



Crusader Connection

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October 20, 2023

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Dear Parents,

I hope that your students have had a great week here at St. Henry! Today we are finishing up our Scholastic Book Fair, one of my favorite weeks of the year! Hopefully your students came home with new books that they were excited to read! We also had our 1st grade go to Benton Farms, an earthquake drill, and an out of uniform day this week. Through our out of uniform day we were able to raise over \$520 for the Diocesan Community Baby Shower, which took place yesterday evening! Some of our 8th grade students had the privilege of going to serve at this event last night, which was a great opportunity for them to give of their time and talents. Our first Jr. High Dance of the year will take place tonight from 7:30-9:30pm in the cafeteria. We are looking forward to a fun evening with them!

Last Thursday was the end of the 1st Quarter. Report cards will be released electronically later today. Please make sure you are checking your students' grades and contacting their teachers with any questions or concerns. We will have Parent Teacher Conferences next Monday, October 23 from 12:30-6:00pm. Information on how to sign up for an appointment was emailed out earlier this week. Please sign up by the end of the day today so teachers have time to prepare information to share with you at your conference. Please remember that **Monday we will DISMISS at NOON and there will be NO AFTER CARE** in order to accommodate our conferences.

We do have a couple of reminders for the coming weeks. We have picture retake day coming up next Thursday, October 26 if you were not happy with your student's pictures. If you are interested in helping plan our Night at the Races fundraiser event, our next meeting will be on Thursday, November 9, so mark your calendar! Students will be allowed to dress up for Halloween on October 31 this year. Please check the costume guidelines listed in the newsletter below!

Finally, I wanted to remind you that it is essential that students order their lunch in the morning if they are going to eat in the cafeteria. The cafeteria uses the morning lunch count to determine how much food to make for the day. Even though they always make a few extra, when students take food that they did not order, sometimes they run out of certain items before everyone has had a chance to eat. Thank you for reminding your students about this.

Have a great weekend!

God Bless,
Mrs. Kimberly Wagner

CruNews



Tradition! Our eighth graders visited Camp Joy last week for two days. Students had the opportunity to test their limit and support classmates on the high ropes course. They also participated in some team building activities and discussed the importance of good leadership skills. The evening activity was a silly display of acting and costumes. The weather was great and it was a fun trip!

Investiture of Confirmation Candidates

Investiture Service for our Confirmation candidates will be on Tuesday, October 24, 7:00 PM in Church. During this ceremony, candidates will agree to cooperate to the best of their ability in the Confirmation program. They will participate in classes and activities to grow their faith and to place their talents at the service for others. They will strive for greater maturity. And they will accept more responsibility for their family, their church, and their community.

We are also excited to announce that NET Ministries will lead our Confirmation retreat in March. NET Ministries challenges young Catholics, through relational ministry, to follow Christ and embrace a life of community in the Church. The NET retreat will include large group presentations, small group discussions, sharing personal testimonies, and prayer with each young person. The NET retreat will be an amazing opportunity for our parish and students.

Please keep our Confirmation candidates, their parents, and their sponsors in your prayers. If you have any questions regarding the religious programs at St. Henry, please reach out to Susan Bier, Coordinator of Religious Education, 859-727-2035, or email sbier@sthenryny.com.

Halloween

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

COSTUME GUIDELINES

Community Baby Shower Volunteers

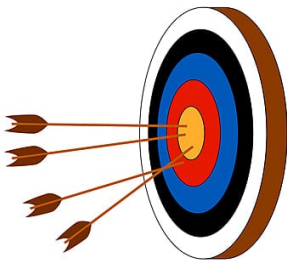


Cru Volleyball Undeclared!



7TH GRADE

2023 LEAGUE CHAMPS
2023 TOURNAMENT CHAMPS



Archery Registration

Archery registration is now open for 6th, 7th, and 8th grades for the 2023/2024 season. If you have questions, please reach out to Whitney Ward, whitsjustme@gmail.com.

Registration deadline: November 3, 2023

Registration Fee: \$60.00

<https://forms.gle/b5vfwibCuNvvSeF8>



The 2023 Boosters Golf Outing, co-chaired by David Miller, Amy Floyd, and Shannon Scherrer, was held on October 14 at the Golf Courses of Kenton County. Fifty-two golfers participated in the 9-hole parent-child outing and 92 golfers teed it up in the afternoon 18-hole scramble. There were dozens of prizes raffled off and the outing was a huge financial success for the Boosters to reinvest into St. Henry sports. Despite some damp weather, a great time was had by all. A huge thank you to everyone who golfed, volunteered, donated raffle items, and sponsored holes. A special shoutout to our major sponsors: Cincinnati Beverage Co. (Hudy), The Joe Burrow Foundation, Arlinghaus Heating & Air, Lee's Famous Recipe, Carespring, and Vintage Business Solutions.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT



Carol Pollard

MIDDLE SCHOOL
SOCIAL STUDIES

- CAROL LOVES THE STUDENTS AND FAMILIES AT ST. HENRY.
- HER FAVORITE DRINK IS COFFEE; YOU CAN FIND HER AT SUBWAY ENJOYING LUNCH; AND HER FAVORITE COLOR IS RED, OF COURSE!
- WHEN IT COMES TO HOBBIES, SHE LOVES TO READ.
- SHE AND HER HUSBAND, MIKE, HAVE THREE SONS.
- ON HER TRAVEL BUCKET LIST: VISITING IRELAND!



“
Every day is a new chance to be
a better person.
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Cafeteria Volunteers Needed

Our Crusaders love seeing parent volunteers in the cafeteria! You can sign up [HERE](#) to volunteer. Please remember that all cafeteria volunteers must be VIRTUS trained! If you have questions, reach out to Jessica Andrews, jandrews@sthenrynky.com.

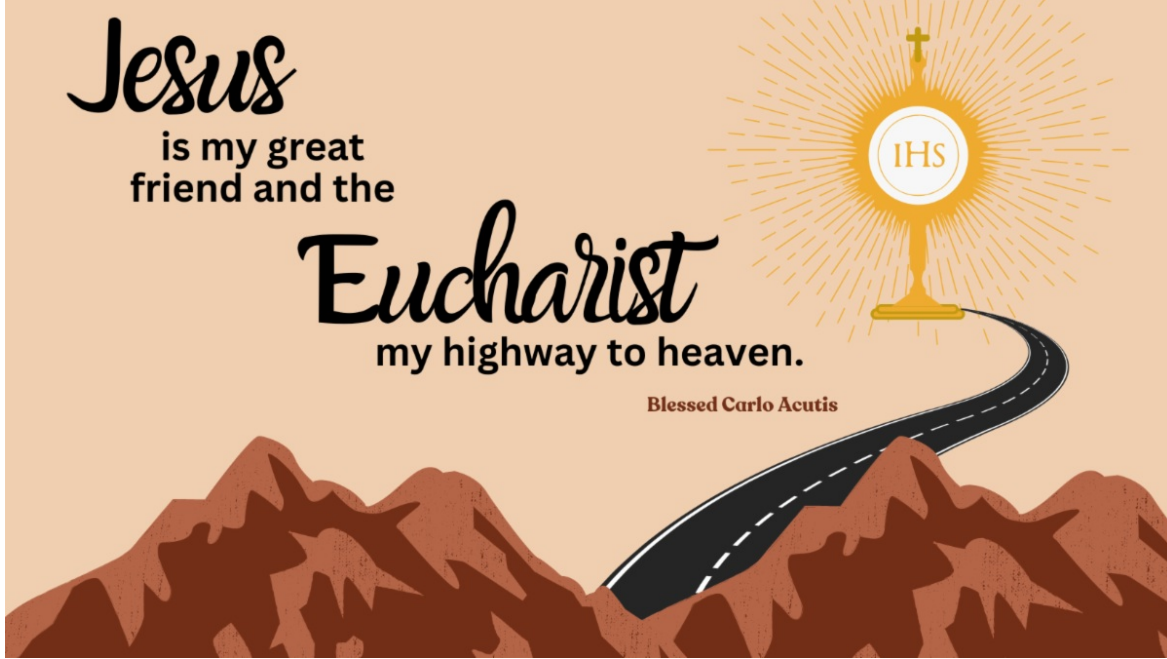


October After Care Sign Up

Jesus
is my great
friend and the

Eucharist
my highway to heaven.

Blessed Carlo Acutis



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Eucharistic Miracle of TUMACO

COLOMBIA, 1906



The undersea earthquake in 1906 on the Pacific Coast caused enormous damage in many areas. Fr. Bernardino Garcia of the Conception, who at the time was in the City of Panama gave the following testimony regarding the terrible cataclysm that struck the area. "Unexpectedly an enormous wave (we style them tsunamis today) crashed into the port, reached into the market area and destroyed everything. Boats that had been drawn up on shore were picked up hurled long distances causing heavy losses". The small island of Tumaco was spared by a miracle thanks to the faith of the people and the blessing with the Blessed Sacrament by Fr Gerardo Larrondo.



Tumaco at the time of the 1906 miracle



Beach at Tumaco



On January 31, 1906, on the small island of Tumaco at 10 o'clock in the morning the earth shook violently for almost ten minutes. All the inhabitants of the village ran to the church and begged the pastor, Fr. Gerardo Larrondo, to lead a procession with the Blessed Sacrament. The sea was rising and had already engulfed part of the beach. It had plunged inland a kilometer and a half and a mountainous wall of water was building up and threatening to drown everyone and everything in one gigantic wave.

Fr. Gerardo, consumed the small Hosts in the ciborium and set the large Host aside. He called out to his people: "Let us go, my people, let us go toward the beach and may God have pity on us." Comforted by the presence of the

Eucharistic Christ they began their march weeping and crying out to God.

Scarcely had Fr. Larrondo reached the beach with the monstrance in hand when he advanced courageously to the water edge and as the wave came rushing in he calmly raised the Sacred Host and traced the sign of the cross. It was a moment of tremendous solemnity.

The wave hesitated, paused and backed off. Fr. Larrondo and Fr. Julian alongside him saw what was transpiring, and the people overjoyed cried out "miracle, miracle". In truth, a force beyond that of nature prevailed, the mighty wall of water that threatened to wipe the village Tumaco off the face of the earth was halted and began to recede and the

sea resumed its normal level. The inhabitants of Tumaco were overcome with overflowing joy at having been saved from death by the favor of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Prayers of fervent thanks poured out.

The Miracle of Tumaco became known across the world and Fr. Larrondo received letters from Europe asking for his prayers.

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Bingo

2023-2024 Bingo Volunteer Sign Up

To learn more, contact Ryan Bihl, watermobihl@yahoo.com, 859-760-3325, or Jamie Powers, jamielpowers00@gmail.com, 859-814-9998.

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HALLOWEEN- THE CATHOLIC WAY

What is HALLOWEEN?



"ALL HALLOWS' EVE" is where the name of halloween comes from. A hallowed person is another name for a saint. We call October 31 - All Hallow's Eve because it is the eve of All Saints' Day which is on November 1.



The mass that the Catholic Church celebrated on Nov. 1 was called "Allhallomas". This meant mass of all the hallowed (saintly people). It was commonly called "All Hallows' Day".

The night before Nov. 1 became known as *Allhallowe'en*, which was short for "evening before All Hallows' Day." It was then shortened to what we now know as Halloween.



Why do we celebrate All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day?



November 1 is a special day called the feast of All Saints. It is the day the Church celebrates with all the people who have died and are now with God in heaven. Everyone who has lived and died in Jesus' love is a saint. We do not know the names of all the saints. Some of these people were so much like Jesus that after they died, the Church said they were definitely in heaven.



November 2 is a special day called the feast of All Souls. It is celebrated in honor and remembrance of the souls of our dearly departed loved ones, and to pray for other souls that still need our prayers. The Church honors this day as a solemn day for all souls in purgatory who are being cleansed before entering Heaven.



How can we celebrate Halloween?



1. Dress up like "Little Saints"

Let's do our best to remind everyone that this day is the eve of the feast of All Saints. We honor the saints by dressing up like them instead of dressing up as anything that glorifies sin, horror or rebellion from God. By our good example, people will be curious to learn more about "All Hallows' Eve" and may even study the lives of the saints.



3. Go to Mass

On Nov. 1 and Nov. 2, the most important thing we can do is to attend the Holy Mass and offer it for all the Holy Saints, and our dearly departed loved ones. By doing this, we give honor to them.

2. Visit the graves of our dearly departed

On Nov. 1 and Nov. 2, let's go to the cemeteries to pray at the graves of our dear departed. We can also adorn it with flowers and lighted candles.



4. We say a prayer

While we celebrate Halloween, we pray to and honor our saints and pray for our dearly departed. We can say the rosary or other prayers at home or upon visiting the grave of our departed loved ones.



St. Henry District High School News

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. To schedule a tour: <https://shdhs.org/admissions/visit-shdhs/>.

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, November 19, 2023
6th, 7th, & 8th grade families
Registration will open in October

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



Crusader Football Sign Up

VIRTUS[®]

Anyone who volunteers in our school or parish must be VIRTUS trained and compliant. ***The October bulletin 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](https://www.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@sthenrynky.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

- **October 23, noon dismissal:** Parent/Teacher Conferences, 1:00 PM
 - NO AFTER CARE!
- **October 24:** Confirmation Investiture of Candidates, 7:00 PM
- **October 26:** Picture Retake Day
- **October 30:** Vision Screening
- **October 31:** Halloween
- **November 1:** No School, All Saints Day, Holy Day of Obligation
- **November 2:** Crusader Classic Pep Rally

- **November 7:** Dine to Donate, Erlanger Skyline, all day
- **November 7:** Boosters Meeting, 7:00 PM
- **November 9:** PTO Meeting, 7:00 PM
- **November 9:** Night at the Races Planning Meeting, 7:00 PM
- **November 10:** Veterans Day Mass/Celebration
- **November 22-26:** No school; Thanksgiving Break

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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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