



# Crusader Connection

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Dear Parents,

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for our Christmas program on Wednesday! Ms. Scott always does a great job getting our students ready for this special day. The students did a great job and it was a wonderful way to get in the Christmas spirit, keeping Christ at the center! Next week our 3rd-8th grade students will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation as we patiently await the coming of Christ at Christmas.

Next week we have several things going on as we wrap up our 2nd Quarter and prepare for our Christmas Break. On Wednesday evening our Student Council is hosting a movie night for all St. Henry students. This is a great opportunity for parents to get out and finish up some last minute Christmas shopping. The details are below. To get in the Christmas spirit, on **Wednesday students can wear Christmas pajamas and on Thursday they can wear Christmas sweaters and accessories with their uniform bottoms.** On Friday we will have Olympic Team meetings and our Christmas parties. Due to Olympic Team meetings, students will not be able to sit with family members at Mass. Next Friday is also the end of 2nd Quarter, so please be checking grades and reach out to your child's teacher with any questions.

Thank you to everyone who enjoyed lunch or dinner at the Fr. Bealer Knights of Columbus fish fry on December 5. The Knights of Columbus will be donating \$350 toward our Capital Campaign. Their support is greatly appreciated by our parish and school!

If you have not already, please take the time to Share Your St. Henry Story [HERE](#). Your stories of why you love St. Henry are what draw others to our school community, so thank you for your help with this project!

Finally, I wanted to share that we will not have After Care on Thursday, January 8 due to a faculty/staff event. I wanted to give you plenty of time to plan ahead!

Have a great weekend and stay safe with all of the projected winter weather!



# CruNews



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

**December: Patience**

**Patience is the ability to practice self-restraint and careful thinking in difficult situations.**



## DECEMBER

- **December 13:** High School Placement Test @ Diocesan high schools
- **December 17:** Student Council Movie Night, 5:00–7:00 PM
- **December 19:** End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter
- **December 22–January 2:** Christmas Break
- **January 1:** *Happy New Year*
- **January 1:** **New Year's Day Bingo, 11:00 AM**
- **January 5:** School resumes







**Merry Grinchmas from Preschool!**

*Fr. Bealer Knights  
of Columbus*



**St. Henry Parish & School Day**

*Thank you!*

**The Knights of Columbus will be donating  
\$350 toward our Capital Campaign!**

**605 LYTTLE AVENUE | ELSMERE | 859-342-6643**





# ADHD and Executive Functioning

## PART 2!

Join us for a follow-up presentation from Jennifer Brooke, the Director of the Learning Center at the Springer School and Center, on strategies to support students with ADHD and/Executive Functioning struggles. She will focus on the development of specific skills and strategies in this presentation. This presentation is open to the community! We hope you will join us!

When: Wednesday, January 7  
Time: 3:00pm  
Where: St. Henry Cafeteria  
Who: You!



Click the link below for November's meeting notes. We would love to have more people join the PTO; reach out to us today.

Dorothy Schowalter, [hicksde55@gmail.com](mailto:hicksde55@gmail.com)  
Chrissy Keller, [chrissykeller0710@yahoo.com](mailto:chrissykeller0710@yahoo.com)  
Jill Lillich, [jclillich12@yahoo.com](mailto:jclillich12@yahoo.com)

[\\*NEW\\* December Meeting Notes](#)  
[November Meeting Notes](#)  
[October Meeting Notes](#)  
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Student Council Presents...

**CHRISTMAS**

**Movie:  
Elf**

**MOVIE NIGHT**

*Pizza and  
snacks  
available  
for purchase*

**DECEMBER 17TH**

**5:00-7:00PM IN THE CAFETERIA**

**Admission: This year we are donating to the Diocesan Children's Home. They are in need of toys/crafts for kids age 10-16. Bring in a toy or craft to get in to the movie!**

**RSVP HERE:**

<https://forms.gle/4Y33QxHmN3vpjH7KA>



**RSVP HERE**





*Joy to the World*

## *Christmas Masses*

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ST. HENRY CATHOLIC PARISH

| <b>Christmas Eve</b> | <b>Christmas Day</b> |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| 4:00 PM              | 10:00 AM             |
| 6:00 PM              |                      |
| 10:00 PM             |                      |

**Christmas Masses @ St. Barbara**  
Christmas Eve: 4:00 PM & 10:00 PM  
Christmas Day: 10:00 AM

YOU ARE CORDIALLY  
INVITED TO

*Derby*  
NIGHT  
@ ST. HENRY

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2026

7:00-10:00 PM

COST: \$35 PER PERSON/\$60/COUPLE

BEER BRACELET: \$15

*St. Henry Catholic School Gym*



THE EVENT INCLUDES HEAVY  
APPETIZERS, DRINKS, GAMES, GRAND  
RAFFLE, HORSE RACES & MORE!





ST. HENRY CATHOLIC PARISH

# SUMMER FESTIVAL

FOOD • GAMES • RIDES • FELLOWSHIP

FRIDAY, JUNE 19TH

SATURDAY, JUNE 20TH

MUSICAL GUEST

**THE GRATEFUL  
DADS**

MUSICAL GUEST

**DOGHOUSE**

## FESTIVAL SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

|                                    |         |
|------------------------------------|---------|
| Title Stage Sponsor.....           | \$5,000 |
| Crusader Music Sponsor.....        | \$2,500 |
| Crusader Beer Sponsor.....         | \$2,500 |
| Zone Sponsor*.....                 | \$1,000 |
| Presenting Sponsorships*.....      | \$500   |
| Booth Sponsorship*.....            | \$250   |
| Family/Kids Zone Sponsorship*..... | \$100   |

\*Multiple available

Current needs are booth troopers to oversee specific booths/responsibilities;  
kids games, adult games, facilities/clean up, raffles etc.

If you are interested in volunteering or a sponsorship opportunity please reach  
out to Jennifer Fedders, [jenniferfedders1@yahoo.com](mailto:jenniferfedders1@yahoo.com)



### Keyboard for Sale

St. Henry Parish is selling the keyboard used in the church. It is a high polish ebony Kurweil Andante CUP 120. It has been gently used and cared for. The buyer would be responsible for moving and all expenses required to do so. We are asking \$1,000 OBO. Contact Mike Wagner, [mwagner@sthenrynky.com](mailto:mwagner@sthenrynky.com) for more details.

# CAFETERIA



| <div> <b>LUNCH</b> </div> <div> <b>JANUARY 2026</b><br/>           Elementary Lunch Menu         </div> <div> <a href="#">PAY FOR MEALS ONLINE</a><br/> <a href="#">MySchoolBucks.com</a> </div> |   |   |   |   |
|--|---|---|---|---|
| Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday  |
| Hot Dog OR Chili Coney<br>Cheese, Onions<br>Curry Fries<br>Peas & Carrots<br>Peaches, Sidekicks<br>Juice<br>Milk   | Student Meal \$3.20<br>Adult Meal \$5.00<br>Extra Entrée \$2.00<br>Extra Fruit/Veg \$.60<br>Extra Milk/Juice \$.60<br>Bottled Water \$.60<br>Ala Carte Snacks \$.60 - \$1.00<br>Ice Cream will be available once per week |   | Happy New Year! 1   | No School 2   |
| Hamburger<br>OR Cheeseburger<br>Potato Wedges, Baked Beans<br>Peaches, Sidekicks<br>Pickle Slices<br>Juice<br>Milk   | Soft Taco OR Nacho Taco<br>Cheese, Salsa, Sour Cream<br>Black Beans, Corn<br>Pineapple, Strawberries<br>Carnival Cookie<br>Juice<br>Milk  | Confetti Pancakes<br>Egg Omelet<br>Tater Tots, Celery Sticks<br>Mandarin Oranges<br>Apples<br>Juice<br>Milk | Chicken Nuggets<br>Macaroni & Cheese<br>Green Beans<br>Glazed Carrots<br>Pears, Grapes<br>Juice<br>Milk                                 | Pizza Crunchers<br>Marinara Sauce<br>Seasoned Broccoli<br>Garden Salads<br>Applesauce, Orange Slices<br>Juice<br>Milk |
| Martin Luther King Jr. Day<br>No School 19   | Cheese Pizza<br>OR Pepperoni Pizza<br>Steamed Broccoli<br>Garden Salads<br>Pineapple, Strawberries<br>Juice<br>Milk   | Mini Corn Dogs<br>Carrot Sticks<br>Corn<br>Mandarin Oranges<br>Apples<br>Juice<br>Milk                      | Chicken Drumstick<br>Dinner Roll<br>Mashed Potatoes & Gravy<br>Green Beans<br>Pears, Grapes<br>Juice<br>Milk                            | Cheese Ravioli with Marinara<br>Garlic Breadstick<br>Garden Salads<br>Applesauce<br>Orange Slices<br>Juice<br>Milk    |
| Hamburger<br>OR Cheeseburger<br>Potato Wedges, Baked Beans<br>Peaches, Sidekicks<br>Pickle Slices<br>Juice<br>Milk   | Crispos<br>Salsa, Sour Cream<br>Black Beans, Corn<br>Pineapple, Strawberries<br>Chocolate Chip Cookie<br>Juice<br>Milk  | Mini Waffles<br>Egg Omelet<br>Tater Tots, Celery Sticks<br>Mandarin Oranges<br>Apples<br>Juice<br>Milk      | Chicken Nuggets<br>Macaroni & Cheese<br>Green Beans<br>Glazed Carrots<br>Pears, Grapes<br>Juice<br>Milk                                 | Cheese Bites<br>Marinara Sauce<br>Seasoned Broccoli<br>Garden Salads<br>Applesauce, Orange Slices<br>Juice<br>Milk    |
| Cheese Pizza<br>OR Pepperoni Pizza<br>Steamed Broccoli<br>Garden Salads<br>Pineapple, Strawberries<br>Juice<br>Milk  | Chili Spaghetti<br>Shredded Cheese, Onion<br>Oyster Crackers<br>Corn, Carrot Sticks<br>Mandarin Oranges, Apples<br>Juice<br>Milk  | Chicken Tenders<br>Dinner Roll<br>Mashed Potatoes & Gravy<br>Green Beans<br>Pears, Grapes<br>Juice<br>Milk  | Grilled Cheese Sandwich<br>Pickle Spears<br>Tomato Soup, Garden Salads<br>Oyster Crackers<br>Applesauce, Orange Slices<br>Juice<br>Milk |   |

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

## DECEMBER MENU

### 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.* [The December sign up link is here!](#)

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



# Monday Night BINGO

## December 15 Bingo & Jackpots

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

Triple Crown Derby: \$2,900  
Higher Up: \$400  
Hog Wild: \$400

## Bingo Canceled December 22 & December 29

## New Year's Day Bingo Doors open @ 11:00 am



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Must be 18 years or older to enter hall.

## 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@sthenrynk.com](mailto:lstjohn@sthenrynk.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.*

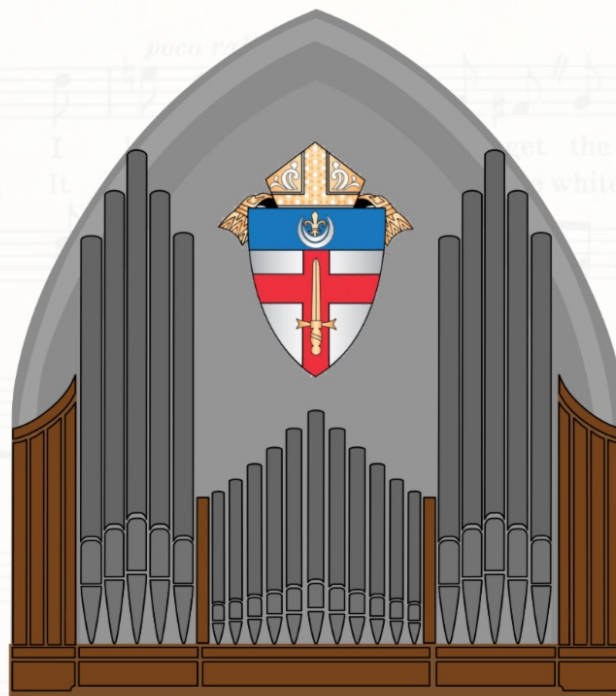
| Date                            | Location                  |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 01/07/2026 @ 9:00 AM & 6:00 PM  | Diocesan Curia, Covington |
| 01/27/20206 @ 9:00 AM & 6:00 PM | Diocesan Curia, Covington |
| 2/9/2026 @ 9:00 AM & 6:00 PM    | Docesan Curia, Covington  |

## DIOCESE OF COVINGTON NEWS



# DIOCESAN YOUTH CHOIRS

## ❧ DIOCESE OF COVINGTON ❧



For students in grades 4 and up  
*Weekly Rehearsal Day & Time TBD*

**Directors:**  
Sydney Allen,  
Matt Spencer

Scan here to  
fill out our  
preliminary  
interest form:



A Diocesan Youth Choir is being formed with a start date of late summer / early fall 2026. The vision is of a prestigious youth choir that represents all the parishes of the Diocese and provides sacred music for select liturgies in the Diocese of Covington “for the glory of God and the sanctification of the faithful.” The choir is open to students from any school in the Diocese. The Diocese is collecting information to finalize the rehearsal details and would appreciate your input! Please scan the QR code on the left to participate in a survey and to receive more information.

**Choir Survey**





COME AS **MANY**, LEAVE AS **ONE**

# CRU NEWS



## CRUSADER YOUTH LEAGUE

### JOIN US FOR FLAG FOOTBALL

- Season runs from April 8th - May 27th
- Wednesday Evenings, 4:30-9:30 PM
- Open to boys and girls, grades 1st-8th
- All games at St. Henry District High School Football Field
- Uniforms included in registration fee
- Food trucks at every game

**REGISTRATION ENDS 2/28**  
CLAIM A SPOT TODAY!



### JOIN US FOR TACKLE FOOTBALL

Interest forms are now open!



### JOIN US FOR CHEERLEADING

Interest forms are now open!

JOIN TODAY AT  
**CRUSADERYOUTHLEAGUE.COM**



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Please visit the links for more information and to sign up. If you have any questions, please let us know at [help@crusaderyouthleague.com](mailto:help@crusaderyouthleague.com)

- Spring Flag Football Registration (**Save \$20 by registering before 2/1/2026:** <https://www.crusaderyouthleague.com/flagfootball>)
- Middle School Tackle Football Interest Form (**voluntary strength & agility training starts the beginning of January 2026**): <https://www.crusaderyouthleague.com/tackle-football>
- Middle School Cheerleading Interest form: <https://www.crusaderyouthleague.com/cheerleading>

### APPLICATIONS CLASS OF 2030

[Click to apply now!](#)

At St. Henry District High School, we are committed to fostering a supportive learning environment where every student can thrive academically and personally. Your child can achieve their full potential with the proper preparation and guidance.

We look forward to welcoming you and your family to our Open House and helping your child succeed in their high school placement journey. If you have any inquiries or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Toni Lehan at [tlehan@shdhs.org](mailto:tlehan@shdhs.org).



**Advancement/ Enrollment Department**  
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National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence  
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859.525.0255

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## **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  
Erlanger, KY 41018  
859-371-3100  
[stbarbaraky.org](http://stbarbaraky.org)

**St. Henry**  
3813 Dixie Highway  
Elsmere, KY 41018  
859-727-2035  
[sthenrychurch.net](http://sthenrychurch.net)

**Cristo Rey**  
25 Cavalier Boulevard  
Florence, KY 41042  
859-538-1175  
[micristorey.com](http://micristorey.com)

**St. Henry Catholic School**  
*Kimberly Wagner, Principal*  
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