



# Crusader Connection

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Dear Parents,

This week our students looked great for their school pictures on Tuesday and yesterday we started the hype for the first Bengals game of the season! We also started getting students in the mindset to take MAP tests next week.

MAP testing starts on Tuesday of next week and we have set a school goal of our achievement hitting at or above the 60th percentile, meaning we are performing better than 59% of schools taking MAP tests across the country. If we hit that goal then we will have an out of uniform day. We also have some things for our students throughout testing next week. We are asking parents to chalk our sidewalks before dismissal on Monday, September 8 and write encouraging messages for our students as they prepare for testing the following day. On Tuesday, it is National Teddy Bear Day, so we invite students to take their teddy bear to school to be a support during testing. On Wednesday we will have Smarties for all of our smarties, and on Thursday we will have music playing outside before school. We ask that you help your students be prepared by making sure they get a good night's sleep and eat a healthy breakfast. There is nothing else they need to do to prepare for these tests. All we ask is that they come in and do their best!

On Wednesday of this week, our school Safety Committee met to discuss ways that we can make our school safer, especially going to Mass, in light of recent events. We have decided to implement several things to help keep our community safe. Those items are below...

- The two side doors to church (parking lot side & ramp door) will be locked about 3 minutes before church starts.
- The front door to church will remain unlocked as Officer Doug is standing in the entry area throughout Mass and monitors those going in and out. It also allows the office staff to get in if they need to get to a student
- If students want to sit with a parent or grandparent at Mass, the procedure is as follows.
  - The parent/grandparent will need to come sign them out in the school office



- by 8:15am.
- We will come over the PA and dismiss students who are sitting with a family member between 8:15-8:20 & they will walk over with their family member.
- The family member will walk them back over to the office and sign them in after Mass

These procedures will start next Friday, September 12. Reminders will be sent next week about the procedures for students sitting with parents at Mass. Thank you for your cooperation!

I hope that you have a fantastic weekend!

God Bless,

*Kimberly Wagner, Principal*

## CruNews

# SEPTEMBER

- **September 7:** Last day to place Mumkin orders
- **September 8:** Bingo @ 4:45 PM
- **September 9:** National Teddy Bear Day: Bring a teddy bear to school!
- **September 11:** 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Meeting @ 6:30 PM
- **September 15:** Bingo @ 4:45 PM
- **September 16:** Mumkin Pick Up
- **September 16:** PTO Meeting @ 7:00 PM
- **September 19:** Crusader Parent Volleyball Challenge
- **September 23:** Confirmation Meeting @ 7:00 PM







*Cultivating Christ-like character,  
one fruit at a time.*

### **September: Self-Control**

"The ability to restrain oneself from harmful or sinful desires and impulses, and instead, make choices that are in line with God's will."



Our theme for the 2025-2026 school year is "Cultivating Christ-like Character, One Fruit at a Time." Throughout the year we will be discussing the different "Fruits of the Spirit". Each month we will focus on a different fruit and discuss how we are already bearing fruit in our lives and how we can allow the Holy Spirit to work through us to increase that fruit!

**PARENTS ARE INVITED TO  
HELP US CHALK THE  
SIDEWALKS ON MONDAY,  
SEPTEMBER, 8 WITH  
ENCOURAGING MESSAGES  
AS OUR STUDENTS START  
MAP TESTING ON  
TUESDAY!**



### **State Civics Bee Competition**

Ben Brinkhaus, Winston Whitely, and Brandon Lorton were 3 out of 18 students from across the state of Kentucky to participate in the Civics Bee at the Kentucky State Fair. Winston

finished in the top five out of over 600 applicants! Congratulations to all three!



### **MUMKINS SALE!**

**The last day to place an order  
is Sunday, September 7.  
Delivery will be on September  
16.**

**All proceeds benefit  
St. Henry Catholic School!**

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP WITH MUMKINS ON SEPTEMBER 16,  
3:00-7:00 PM. This is a great opportunity for eighth graders needing service  
hours! Sign up below.**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084AAAFAC2AA3F94-51451079-mumkins#/>



Bring your  
**TEDDY BEAR**  
to school day!  
Tuesday, September 9



**NATIONAL TEDDY BEAR DAY**



COACHES NEEDED  
**ELEMENTARY  
ACADEMIC  
TEAM**

IF INTERESTED, PLEASE  
CONTACT MRS. WAGNER AT  
[KWAGNER@STHENRYNKY.COM](mailto:KWAGNER@STHENRYNKY.COM)

**Sign Up for Jr. High Academic Team!**

#### **Altar Servers Needed**

Fr. Kevin at St. Henry and Fr. John at St. Barbara need altar servers! Altar servers must be practicing Catholics, fourth grade and older, who attend Sunday Mass regularly and have received First Communion in order to participate. Server training for



fourth graders will be after Mass on Friday, September 12. Students must be actively serving at their parish in order to serve at school Masses.

If your student is interested in serving for either St. Henry or St. Barbara, please [complete this form](#). We will forward the forms to St. Barbara and someone will reach out to you. If you have questions, please contact Kris Staverman, [kstaverman@sthenrynk.com](mailto:kstaverman@sthenrynk.com).



### **The Crusader Classroom Parent Volleyball Challenge**

Please join us in the gym on Friday, September 19, for fun, friends, and fitness.

The 8th grade vs. teachers game will be at 3:45 pm, with games following after for the parents from each grade playing against each other.

When not playing, parents have a great time tailgating in the parking lot. Please do NOT BYOB -- beer will be sold at concessions. Legally we cannot have parents bringing their own alcohol on the premises.

Kids love this night and enjoy playing with friends in the parking lot or cheering from the stands for their grade's parent players.

Please let us know if you would like to be the captain for your grade (preschool and kindergarten can play together or have separate teams). This means contacting parents to form a team of men and women players. Teams should be made up of parents, not extended family members. Teachers of that grade can also be invited play on the parent teams! Everyone is welcome to play; no team is full.

Also please consider signing up to work the concessions. Students can get service hours for this (one adult must work each shift due to alcohol sales). Stay tuned for sign up genius or reach out now if interested.

Sarah Voelker ([sarahvoelker7@gmail.com](mailto:sarahvoelker7@gmail.com))  
Shannon Scherrer ([shannongrieme@yahoo.com](mailto:shannongrieme@yahoo.com))

## **CAFETERIA**



<div> <div> <b>LUNCH</b> </div> <div> <b>SEPTEMBER 2025</b>            Elementary Lunch Menu         </div> <div> <b>PAY FOR MEALS ONLINE</b>  <a href="#">MySchoolBucks.com</a> </div> </div>				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Labor Day No School	1 Crisitos Salsa, Sour Cream Black Beans, Corn Pineapple, Strawberries Chocolate Chip Cookie Juice Milk	2 Mini Waffles Egg Omelet Tater Tots, Celery Sticks Mandarin Oranges Apples Juice Milk	3 Chicken Nuggets Macaroni & Cheese Green Beans Glazed Carrots Pears, Grapes Juice Milk	4 Cheese Ravioli with Marinara Garlic Breadstick Garden Salads Applesauce Orange Slices Juice Milk
8 Hamburger OR Cheeseburger Potato Wedges, Baked Beans Peaches, Sidekicks Pickle Slices Juice Milk	9 Cheese Pizza OR Pepperoni Pizza Steamed Broccoli Garden Salads Pineapple, Strawberries Juice Milk	10 Chili Spaghetti Shredded Cheese, Onion Oyster Crackers Corn, Carrot Sticks Mandarin Oranges, Apples Juice Milk	11 Chicken Tenders Dinner Roll Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Green Beans Pears, Grapes Juice Milk	12 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Pickle Spears Tomato Soup, Garden Salads Oyster Crackers Applesauce, Orange Slices Juice Milk
15 Hot Dog OR Chili Cone Cheese, Onions Curry Fries Peas & Carrots Peaches, Sidekicks Juice Milk	16 Soft Taco OR Nacho Taco Cheese, Salsa, Sour Cream Black Beans, Corn Pineapple, Strawberries Carnival Cookie Juice Milk	17 Confetti Pancakes Egg Omelet Tater Tots, Celery Sticks Mandarin Oranges Apples Juice Milk	18 Chicken Nuggets Macaroni & Cheese Green Beans Glazed Carrots Pears, Grapes Juice Milk	19 Pizza Crunchers Marinara Sauce Seasoned Broccoli Garden Salads Applesauce, Orange Slices Juice Milk
22 Hamburger OR Cheeseburger Potato Wedges, Baked Beans Peaches, Sidekicks Pickle Slices Juice Milk	23 Cheese Pizza OR Pepperoni Pizza Steamed Broccoli Garden Salads Pineapple, Strawberries Juice Milk	24 Mini Corn Dogs Carrot Sticks Corn Mandarin Oranges Apples Juice Milk	25 Chicken Drumstick Dinner Roll Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Green Beans Pears, Grapes Juice Milk	26 Cheese Ravioli with Marinara Garlic Breadstick Garden Salads Applesauce Orange Slices Juice Milk
29 Chicken Patty Sandwich Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Onions Curry Fries Peas & Carrots Peaches, Sidekicks Juice Milk	30 Crisitos Salsa, Sour Cream Black Beans, Corn Pineapple, Strawberries Chocolate Chip Cookie Juice Milk	Student Meal \$3.20 Adult Meal \$5.00 Extra Entrée \$2.00 Extra Fruit/Veg \$.60 Extra Milk/Juice \$.60 Bottled Water \$.60 A la Carte Snacks \$.60 - \$1.00 Ice Cream will be available once per week		

Alternate meal options include PB&J Grab & Go, Yogurt Grab & Go, or Turkey Chef Salad. Fruits & Vegetables offered with all options.  
 Meat options not available on Fridays. Menu subject to change by product availability.  
 This institution is an equal opportunity employer.

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## Cafeteria Volunteers Needed and Welcome!

We welcome all moms, dads, and grandparents to come in and help serve lunches. The students enjoy having you there! *All volunteers must be VIRTUS certified and compliant.* [Click to volunteer in September!](#)

If you have any questions regarding the cafeteria/menu, please reach out to Trisha Kissel, Cafeteria Manager, [cafeteria@sthenrynk.com](mailto:cafeteria@sthenrynk.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 or Jamie Powers, [bingo@sthenrynk.com](mailto:bingo@sthenrynk.com) or call the school office, 859-342-2551.

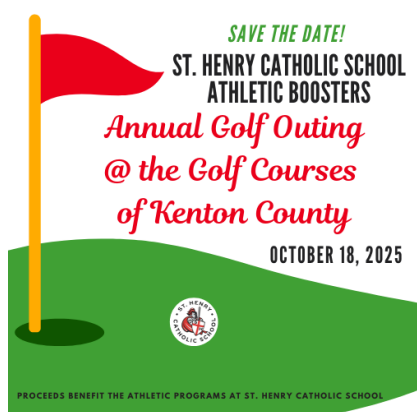


## Basketball Registration

### Volleyball Volunteers Needed

St. Henry Catholic School hosts the sixth grade recreational volleyball league. is hosting a 6th, 7th & 8th grade pre-season volleyball tournament. We also host a 6th grade recreational volleyball league. This year, there are 14 teams in the league, which is the most we've had in a few years. There are 12 evenings of games, some with shorter shifts. It cannot be run without your help! We have a sign up for working admimssions and concessions. Split a shift if you can't stay the whole time. Send kids who need service hours or who have a serving heart.

### Volunteer for the sixth grade recreational league



**The St. Henry Catholic School Athletic Boosters Golf Outing** will be held Saturday, October 18, at the Golf Courses of Kenton County.

A 9-hole parent/child scramble is \$25 per player (cart and lunch included). Shotgun start at 9 AM. The adult scramble is a 1 PM shotgun start. The cost is \$100 per player. Registration includes 18 holes, cart, lunch, beer, dinner, and an opportunity to win fabulous raffle prizes. Limited 9-hole foursomes are available for \$250.

For information or hole sponsorship opportunities/raffle donations, email Dave Miller

at [golf@sthenrynky.com](mailto:golf@sthenrynky.com).

**Important tip:** When signing up, note that there is a tip field that you can manually change by clicking on the 15%, then entering 0 or another number. There are still processing fees, so do NOT feel obligated to add a tip.

**Registration is exclusively online:** <https://givebutter.com/2025GolfOuting>.



Your generosity directly benefits St. Henry Athletics and helps us continue building strong, spirited programs in golf, volleyball, basketball, and archery.

## 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://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
09/11/2025 @ 9:00 AM & 6:00 PM	Diocesan Curia, Covington
09/29/2025 @ 9:00 AM & 6:00 PM	Diocesan Curia, Covington
10/09/2025 @ 9:00 AM & 6:00 PM	Diocesan Curia, Covington
10/14/2025 @ 6:30 PM	Diocesan Catholic Children's Home, Ft. Mitchell
10/22/2025 @ 9:00 AM & 6:00 PM	Diocesan Curia, Covington
11/11/2025 @ 9:00 AM & 6:00 PM	Diocesan Curia, Covington
11/20/2025 @ 9:00 AM & 6:00 PM	Diocesan Curia, Covington

## DIOCESE OF COVINGTON NEWS



# Calling **All Men!**

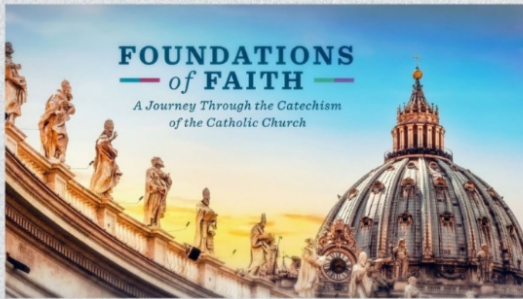
**Come and join us Wednesday mornings  
@ 6:00 AM starting September 10**

Dr. Edward Sri, Jeff Cavins, Father Mike Schmitz, and others will lead us on **A Journey Through the Catechism** to help us understand not only what we believe, but where those beliefs come from and how we live them out.

Our second half of the year will then take us to what we don't believe: **The Most Prominent Heresies** that often are still challenges today. During Lent, Dr. Scott Hahn will lead us to a deeper understanding of **The Seven Last Words of Jesus**.

Coffee is on and donuts are ready for great fellowship, an opportunity to grow in our faith, and shared intercessory prayer. And you're out the door by 7:15 AM!

***What do we believe?***



***What don't we believe?***

**Lenten Series: The Seven Last Words  
with Scott Hahn**



*"There can be no separate Church for  
persons with disabilities. We are one flock  
that follows a single shepherd."*

Come Join Us!

# A MASS OF BELONGING

September 9, 2025

6:00 p.m.

Cathedral Basilica of the  
Assumption

Bishop Iffert will preside over a special Mass to create a sense of belonging in our diocese, parishes and Catholic schools for those with learning differences and disabilities. Family ice cream social to follow.

Representatives from FIRE Foundation of Northern Kentucky will be in attendance. FIRE's mission is to champion the inclusion of students with disabilities in Catholic schools by providing educational resources, fundraising and promoting a culture of belonging.

*Questions or to request specific accommodations,  
email [info@FIREfoundationNKY.org](mailto:info@FIREfoundationNKY.org)*

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## 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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