



Crusader Connection

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Dear Parents,

Happy Olympic Day! Our students have been enjoying Olympic Day fun so far this morning. This is a great day for our students to enjoy continuing to bond with their Olympic teams. They go to Mass together and then spend time having fun and competing throughout the day. This afternoon we will announce our winning teams. Thank you to PTO who is providing our lunch for this fun day!

Next week is our last week of school, which is hard to believe! Monday is the last day of class for 8th grade students. We will have their Clap Out at 1:45pm on Monday afternoon. Their 8th Grade Promotion Mass will be at 10:00am on Wednesday, May 21, with brunch to follow. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare to move on to high school! We also have our 3rd Grade Wax Museum on Tuesday. Our students have spent a lot of time preparing to share about a historical figure! It will be a fun way to finish out the year. Preschool has their last day on Tuesday and K-7 finishes on Friday. Friday is a Noon dismissal so there will be **no After Care on Friday!**

There are several logistical matters as we approach the last day of school. From our cafeteria manager, Jessica Andrews, all lunch accounts need to be at 0 or a positive balance before May 23. If you have questions, reach out to Jessica, jandrews@sthenrynky.com. You also need to make sure that all library books are returned and all After Care balances are paid. Grades will not be released until we have those taken care of. Below you can also see a list of summer work for all students. We hope that our students have fun and relax this summer, but it is also good to take a little time each week to make sure they are keeping sharp so they retain all the skills they learned this year!

The office has accumulated a number of uniform pieces throughout the year. What we have available is currently sitting in the 1st floor hallway outside of the school office. Please stop by and take anything that might fit your children for next year. We are not accepting donations of old uniforms currently, but over the summer we will work to arrange a uniform swap before school begins so you can bring in those old uniform pieces for others who may be able to use them.

Finally, I would like to congratulate our 8th grade students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday. May the Holy Spirit always be a guiding force in your life!

Have a great weekend and we hope to see you at the Y'all's game on Saturday night!!

God Bless,



MAY Patience

Patience is the ability to tolerate delay, trouble, or suffering without getting angry or upset.



VIRTUE ROCKSTARS! FOR PATIENCE

Ada Goetz
Clara Sidebottom
Norah Reed
Myla Carey
Ailee Muashsher
Saylor Geisen
Abby Braun
Sophia Prys

Aubrey Hinkel
Natalie Galbaugh
Luke Stringer
Reed Fedders
Alyssa Aftanski
Landon Addison
Kenna Cornett
Sophia Price
Ari Burton





May Crowning took place after Mass last Friday. May, being a springtime month, is associated with new beginnings and the renewal of life, which is fitting for celebrating Mary, who is seen as the Mother of the Incarnation. Two of our First Communicants and an eighth grader took part.

On Tuesday evening, our parish and school eighth graders received the Sacrament of Confirmation, conferred by Bishop John Iffert. Congratulations to following students:

Alyssa **Catherine of Bologna** Aftanski
 Landon **Luigi Scrosoppi** Alessandro
 Harper **Rose of Lima** Andrews
 Leo **Luigi Scrosoppi** Bowen
 Jacob **Francis of Assisi** Brunelle
 Liam **Matthew** Burkhardt
 Aiden **Michael** Feldmann
 Grant **Roch** Finke
 Ashley **Helena** Hammond
 Brooklyn **Margaret Mary** Klein
 Brooklynn **Teresa of Calcutta** Kuebler
 Brandon **Michael** Lorton
 Emma **Dymphna** Lucius
 Danielle **Joan of Arc** Meyer
 Chelsea **Teresa of Calcutta** Miller
 Sam **Michael** Neuhaus
 Cy **Sebastian** Parento
 Owen **Spyridon** Pate
 Samuel **Michael** Price
 Dominic **Maria Goretti** Prysi
 Kane **Valentine** Schumacher
 Jonathan **John the Apostle** Staley
 Caroline **Elizabeth of Hungary** Washnock
 Kate **Gianna** Wright

Summer Work

Current K-1 Students

Math- 20 minutes of Math Seeds per week

Language Arts- Read 15 minutes per day

Current 2-4 Students

Math- 30 minutes of Math IXL per week using your MAP summer plan

Language Arts- Read 15 minutes per day

Current 5-7 Students

Math- 30 minutes of Math IXL per week using your MAP summer plan

Language Arts- Read 15 minutes per day & do 30 minutes of Language Arts IXL per week using your MAP summer plan.

*Teachers will send home login information if you do not have it already



Jesus is Everywhere!

All students will be given a small Jesus figurine to take home next week. Whether you go on a vacation or a stay-cation, take a picture of your kid/s with Jesus and email it to kstaverman@sthenrynky.com, and let us know where Jesus is this summer! Be creative and have fun!

By submitting a photo, you agree to allow the image to be shared in newsletters and on social media.

Be safe and have a fun, Jesus-filled summer!

Meet POPE LEO XIV!

Born: **September 14, 1955**

Ordained Priest: **June 19, 1982**

Appointed Cardinal by Pope Francis:
September 30, 2023

Elected Pope: **May 8, 2025**



A Brief Introduction

On May 8, 2025, Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost, O.S.A., was elected the 267th pope, taking the name Pope Leo XIV.

Pope Leo was born September 14, 1955, in Chicago, Illinois. Before his election as pope, Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost served for over two decades in Peru. In 2014, Pope Francis appointed Cardinal Prevost as Apostolic Administrator of Callao. As a member of the Order of Saint Augustine (O.S.A.), he brings to the papacy decades of experience in missionary service, especially among the poor, marginalized, and migrants. He has been an advocate for ecclesial reform and deeper dialogue within the global Church.

He served as Prior General of the Augustinians from 2001 to 2013. Before becoming a bishop, he worked in Peru as a seminary professor, judicial vicar, parish pastor, and diocesan official. He was elevated to the College of Cardinals by Pope Francis on September 30, 2023. His prior roles include serving as Prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops from 2023 to 2025, where he played a key role in shaping episcopal leadership worldwide.

Pope Leo's First Steps as Pontiff: What to Expect from the Early Days of His Papacy

His First Words: *The Urbi et Orbi* Blessing

Pope Leo XIV delivered his first address from St. Peter's Basilica, known as the *Urbi et Orbi* ("to the city and to the world") blessing. The first words of this short, prayerful message, which he gave from the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica following the "*Habemus Papam!*" announcement, were "Peace be with all of you!" He continued by saying, "The world needs Christ's light. Humanity needs him to be the bridge so that God and his love can reach us."

These remarks set a tone of hope, reconciliation, and a focus on Christ as the source of unity and peace for humanity. Pope Leo XIV's initial address was resonant, highlighting both a blessing for all and the essential role of faith in bridging divisions and bringing God's love to the world.

His First Public Mass: *The Inauguration*

Within a week, and likely on Sunday, Pope Leo XIV will celebrate the Mass of Inauguration in St. Peter's Square, marking the formal start of his ministry. This Liturgy, attended by thousands, includes the bestowal of the Fisherman's Ring and pallium (symbols of papal authority). A private Mass with the cardinals in the Sistine Chapel often precedes it.

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Girls volleyball registration is officially open!! The deadline to register is May 15.

3rd-8th grade;



St. Henry golf registration is now open until May 30 for boys and girls grades 4-8. The cost is \$65 and includes a St. Henry Under Armour polo.

The 9-hole matches are played at World of Golf in Florence once a week from late August until

competitive and recreational team options for 6th-8th graders!

Link below. Reach out to volleyball@sthenrynky.com with any questions!

VOLLEYBALL REGISTRATION

early October Most kids will play in a two-person scramble while there will likely be one A team where experienced players play their own ball, with matches likely at other courses. There will be several practices over the summer with flexible times/dates. All abilities are welcome, and this is a great way to get your child or children into the game. If you have questions, contact David Miller, 513.608.7791 or email golf@sthenrynky.com.

GOLF REGISTRATION



Upcoming PTO Events

5/16 Last PTO meeting: Join us Friday at El Nopal, 32189 Dixie Highway, Erlanger!

5/17 Y'All's Night: Ticket information is below!

[Minutes from our April meeting can be found here!](#)

TAKE ME OUT TO THE



05.17.25 @ 6:36pm

For tickets:



For spirit wear:

New users

<https://shcs.vbsenterprise.com/security/NewUserPassword.epm>

Password is Crusader

If you already have an account (ordered gym or spirit wear already this school year)

<https://shcs.vbsenterprise.com/>

TICKETS: [Purchase Florence Y'Alls tickets](#)



We are nearing the end of the school year!
Time flies when you're having fun!

Before summer starts, we'd like to make sure we have at least one parent assigned to each grade level to host a summer gathering.

Please utilize the sign-up genius below to sign up for your student's grade level for the 2025 -2026 school year.

Sign Up Link



SUMMER HOURS
Monday-Thursday
8:00 AM-Noon

Closed June 30-July 4

Call with any questions, 859-342-2551

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,
Jamie Powers, jamielpowers00@gmail.com, or call the school office,
859-342-2551.*

BINGO

Monday Night

May 19 Jackpots

New Progressive: Higher Up \$4,000

Triple Crown Derby: \$1,050

Hog Wild: \$400



**Doors open @ 4:45 pm
Jitneys @ 6:45 pm
Regular games @ 7:15 pm**

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Must be 18 years or older to enter hall.

Camps & Summer Fun

ST. HENRY DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL



St. Henry District High School coaches, faculty members, and students would love to spend time with your child(ren) this summer, helping them learn valuable skills while having fun.

Baseball Skills Camp, Basketball Skills Camp, Drama Camp, Football Skills Camp, Tennis Camp, Visual Arts Camp, Volleyball Skills Camp

Click below for details on all the great Summer Camp opportunities available, including exact dates, times, and costs.

<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>



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

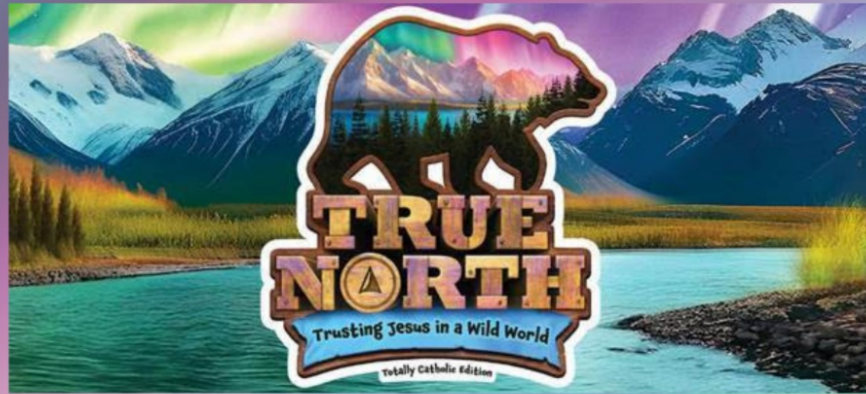
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Register for Theater Camp



ST. HENRY CATHOLIC PARISH

SAVE THE DATE



Vacation Bible School

JULY 28-AUGUST 1 9:00 AM-NOON

Scan here to learn
more & sign up!



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June 1 - July 31

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City of Elsmere **SUMMER KICK OFF**

Fire trucks
Ambulance
Swat vehicle
Police cars
Drone
demonstration
Back hoe
Dump Truck
Meet the K-9
Games
Bounce House

Thursday June 12th, 2025
6:00 PM
Elsmere City Building



FREE FOOD!
Hot Dogs
Hamburgers
Chips
Cookies
Kona Ice
Popcorn



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 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 or email Molly Williams (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**



2025 THOMAS MORE GIRL'S BASKETBALL CAMP

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.




SAINTS BASKETBALL

SIGN UP TODAY!

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

REGISTER ONLINE AT:
WWW.THOMASMORESAINTS.COM
CAMPS

Girl's Basketball Camp Details

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 > 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 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
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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **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

✝ 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

St. Barbara
4042 Turkeyfoot Road
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St. Henry
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