible there is no explicit mention that the Blood of Christ was ever preserved, in one of the Apocryphal Gospels it is narrated that Joseph of Arimathea preserved some drops of the blood of Christ.

The veneration of the relic is at the origin of the internationally famous procession that is held every year through the streets of the city on the day of the Feast of the Ascension.

The citizens of Bruges dress in historical customs and reenact biblical scenes and the arrival of the Count of Flanders who brought the Holy relic.

*According to an ancient tradition,* Count Diederik van den Elzas brought the bottle containing the Blood of Christ from Jerusalem to Bruges during the second crusade. Recent investigations however have pointed out that the relic arrived in Bruges at a later date, probably around 1250 coming from Constantinople.



✝ **ST. HENRY CATHOLIC PARISH**  
**and the Holy Name Society**  
**presents**  
***Family Movie Night***  
**featuring**



**Saturday, September 23 @ 6:00 PM**

**Join us at Mass and then head over to the gym for hotdogs, popcorn, and drinks before the movie. Bring a blanket or chair and join your St. Henry family as we enjoy this timeless classic!**

1. This is not a "drop off the kids and make it a date night" event. We need to make sure parent(s) are present.
2. Beer (\$2) will be served at a cash bar. Credit cards cannot be accepted.
3. In front of the gym, hot dogs, small bags of snacks/chips, and lemonade will be free. The Boosters will open their concession stand to sell popcorn, soft drinks, Gatorade, and candy.
4. Parking could be an issue. The teachers lot is available. I suggest volunteers park there.

# Family Movie Night RSVP

## Volunteer Opportunities

- The **sixth grade volleyball league** is held at St. Henry and always needs volunteers! [You can sign up here!](#)
- **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.

## VIRTUS<sup>®</sup>

Anyone who volunteers in our school or parish must be VIRTUS trained and compliant. **For current volunteers, the September bulletin is due October 3.** 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<sup>®</sup> coordinator, Kristina Goodridge, 859-342-2551, or email [kgoodridge@sthenrynyky.com](mailto:kgoodridge@sthenrynyky.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.*

## Upcoming Events

- **September 15:** Crusader Classroom Volleyball Challenge, 3:45 PM
- **September 19:** Boosters Meeting/Gym, 7:00 PM
- **September 22& 23:** Dine to Donate: Peace Love & Little Donuts
- **September 22:** Grandparents Day, 1:15 PM
- **September 23:** Parish Family Movie Night, 6:00 PM
- **September 26:** Mumkin Pick Up
- **September 26:** Confirmation Parent Meeting, 7:00 PM
- **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 9:** 8th grade to SHDHS for Crusader Preview Day
- **October 10-11:** 8th grade to Camp Joy

# Our Parishes

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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.

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