



# Crusader Connection

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Dear Parents,

I hope that you and your students are enjoying your Spring Break! We are looking forward to having everyone back on campus when school resumes Monday. It is hard to believe that we only have four weeks of school remaining before our summer break and we will be busy! Spring MAP Testing begins on Tuesday, April 29 and will continue through Thursday, May 8. Please make sure that your student is getting a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast so they are ready to give their best effort. We also have a multitude of field trips coming up, including the 4th grade trip to Frankfurt, 6th grade to the art museum & cathedral and the 8th grade Washington D.C. trip next week. Our 2nd graders will also receive their 1st Communion on Sunday, May 4. Please pray for them as they receive Our Lord in the Eucharist for the first time!

As we approach the end of the school year, I would like to remind our 8th grade students that if they would like to apply for any scholarships for next year, those are due in the first couple of days after we return from break. Returning students from any grade level can apply for the Carrie Williams Memorial Scholarship. The information is below. Parents, if you are planning to apply for financial aid for next year, please fill out the FACTS. Information can be found on our website. If you would like to apply for the Kremer Foundation Grant please contact Mrs. Lageman by calling the office or emailing her at [clageman@sthenrynky.com](mailto:clageman@sthenrynky.com)

You may have also heard that Pope Francis passed away on Easter Monday. I ask that you would pray for his soul and all the souls of the faithfully departed. Over the next several weeks we will follow the process of electing a new pope for our Church. This is a really fascinating process and an exciting time for the Catholic Church! If you would like more information about how that process works, you can find a short video about it [HERE](#).

Have a great weekend and enjoy the last few days of your Spring Break!

God Bless,

*Kimberly Wagner, Principal*

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April 21, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



**Pope Francis**

Dec. 17, 1936–  
April 21, 2025

Early this morning (Monday, April 21), it was announced that our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has died. His papacy, which began March 13, 2013, is marked by a deep commitment to mercy, social justice and a renewed focus on the pastoral care of the faithful.

It is custom that the nine days following the death of a Pope be observed as official days of mourning throughout the Church. These days are called The Novemdiales. I invite the priests and people of the Diocese to join me during this time of mourning, April 22–30, in praying for the happy repose of the Holy Father's soul.

At 3 p.m. today, pastors are instructed to toll church bells announcing the Holy Father's death. The bells will toll every day at 3 p.m. between the Pope's death and his funeral. Additionally, parishes are encouraged to prepare black and purple bunting or a wreath at the entrance of the church as a sign of mourning and sorrow.

On the days between the death of the Holy Father and his burial, each deanery will schedule a stational Mass for the benefit of the faithful in the region. The times and venues of these Masses will be announced.

On the eve of the Holy Father's funeral, **Evening Prayer from the Office of the Dead will be celebrated at the Cathedral Basilica, Friday, April 25 at 7 p.m.** Father Ryan Stenger, diocesan judicial vicar and pastor, St. Joseph Parish, Camp Springs, will be the homilist. All are encouraged to attend.

On the day of the Pope's funeral in Rome, **Bishop John Iffert will celebrate a Requiem Mass for Pope Francis, Saturday, April 26, 10 a.m., at the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption.** Bishop Emeritus Roger Foys will be the homilist. Again, all are encouraged to attend.

As we prepare for the final commendation of Pope Francis, let us give thanks to God for the blessing of his life. Pope Francis' legacy is one of compassion and renewed focus on the pastoral mission of the Church. His emphasis on mercy has reshaped the Church's approach to its mission in the world, inviting all to embrace a more compassionate and engaged faith. As the Church continues to navigate the complexities of modern society, the writings and lived example of Pope Francis will remain vital in fostering a community that truly reflects the love and mercy of Christ.

Yours devotedly in the Lord,  
+Bishop John Iffert




**APRIL**

*Courage*

**COURAGE ENABLES US TO ENDURE  
HARDSHIP OR PERSECUTION,  
RATHER THAN ABANDON OUR  
DUTY TO GOD, OURSELVES, AND  
OUR NEIGHBOR.**



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 below!

# VIRTUE ROCKSTARS! FOR COURAGE

Kate Ashley  
Reid Lageman  
Matteo Merida  
Wyatt Golden  
Ross Cornett  
Claire Washnock  
Gio Geraci  
Sloane Scott

Reed Chevalier  
James Miller  
Saden Saadawi  
Macy Geisen  
Kane Schumacher  
Lucas Burton  
Winston Whitely  
Isaac Ackerman  
Emmie Miles



## CruNews



### **The Carrie Williams Memorial Foundation Scholarship**

Before she passed away, Carrie (Dwyer) Williams was former student and a teacher at St. Henry Catholic School. She had a great passion for learning and for St. Henry. The Carrie Williams Memorial Foundation Scholarship is for any student attending St. Henry Catholic School or St. Henry District High School. The foundation will be giving two \$1,000 scholarships, one to a grade school student and one to a high school student. The [application can be found here](#) and is due by April 30. Please email completed application to: [apply@carriewilliamsmemorial.org](mailto:apply@carriewilliamsmemorial.org)



We are hiring for the 2025-2026 school year! Are you or someone you know looking for a new career opportunity as an elementary educator? St. Henry Catholic School has openings for the following positions: 3rd Grade Teacher & 6/7 Grade Language Arts Teacher.

Send a letter of interest and resume with references to Kimberly Wagner, Principal, [kwagner@sthenrynky.com](mailto:kwagner@sthenrynky.com).



**St. Henry Catholic School invites  
you to**



Featuring songs from Disney shows *Frozen II*, *Lion King*, *Encanto*, *Toy Story*, *Tangled*, *Hercules* and more!

### **Summer Drama Camp Registration!**

**When:** July 14th—July 18th from 10 am to 3 pm

**Where:** St. Henry church basement Mon-Thu, Drees Auditorium Friday

**Cost:** \$200 (*Discount available for multiple registrants*)

**Ages:** 3rd– 8th (entering into the 2025-2026 school year)

**Show Performance:** Friday, July 18th at 3:30 pm at Drees Auditorium

*For more camp details, audition  
information, etc. go to*

*<https://DramaCamp25.givesmart.com>*

***Register before June 27th!***

*For questions, email Ms. Scott at  
[rscott@sthenrynyky.com](mailto:rscott@sthenrynyky.com)*



**Register for Theater Camp**

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***Get your drink on!*** We have a limited number of 40 ounce St. Henry tumblers available in the office. Cost is \$25/each; check or cash only. Perfect for Mother's

Day, grandparents, or just because!

Stop by or email Cindy,  
[clageman@sthenrynky.com](mailto:clageman@sthenrynky.com).



## SUPPORT YOUR CRUSADERS



**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED ON A  
WEEKLY BASIS ... ANY AMOUNT OF  
TIME YOU CAN HELP OUT IS  
GREATLY APPRECIATED;  
[SIGN UP ONLINE!](#)**

*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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**SAVE THE DATE!**

**ST. HENRY CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
ATHLETIC BOOSTERS**

***Annual Golf Outing  
@ the Golf Courses  
of Kenton County***

**OCTOBER 18, 2025**



**PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE ATHLETIC PROGRAMS AT ST. HENRY CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

## NEWSWORTHY



**You're Invited!**

### **Return: Bringing Our Loved Ones Home**

**Join us for the 8:00 AM Mass on Saturday,  
April 26**

*We will meet after Mass in Wehage Hall*

Following a **wonderfully successful kickoff** — with **over 70 people attending Mass** and **30+ joining the meeting afterward** — we're excited to continue this powerful journey of faith and renewal.

Join us for the next session as we explore how to lovingly guide our family and friends back to the Church. Through prayer, discussion, and fellowship, we'll walk this path together.

All parishioners are welcome! Let's keep the momentum going—see you there! For more information about the Return program, please contact Jack Levermann, [jacklevermann@gmail.com](mailto:jacklevermann@gmail.com).



**Daily Camper Activities**

- Group meeting and warm-up
- Individual & small group instruction: shooting, ball handling, rebounding, offensive & defensive individual moves
- Competition: 3-on-3 / 5-on-5
- Games & Contests
- Lots of FUN!
- Guest Speakers
- Each camper will receive a T-Shirt

Camp is run by experienced coaches and current collegiate players.



**2025  
THOMAS MORE  
GIRL'S BASKETBALL  
CAMP**

**SAINTS  
BASKETBALL**

**SIGN UP TODAY!**

DAY CAMP 1: JUNE 16-19  
DAY CAMP 2: JULY 7-10

REGISTER ONLINE AT:  
[WWW.THOMASMORESAINTS.COM](http://WWW.THOMASMORESAINTS.COM)  
CAMPS

## Girl's Basketball Camp Details



## ***Ecology, Conservation, and Outreach STEM Camps***

ECO STEM Camps at the Thomas More University Biology Station are an opportunity for K-12 students to get hands-on, feet-wet experience exploring and learning more about the Ohio River, its watershed, and its biology. Activities include boating, fishing, using microscopes, hiking, making eco-art, and more! Programs are designed to be a fun introduction to ecology and environmental science on the Ohio River. Camp programming is led by Field Station staff, faculty, and undergraduate interns. Scan the QR codes below to register and visit [tmuky.us/summercamps](http://tmuky.us/summercamps) for more information.

### **K-8**

Day Camp:  
June 16-17



### **High School**

Overnight Camp:  
July 13-16



## ***Ohio River Conservation Course***

The Ohio River Conservation Course (ORCC) a five-day program from 9am-3pm that is focused on hands-on career exploration in the fields of aquatic biology, environmental science, and water conservation. This program is jointly offered by the Thomas More University Biology Field Station, Sanitation District No. 1, and the Foundation for Ohio River Education.

### **High School**



Day Camp:  
Sessions  
June 23-27 &  
July 21-25

Visit [tmuky.us/summercamps](http://tmuky.us/summercamps) or email Molly Williams ([williamsm@thomasmore.edu](mailto:williamsm@thomasmore.edu)) for more information.

**K-12 Summer Programs Link**



# *MIND/matter* **SUMMER FUN**

**JOIN US OVER THE SUMMER FOR  
LEARNING IN A FUN AND  
ENGAGING WAY!**



**CHECK OUT OUR WEBPAGE AT  
[MINDOVERMATTERKIDS.COM](http://MINDOVERMATTERKIDS.COM)**

## **ST. HENRY DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL**



**SHDHS Summer Camp Registration is  
Now Open!**  
Our summer camps offer a variety of fun  
and engaging activities for students of all  
ages.

<https://events.shdhs.org/>



**Crusader Youth League Tackle Football  
& Cheerleading Registration**  
Join the Crusader family and be part of our  
youth football and cheerleading teams!

<https://www.crusaderyouthleague.com/home>

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](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, Leah St. John, [lstjohn@sthenryky.com](mailto:lstjohn@sthenryky.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
4/29/2025 @ 9:00 AM & 6:00 PM	Diocesan Curia, Covington
04/30/2025 @ 10:00 AM	St. Timothy Church, Union
5/7/2025 @ 9:00 AM & 6:00 PM	Diocesan Curia, Covington
06/18/2025 @ 9:00 AM & 6:00 PM	Diocesan Curia, Covington
07/02/2025 @ 9:00 AM & 6:00 PM	Diocesan Curia, Covington
07/29/2025 @ 9:00 AM & 6:00 PM	Diocesan Curia, Covington
08/06/2025 @ 9:00 AM & 6:00 PM	Diocesan Curia, Covington
08/19/2025 @ 9:00 AM & 6:00 PM	Diocesan Curia, Covington

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **April 17-25:** Spring Break
- **April 30:** 1st Communion Meeting & Practice @ 6:30 PM
- **April 30-May 2:** 8th Grade Washington DC Trip
- **May 4:** First Holy Communion, 2:00 PM
- **May 5-9:** Scholastic Book Fair
- **May 6:** Dine to Donate @ Erlanger Skyline all day long
- **May 6:** Boosters Meeting @ 7:00 PM
- **May 9:** 8th Grade Fun Friday
- **May 12:** Confirmation Practice @ 7:00 PM
- **May 13:** Confirmation @ 7:00 PM
- **May 16:** Olympic Day
- **May 17:** Family Night @ Florence Y'Alls Game
- **May 19:** Last Day for 8th Grade & Clap Out, 1:45 PM
- **May 21:** 8th Grade Promotion Mass, 10:00 AM
- **May 23:** Last Day of School, noon dismissal

## 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*

#### **St. Barbara**

4042 Turkeyfoot Road  
Erlanger, KY 41018  
859-371-3100  
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**

*Kimberly Wagner, Principal*

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