



# Crusader Connection

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Dear Parents,

I want to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas as we head into our break. I hope that you will have time to spend with your family over the break and that everyone will come back refreshed and ready to focus as we begin the second half of our school year! I also want to congratulate our 2nd graders on winning the tree decorating competition at the City Building! They received a pizza party as a prize.

Today is the end of our 2nd quarter. Grades will go home after we return from Christmas Break to give teachers time to finish up their last minute grading. We will also share quarter awards after break.

Are you thinking about football, flag football, or cheerleading with the Crusader Youth League? For every family that uses the code **STH026** when registering, CYL will donate \$10 to St. Henry Catholic School as a thank you. More details are below!

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! I would also like to encourage you to consider nominating someone for the Crusader Hall of Fame Award. This award is given out at the beginning of Catholic Schools Week to a person or persons who have gone out of their way to make an impact at St. Henry Church & School. You can find more information and print off the form [HERE](#).

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!

We will see you back in school on Monday, January 5th! Our next Crusader Connection will come out on Friday, January 2. Have a wonderful Christmas Break!

God Bless,

# 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 19:** End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter
- **December 22-January 2:** Christmas Break
- **December 25:** Merry Christmas!
- **January 1:** Happy New Year & Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)
- **January 1:** New Year's Day Bingo, 11:00 AM
- **January 5:** School resumes





### **Candy at Mass?**

At this morning's all school Mass, during his homily, Fr. Kevin asked A LOT of great liturgical and Christmas questions ... winners received CANDY! He did give all the kindergarten and first grade students candy, "because they're so adorable." The eighth graders all received some too ... just because. It was a great way to remember the true reason for the season and have some fun too. St. Henry, pray for us!



**O Christmas Tree!** Our second graders took part in the City of Elsmere Christmas Tree Decoration contest and won! Mrs. Osborne received a plaque from the city and the class was treated to a pizza lunch!



### **Great Golfing, Reese!**

On Monday, Mr. Demler, Athletic Director for St. Henry District High School, stopped by to present two awards to seventh grader, Reese Anthony: the Northern Kentucky Athletic Conference (NKAC) "Most Outstanding Player" award in golf for Division II girls and on being selected by the NKAC coaches for the All-Star Team! Congratulations, Reese! Thank you for your dedication to your sport and for representing SHCS! We are proud of you!



### **Heartfelt Thanks for a Successful Santa's Workshop**

Greetings,

I wanted to extend a huge thank you to all the volunteers, parents, and staff at St. Henry for making our Santa's Workshop a success this year. Your dedication and hard work truly made a difference.

A special shoutout goes to my mom, Theresa, who has been my tireless partner for the past five years. Her commitment has been invaluable. I also want to express my gratitude to Julie Houle and Amy Floyd. They have done a fantastic job this year and I am confident they will continue to elevate this special program in the years to come. They are indeed the perfect elves to carry the candy cane baton forward.

Thank you once again for your support and enthusiasm. Hoping you all have a wonderful holiday season with your family and friends!

Merry Christmas,



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)

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A watercolor-style illustration of a nativity scene. Mary is on the left in a blue robe, Joseph is on the right in a white robe holding a staff, and the infant Jesus lies in a manger. The scene is set within a wooden stable against a dark blue night sky with stars.

*Joy to the World*

## Christmas Masses

ST. HENRY CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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.

## 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@sthenrynyky.com](mailto:cafeteria@sthenrynyky.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@sthenrynyky.com](mailto:bingo@sthenrynyky.com) or call the school office, 859-342-2551.

Many thanks to all the volunteers who work bingo so tirelessly each week for the benefit of St. Henry Catholic School. Year over year operating results for the five months ended November 30, 2025, versus November 30, 2024, are summarized below:

	7/1/2025-11/30/2025	7/1/2024-11/30/2024
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# Sessions Held	21	22
Gross Proceeds	\$134,259	\$135,267
Cost of Games	(42,233)	(42,915)
Licensing & Other Costs	(8,561)	(8,153)
<b>Net Profit</b>	<b>\$83,465</b>	<b>\$84,199</b>



- Doors open @ 11 am
- Games begin @ 1 pm
- Free Jitney w/purchase of at least 1 other jitney sheet
- Games include Higher Up, Triple Crown Derby, Hog Wild, Lucky Loser, Big Hoss, Bingo Shark

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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://www.virtus.org) > drop down to select Covington, KY (Diocese) > select a session to attend and register.

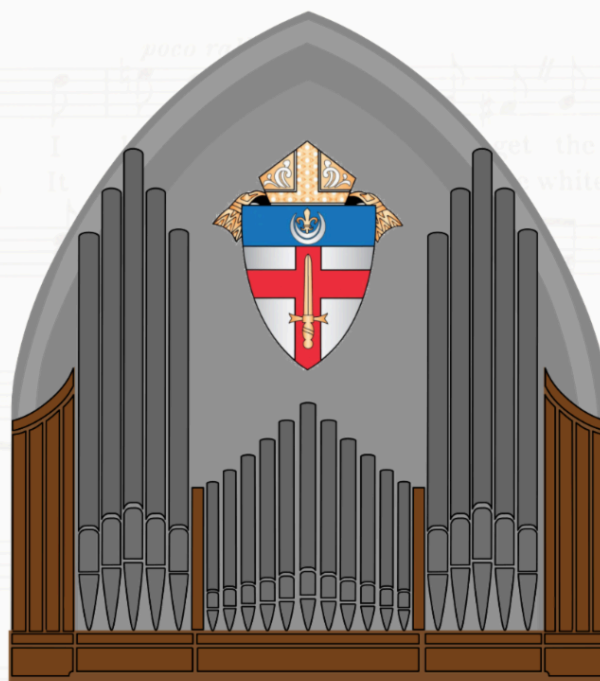
If you have questions or need additional information, reach out to our VIRTUS coordinator, Leah St. John, [lstjohn@sthenrynky.com](mailto:lstjohn@sthenrynky.com) or call 859-342-2551.

*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
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



**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). **For every family that uses the code ST026 when registering, CYL will donate \$10 to St. Henry Catholic School as a thank you.**

- 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>

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## APPLICATIONS CLASS OF 2030

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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

St. Henry District High School  
3755 Scheben Drive Erlanger, KY 41018  
National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence  
[advancement@shdhs.org](mailto:advancement@shdhs.org)  
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  
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Kimberly Wagner, Principal  
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