



St. Henry Parish Directory

2018

Thanks for taking time to learn more about St. Henry Parish. These pages contain information about many things—the time of Masses, descriptions of ministries which may help you or which you may want to become involved with, details about the sacramental life of the parish, and the 2017-2018 financial report.

Our hope is that this information will help you to feel a little more comfortable if you are moving into the parish, or if you have been here for a while, a little new information and perhaps a challenge to serve the Lord Jesus in a new way.

Our parish is clustered with four neighboring churches (St. Aloysius, St. Bernard, St. Francis and St. Wendelin) and has been named St. Henry Cluster. We are sharing pastors with these neighboring parishes. You may go to any of these parishes for Mass. You may use your parish envelope at any of the churches and it will be returned to this parish.

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Mission Statement

The St. Henry Parish Community is one big family, having the same Catholic faith, who share in ministry to help one another grow in our faith and to pass it on to future generations and to invite others to receive God's gift of salvation

Pastoral Council

Doug Speck – President
Don Bruggeman
Kim Zimmerman
Janet Bills – Secretary
Tricia Wendel
Rick Osterholt
Brian Hemmelgarn
Wendi Moorman
Deb Kremer
Julie Uhlenhake
Shaun Everman
Steve Knapke

For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

Mass Schedules

Weekend Mass Schedule: Saturday afternoon 4:30 p.m.; Sunday morning 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Weekday Mass time: 7:15 a.m. Thursday.

Holy Day Mass time: 5:30 p.m. on the Eve of Holy day & 7:00 a.m. on the Holy day.

Times of Other Religious Devotions:

Confessions: Weekdays after the 7:15 a.m. Mass.

Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

Thursday before First Friday at 3:00 p.m.

A Communal Penance Service is held during the seasons of Advent & Lent.

Rosary: Before morning Masses on Sundays and Thursday starting approximately 30 minutes before Mass time.

Eucharistic Adoration with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Every Thursday morning from 8:00am-11:00 pm. If there is a funeral Mass on Thursday at St. Henry there will be no Exposition all day. On those days you are welcome to come and pray before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle.

Information about other Sacraments in our Parish

Baptism: Please contact the Parish Office to schedule. Parents must attend a Baptism Preparation Class. Baptism classes are held every 3 months. (March, June, September, December). St. Henry has baptisms on the 2nd Sunday of each month during the 11:00 a.m. Mass and 3rd Sunday of each month at 1:00 p.m.

First Communion: This year our second grade children will receive their first communion. The date of this mass is May 5, 2019 at 11 a.m.

Confirmation: Usually held in February or March, depending on the Bishop's schedule. This alternates between St. Henry Parish and St. Bernard Parish. This school year it will be February 23, 2019, at St. Bernard at 4:30 pm.

Anointing Service: Will be held in the fall at St. Henry Church and St. Francis and during the spring at St. Bernard and St. Aloysius.

Marriage: Contact priest at least 6 months in advance.



St. Henry Parish has many active Commissions and Ministries which parishioners are invited to join. Once a year on Stewardship Sunday we have our annual “Call to Ministry” signup weekend. Listed below are brief explanations of the Commissions and Ministries that are active in our parish.

Parish Commissions:

Pastoral Council: The Pastoral Council assists the pastor in the overall planning for the parish. It has the task of advising the pastor on important matters of pastoral activity. The term is for 3 years. The current Chairperson is Doug Speck (419) 678-8060.

Finance Commission: The finance commission assists the pastor in temporal affairs. Members are knowledgeable about financial matters; offer constructive advice about money distribution & use; and prepare the annual parish budget to present to the Pastoral Council. They normally meet 3 or 4 times a year or as needed. Meetings are held in the Cluster office building. The current chairperson is Patrick Ontrop (419)-678-4222.

Building & Grounds Commission: The purpose is to see to the physical maintenance of the church properties. Members are knowledgeable about construction and maintenance and able to advise as to who can make the needed repairs or construction. Meetings are held 3 or 4 times a year or as needed in the Cluster office building. The current chairperson is Trent Buschur (419) 678-3519.

Mission Commission: The goal of the mission commission is to promote awareness of the needs of our sister parish in Haiti, and other missions we support with our monthly tithing program. Their fundraisers include a monthly Mission Club Drawing and flower sales on Easter Sunday. Meetings are held 4 or 5 times a year in the Cluster office building. Mike Bruggeman (419-678-8529) is the current chairperson.

Worship Commission: The purpose of the worship commission is to improve the quality of our worship. Faith grows when it is well expressed in celebration. Good celebrations foster and nourish faith. Poor celebrations may weaken and destroy it. Members are asked to become knowledgeable about the liturgy and help plan quality worship. The current chairperson is Sandy Beyke (419) 852-8701.

Cemetery Board: The purpose of the cemetery board is to honor the religious & charitable lives of the Catholic Faithful. Vic Post is the chairperson and the Board of Directors is comprised of not less than five members and not more than eight members. Meetings are held quarterly on the fourth Thursday of the months of January, April, July & October in the Cluster office building at 7:30 p.m.

Education Commission: The purpose of the education commission is to oversee the Religious Education program and finances. The Commission includes one or two representatives from each of the parishes in the St. Henry cluster, the pastor of the cluster, two Pastoral Council representatives from St. Henry Parish, and the coordinator of the Religious Education Center. Janet Bills and Deb Kremer are the representatives for St. Henry

Various Parish Ministries:

Angel Room Ministry: Provides baby-sitting for pre-school children during the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. Middle school students, high school students and adults volunteer their services. This is coordinated by the parish office.

Art & Environment Committee: Coordinates and manages the decorating of the church and sanctuary throughout the year. The coordinator is Marjorie Good, 419-678-3420 and members of her MOM's Group.

Baptism Preparation Classes: Held every three months, March, June, September and December. The one evening class educates expectant parents on the sacrament of Baptism. The coordinator is Mary Ann Hemmelgarn, 419-678-3820.

Bereavement Ministry: This ministry offers to assist the family of parishioners who die. They offer support at the time of the funeral and for the first year after the death. The coordinator is Pat Stachler, 419-678-3774.

Children's Liturgies: Children's liturgy is held on most Sundays of the month from October thru the 2nd Sunday of May at the 11:00 a.m. Masses. Three grades, K-1-2 or 3-4-5, are invited down to the church basement for a special scripture and sermon lead by adults of the parish. The coordinator is Amy Buschur 419-678-0173.

CYO Basketball: This is an opportunity for the high school age men and women to play basketball in a league comprised of teams from other local parishes. Students must be enrolled and attending religion class to participate. The coordinator is Shawn Thieman, 419-678-2281.

Grounds Upkeep & Flower Beds: This committee is responsible for the landscaping around the church, rectory, Religious Ed. Center and cemetery. This is coordinated by members of the parish.

Homebound Ministry: This committee regularly visits parishioners who have lengthy illnesses or are homebound. The coordinator is Jane Kleinhenz, 419-678-3443.

Hospital Visitation: This committee regularly visits parishioners who are patients at Mercer Health Hospital, Coldwater. The coordinator is Mary Lou Guilbault, 419-678-4243.

Living Waters Prayer Group: This prayer group meets at 8:00 p.m. in the church basement on Monday evenings to share the Word and song. The coordinator is Deacon Jerry Buschur, 419-678-1432.

Marriage Preparation Team—FOCCUS:

This is a group of individuals and couples from the St. Henry Cluster who are trained to work with engaged couples. Volunteers will do initial interviews with the engaged couples. Married couples will conduct and discuss the results of a FOCCUS interview with the engaged couples and volunteers will assist with the Wedding Rehearsal. This is coordinated by the Cluster Office.

Priest Assistant: Ministry designed to assist the priest before, during and after mass.

Ministry of Praise: This ministry is designed for people who are homebound or have difficulty leaving their home. They each receive a blessing cup which serves as a reminder to them as they pray for special intentions each month. The coordinator is Mary Buzard, 419-678-8550.

Nursing Home—Services at “The Gardens”: Lay Presiders and leaders of prayer offer Rosary & Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion at “The Gardens” on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons at 2:00 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday Mornings at 9:30 a.m. Every Thursday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. Mass is held. The coordinator is Deb Knapke, 419-678-4769.

Pre-School CCD: This meets 8 weeks in the fall and 8 weeks during Lent. Children ages 4 –5 are invited to attend classes in the Religious Ed. Center during the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. The coordinator is Kristy Schulze, 419-678-8616.

RCIA: This program is for people who are interested in joining the Catholic Church or just would like to learn more about the Catholic faith. Classes begin in October and conclude at Easter. The coordinator is Fr. Jim Smith 419-678-4118.

Sacristans: This is a group of ladies and men who prior to Mass organize and prepare in the sacristy all that is needed for the priest to say Mass. The coordinator is Carmen Beyke, 419-678-0172.

St. Henry Parish Prayer Chain: This ministry is comprised of parishioners who have volunteered to pray for specific prayer requests that are received. The coordinator is Julie Werling, 419-678-4423.

Vacation Bible School: This is held for four days in the summer, usually the month of July. Children in Grades K thru 3rd are invited to attend. It is run by numerous volunteers and a new coordinator is needed.

Wedding Rehearsal: This ministry is comprised of couples or individuals in the parish who have been trained to conduct wedding rehearsals prior to weddings. Contact the Cluster office if interested in being part of this ministry.

Welcome Committee: This ministry will visit people who have registered as new members of our parish and also help the Cluster office in identifying people or families who have moved into our community that we can welcome as well as making all feel welcomes at our services. The current chairperson is Bill Prenger (419) 852-0536.

New Ministry we hope to institute if we have enough volunteers:

Hispanic Ministry: This ministry would be an outreach to the Hispanics in our parish. It will be developed as the needs arise.



Liturgical Ministries:

St. Henry Parish is blessed with many active Liturgical Ministers—Greeters, Ushers, Servers, Lectors, Rosary Leaders, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at Mass and to the shut-ins, and Children Liturgists. Families volunteer to bring the Offertory Gifts up at the weekend Masses. A training session is required for new Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. 7th and 12th grade students have the opportunity to volunteer as Weekday Lectors for the 7:15 a.m. Mass on Thursday (they also go through a training process). Students in the 6th & 7th grade may volunteer to be Weekday Mass Servers and students in the 8th thru the 12th grade may volunteer to serve at Weekend Masses. Adult men and women may volunteer to serve at funerals, The Gardens, and other special services.

Our Music Ministry provides a variety of opportunities for parishioners to use their musical talents. We have a Youth Choir directed by Candy Hemmelgarn for 4th thru 8th grade students. The Youth Choir sings for mass at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter. The Cluster Youth Ensemble is for grades 8-12 and is open to anyone in the cluster. These students participate at either the 4:30 mass on Saturday or the 11:00 mass on Sunday. This ensemble includes vocalists and instrumentalists and is directed by Karen Heath. Karen Heath also directs our Funeral Choir which is open to all parishioners. Rose Lefeld directs our Adult Choir which is also open to anyone who enjoys singing. The Adult Choir sings at the 9:00 a.m. Mass September thru May and has rehearsals on Wednesday evenings during those months. Roger DeMange directs our Folk Group which is comprised of high school students and adults who enjoy singing and/or can play instruments that are used by the group. They provide music twice a month at the 11:00 a.m. Mass throughout the year. Another opportunity for vocalists, is to volunteer to be a cantor or song leader. Cantors are scheduled to sing at mass when the groups listed above are not scheduled. Contact any of the above mentioned musicians if interested.

“The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and I am helped. My heart leaps for joy and I will give thanks to him in song.” (Psalm 28:7)

Religious Education:

Our Religious Education Center was founded in 1964. Five parishes, St. Aloysius, St. Bernard, St. Francis, St. Henry and St. Wendelin use the Center for their religious education program. The building, however, is owned and maintained by St. Henry Parish. Our current director is Catherine Wenning.

We are blessed with a released time program with St. Henry School. This means that parents can elect to have their children attend religion classes during their study periods. Kindergarten students attend class once a week for 45 minutes classes. Children in Grades 1-4 once a week for one hour; Grades 5-8 twice a week for 45 minute classes and students in Grades 9-12 attend once a week for 45 minute classes. We also have a one hour class on Wednesday evening for Grades 11-12 students who are unable to attend during the school day.

Parents are billed for a portion of the actual cost of tuition. The parish picks up the difference.

Religious Organizations in the Parish:

The Altar Rosary Sodality is open to all Catholic women of the parish. Their purpose is to aid and support the church by way of purchasing items that are needed and also to provide helping hands when needed in the Parish. They also prepare the funeral dinner for families at the time of a funeral and are in charge of basement rentals. Meetings are held three times a year, January, April and October. Contact Amy Osterholt for more information (419-678-8677). Jean Siefring (419-852-9200) is the contact person for basement rentals.

Other Religious Organizations in the Community:

Daughters of Isabella: This organization works toward the canonization of Queen Isabella. Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Dues are \$7 a year. Fundraisers include the Cake Stand at the Community Picnic. For more information call Marge Stachler (419-678-4505).

Knights of Columbus: This is a Catholic fraternal organization for males 18 years or older. They are involved in the "Measure Up" campaign which aids the handicapped; Halloween, Christmas and Easter programs for the youth of our Parish. Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of the month at 8:00 p.m. at the K of C Hall. Contact Matt Lammers at (740) 815-8190 for more information.

Youth Ministry:

Family & youth ministry opportunities for the cluster are held throughout the year. Youth ministry evenings, Friday morning prayer/adoration services, Senior Citizen dance, retreats, camps, conferences, etc., are some of the many offerings. Please visit our cluster's website, <http://www.sthenrycluster.com/youth-ministry/> or "join" the Facebook group "St. Henry Cluster Youth Ministry" for the latest news. The more coming together to share the faith with each other, the more we share the faith with the world! All are welcome! The Director of Youth Ministry is John Schmiesing.



St. Henry Parish Statistics

July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018

Currently, there are 969 families that belong to our parish.

Baptisms (49)

“For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.”

Corinthians 12:13

Levi Michael Huelsman, son of Bryce and Renee Huelsman
Ava Josephine Buschur, daughter of Bruce and Amy Buschur
Andrew Thomas Wenning, son of Justin and Jessica Wenning
Connor Patrick Kremer, son of A.J. and Maggie Kremer
Copper John Kremer, son of A.J. and Maggie Kremer
Jolie Rose Knapke, daughter of Mitch and Leah Knapke
Evan Frederick Wourms, son of Jim and Angie Wourms
Livvy Esther Wourms, son of Jim and Angie Wourms
Arlo Art Miller, son of Benjamin and Jennifer Miller
Michael Joseph Schulze, son of Mitchell and Hannah Schulze
Hudson Gabriel Broering, son of Justin and Laurie Broering
Bernadette Ann Pepple, daughter of Eric and Emily Pepple
Quinn Neveah Wacker, daughter of Lance and Kayla Wacker
Kian William Schwieterman, son of Randall and Lindsay Schwieterman
Amelia Mae Hart, daughter of Patrick and Erin Hart
Hannah Renee Bruggeman, daughter of Todd and Nicole Bruggeman
Claire Marie Wehrley, daughter of Darby and Monica Wehrley
Grace Elizabeth Wehrley, daughter of Darby and Monica Wehrley
Oliver Anthony Langenkamp, son of Ryan and Tabitha Langenkamp
Elliot John Hess, son of Corey and Gail Hess
Noah Jeffrey Core, son of Blaise and Megan Core
Elle Sue Schwieterman, daughter of Tyler and Miranda Schwieterman
Sawyer Elizabeth Stahl, daughter of Nathaniel and Stephanie Stahl
Bennett Andrew Stachler, son of Craig and Carrie Stachler
Jalyn Jo Thobe, daughter of Jared and Jacqi Thobe
Noah Andrew Dues, son of Andrew and Lindsay Dues
Drake Robert Hoying, son of Michael and Lindsay Hoying
Ainsley Jo Balster, daughter of Andrew and Julia Balster

Mark Terrence Nieport, son of Kevin and Sharon Nieport
Samuel William Burrows, son of Timothy and Brenda Burrows
Collin Bradley Feltz, son of Brad and Stacy Feltz
Wes Robert Borgerding, son of Trent and Kristy Borgerding
Drew Douglas Bruns, son of Doug and Lindsay Bruns
Evelyn Rose Woeste, son of Jay and Jessica Woeste
Elijah John Knouff, son of Joshua and Shannon Knouff
Mara Jade Bruggeman, daughter of Matt and Jackie Bruggeman
Marcus Ryan Bollenbacher, son of Ryan and Sarah Bollenbacher
Micah John Bollenbacher, son of Ryan and Sarah Bollenbacher
Reese Mae Bruggeman, daughter of Kyle Bruggeman and Robin Buschur
Theodore Bruce Miller, son of Zachary and Kirstie Miller
Harvey Michael Langenkamp, son of Michael and Emily Langenkamp
Hayla Michelle Post, son of Tyler and Morgan Post
Miranda Jo Thobe, daughter of Mark and Tianna Thobe
Parker David Jones, son of Austin and Kendra Jones
Ella Louise Fullenkamp, daughter of Alex and Peyton Fullenkamp
Quinn Allyson Mikesell, daughter of Andrew and Kelcie Mikesell
Noah Jerome Schwieterman, son of Lee and Brittany Schwieterman
Mya Jean Werling, daughter of Joshua and Kelly Werling
Finley Elizabeth Lefeld, daughter of Ryan and Diana Lefeld

Marriages (15)

"Be completely humble and gentle; Be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace."- Ephesians 4:2-3

Greg Riemesch / Kelly Rose, July 15, 2017
Jason Unrast / Rachel Lefeld, July 22, 2007
Joe Wilker/ Betsy Bohman, September 2, 2017
Nathan Bruns/ Jessica Schneider, October 14, 2017
Trent Schmit/ Jamie Goettemoeller, October 21, 2017
Taylor Uhlenhake/ Jessica Schwieterman, October 28, 2017
Matthew Prapp / Jerrica Brunswick, November 11, 2017
Tyler Bruns/ McKenzie Kessen, December 9, 2017
Steven Luttmer/ Rachel Schmitz, December 16, 2017
Matt Tobe/ Michelle Lange, February 10, 2018
Dominic Leugers / Brianna Buschur, March 3, 2018
Jeff Myers/ Shiann Jackson, March 10, 2018
Adam Gelhaus/ Hannah Koch, April 14, 2018
Joseph Fridrich/ Jennifer Rindler, May 19, 2018
Craig Knapke/ Ashley Heitkamp, June 23, 2018

Deaths (24)

*“The Lord is close to the broken-hearted. He rescues the crushed in spirit.
[Psalm 34:18]*

Cyril Evers, July 26, 2017 (90)

Larry Heitkamp, August 3, 2017 (72)

Margaret Laux, August 27, 2017 (76)

Charles Wenning, August 30, 2017 (65)

William Gels, September 7, 2017 (75)

Betty Heuing, September 9, 2017 (95)

Joan “Annie” Kemper, September 17, 2017 (83)

Richard Braun, September 29, 2017 (73)

Mary Catherine Lange, November 14, 2017 (81)

Joseph Bruns, November 28, 2017 (0)

Agnes Puthoff, November 30, 2017 (91)

Ronald Stucke, January 4, 2018 (75)

Rita Bettinger, January 24, 2018 (90)

Dolores Hartings, February 1, 2018 (77)

Stella Heitkamp, February 17, 2018 (79)

Donna Hart, February 19, 2018 (75)

Walter Hartlett, February 19, 2018 (91)

Harold Dorsten, February 27, 2018 (72)

Velma Hemmelgarn, March 8, 2018 (85)

Beatrice Gast, March 26, 2018 (91)

Leon Brunswick, March 29, 2018 (75)

Regina Lange, April 19, 2018 (80)

Carol Cramer, June 13, 2018 (75)

Janet Braun, June 14, 2018 (72)