



## Crusader Connection

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**December 8, 2023**

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Dear Parents,

It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas at St. Henry! We had a visit from St. Nick on Wednesday and he left chocolate and candy canes in our students' shoes. By the office we have our nativity and our Advent Wreath and next week we are looking forward to our TOY Christmas program! The Christmas program for the community is Wednesday morning at 8:30am. If you are planning to attend please RSVP with your child's teacher so we know how many people to expect. Next Thursday and Friday we will have Santa's Workshop open for all of our students to visit and purchase gifts. This week we came together as a school for an Advent prayer service. It was a great opportunity to reflect on Advent and how we are called to prepare our hearts and our homes so that they will be an inviting place for Jesus, not just on Christmas, but every day.

As we wrap up our first semester of the school year we have a couple of reminders. First, please be checking the lost and found for any items that your family may be missing. We have everything from sweatshirts, to lunch boxes, to water bottles, and more! Anything that is not claimed before Christmas Break will be donated. St. Henry Hall of Fame nominations are due on December 18. You can find the printable nomination form [HERE](#).

I also wanted to give a few parking lot reminders. In the mornings please have your students exit the car as soon as your car is up near the building. We should have 3-4 cars unloading at the same time to make the process move faster for people. Also, unless you need to come inside the building we encourage you to go through the drop off line instead of parking so that we do not have students running across the parking lot. At the end of the day, if you are planning to stay at school or will not be ready to leave right away please park in the lower part of the lot so as to not cause traffic issues when dismissing our first group. Thank you for your cooperation to help keep our parking lot safe for our students!

Finally, I want to remind you that we will not have Aftercare available on Wednesday, December 13 due to a faculty and staff event. I apologize for any inconvenience.

Have a wonderful weekend!

## December Aftercare Sign Up

# CruNews



### In Our School

Father Lange stopped by to visit the library and also stayed to read the **second graders** a story. To continue with the second graders' current author study of Tomie dePaola, he read "The Birds of Bethlehem," written and illustrated by Tomie dePaola! Going through the decades! Our **teachers** have been celebrating decades throughout the school year — the latest, the 70's on the 70th day of school! Father Lange also visited our other second grade class to talk with them about Adoration, why it is special, and who to pray for during Adoration. He also reviewed some of the vocabulary words they learned earlier in the year, such as monstrance and tabernacle. Both **fifth and sixth grades** went to Playhouse in the Park to see "A Christmas Carol" today. They enjoyed the newly adapted production. Our **seventh graders** read the English translation of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" in class. They also saw the live performance at the Otto M. Budig Theater and met some of the actors and actresses. The play exceeded their expectations!

On November 30, we held an out of uniform day to support the Bartel family at IHM and collected \$1,077. Christine Bartel, a middle school teacher, died suddenly on Thanksgiving Day, leaving behind her husband and two children. She is the daughter of parishioners Chris and Cathy Brehl. If you would like to contribute to the Christine Bartel Memorial Fund, you may do so by sending a donation to Immaculate Heart of Mary School, Christine Bartel Memorial Fund, 5876 Veterans Way, Burlington KY 41005.

**Many thanks to our school families and parishioners** who support our dine to donate opportunities. We recently received a check from McAlister's for \$317!





## Thursday, December 14-Saturday December 16

**One Week to go...** We're still looking for our Army of Elves; please consider coming to spend some time with us: [\*\*SIGN UP HERE!\*\*](#)

We need help during all time slots, but please consider volunteering on **Friday** as well. The preschool students are coming in early Friday and they are the cutest and neediest bunch we have. We try to put an Adult Shopper with no more than two preschoolers, so we need lots of help that morning.

Don't forget... these gifts your children bring home are wrapped and ready to put under the Christmas Tree. We are still taking donations of:

- Gift Wrap
- Gift bags, all sizes
- Jewelry boxes
- Tissue
- Tape
- Scissors

**Reminder:** We will be open to all St. Henry families on **Saturday, December 16: 5:00-7:00pm**. Please come down, pick out some last minute items, and support our wonderful community!

Please contact us at the information below with any questions or concerns!

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Theresa Richmond 513-324-1559

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# STAFF SPOTLIGHT



*Erin Miles*

INSTRUCTIONAL AIDE

- ERIN LOVES SEEING THE KIDS EVERY DAY AND GETTING TO BE A PART OF THEIR LIVES AND EDUCATION. SHE ALSO LOVES WORKING WITH THE AMAZING STAFF AT ST. HENRY.
- SHE GREW UP DOWN THE STREET FROM ST. HENRY!
- ERIN'S FAVORITE DRINKS ARE ICED COFFEE OR GREEN TEA; SHE LOVES McALISTER'S, PANERA, CHIPOTLE, AND CHICK-FIL-A!
- ERIN'S HOBBIES INCLUDE DOG AGILITY, AQUASCAPING, AND SEWING.



Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it.

## 2023-2024 Bingo Sign Up

To learn more, 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.

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**St. Henry Grade School**  
2023-2024 YEARBOOK  
ANUARIO DE 2023-2024

\$20.00 until 3/1/2024

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STRAWBRIDGE

**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 Brumage today!**  
[gregbrumage20@sthenry.com](mailto:gregbrumage20@sthenry.com)  
(Father of Wyatt and Nolan Brumage)

¡Contáctese con el entrenador Brumage hoy!

*Jesus*  
is my great  
friend and the

*Eucharist*  
my highway to heaven.

Blessed Carlo Acutis



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On May 8, 1902, La Montagne, the volcano at the peak of Mount Pelée suddenly erupted. A discharge of lava immediately reached the city of Saint-Pierre de la Martinique and completely destroyed it. That day, the eruption mysteriously spared the village of Morne-Rouge, located between Saint-Pierre and Mount Pelée.

The prodigious event was accompanied by an apparition of Jesus and His Sacred Heart in the Host exposed for public Eucharistic adoration. There were many witnesses to that extraordinary phenomenon.



Parish church of Morne-Rouge



View of Morne-Rouge



**O**n May 8, 1902, Ascension Day, the Mount Pelée volcano started erupting lava and ashes. The inhabitants of Morne-Rouge, strongly devoted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, immediately hurried to their parish church to ask Our Lady of Deliverance to spare their village from catastrophe.

*At that moment of sudden danger,* people rushed to the confessionals. The parish priest, Fr. Mary, gave a general absolution to all the faithful, distributed Holy Communion, and then exposed the Blessed Sacrament for public adoration. At a certain point, a woman cried out, "The Sacred Heart of Jesus is in the Host!" A large number of people witnessed the apparition of Jesus in the Host, showing His Sacred Heart crowned with thorns. Some declared they also

saw the Precious Blood of Jesus dripping from His Sacred Heart. The vision lasted several hours and stopped only after the reposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle. On May 8th, the village of Morne-Rouge was spared from the volcano's devastating fury. Therefore, the local population had a chance to reconcile themselves with God, receive the sacraments, and so be prepared to die in the state of grace. On August 30th of the same year, a violent eruption of the same volcano destroyed also the village of Morne-Rouge.

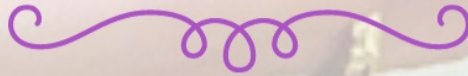


 **ST. HENRY CATHOLIC CHURCH**

*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



**VIRTUS<sup>®</sup>**

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](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@sthenryny.com](mailto:kgoodridge@sthenryny.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 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
- **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

## Our Parishes

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### St. Henry

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### Cristo Rey

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Florence, KY 41042  
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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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