



Crusader Connection

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Dear Parents,

Thank you to everyone who came to our Christmas Program on Wednesday! Our 1st-5th grade students did a wonderful job performing and it was a great reminder of the true meaning of Christmas. In addition to the Christmas Program our K-4 students were able to go see "The Santa Claus" at the Taft Theater. Our teachers and students are working on decorating their classroom doors for the door decorating contest that Student Council is putting on, and the building is full of Christmas cheer!

This year one of the things that our Olympic Teams have going on is that each team has an "honorary olympian" on their team that lives at the Baptist Village. At their last Olympic Team meeting the students made "Christmas in a Box" for their honorary olympian. Our Olympic Team captains went to the Baptist Village on Thursday to deliver these boxes and many of them were able to meet their honorary olympian. It was a great opportunity for them to connect and to see how much these small acts mean to the residents. Thank you to Mrs. Litzler and Mrs. Pollard who coordinate our Olympic Teams for making this wonderful project happen!

Next week is our last week before Christmas Break. On Tuesday, students will be able to wear Christmas shirts with their uniform bottoms. Student Council is running their canned food drive all of next week. See below for more details. We will also have Santa's Workshop on Thursday and Friday and our Christmas parties on Friday. It is going to be a busy week, but we are looking forward to sharing in the Christmas spirit with our school community!

I hope you have a wonderful weekend!

God Bless,

Kimberly Wagner, Principal



DECEMBER

Generosity

To give freely to others
without expecting
anything in return.



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!

After Care Sign Up

CruNews



Celebrating the Season

Our first through fifth graders brought the holiday spirit to our Together Old and Young (TOY) members, as well as parents and grandparents. Thanks to Ryann Scott and our

students for working so hard on their performances.

Student Council's recent Christmas Movie Toy Drive was a huge success! All the generous donations from our students and families allowed us to collect 90 toys that will be donated to Frederick Douglass Elementary School in Cincinnati. This event is a wonderful example of how grade schools can work together to spread joy and kindness during our virtue month of generosity. These toys will help bring smiles to children in need this holiday season, and show that even small acts of kindness can make a big difference in our community. Thank you to everyone who contributed and made this drive such a success!

The Student Council is excited to announce our upcoming Canned Food Drive, taking place from December 16th to 20th! As we wrap up our monthly virtue of generosity, this is a perfect opportunity for students to give back to those in need. If a student brings in two canned food items, they will earn an out-of-uniform day on Thursday, December 19th. By coming together in the spirit of giving, we can make a meaningful impact on our community this holiday season. We look forward to seeing your generous donations!



VIRTUE ROCKSTARS! FOR GENEROSITY

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|-----------------|--------------------|
| Oliver Scherrer | Kyle Feldmann |
| Seren Anthony | Wyatt Bramlage |
| Matteo Merida | Layla Brady |
| Alex Floyd | Sam Neuhaus |
| Lily Vaniglia | Landon Addison |
| Claire Washnock | Braxton Van Treeck |
| Gabriel Hensley | Charlie Andrews |
| Sophia Prysi | Reed Stringer |
| Penny Schatzman | |





**Tuesday,
December 17**

CHRISTMAS SHIRTS
WITH UNIFORM BOTTOMS
MAY BE WORN

Santa's Workshop coming next week!!!

Thursday December 19th/Friday December 20th

Workshop packets are coming home this week in student's take home folders. These should help you plan out their shopping trips next week!!! There are many items to choose from, please spend some time with your children this weekend to prepare them for shopping success.

Extra Shopping forms are available in the school office now and down in the Workshop during the event.

The elves are still looking for Gift Wrap / Bag / Tag donations and can accept anytime. Please drop off in school office or main lobby.

Thank you to all of the Parents, High School Students and Parishioners that have volunteered so far!

We are still looking for Elves so if you have even an hour on Thursday or Friday and are Virtus certified, please consider signing up below.

Any Questions or Comments, please contact:

Tracy Patrick (513) 923-0532 gradyjamesmom@yahoo.com

Volunteer @ Santa's Workshop

BINGO

Thank you to all of our parents/grandparents/parishioners/SHCS friends that volunteer with our bingo.

We have several regular monthly positions that need to be filled. Volunteers for these positions are exempt from the pull-tab requirements. Training is provided for all positions. A coveted Bingo Cru t-shirt is provided, as is free dinner, drinks, and fun!

Bingo Paper Sales

This is a seated or standing position and requires the volunteer to review customer's orders, ring them up using a laptop, collect money/provide change, and give out bingo paper (some bending/stretching is involved). Great position for those who don't want to walk or stay late. Shifts are available the **third week of the month**, 5:00-7:00 PM and 5:15-7:30 PM.

Bingo Caller

A **second week caller** is needed from 6:30-10:00 PM. This person should have a commanding voice, be able to take charge of the bingo hall, and not be afraid of the microphone. Caller calls bingo balls and keeps the games running smoothly.

For more information, contact Ryan Bihl, watermobihl@yahoo.com, Jamie Powers, jamielpowers00@gmail.com, or call the school office, 859-342-2551.

Bingo News



We will not have bingo on Monday, December 23, or December 30.

From all of us at the St. Henry Catholic School Bingo, Merry Christmas and we thank you for your support!



Join us on Wednesday, January 1, and kick off the 2025 with bingo fun!

- Doors open @ 11:00 AM
- Bingo @ 1:00 PM
- Triple Crown Derby, The Fort, Hog Wild, Lucky Loser drawing, Big Hoss, Bingo Shark
- Free dauber game and free jitney with the purchase of a door package.



Must be 18 years or older to enter hall.

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Pop Tab War!

PTO & ST. HENRY SCHOOL ARE
PARTNERING WITH THE RONALD
MCDONALD HOUSE TO COLLECT
POP TABS, WHICH HELP FUND
PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT SICK OR
INJURED CHILDREN.

BRING IN POP TABS NOW
THROUGH APRIL 4TH

**The grade with the most pop tabs will receive either
an out of uniform day or extra recess**



Staff Spotlight



Carol Pollard
Social Studies



Getting to Know You

- Carol grew up in Texas and Ohio; she is married and has three sons, David, Kevin & Andy
- She has a love for history and teaching. She loves students and how excited they are to be together.
- Carol's hobbies include reading, walking, and play board/card games.
- Best piece of advice? Don't sweat the small things.
- If she could invite three guests to dinner, dead or alive, they would be Laura Ingalls Wilder, St. John Paul II, and Queen Elizabeth 1 of England

LIVING
Sainthood Virtue

SUPPORT YOUR CRUSADERS

EAT PIZZA RAISE DOUGH

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17
4:00 - 9:00

CRESTVIEW HILLS

2949 DIXIE HWY
859.341.2555

Mention this Giveback Night when dining in or ordering carryout and up to 20% of sales will be donated to St. Henry Elementary School. Online orders must mention "GBN" in the Order notes.



Valid only on 12.17.24 at Dewey's Pizza Crestview Hills for dine in, carryout and online ordering at deweypizza.com. Must mention "GBN" at checkout in Order notes. Not valid with DoorDash delivery.



It's easy to support your Crusaders!



Every time you or your family and friends shop at Kroger, we earn rewards! Scan the QR code to sign up or log into your account to select St. Henry (school code TL347). The Kroger Community Rewards program does not interfere with your fuel points!



NEWSWORTHY



Elks Hoop Shoot

SATURDAY DECEMBER 14

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Collins Elementary

9000 Spuce Drive

Florence, Ky 41042

(Use Side Entrance)

For Boys and Girls Ages 8-13

**** Each Contestant Attempts 25 Free Throws ****

DOORS OPEN AT 9:30 AM

8/9 Division 10:00 Am

10/11 Division - 15 mins after 8/9 completion

12/13 Division - 15 mins after 10/11 completion

Check in 30 minutes before competition start time

AWARDS FOR 1ST & 2ND PLACE

**1ST PLACE WINNERS WILL ADVANCE TO DISTRICT HOOP SHOOT FINALS
HELD ON JANUARY 12, 2025 @ 1:00 PM IN CYNTHIANA, KY.**

The ELKS HOOP SHOOT, funded by the Elks National Foundation, is a Free Throw Contest for students 8-13. Contestants age-groups are determined by their age as of April 1st, 2025. Boys and Girls will compete at the same time, but in their own groups.

For more information, contact Tony Mason, Florence Elks Hoop Shoot Chair at 859-816-5430 or at florence.elks.hoopshoot@gmail.com or elks.org/hoopshoot



ARE YOU READY FOR A CHALLENGE?

JOIN THE
**N.KY
YOUNG
MARINES**
RECRUIT TRAINING
BEGINS SOON



JOIN US FOR AN INFORMATIONAL SESSION

SATURDAY 11 JANUARY AT 1:30PM

MARSHALL SCHILDMAYER VFW POST 6095
343 E 47TH STREET, LATONIA KY 41015



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WHERE GOOD KIDS BECOME GREAT LEADERS.



ADVENT

 **ST. HENRY CATHOLIC CHURCH**

The Third Sunday of Advent

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY

*The traditional blessing of the Baby
Jesus figurines will take place at all
Masses the weekend of December 14/15.*



At the 9:30 Mass on Sunday, children will be called forward for a special blessing; dress them in their Christmas best!
Coffee, juice & sweets will be served in Wehage Hall after Mass!



Bambinelli Blessing

AND CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 5:30–7 P.M.

ST. MARY'S PARK, CATHEDRAL SQUARE

**BRING THE BABY JESUS FROM YOUR NATIVITY
FOR A BLESSING FROM BISHOP IFFERT.**

**COME TOGETHER FOR AN EVENING OF
CELEBRATION, ADVENT AND HEART.**

**COOKIES, SANDWICHES
AND HOT CHOCOLATE PROVIDED.**

**LIVE MUSIC BY
THE ST. CECILIA CHILDREN'S CHOIR
THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ADULT CHOIR
AND THE ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR**





Church Decorating

Church Decorating for Christmas will take place on Sunday, December 22, at 3:30 PM. A lot of help is needed, as this is when the Christmas trees will be placed, as well as the Nativity pieces. On Monday, December 23, help is needed when the poinsettias arrive at 10:00 AM. What a way to help your parish while meeting other parishioners and families. Students that need service hours are also encouraged to help out. Call the parish office, 859-727-2035.

DIOCESE OF COVINGTON



JUBILEE 2025



Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has announced that 2025 will be a Jubilee Year, something which happens every 25 years. This Jubilee Year themed “Pilgrims of Hope” is a time to re-establish a proper relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation.

OPENING MASS OF THE JUBILEE YEAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29 • 2:00PM • CATHEDRAL BASILICA

Mass will begin with a procession from St. Mary’s Park (across the street).

DIOCESAN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Join the Diocese of Covington for a year filled with hope! Throughout the Jubilee Year, the Diocese will offer opportunities for pilgrimage: locally, regionally, or internationally. You can also participate in spiritual and corporal works of mercy through our ongoing “Campaign of Mercy.” Discover your Jubilee path by visiting our website: www.covdio.org/jubilee or by scanning the QR code.



**SCAN FOR
MORE INFO**
on the Jubilee, Pilgrimages
and our Diocesan Celebrations

WHAT IS A JUBILEE?

In the Catholic Church, the concept of Jubilee or ‘Holy Year’ was used to declare special years for forgiveness and reconciliation. Pope Boniface VIII declared the first Jubilee on February 22, 1300.

In ancient Judaism, the Jubilee Year was when Mosaic law prescribed that slaves could regain their freedom, and that land, (of which God is the sole master), should be returned to its former owners.

WHY MAKE A PILGRIMAGE?

A pilgrimage is a journey with a purpose. It is an experience of conversion, of transforming one’s very being to conform to the holiness of God. A pilgrimage during the Jubilee Year 2025 offers a unique opportunity for us to deepen our Faith, experience God’s grace, and embrace the theme of “Pilgrims of Hope.”

To explore opportunities for pilgrimage locally, regionally, or internationally, visit covdio.org/jubilee or scan the QR code above.

WHAT IS THE JUBILEE LOGO?

The logo shows four stylized figures, representing all of humanity, coming from the four corners of the earth, uniting all peoples. The figure at the front is holding onto the cross. It is a sign of faith and hope. There are rough waves under the figures, symbolizing life’s pilgrimage does not always go smoothly. The anchor is well known as a symbol of hope. The cross bends down towards humanity, stretching out to them to offer the certainty of its presence and the security of hope.

ST. HENRY DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

NOW
**ACCEPTING
APPLICATIONS**

FOR THE 2025-2026
SCHOOL YEAR



ST. HENRY
DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL
CRUSADERS

APPLY AT: **SHDHS.ORG**

Applications Are Open for 25-26– Apply Now.

We are excited to announce that the 2025-2026 school year applications are now open. Due to the high level of interest, we anticipate a waitlist this year. We encourage you to apply as soon as possible to secure your place.

Shadow Days

Prospective students are invited to experience a day in the life of a Crusader! Shadow Days provides a firsthand look at our classes, teachers, and vibrant school community.

If you have any questions or need assistance with the application process, please don't hesitate to contact Toni Lehan at tlehan@shdhs.org.

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YOUTH FLAG FOOTBALL



Get ready for an exciting introduction to the world of football!

Our Youth Flag Football program is open to players from 1st through 8th grade in the 2024/25 school year. Grades 1-6 will be 5 vs. 5 and the 7th & 8th grade will be 7 vs. 7.

Through fun and engaging activities, you'll learn the fundamentals of the game while developing essential skills like passing, catching, and teamwork. With a focus on sportsmanship and fair play, this program provides a dynamic platform for personal growth and athletic development.

All experience levels are welcome to join the fun.

Scan the QR code on the right to register for the upcoming Spring 2025 season.



CHEERLEADING

Join our spirited Crusader Youth League Cheer squad and showcase your skills at our exciting games and events!

This program is open to 6th, 7th, and 8th graders in the 2025/26 school year.

Whether you're a seasoned cheerleader or brand new to the sport, we welcome athletes of all experience levels to come out and be a part of our dynamic team.



Scan the QR code on the left to pre-register for the upcoming Fall 2025 season.



TACKLE FOOTBALL



Our Tackle Football program is open to 6th, 7th, and 8th graders in the 2025/26 school year.

You'll have the chance to lead your team to victory with all-new top-of-the-line equipment and coaching staff led by RJ Riegler

Whether you're a seasoned player or brand new to the sport, all experience levels are welcome to join the fun.

Scan the QR code on the left to pre-register for your spot on the team for the upcoming Fall 2025 season



It's hard to think about Spring Flag football with snow in the forecast....But spring flag registration is open as well as interest forms for 2025 Fall Middle School Tackle and Cheerleading. Visit: <https://www.crusaderyouthleague.com/> for information and signups.

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 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 |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1/14/2025 @ 9:00 AM & 6:00 PM | Diocesan Curia, Covington |
| 1/15/2025 @ 6:00 PM | Bishop Brossart HS, Alexandria |
| 1/30/2025 @ 9:00 AM & 6:00 PM | Diocesan Curia, Covington |
| 2/13/2025 @ 9:00 AM & 6:00 PM | Diocesan Curia, Covington |
| 2/26/2025 @ 9:00 AM & 6:00 PM | Diocesan Curia, Covington |
| 3/11/2025 @ 9:00 AM & 6:00 PM | Diocesan Curia, Covington |
| 3/26/2025 @ 9:00 AM & 6:00 PM | Diocesan Curia, Covington |

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **December 14:** High School Placement Tests, 9:00 AM @ school of choice
 - **December 17:** Christmas shirts w/uniform bottoms
 - **December 17:** Dine to Donate: Dewey's, 2949 Dixie Highway, 4:00-9:00 PM
 - **December 19-20:** Santa's Workshop
 - **December 23-January 1:** Christmas Break
 - **January 2:** School Resumes
 - **January 7:** Dine to Donate: Erlanger Skyline all day long
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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

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St. Henry

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