



# Crusader Connection

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2024-2025 School Calendar

Dear Parents,

We are enjoying some of the Fall weather and even a little bit of snow as we head into our Thanksgiving Break! Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Thanksgiving Lunch on Tuesday. It is always special to have our families here on campus with us. Next Tuesday, our students will attend the 8:00am Mass before our Thanksgiving Break. As always, parents are welcome to join us for Mass. I hope that you and your family will have the opportunity to be together on Thanksgiving next week!

One of the things that we are thankful for here at St. Henry this week is that our grade school window project and the door wrap project are now complete! McAndrews installed the last of our windows in the grade school entryway last week and on Monday, Vennefron came and installed the last of our door wraps. We are grateful for the safety, energy efficiency, and aesthetics that these new features add to our campus!

As we enter into the holiday season, there are a number of events coming up here on campus. There is more information below about PTO's Mother/Daughter event, Santa's Workshop, the TOY Program Christmas performance, and the parish's Cookie Pack project. Please take a minute to look at those. We are looking forward to spending time with our school and parish community this holiday season!

Have a great weekend!

God Bless,

*Kimberly Wagner, Principal*

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# NOVEMBER *Brotherly Love*

- To love is to desire and sacrifice for the good of others. Brotherly Love is happiness when another person has achieved something that is good or they have been successful in being a person of virtue.
- This virtue helps us combat against the sin of envy.



Every month this year, we will talk about a different virtue and a saint who exemplified that virtue in their life. Our goal is to grow in virtue as a school as we work toward becoming saints! Every week we will recognize students who have been exhibiting that month's virtue in the classroom. See our Virtue Rockstars for last week below!

## VIRTUE ROCKSTARS! FOR BROTHERLY LOVE

Maria Tessandori	Rosie Viveros
Daisy Stamper	James Miller
Owen Sand	Joseph Washnock
Myla Carey	Owen Parnitzke
Ben Boden	Jonathan Staley
Mallory Finch	Danielle Meyer
Abby Braun	Kenna Cornett
Lucas Schowalter	Jackson Patrick
	Emmie Miles



**After Care Sign  
Up**

**CruNews**

### **New Preschool Teacher**

Welcome to the Crusader family, Mrs. Shawna Ross! She will be replacing Mrs. O'Gorman, whose last day is today.

Mrs. Ross lives in Taylor Mill with her husband and their blended family of five children ages 18, 16, 12, 10, and 8. She also has a very quirky and mischievous dog, Maxwell. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her family, watching her kids play sports, and reading. She has lived in Kentucky for the majority of her life, with the exception of about eight years living in Helena, Montana, where some of her family lives.

Mrs. Ross began her career teaching preschool for eight years in a traditional classroom that eventually transitioned into a Montessori classroom. After eight years in preschool, she made a change and took on a few other roles, most recently managing a property management office. She is very excited to return to where she began and join our preschool team. She can't wait to get started working with our children.

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### **Lifetime Crusader Honored**

On the opening night of the Crusader Classic, the Boosters recognized Kristen Bowen, a lifetime Crusader, for all she has done over the years at St. Henry Catholic School. Below was written by Marty Fedders:

Kristen Bowen is a lifetime Crusader. She started her journey at the elementary school as a first grader and graduated from St. Henry District High School in 1992. She and her husband, Justin, kept with tradition and saw each of their two daughters, Peyton and Riley, follow suit. With their youngest child, Leo, set to graduate from St. Henry Grade School in May, the Boosters wanted to take this opportunity to celebrate Kristen and all that she has done for the St. Henry community over the last two decades.

Over those many years, Kristen has been a constant presence in the school, in the community, and in the athletic program. Her dedication and commitment has never wavered. She has cheered from the bleachers, coached from sidelines, supported in the classroom, and volunteered behind the scenes.

Kristen's love for volleyball led her on a coaching journey that started in 2009 when she began teaching and inspiring young girls. She coached various girls' teams until 2018. After-which, she began coaching boys' spring volleyball. Kristen took over the leadership role of the Parent Volleyball Challenge in 2016. A loud and busy Friday night in September, yes, but more than anything: a blast for parents and kids alike. It was Kristen's tireless effort, that made all those memories possible and brought the St. Henry community closer together.

"Through every role, Kristen lifted us up with a joyful spirit and positive attitude. She cheered us on and brought the St. Henry community closer together with her passion and enthusiasm. It is rare to find someone who does all this with such humility, asking nothing in return, and always putting the needs of the school and children first. Kristen has left a legacy in the hearts of everyone here, and we are better because of you."

Congratulations, Kristen! You truly do represent "Once a Crusader, Always a Crusader!"



### **Crusaders in Pictures**

We loved sharing Thanksgiving lunch with our parents this week! Continuing the tradition, the 45th annual Crusader Classic Basketball Tournament kicked off the basketball season for our grade school basketball players.

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### **PTO News**

Notes from our November meeting can be found [here](#). Join us for our next meeting on December 10 at 7:00 PM.

# MOTHER-DAUGHTER PAINTING DAY



Sunday 12/08/24

**2PM-4PM**

St. Henry cafeteria

Board and Brush will be coming to St. Henry cafeteria for a private painting event for mothers, daughters, aunts, and grandmas! Select a wood project from their gallery. You can each select one or work on one together. Board and Brush will bring all the necessary materials and provide step-by-step instructions on how to create a beautiful piece for your home. Pre-registration is required so please follow the link to select your project and pay.

We will provide snacks and drinks.



[igfn.us/form/A4TucQ](https://igfn.us/form/A4TucQ)



**Register Here**

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Thursday, December 19  
& Friday, December 20

## Requesting Donations

- We are now accepting donations of gift wrap, gift bags, tissue, etc.. We will take full rolls, half rolls, large random pieces of wrapping. We also accept used bags, and semi-wrinkly tissue paper.
- Any families that make handmade items (ex. hair ties, bags, soap, etc.) we would love to sell your creations in this year's shop. Please reach out to us!!!
- We accept any items (large or small) that could be used as Christmas gifts, if it's been laying around your home in a box for at least 3-5 years, we will take it, and sell it.
- **Volunteer Signups coming soon...**

Questions? please call/text: Tracy Patrick 513-923-0532

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR

# ST. HENRY SCHOOL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT

## 12/11/2024



ST. HENRY  
SCHOOL  
GYMNASIUM

LAST NAME A-L  
9:00AM-9:45AM  
LAST NAME M-Z  
1:00PM-1:45PM

RSVP  
HERE!



OUR 1ST-5TH GRADERS WOULD LOVE FOR YOU TO COME!  
PLEASE RSVP TO [BFINCH@STHENRYNKY.COM](mailto:BFINCH@STHENRYNKY.COM), USE THE QR  
CODE/LINK OR CALL THE SCHOOL AT 859-341-2551.

**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM RSVP**

**First Annual  
St. Henry Christmas Cookie Pack**

Do you love to bake? If so, then St. Henry needs you for the *First Annual St. Henry Cookie Pack*



This is a fun, family activity for St. Henry parishioners and school families. Everyone is welcome to help. Here's what we need: We need families to bake Christmas cookies and bring them to Wehage Hall on Saturday, December 7 at 9:00 AM. We will then need help packing the cookies in beautiful gift boxes and delivering them to the residents at Baptist Village.

If you are available to bake, but not available to pack the cookies, that's great too! We will need plenty homemade treats. What a great way to spend a Saturday morning during the Christmas season. If you are willing to bake and/or help with this project, please email Tammy Stone,

[tammy.stone@emshro.com](mailto:tammy.stone@emshro.com) or call 859-250-0119.

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### Cafeteria News

- Cafeteria volunteers needed! We welcome all moms, dads, and grandparents to help serve lunches. The students LOVE seeing their family at school. All volunteers must be VIRTUS compliant; you can check with our VIRTUS coordinator, Leah St. John, [lstjohn@sthenrynky.com](mailto:lstjohn@sthenrynky.com) or call the school office, 859-342-2551, regarding the requirements. [Sign up to volunteer here.](#)



### BINGO

Thank you to all of our parents/grandparents/parishioners/SHCS friends that volunteer with our bingo.

*We have several regular monthly positions that need to be filled. Volunteers for these positions are exempt from the pull-tab requirements. Training is provided for all positions. A coveted Bingo Cru t-shirt is provided, as is free dinner, drinks, and fun!*

### Bingo Paper Sales

This is a seated or standing position and requires the volunteer to review customer's orders, ring them up using a laptop, collect money/provide change, and give out bingo paper (some bending/stretching is involved). Great position for those who don't want to walk or stay late. Shifts are

available the **third week of the month**, 5:00-7:00 PM and 5:15-7:30 PM.

### Bingo Caller

A **second week caller** is needed from 6:30-10:00 PM. This person should have a commanding voice, be able to take charge of the bingo hall, and not be afraid of the microphone. Caller calls bingo balls and keeps the games running smoothly.

For more information, contact Ryan Bihl, [watermobihl@yahoo.com](mailto:watermobihl@yahoo.com), Jamie Powers, [jamielpowers00@gmail.com](mailto:jamielpowers00@gmail.com), or call the school office, 859-342-2551.

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# Staff Spotlight





**Justin Reckner**  
**Technology**



## Getting to Know You

- Justin grew up in Alexandria, went to NKU, and his family includes his parents, sister, and cat, Kaylee
- He was raised Catholic and went to Catholic schools. Being able to share his faith and teach is a big plus
- Justin's hobbies include video games, sports photography, hanging out with friends
- Best piece of advice? Never give up, even when times get tough
- Proudest achievement: Becoming an Eagle Scout in 2018

**LIVING**  
*Sainthood Virtue*



**It's easy to support your Crusaders!**



Every time you or your family and friends shop at Kroger, we earn rewards! Scan the QR code to sign up or log into your account to select St. Henry (school code TL347). The Kroger Community Rewards program does not interfere with your fuel points!



Thank you! We have 249 families supporting St. Henry Catholic School. For the quarter of August-October 2024, we earned \$1,222.83! Thank you! [You can click here to link your KrogerPlus card!](#)

**NEWSWORTHY**

Helping our Neighbors in Need

# THANKS

## FOOD DRIVE

# GIVING

**Benefiting St. Henry's SVDP Food Pantry  
& United Christian Volunteers**

**We are collecting the following items:**

Cereal/oatmeal	Potatoes	Disinfecting wipes
Crackers	Pasta	Dish liquid
Drink/beverage mixes	Canned veggies	Laundry detergent
Jello	Canned fruits	Toothbrushes
Pudding	Canned soup	Shampoo
Cereal bars	Jelly/jam	Deodorant
Granola bars	Canned tomatoes	Paper towels
Pasta sides	Canned black beans	Toilet paper
Rice sides	Canned baked beans	Facial tissues

**Items Will Be Collected**

**NOVEMBER**

**23-28**

**ITEMS MAY BE LEFT AT THE PARKING  
LOT ENTRANCE TO CHURCH OR  
BROUGHT TO THE PARISH OFFICE**



### **CARRIE WILLIAMS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP EUCHRE TOURNAMENT**

Registration is live for this year's event! Register now!

Join us for the third annual Carrie Williams Memorial Scholarship Euchre Tournament on Saturday, November 30! Come for an evening of euchre, food and drink, and fun as we raise funds for the Scholarship! Our first two years were a huge success, and we can't wait for the third!

Here are this year's options:

- Tournament play, including dinner and unlimited soft drinks, is now \$40.
- For those who would like to take their chance at winning even more, you can opt to play in SKINS for an additional \$10.
- This year, the tournament will be a bit shorter, 8 rounds instead of 10.
- We're also offering a new spectator ticket for those that want to come for dinner but aren't playing euchre. This ticket will include dinner and unlimited soft drinks for \$25.

The silent auction, split the pot and cash bar will be available to players, spectators and anyone who wants to just stop by and hang out with us for the night. No need to register if you're not planning on joining us for dinner.

It's going to be a blast! [Registration form](#)

Can't make the euchre tournament? [Give to the Carrie Williams Memorial Foundation online at any time.](#)

If you're interested in sponsorship opportunities, donating to our silent auction, or a high school student looking for service hour opportunities, please contact [info@carriewilliamsmemorial.org](mailto:info@carriewilliamsmemorial.org).

The Carrie Williams Memorial Foundation was founded in 2022 by Carrie's family, with the mission of assisting students in financial need at local Catholic schools. Education was Carrie's passion, and this was evident in the love she poured into her students. This scholarship helps her passion live on.

# ADVENT



Come experience **REVIVAL** with us

We are bringing the message of the  
10th National Eucharistic Congress to St. Henry Parish!

**December 3-5 at 7:00 PM**

A three-night encounter featuring inspirational messages from  
the Congress along with Eucharistic Adoration and Confession.



Fr. Mike Schmitz  
The Greatest Love Story



Bishop Robert Baron  
Evangelizing as a  
Body of Christ



Jonathan Roumie  
His experience as Jesus in the  
Chosen

*Share the love of Jesus Christ  
in the Eucharist  
and transform the world!*



Chris Stefanick  
The Power of the Gospel

 **ST. HENRY CATHOLIC PARISH**

# Candlelight Mass

ST. HENRY ELSMERE, KY

Friday, December 6  
Confessions 6pm • Mass 7pm  
Young Adult Social after Mass

Join us Friday, December 6, at St. Henry Catholic Church to experience the Mass in a powerful way! Confessions at 6:00 PM; Mass at 7:00 PM. ALL ARE WELCOME. Afterwards there will be a special social for young adults (18+, 20's, 30's & 40's). For information, contact Brad Torline, [btorline@angelicoproject.org](mailto:btorline@angelicoproject.org).

**ST. HENRY DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL**

# YOUTH FLAG FOOTBALL



Get ready for an exciting introduction to the world of football!

Our Youth Flag Football program is open to players from 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade in the 2024/25 school year. Grades 1-6 will be 5 vs. 5 and the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be 7 vs. 7.

Through fun and engaging activities, you'll learn the fundamentals of the game while developing essential skills like passing, catching, and teamwork. With a focus on sportsmanship and fair play, this program provides a dynamic platform for personal growth and athletic development.

All experience levels are welcome to join the fun.

Scan the QR code on the right to register for the upcoming Spring 2025 season.



# CHEERLEADING

Join our spirited Crusader Youth League Cheer squad and showcase your skills at our exciting games and events!

This program is open to 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders in the 2025/26 school year.

Whether you're a seasoned cheerleader or brand new to the sport, we welcome athletes of all experience levels to come out and be a part of our dynamic team.



Scan the QR code on the left to pre-register for the upcoming Fall 2025 season.



# TACKLE FOOTBALL



Our Tackle Football program is open to 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders in the 2025/26 school year.

You'll have the chance to lead your team to victory with all-new top-of-the-line equipment and coaching staff led by RJ Riegler

Whether you're a seasoned player or brand new to the sport, all experience levels are welcome to join the fun.

Scan the QR code on the left to pre-register for your spot on the team for the upcoming Fall 2025 season



It's hard to think about Spring Flag football with snow in the forecast....But spring flag registration is open as well as interest forms for 2025 Fall Middle School Tackle and Cheerleading. Visit: <https://www.crusaderyouthleague.com/> for information and signups.

# VIRTUS®

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.

To find classes, 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, Leah St. John, [lstjohn@sthenrynky.com](mailto:lstjohn@sthenrynky.com) or call 859-342-2551.

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.

Date	Location
12/4/2024 @ 9:00 AM & 6:00 PM	Diocesan Curia, Covington
1/14/2025 @ 9:00 AM & 6:00 PM	Diocesan Curia, Covington
1/30/2025 @ 9:00 AM & 6:00 PM	Diocesan Curia, Covington
2/13/2025 @ 9:00 AM & 6:00 PM	Diocesan Curia, Covington
2/26/2025 @ 9:00 AM & 6:00 PM	Diocesan Curia, Covington

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **November 22:** 8th Grade Fun Friday
- **November 27-29:** Thanksgiving Break
- **December 3:** Dine to Donate: Erlanger Skyline all day
- **December 3:** Boosters Meeting, 7:00 PM
- **December 10:** PTO Meeting, 7:00 PM
- **December 11:** Children's Christmas Program, 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM
- **December 17:** Dine to Donate: Dewey's,
- **December 19-20:** Santa's Workshop
- **December 23-January 1:** Christmas Break
- **January 2:** School Resumes

## 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.

# Our Parishes

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## St. Henry

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