



## Crusader Connection

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**March 8, 2024**

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Dear Parents,

Thank you to everyone who attended the Derby Night at St. Henry event last weekend! The event was a huge success and we were able to raise over \$43,000! That money will go towards teacher retention and new windows for the grade school building. We are hoping to begin replacing windows this summer. Congratulations to Janet Duncan, who won our Grand Raffle Split-the-Pot. She won \$12,676! Also, congratulations to Crista Kollmann who won the bottle of Old Rip Van Winkle 12 Year Special Reserve!

It is hard to believe that today is the end of the 3rd Quarter! Grades will be released next week. This week at St. Henry we had the Elsmere Fire Department come in to do First Aid Training with our 7th grade students. They learned about how to help people who are experiencing a number of different medical emergencies: from wound care, using epipens, how to help someone having a heart attack or a seizure, and more. If something happens to you hope that there is a 7th grader around because they can help! Our Jr. High also has their presentation of Aladdin Jr this weekend at SHDHS. There are still plenty of tickets so consider coming out to see the play. Our 5th-8th grade students saw it on Wednesday afternoon and it was very well done.

In upcoming events, don't forget that we do not have school next Friday, March 15. I hope our students enjoy their 3-day weekend! The Shoot-a-Thon is also next Friday, which should be a great event. Class pictures are coming up on March 21. Order forms are going home with students this afternoon so be sure to get those turned back in if you would like to order pictures.

Please check below for some updates about parking lot procedures that will go into effect next week.

God Bless,

*Mrs. Kimberly Wagner*

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From the Pastor's Desk

Derby Night at St. Henry was a night for the ages! As soon as you entered our historic gym, you knew it. Everything was so well decorated. The games were fun, presided over by some very enthusiastic people! The food was good. The music was jammin'. (I loved all the 80's and 90's! Not that I remember that era...)

The evening took so much planning and work and creativity, on behalf of parent volunteers, school staff, and parish staff. From our regular meetings, I know Mrs Wagner, and many others, put a lot of themselves into it. I was happy to support this event, which supports our great school, particularly helping with teacher retention and new windows – two important needs.

God bless everyone who was there, and thank you for your support, whether you were a planner or a guest!

*Fr. Joshua Lange, Pastor*

## March After Care Sign Up

# CruNews



## CruNews

Our fifth graders celebrated Leap Day with a STREAM activity that included making paper frogs and then seeing how far they could leap. They also had a visit from the City of Elsmere Police Department with a demonstration of Onyx, the police dog. Students learned about the different jobs the dog performs, how he was trained, and the relationship between Onyx his handler. And finally, they finished out their unit on the American Revolution and the Boston Tea Party by, of course, having tea.

Aladdin, Jr. takes place this weekend at the Drees Home Auditorium at St. Henry District High School. [Tickets are available online!](#) Our Crusaders loved celebrating the birthday of Dr. Seuss! Second grade students had a mini-retreat by visiting the Sisters of Notre Dame. They learned about their life as sisters and were given a miraculous medal that was blessed by Pope Francis. They also enjoyed chatting with the sisters while enjoying a snack, and rounded out their visit with some time in Adoration and making a craft.

# PARKING LOT PROCEDURE UPDATE!

- Starting on Monday we will release the whole school at the same time
- Cars will not be allowed to start moving until all students are in their car!
- Please watch your speed for the safety of everyone!



## Diocese of Covington Pro-Life Essay Contest Finalist

Eli Boemker was a finalist in the Diocesan Pro-Life Essay Contest! He was 1 of 20 finalists and attended the Pro-Life Essay Banquet with the other finalists this past week. The essay needed to "defend the Catholic Church's position that ALL life, from conception to natural death, is precious. Support Saint John Paul II's ideal of 'radical solidarity,' and describe how you as an 8th grader can show 'friendship and compassion' to women, children, and families who have chosen to welcome God's gift of life, as they face the above-mentioned challenges." With permission, we are sharing his essay below. Congratulations, Eli!

### The Gift of Life, Eli Boemker, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations" (The Catholic Youth Bible, Jeremiah 1:5). Jesus knew all of us before we were even born. As our creator and teacher, we can

also ask ourselves the question, how does Jesus want us to treat others? As the bible states, "This is my Commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you" (The Catholic Youth Bible, John 15:12). As Christians and Catholics we are called to love one another as Jesus loves us. We lead by example through our actions that we are followers of Christ. Radical Solidarity and stopping abortions are the key to uniting us as one and that everyone should be treated with kindness, love, and respect.

First of all, what even is Radical Solidarity? It is profound friendship, compassion, and support for both them and their preborn children. The importance of radical solidarity is to act together to achieve a common goal. I can help by being the child of God and giving food and diapers to mothers that do not have enough money to buy them. There is just so much that people can do to help another person in need. There is no reason that anyone can not help someone.

My aunt and uncle have permitted me to share their story in hopes that it brings comfort to others. My aunt

and uncle had been married for about five years before they found out that they were expecting their first child. This was a very exciting time in their lives, especially since they struggled with infertility for years. After everyone in the family was told and full of excitement, this excitement went downhill pretty quickly. Upon my Aunt's first ultrasound, the doctor found many organs that were not developed properly. My aunt and uncle were devastated about this news along with the whole family. The doctor suggested that they abort the baby due to all the birth defects. The doctor also said that the baby would not live once she was born. With all the devastating news my aunt and uncle decided to not abort the baby, knowing full well that she would not live.

My aunt carried little Kathlynn to full term with no problems or issues with the mom. As the day came on November 17th little Kathlynn was born into this world as a beautifully formed little girl outside, but inside she was a mess. That day she was born was full of pictures and the priest was there to give Kathlynn the gift of the sacrament of Baptism. Before Kathlynn left her earthly life she was Baptized to enter God's family. Kathlynn died one hour later after birth with a peaceful death in the arms of her mother.

In Conclusion, my aunt and uncle decided to have Kathlynn even though they knew she would not live. My aunt and uncle are an inspiration to me that no matter the circumstances, God will always give us the strength to carry our cross. The Catechism states that "Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception" (Catholic Church 2270). All of our lives are very precious to God. We should be grateful for life for we never know when Jesus will call us home. Thankfully Kathlynn left this life in the arms of her mother and then at the time of death, my aunt placed Kathlynn in the arms of Jesus. One day I hope to see Kathlynn again when Jesus calls me home. Even though she is not here with us on earth I believe she is here in the spirit watching over my family and I.

#### Works Cited

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## STAFF SPOTLIGHT



*Kimberly Wagner*

PRINCIPAL

- **KIMBERLY LOVES BEING A PART OF THE GREAT COMMUNITY AT ST. HENRY.**
- **SHE AND HER HUSBAND, TONY, HAVE ONE DAUGHTER; TONY IS THE MUSIC DIRECTOR AT HOLY CROSS.**
- **HER HOBBIES ARE READING AND HANGING OUT WITH HER FAMILY.**
- **MOST INSPIRATIONAL PERSON: ST. THERESE OF LISEUX.**



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*St. Theresa Benedicta*

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**2023-2024 Bingo Sign  
Up**

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St. Henry Junior High presents

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**Alan Menken**

Lyrics by  
**Howard Ashman, Tim Rice and Chad Beguelin**

Book by  
**Chad Beguelin**

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**Saturday, March 9th 6:00 pm**

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**Adults: \$10, Children/Seniors: \$7**

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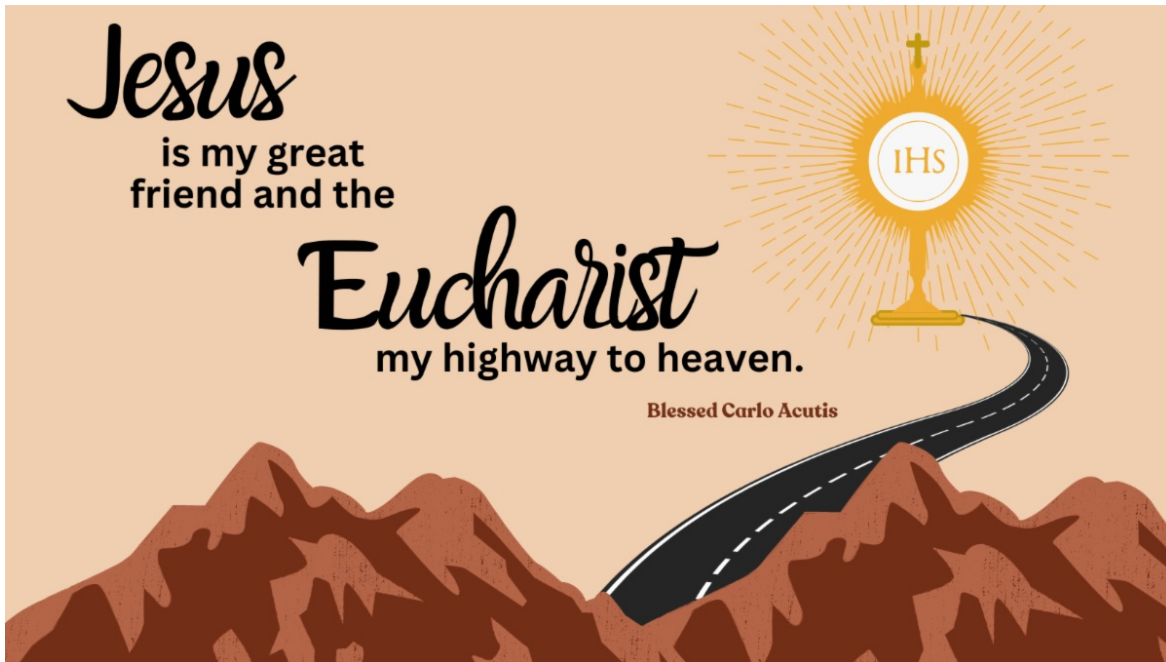
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March 16-17, 2024

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# Eucharistic Miracle of PONFERRADA

SPAIN, 1533



In the Miracle of Ponferrada, Juan De Benavente decided to steal the tabernacle containing a precious silver ciborium with numerous consecrated Hosts inside from his very own parish. With only the passing of time and miraculous circumstances the recovery of the stolen Hosts, which remained perfectly intact, was made possible.



Painting that depicts the miracle, currently housed in the new church of St. Peter



New Church of St. Peter, Ponferrada



Exact spot where the Hosts were found



Sil River, near the Arenal Field, where Juan de Benavente wanted to throw the tabernacle containing the Hosts



Street named in honor of the recovery of the miracle



Ancient church of St. Peter, demolished in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, where the painting of the miracle was previously housed, Ponferrada



The Virgin of the Evergreen Oak



Church of St. Mary where the miracle took place, Ponferrada

Juan De Benavente lived in Ponferrada with his wife. It was apparent that he was very devout and religious. In fact every evening he stopped in church to pray. One day, during his prayer time, he succumbed to greed and seized the tabernacle, a simple wooden container, in which there was a precious silver ciborium containing some consecrated Hosts. He fled from the church and headed towards the Sil River in order to pitch the cheap wooden tabernacle, but when he tried to launch it into the water he could not because of its sudden immense weight. So he returned home where he hid everything and said nothing to his wife. During the night continuous flashes of light came from the tabernacle arousing the suspicion of his wife. So Juan decided to go out and dispose of his sacrilegious stolen goods. He reached a place the townspeople called the

Arenal Field and threw the tabernacle and consecrated Hosts into the middle of the blackberry patch. The discovery of the crime brought dismay among all of the population and Juan became increasingly nervous and anxious, also because he did not know how to sell the silver ciborium without getting caught.

*Near the Arenal Field,* the owner of the land, Diego Nuñez de Losada, set up a target practice for entertainment during the feast days. During the time frame in which the sacred Hosts were still in the blackberry patch, eyewitness reported seeing flashes of light at night and strange doves hovering during the day. The crossbowmen tried in vain to hit the doves. The miller Nogaledo decided then to capture the doves with his hands and ventured

into the blackberry patch discovering the tabernacle and the sacred Hosts from where the intense flashes of light originated. Shook up, he went straight towards the church where the bells were ringing in the distance. The return of the sacred Hosts was organized via a solemn procession. Juan was overcome with remorse and decided to plead guilty. In the place of the recovery of the miraculous Hosts a chapel was immediately constructed. In 1570 the parish priest planned the expansion of the building and instituted a solemn annual procession on the eighth day of the Feast of Corpus Christi in memory of the miracle.



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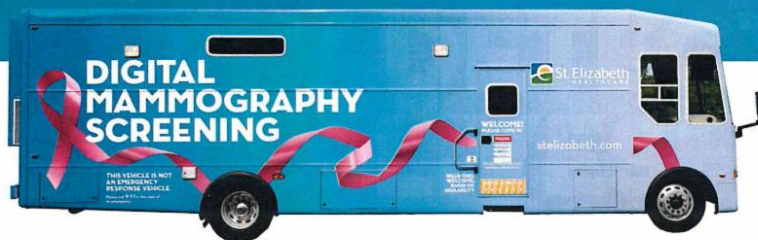
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† **ST. HENRY CATHOLIC PARISH**

*Stations of the Cross*

Join us in church every Friday at  
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## UPCOMING ST. BARB YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

March 1st

Fish Fry

March 6

Meeting

March 8

Fish Fry

March 10

Hosea House- 3:00pm

March 13

Meeting

March 15

Fish Fry

March 20

Meeting

March 21

Woodcrest Retirement Home

March 22

Fish Fry

March 24

Busy Buddies St. Patrick Day Party- 6:00pm

\*Meetings are for 6th Grade & up

Anyone who volunteers in our school or parish must be VIRTUS trained and compliant. 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® coordinator, Kristina Goodridge, 859-342-2551, or email [kgoodridge@sthenryky.com](mailto: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.*

## News from SHDHS



Registration has begun for SHDHS Crusader Summer Camps and Activities. This summer, SHDHS is excited to offer a variety of athletic and fine art activities for your sons and daughters, including:

- Baseball Skills Camp
- Basketball Skills Camp - registration coming soon
- Drama Camp - registration coming soon
- Soccer Skills Camp
- Visual Arts Camp
- Volleyball Skills Camp
- Tennis Camp

Our coaches, faculty members, and students would love to spend time with your child(ren) this summer... helping them learn valuable skills all while having fun. Space for each activity is limited, so please go to the Summer Camp page of our school website (<https://shdhs.org/crusader-events/>) to complete the registration form(s) before the allotted spots are filled. Details on all the great opportunities listed above, including exact dates, times, and costs, can also be found via the link above.

# SHDHS BOOSTERS

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### Upcoming Events

- **March 8 & 9:** SHCS Presents "Aladdin, Jr." at SHDHS Dress Home Auditorium, 7:00 PM
- **March 12:** First Reconciliation/Church, 7:00 PM
- **March 14:** 5th Grade to National Underground Freedom Center
- **March 14:** 2nd & 3rd Grade Saint Parade
- **March 14:** PTO Meeting, 7:00 PM
- **March 15: No School**
- **March 15:** Boosters Shoot-a-Thon
- **March 17:** Happy St. Patrick's Day!
- **March 19:** Confirmation Retreat (4-8:00 PM); no homework for 8th graders
- **March 19:** PEC Meeting, 7:00 PM
- **March 21:** Class Pictures
- **March 28-April 7:** Easter Break
- **April 2:** Dine to Donate @ Erlanger Skyline All Day
- **April 9:** PTO Meeting, 7:00 PM
- **April 16:** Boosters Meeting, 7:00 PM
- **April 22:** Confirmation Practice, 7:00 PM
- **April 23:** Confirmation, 7:00 PM
- **April 26:** 2nd Grade Jesus Day
- **April 26:** Junior High Dance, 7:30 PM
- **May 1:** First Communion Meeting & Practice, 7:00 PM/Church
- **May 5:** First Communion Pictures/Church, 1:00 PM
- **May 5:** First Communion, 2:00 PM

## 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.

## Our Parishes

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