



Crusader Connection

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December 15, 2023

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Dear Parents,

Thank you to everyone who attended our Christmas program on Wednesday! Our grade school students did a wonderful job and it was a great way to celebrate as we prepare for Christmas. I would also like to congratulate our Varsity Academic Team on being undefeated in their regular season matches! Santa's Workshop has also been open the last two days for our students to do some Christmas shopping. Thank you to all of the volunteers who make this fun opportunity possible! As we continue to get in the Christmas spirit, students are invited to wear Christmas shirts and accessories with their uniform bottoms on Tuesday. Tuesday will be our last day of school before Christmas break. School will resume on Wednesday, January 3rd.

On Tuesday you can kick off Christmas break by dining at City Barbeque between 11:00 AM-8:00 PM for our December Dine to Donate event. Get a great meal and 20% of your bill will be donated back to St. Henry. We are also still in need of a BINGO caller for the third week of the month. Training will be provided. Email Ryan Bihl, watembihl@yahoo.com or text/call 859-760-3325 if you are interested. Also don't forget that nominations for the SHCS Crusader Hall of Fame are due on December 18. You can find the printable nomination form [HERE](#). We are blessed to have such wonderful people who contribute to our community and we are looking forward to the opportunity to recognize some of those contributions.

Have a wonderful weekend!

God bless,
Mrs. Kimberly Wagner

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Congratulations!

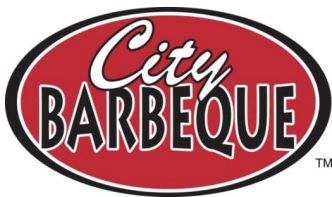


**VARSITY ACADEMIC TEAM
UNDEFEATED IN LEAGUE PLAY**



Congratulations to our Varsity Academic Team for finishing league play with a perfect record of 8-0!

TOY (Together Old & Young) Program was a success! Our students did a wonderful job singing and performing in their annual Christmas program.



On Tuesday, December 19, the delicious and generous City Barbeque, 8026 Burlington Pike, Florence, is donating back 20% of dine-in, takeout, delivery, drive thru, and pick up orders to support St. Henry Catholic School!

On behalf of St. Henry Catholic School, you're invited to join us and eat out, not only in support of the organization, but to show one of your Florence restaurants some love too!

We ask that you RSVP here: <https://grouprai.se/e263061> (even if you're not completely sure) so City Barbeque knows roughly how many orders to expect & so you have access to all the event details.

We hope you can make it, and please feel free to forward this invitation to your friends and family. Thanks in advance for your support!

A Night at the Races

Saturday, March 2, 2024

7:00-11:00 PM

St. Henry Catholic School Gym



We are looking for silent auction items for our Night at the Races event. If you or someone you know has an item or experience that you would like to donate please contact the school office. We are looking forward to a great evening to celebrate our community and support our school!

STAFF SPOTLIGHT



Melissa Schlake

PRESCHOOL
DIRECTOR/TEACHER

- MELISSA LOVES HELPING OUR YOUNGEST CRUSADERS LEARN AND GROW IN CONFIDENCE AND TO LOVE JESUS AND ONE ANOTHER.
- MELISSA'S FAVORITE DRINK IS DIET COKE AND HER FAVORITE LUNCH IS BETTER BLEND!
- SHE'S BEEN MARRIED TO DAN FOR 33 YEARS AND HAS THREE GROWN CHILDREN.
- SHE WOULD LOVE TO VISIT BELIZE AND CRUISE AROUND THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS!



“
Practice makes progress!”

2023-2024 Bingo 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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St. Henry Grade School
2023-2024 YEARBOOK
Available October 2023

\$20.00 until 3/1/2024

PERSONALIZATION AVAILABLE ONLINE

ORDER ONLINE AT WWW.STRAWBRIDGE.NET
ONLINE CODE: YB29209

All yearbook orders are shipped in bulk and will be distributed by your school.

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SPRING 2024
YOUTH BASEBALL SIGN-UPS
The Crusaders
8-10 year-old
Division (D) League: Kid Pitch

Home Run Highlights

- ♥ Make new friends
- ♥ Learn the basics of baseball
- ♥ Healthy competition
- ♥ Play to win

Kenton County Youth Sports League:

- ♥ Local practices and games
- ♥ NO prior baseball experience necessary
- ♥ Coaches will reinforce the value of team spirit + good sportsmanship
- ♥ Registration fees TBD

Contact Coach Brumlage today!
gregbrumlage2@Outlook.com
(Father of Wyatt and Nolan Brumlage)

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UPCOMING ST. BARB YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

December 20

Youth Group Christmas Party

December 21

Woodcrest Christmas Party

December 24

Children's Mass

December 27

Youth Group Meeting- 7:00pm

December 30

Wally Gall 6:30-8:30pm

January 3

Youth Group Meeting- 7:00pm

January 10

Youth Group Meeting- 7:00pm

*Meetings are for 6th Grade & up

Jesus
is my great
friend and the

Eucharist
my highway to heaven.

Blessed Carlo Acutis



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On January 26, 1902, at the parish church of Saint-André, a city on the island of La Réunion (French colony), Abbot Henry Lacombe, pastor of the church, was witness to the miracle that he would recount to thousands of people during the Eucharistic Congress of Angouleme (1904), as well as to the group of priests gathered for a spiritual retreat in the town of Perigueux. The face of Jesus appeared in the Host which was for many hours witnessed by thousands of people.



Let's look at Abbot Lacombe's report: "It was January 26, 1902. We were celebrating perpetual adoration (the Forty hours). The Most Holy Sacrament was exposed in the tabernacle. I began to celebrate the Mass. After the elevation, at the moment of the Our Father, my eyes were lifted toward the Host and I saw a bright halo around the rays of the monstrance. I continued to recite the prayers of the Mass, with great agitation in my soul but which I tried to overcome. We came to the moment for Communion and again I looked toward the monstrance. This time I saw a human face, with lowered eyes and a crown of thorns on the forehead. What moved me the most was the dolorous expression painted on the face. The eyelashes were long and thick. I tried not to let on to the presence of the turmoil agitating inside of me.

After Mass, I went to the sacristy and summoned the older children from the choir to go to the altar and closely observe the monstrance.

The children raced back and told me: "Father, we see the head of a man in the Host. It is the good Lord revealing Himself! I understood then that the vision was authentic". A young man of 16, Adam de Villiers, who had studied in a college in France, also arrived. I said to him as well: "Go in the church and see if you notice something strange in the tabernacle". The young student went to the sacristy and returned immediately, saying: "Father, it is the good Lord who appears in the Host, I see His divine face". Since then, all my doubts disappeared. Slowly the entire town went to the church to see the miracle. Journalists and people

from the capital of Saint Denis also arrived. The face on the Host suddenly became animated and the crown of thorns disappeared. I used every possible precaution, and fearing the effects from the rays of light, I had all the candles extinguished and the shutters closed. The phenomenon became even more clear. There was a young artist among the visitors who faithfully reproduced the face in the Host. Later, the vision changed again and a crucifix appeared which covered the entire Host from top to bottom. After the Eucharistic blessing and recital of the *Tantum Ergo*, the vision disappeared.



ST. HENRY CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Third Sunday of Advent

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY

*The traditional blessing of the Baby
Jesus figurines will take place at all
Masses the weekend of December 16/17.*



On Sunday during the 9:30 AM Mass, children will be called forward during the homily for a special blessing; dress them in their Christmas best!



✝ ST. HENRY CATHOLIC PARISH

2023 Christmas Schedule

With so many Masses between December 23 and December 25, there is no 8:00 AM Mass on Saturday, December 23. Since Christmas falls on a Sunday this year, the morning Masses on December 24 are for the fourth Sunday of Advent; they are not the Christmas obligation Masses.

Mass Schedule

4th Sunday of Advent: December 24

4:00 pm Saturday (December 23)

7:30 am Sunday

9:30 am Sunday

Christmas Obligation Masses

Christmas Eve: December 24

4:00 pm Sunday

6:00 pm Sunday

10:00 pm Sunday

Christmas Day: December 25

10:00 am Monday



St. Henry District High School Job Opening

Do you want to get out for a few hours working in a fun and welcoming environment and still have time to pick up your kids at school? St. Henry District High School Cafeteria looking for a Cashier 3-5 days a week. Hours would be 2-3 hours a day. Job includes running the cash register during lunch periods and helping in the dishroom between groups and at the end of lunch service. Contact Deb Miller, Dmiller@shdhs.org or 859-525-5845 for more information.

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.

If you have questions or need additional information, reach out to our VIRTUS[®] coordinator, Kristina Goodridge, 859-342-2551, or email 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.

Upcoming Events

- **December 19:** Dine to Donate: City BBQ, Burlington, 11:00 AM-8:00 PM
- **December 20-January 2:** Christmas Break
- **January 2:** Dine to Donate: Erlanger Skyline
- **January 2:** Boosters' Meeting, 7:00 PM
- **January 11:** PTO Meeting, 7:00 PM
- **January 15:** MLK Day, no school
- **January 23:** Second Grade Sacrament Prep Meeting/Church, 7:00 PM
- **January 28:** Catholic Schools Week Begins
- **January 28:** Open House, 12:30-2:00 PM

Our Parishes

St. Barbara

4042 Turkeyfoot Road
Erlanger, KY 41018
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stbarbaraky.org

St. Henry

3813 Dixie Highway
Elsmere, KY 41018
859-727-2035
sthenrychurch.net

Cristo Rey

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

† 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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