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December 1, 2023

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Dear Parents,

I hope that you enjoyed your Thanksgiving Break! We had a great first week back here at St. Henry. We had field trips to the bowling alley and to Playhouse in the Park, which were great experiences for our students. On Thursday we had an out of uniform day to support the Bartel family at IHM. We collected \$1077. Thank you so much for your generosity to the Bartel Family in their time of need. If you would still like to contribute to the Christine Bartel Memorial Fund you can do so [HERE](#). There is also an opportunity to spend time in Adoration praying for the Bartel family from 7-8pm. Please stop by to spend a few minutes in prayer and fill out one of the cards in the church so we can pass them along to Mrs. Bartel's family. This evening we also have the fish fry sponsored by the Fr. Bealer Knights of Columbus. The proceeds go to help pay for the new roof that was recently put on our grade school building. We hope to see you there! In this season of giving I would like to thank all of you for the many ways you support St. Henry and the community at large! We have so many examples of your generosity, but here are a few... St. Vincent de Paul wants to thank you for the over 120 coats collected for the coat drive and for stocking their pantry in the last several weeks! Also, thank you for supporting our Dine to Donate events: we received a check from McAlister's in the amount of \$317! Don't forget that on Tuesday, it's Skyline all day long!

We have a couple of reminders as we enter into the colder months. First, please remember that we do have outdoor recess on a daily basis unless temperatures are below freezing. Please send your child with the appropriate apparel for outdoor recess. Also a reminder that only school uniform sweatshirts should be worn during the school day. St. Henry High School sweatshirts are not a permitted part of our school uniform.

I have a few other exciting pieces of school news as well. First, we would like to welcome Mr. Mark Brooks back to our faculty. He has kindly stepped in to take over our Jr. High science classes for the rest of the year. We are excited to have him back here at St. Henry. Also, we recently received a \$150,000 donation towards our school library from the family of Mrs. Betty Karceski, a St. Henry parishioner who passed away earlier this year! We are currently in the process of meeting with a firm that can help us come up with some design ideas and give us an idea of cost. We are excited to bring some updates to our library and maximize the usability of this space. Next week we will also be meeting with a firm to look at having a facilities assessment done so that we know what the needs of our buildings are and in what order they will need to

be addressed. We will keep you updated as plans progress!

Finally, do not forget that we do not have school next Friday, December 8 due to the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Have a great weekend!

God bless,
Mrs. Kimberly Wagner

December Aftercare Sign Up

CruNews



Friday, December 1
4:30-8:00 PM

Enjoy dinner at the Fr. Bealer Knights of Columbus and our school will receive 20% of the proceeds to support our roof fund.



Coloring contest for the kids!
Student council split-the-pot!
Learn more about the charitable works of the Knights of Columbus!

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You're Invited!

Come one, come all! The Fr. Bealer Council of the Knights of Columbus (our local council that serves our parish) is hosting a "St. Henry Night" at their Fish Fry for the benefit of defraying the debt for the elementary school roof! We are really excited about this opportunity and hope to have a good turn out. This offer is so gracious of them! Now we ask that you mark the date on your calendar and help us support this cause. It is Friday, December 1, from 4:30-8:00 PM. The Fr. Bealer Hall is located at 605 Lytle Avenue, Elsmere. Carry out orders are also available, 859-342-6643.

As you may know, the parish expended \$75,000 for the roof. Through your current generosity, we have reduced that amount by around \$25,000 leaving a balance of \$50,000. Since these sums were not in our budget per se, we need to make up the difference. The parish budget, like yours, is tight to say the least!



In Our School (starting top left going clockwise)

Our **sixth graders** play Bible Apples to Apples during religion class. **Seventh and eighth grade students** went to Strike and Spare as part of their gym class. The students got to work on their bowling form and spend time with their classmates. In religion class, **seventh and eighth grade students** are watching episodes of the Chosen through Formed (which is free for all parishioners through our Formed app!). **Fifth graders** spent time before Thanksgiving watching the Grinch with their kindergarten reading buddies. The students have such a sweet and special bond. Before Thanksgiving, students were given an out of uniform day with a minimum donation of three canned good items. The items were brought to Mass and blessed by Fr. Lange.

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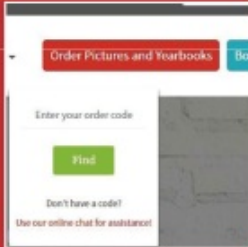
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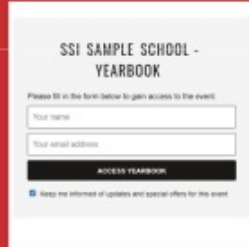
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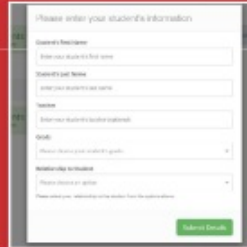
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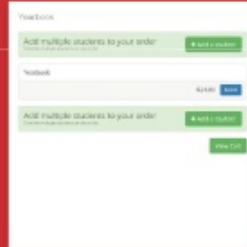
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Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As we begin the holy season of Advent and a new Liturgical Year of Grace 2024, let us begin anew in lots of ways. The liturgical year of the Church is such a blessing. It gives us an alternative to the busy schedule the world gives us — secular holidays and the stress they bring (along with the blessings) and our packed calendars threaten to fill up our hearts and minds and keep them from pondering the things of the Lord.

Advent gives us another option. It gives us a chance to calm down and slow down in the midst of that busyness. As the world tells us it's time to shop and already be in the Christmas season, Advent tells us that in our hearts, it is not about that. It is not even about celebrating Christmas yet! Right now, it's about calming our hearts and heads and preparing to celebrate Christmas. Preparing his way to be born in our hearts.

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May this Advent be that time for you, your family, and for our parish. One way to stay in that spirit is through the tradition of the Advent Wreath. Set one up in your home and let it be a reminder to you of this season and the calm light of preparation it calls us to.

Fr. Lange, Pastor

Advent is a time to make room in our hearts and lives for Christ to come and be with us. We challenge each of the students in the St. Henry community to make some goals for this Advent. Advent is a time to focus on the virtues that Jesus brought to us, Hope, Love, Joy and Peace. Focusing on these virtues helps make room in our hearts and lives for Christ. Some examples of goals in each of these would be:

HOPE

- Demonstrate love and care - so that everyone around you feels cared for
- Show someone acceptance, making a new friendship
- Showing appreciation to others

LOVE

- Doing something for someone and expecting nothing in return
- Spending time doing acts of service
- Speaking in a loving way to others

JOY

- Lifting others up
- Giving a compliment to someone - make sure it's honest. Fake compliments don't give Joy
- Spreading kindness

PEACE

- 10 mins a day of adoration
- Going to Confession
- Small acts of praise throughout the day

We will be having an Advent chain challenge, each grade level will have a different color slips of paper, once the students have met their goals they will write it down on the paper and turn in to their homeroom teacher. The slips will be hung up in the cafeteria by the morning duty crew. In the cafeteria, there will be a poster to start the chain and have each grade level and their color next to it. This way, students can look to see what grades are crushing their goals.

First Advent Candle/Sunday: Hope

*“Once in our world, a stable had something in it that was bigger than our whole world.”
– C.S. Lewis*

It is only fitting that the first candle on the Advent wreath represents **Hope** – the first Sunday of Advent not only leads us to anticipate the birth of Christ but celebrate the beginning of a new liturgical season as well. The first candle is **purple**, the primary color of Advent and a color symbolizing royalty. Sometimes called the **“Prophecy Candle,”** the first candle harkens us back to Isaiah’s foretelling of the birth of Christ and all of the promises God gave us in the Old Testament that would be fulfilled by the birth of Jesus. This Advent, light the first candle on **Sunday, December 3.**

Your family can even continue or start a new tradition by having an advent wreath in your home.

[Click for details!](#)



Thursday, December 14- Saturday, December 16

It's Official: Volunteer Sign-ups are here! It takes an Elf Army to run this special program, please consider taking a couple hours of your day to help the children of St. Henry! Thank

you Lauren Lantz for setting up the Sign-Up Genius, please see the link here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B4CAFA728A7F94-46322164-santas>

How can I help, you ask? Here's some of the opportunities available on the link:

- **Ornament Personalization:** have people told you, "Wow, you have nice handwriting?" This may be the job for you.
- **Cashier:** love to work with money, this is your opportunity.
- **Shopping Room:** does shopping give you joy, helping a child pick out just the right gift for their loved one may just be the spot for you.
- **Gift Wrap:** do you love to see all the pretty packages, clearly marked with tags and bows, please sign up above.
- **North Pole:** when the kids are done shopping, they visit the North pole where there's gift wrapping, coloring, candy canes and such... if you love the sights and sounds of Christmas, this is the job for you

Important Reminders

- Volunteers can be parents, grandparents, high school or college students, friends of the parish, etc... but anyone over 18 must be Virtus compliant to be an Elf.
- There are time slots available in 1.5-to-2-hour increments all throughout Thursday, December 14 and Friday, December 15. The signups include information about which grades and homerooms are coming to shop on their specific dates/times. Feel free to volunteer during your child's slot or any other time. We love volunteers who can work multiple shifts, this takes a village, please consider being generous with your time.
- Gift wrappers are available in the North Pole to help the children get the presents "Tree Ready" and help give some relief to our hard-working parents when the gifts come home

Outside of School Hours Shopping: Saturday, December 16

The last two years we have allowed families of the school and parishioners the opportunity to shop outside of school hours. This year, after the kids get first dibs, we are opening the shop after 4:00 PM Mass on Saturday, December 16, to the community. Please consider coming to shop with your children or maybe you have a few last-minute gifts you need to get for your family and friends.

Please Note:

- Gift wrapping will not be available at this time.
- We are looking for a couple cashiers for this evening festivity, which is included in the signups above.

Please contact us at the information below, with any questions or concerns! Thank you and Go Cru!

Tracy Patrick 513-923-0532 gradyjamesmom@yahoo.com
Theresa Richmond 513-324-1559

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SPRING 2024 YOUTH BASEBALL SIGN-UPS

The Crusaders

8-10 year-old

Division (D) League: Kid Pitch



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 Fiesta Pizza 4 OR BBQ Chicken Pizza Peas & Carrots, Corn Garden Salads Peaches, Sidekicks Juice Milk	Chicken Tenders 5 Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Green Beans Dinner Roll Pineapple, Fresh Fruit Juice Milk	Tangerine Chicken 6 OR Teriyaki Chicken Brown Rice, Fortune Cookies Steamed Broccoli, Carrots & Dip Mandarin Oranges, Fresh Fruit Juice Milk	Hamburger 7 OR Cheeseburger Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Pickles Curly Fries, Baked Beans Pears, Fresh Fruit Juice Milk	Cheese Bites 1 OR Pizza Crunchers Marinara Sauce Steamed Broccoli Garden Salads, Pickle Spears Applesauce, Fresh Fruit Juice, Milk
Mini Corn Dogs 11 Macaroni & Cheese Steamed Broccoli Corn Peaches, Sidekicks Juice Milk	Chicken Patty Sandwich 12 OR Fish Sandwich Curly Fries Green Beans Pineapple, Fresh Fruit Chocolate Chip Cookie Juice, Milk	3 or 4 Way Chili Spaghetti 13 Shredded Cheese, Diced Onion Oyster Crackers, Kidney Beans Glazed Carrots, Garden Salads Mandarin Oranges, Fresh Fruit Juice, Milk	Sausage, Egg & Cheese 14 Uncrustable Syrup Cup Smile Fries Veggie Boats & Dip Pears, Fresh Fruit Juice, Milk	Grilled Cheese 15 OR Bosco Stick Tomato Soup, Marinara Sauce Garden Salads, Pickle Spears Oyster Crackers Applesauce, Fresh Fruit Juice, Milk
Cheese Pizza 18 OR Pepperoni Pizza Steamed Broccoli Garden Salads Peaches, Sidekicks Juice Milk	Mini French Toast 19 OR Mini Waffles Scrambled Eggs, Syrup Cup Tater Tots, Veggie Boats & Dip Baked Apples, Fresh Fruit Juice Milk	Christmas Break 20	Christmas Break 21	Christmas Break 22
Merry Christmas 25	Christmas Break 26	Christmas Break 27	Christmas Break 28	Christmas Break 29

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.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT



Ryann Scott

THEATER

- RYANN'S FAVORITE PART OF ST. HENRY IS WATCHING THE STUDENTS GROW IN CONFIDENCE AND HAVING FUN LEARNING NEW THINGS.
- SHE AND HER HUSBAND HAVE A SON AND A DAUGHTER, BOTH AT ST. HENRY.
- SHE LOVES TO SIP ON SOY CAFE LATTE AND LUNCH AT McALISTER'S IS ALWAYS A PLUS!
- RYANN'S FAVORITE COLOR IS BLUE; SHE LOVES TO READ, AND HER BUCKET LIST TRIP WOULD BE TO ITALY!



“
Tomorrow is a new day with no mistakes in it.
”



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

***Tuesday, December 5
All Day Long!***

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

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**2023-2024 Bingo Sign
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Jesus

is my great
friend and the

Eucharist
my highway to heaven.

Blessed Carlo Acutis



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Eucharistic Miracle of

DOUAI

FRANCE, 1254



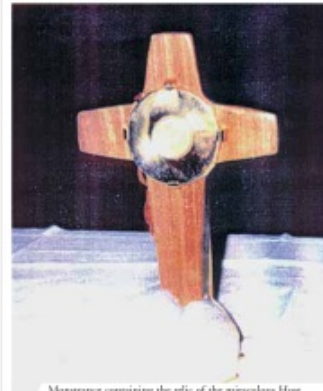
In the Eucharistic Miracle of Douai, a consecrated Host was unintentionally dropped to the ground while a priest was distributing Communion to the faithful. Immediately he bent down to pick it up, but it lifted itself up in flight and went to place itself on the purificator. In its place, a little later, a wonderful child appeared, who all the faithful and religious present in the celebration could contemplate. Although more than 800 years have elapsed, even today it is still possible to admire the Host of the miracle. All Thursdays of the month, in the Church of Saint Peter of Douai, many faithful gather in prayer before the miraculous Host.



Year 1975. The Pastor of the Church of St. Peter shows the Host of 1254.



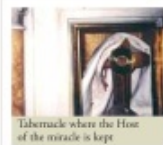
External facade of the Church of St. Peter in Douai



Monstrance containing the relic of the miraculous Host



Our Lady of Douai



Tabernacle where the Host of the miracle is kept



Bonum universale de Apibus is the work written by an eye witness of the miracle: the Dominican Father Thomas de Cantimpré, doctor of theology and "suffragan" Bishop of Cambrai. On the day of Easter in 1254, in the Church of St. Amato in Douai, a priest that was distributing Communion, unintentionally dropped to the ground a consecrated Host. Immediately he bent down to pick it up, but it lifted itself up in flight and went to place itself on the purificator. In its place, a little later, a wonderful child appeared who all the faithful and religious present in the celebration could contemplate. The news propagated quickly, and the Bishop of Cambrai, Thomas de Cantimpré, came immediately to Douai to verify in person the facts which he described in this manner: "I went to the Dean of the Church, followed by many faithful,

and I asked him to see the miracle. The Dean opened the small case in which he had reposed the Host of the miracle, but initially I didn't see anything special.

I was conscious though, that nothing could prevent me from seeing, as was true of the others, the Sacred Body. I didn't even have time to ask myself this type of question, when I scarcely looked at the Host and saw the face of Christ crowned with thorns with two drops of blood that descended on his forehead. Immediately I knelt, and crying, I began to thank God". It is certain that already by the year 1356, that is, one century after the apparition, every year on Wednesday of Holy Week, a feast in memory of the Miracle of the Blessed Sacrament was celebrated, and the document

which records it indicates that this event was in existence already for a long time. The precious relic of the miracle was conserved and honored until the Revolution. Then its traces were lost for many years. In October 1854, the Pastor of the Church of St. Pierre in Douai casually discovered, underneath the Christ in the Altar of the Dead, a small wood box containing a small Host, still white, but with damaged edges. A letter written in Latin gives witness: "I, the undersigned, canon, of the distinguished collegial Church of St. Amato, certify that it is really the true Host of the Holy Miracle, which I removed from imminent danger of profanation and which I have happily collected. I have placed it in this pyx and have left this witness, written by my own hand, for the faithful that will discover it in the future (January 5, 1793)".

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VIRTUS®

Anyone who volunteers in our school or parish must be VIRTUS trained and compliant. **The December bulletin is due January 2, 2024.** 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 > drop down to select Covington, KY (Diocese) > select a session to attend and register.

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Upcoming Events

- **December 5:** Dine to Donate, Erlanger Skyline all day long
- **December 5:** Booster's Meeting, 7:00 PM
- **December 8:** No school, Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Holy Day of Obligation
- **December 14-15:** Santa's Workshop
- **December 14:** PTO Meeting, 7:00 PM
- **December 17:** Babinelli Sunday & Donuts, 9:30 AM
- **December 19:** Dine to Donate: City BBQ, Burlington, 11:00 AM-8:00 PM
- **December 20-January 2:** Christmas Break

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