

## Rocktoberfest was a Success!

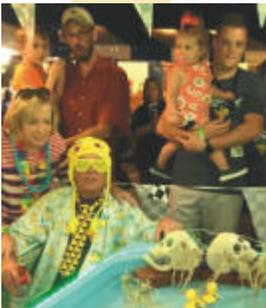
By Tina Bowen

St. Barbara had our best year yet in the 9th year of our festival with great weather.

The bands were rocking on Friday and Saturday, and folks drank, ate and danced the weekend away. Saturday was such a great success we ran out of food and some drinks! That is a tell-tale sign that people are having fun and enjoying the fellowship of the community and fellow parishioners.

The festival would not be the success it is, without all the volunteers that come out to set up, work and clean up! Thank you to everyone that helped this year! See more photos and videos on Facebook: [Facebook.com/SaintBarbaraErlanger](https://www.facebook.com/SaintBarbaraErlanger).

Plans are already underway to make the 10th Rocktoberfest another rocking year! If you'd like to be involved please email Courtney at [stbarbvc@gmail.com](mailto:stbarbvc@gmail.com).



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## God Bless Deacon Chuck

We are so blessed here at St. Barbara in so many ways!

**One of those ways God has blessed us is by sending us Deacon Chuck Melville.**



I could not have made it through this past year without his dedication. He always stepped up to the plate when needed. I am eternally grateful to him and God for that.

As you know, Deacon Chuck assists and preaches at Mass. He does many of our baptisms. He runs our RCIA program. He keeps up with our sick and shut-ins. He goes to funeral homes and cemeteries for funerals when there is no Mass. He helps couples prepare for marriage and presides at those weddings where there is no Mass. He assists those working on annulments. Our parish is now blessed with over 1,500 families. There are many demands.

But thanks to Deacon Chuck, I believe that he and I together can continue to meet those demands.

I also thank his wife Tina. A wife and family do sacrifice so that a deacon meets the demands of his ministry.

God Bless Deacon Chuck, Tina, and his family for all that they do!

~ God Bless You All,  
Father John

## Youth 2000

By Claire Chandler

Many members of the St. Barbara Youth Group attend the Youth 2000 retreat every year. Attending Youth 2000 is a requirement to go on the annual March for Life and mission trip.

Even if I did not have to go to Youth 2000, I would still go. I learn so much about myself and others. The first year I attended, I went because I had to and I thought it was really boring; I didn't really like it, and I thought it was kind of weird and long.



Now, between the first and second years I went, something happened in my life that made me lose faith in God. Yet, I went back to Youth Group and I went back to Youth 2000 the next year. This time, it was like a light hit me. I believe that light was the Holy Spirit and God. That year, the talks were different, and the small group was different – I felt like I could love God again.

This year was the best yet. Even though it is long, and – I'm not going to lie – your back is going to hurt. You find out so much about yourself. I will also say that it is hard not to have fun there. Whether you are eating Skyline Chili for dinner or throwing a frisbee with Father Hennigan, you will have fun. I wish I had known about Youth 2000 before I started going to Youth Group at St. Barbara. It is an experience I will never forget.

## Families for Life

By Karen Riegler

Thank you to all who provided diapers, wipes and onesies for our annual Baby Shower. The playpen in the Welcome Center was abundantly full of these items that will be delivered to several agencies that provide help and hope to young mothers in need.

These young mothers have courageously chosen life for their babies, often without the support of the father or her parents.

Your support with this annual Baby Shower means so much as they try to provide the basic items for their newborns. Your generosity also makes them aware that they are supported by a caring and compassionate community.

Please keep these young mothers in your prayers.

*Most Gracious Heavenly Father, You have given to woman the capacity of participating with You in the creation of new life. Grant that every woman may come to understand the full meaning of that blessing. We ask your blessing on all those to whom You have entrusted motherhood. Watch over every mother who is with child; strengthen her faith in Your fatherly care and love for her, and for her unborn baby. May Your Holy Spirit constantly inspire and strengthen them.*

## Ministry Spotlight: Giving Tree

By Courtney Mueller

For many years, those who are in charge of the Giving Tree have partnered with various schools and organizations to provide gifts to more than 170 students in the area. While, in the past those in charge of the Giving Tree have worked with organizations such as Catholic Charities, St. Vincent de Paul, and NorthKey, they are currently partnering with four local schools: Beechgrove, Summit View Academy, Turkeyfoot Middle School, and Caywood Elementary.

Amy and Bill Hahnel have been heading up the project since 2017. Amy said, **"I look at it as a church-wide ministry where people can help and support without making a time commitment, which so many people need."**

Prior to the Hahnels taking over the project, Pat and Dennis Coyne started working with the Giving Tree in 2009, just before the project started partnering with local schools.

In 2015, Amy partnered with Jamie Smith to take on the Giving Tree, and then started working with Bill in 2017.

Anyone interested in getting more involved should look in the bulletin for more information. Volunteers are always needed to help with passing our tags and collecting gifts after all masses. The Sunday before Thanksgiving will be the first week that tags are passed out.



By Diane Glueck

I knew I would do this at some point in time. I finally did, and am forever changed! "Welcome" set into motion an enhanced relationship with Christ. Women of the parish of all ages, you are invited to attend an amazing, rejuvenating, inspiring, and free Welcome weekend retreat at the Sterling Center on **February 22-23, 2020**. So, save the date!

What is Welcome? Welcome is a renewal of our Catholic Faith that begins an awakening of the Holy Spirit within us while drawing us closer to God. Discover what is missing in your life, and how to fill it with new Hope, and Faith, leading to greater Love for all. Sprinkle in some good music and talented singing, laughter, delicious homemade meals, and open sharing. Bond with the women among you, and become sisters in Christ. I wonder if you will consider this weekend "getaway?!" It is a special experience that will bring the joy and peace you may be looking for or the change that you need. Confused? Unhappy? Worried? Jesus will show us the way for our journey here on earth, and help us to grow closer to him.

So, please contact Erica at [augustvogt@gmail.com](mailto:augustvogt@gmail.com), or Paula at [raestevenson32@yahoo.com](mailto:raestevenson32@yahoo.com), or Julie at [julie\\_enzweiler@yahoo.com](mailto:julie_enzweiler@yahoo.com) to reserve your spot. Also, look for us at the entrance of the church after Mass in the coming months! We are so excited to welcome you!

~ With Love,

Your Sisters in Christ from Welcome Team #7

## CRU VIEW

By Victoria Samotis

It's an exciting time to be a SHDHS Crusader! The \$7.8 million building project is nearly complete and is taking our school to the next level!

We are proud to showcase the additions at our **Open House on November 17 from 1 - 4 pm**. Students are enjoying a state-of-the-art media center, new science labs, art rooms, band, and chorus rooms. The 650 seat Drees Homes Auditorium is almost ready to host its first performance.



### Thank you to all the St. Barbara families who supported this expansion.

Faith is an important part of our education at SHDHS and retreats help develop and deepen our Catholic identity. During the recent junior and senior retreats, students took time to deepen their connection and communication with God and explored the various ways Christ speaks to them in their lives. Freshman and sophomore classes will be learning more about their individual strengths and developing servant leadership skills at their upcoming retreats.

Our Crusader community is extremely proud of our sports programs. This fall, the girls' soccer team won the All-A State and District tournaments, and the boys' team won All-A Regionals. The boys' golf team won All-A Regionals, came second in All-A State, placed second in KHSAA Regionals and three golfers qualified for the KHSAA Individual State Tournament. Our Competition Cheer Squad finished in first place at the OneUp Championship. The Lady Cru volleyball team won the KHSAA 34th district title. At the KHSAA Cross Country State Championship, the girls' team finished 8th and the boys' team finished 3rd. Congratulations to all!

There is so much more we'd love to share with you. Come visit us at the open house or schedule a shadow day to see what it's like to be a Crusader! Connect with us at [shdhs.org](http://shdhs.org) and [Facebook.com/StHenryCRU](https://www.facebook.com/StHenryCRU).

### Our Parish Family

#### Newly Married

Paul Kemp & Lexie Wallingford  
Brandon Beckham & Emily Oberhausen  
Ted Schumacher & Margaret Schmitz  
Derek Polston & Jenna Bilz  
Robby Hughes & Stephanie Kenter  
Chris Roch & Allison Woll  
Timothy Pickrel & Karyn Gavzer  
Corey Evans & Jill Graham

#### In Memoriam

Eli David Thueneman  
Thelma "Ree" Stein  
William "Gary" Herrmann  
John Breier  
James Camp  
Kathy Geiger  
Floyd Krebs

## CONNECTED, CONFIDENT and CONTRIBUTING

By Julie Nelson



We had a great start to the school year with an all-school Mass where Principal Dennis Wolff talked about our new school theme "Rooted in Christ". **Please join us any Friday at 8 am for our all-school Mass! It is a perfect way to start your day.**

It has been a busy fall for our Crusaders! During the month of the Rosary in October, our kindergarten students made a paper chain rosary with the crucifix made on our 3D printer in our Makerspace. Father Bach and Father Thampi met with some of our 4th graders to teach them about altar servings to prepare them to serve Mass at both St. Henry and St. Barbara parishes.

SHCS crusaders supported the Crusaders of St. Henry District High School by wearing their "Playing for a Purpose" T-shirts to school on September 20. The annual St. Henry vs. Notre Dame volleyball games were held at Thomas More University and benefited the I Have Wings Breast Cancer Foundation.

St. Henry Catholic Parish will be installing the "Cemetery of the Innocents" display with crosses that symbolize the innocent lives lost to abortion. To help with setup on Nov. 23 and/or takedown on Dec. 7, please signup at [signup.com/go/FGgqhiN](http://signup.com/go/FGgqhiN).

Substitute teachers are needed for preschool through 8th grade classes. You must be Virtus trained and up to date on bulletins. If interested, please contact the St. Henry office at 859-342-2551.

In Memory... Very Reverend James Ryan JCL died on September 7, 2019 after a brief illness. He served as pastor of St. Henry Church from 1999 until he retired in 2015. On September 17, the students and staff wore red in honor of Father Ryan.

If you would like to learn more about SHCS or to set up a personal tour, give us a call, 859-342-2551. Connect with us at [sthenryschool.net](http://sthenryschool.net) and [Facebook.com/st.henryschool](https://www.facebook.com/st.henryschool).

### Our Pets are a Blessing

By Liz Smith

Pets of all shapes and sizes gathered on Oct. 2 for the annual pet blessing. See more pictures on our Facebook page: [Facebook.com/SaintBarbaraErlanger](https://www.facebook.com/SaintBarbaraErlanger).

Thank you, Father John, for spending time with the animals that bring so much joy.



## Do You Really Know What the Catholic Church Believes and Teaches?

By Deacon Chuck Melville

Recent news reports and polls show that many Catholics in this country do not know the actual teachings of the Church. It is said that the Catholic Faith is the best-kept secret from the Catholic people. We don't know what our Church actually believes, especially concerning the Eucharist. Many don't even know that what they believe is contrary to the true teaching of the Church. Many cradle Catholics haven't gotten anything since their religious education in grade school. As a whole, we haven't made the effort to gain a deeper insight into our faith. Sometimes RCIA sponsors will tell me that they had never heard of the belief that was discussed in class. It is the first time that some sponsors have taken time to learn about their faith since childhood. It's no wonder that we have a crisis of Faith. We don't take the time to find out, for ourselves, the truths about our Christian Faith. When my children were young, I could rattle off answers from the old Baltimore Catechism for their questions about God and Jesus. But as they got older, the questions got harder. I needed more. I joined the parish RCIA class that was going on. I got a refresher course in my Faith. I kept going back, year after year and now I lead those same classes. Each year, I pick up more about my Faith through the challenge of sharing that Faith with others.

So, what can we do? We all have busy lives. We have many opportunities for Adult Education in our parish and our diocese. All are welcome to visit our Sunday morning RCIA classes. Our Adult Faith Formation sessions on Wednesday at 7pm offer a variety of topics. We have Bible studies and prayer groups that meet regularly. For women, "Walking with Purpose" meets on Monday evenings and the next "Welcome" weekend will be held in February. There are opportunities at other parishes in our Diocese. Father Michael Comer is offering "RCIA for Catholics" at Mother of God Church on Thursdays at 11am and 6:30pm. All are welcome to attend, to learn more, and deepen your faith. Sessions are also streamed live on [www.mother-of-god.org](http://www.mother-of-god.org). "Formed" offers on free on-demand studies, movies, audio, and books about our Catholic Faith; register with your email address and our parish name.

**There are lots of opportunities available to brush up on our Faith. We don't even have to leave the house for some.** Our Catholic Faith has a long and beautiful tradition of belief in Jesus Christ. Take some time to rediscover the mysteries. Find out what you're missing!

To learn about stewardship opportunities at our parish, please go to the Ministry tab on our parish website or app.

**Who inspires you? Share the good news!**  
Suggestions for the Stewardship and Ministry features are welcomed and can be sent to [crosstalk@stbarbaraky.org](mailto:crosstalk@stbarbaraky.org).

## Inspiring Stewards Among Us

By Courtney Mueller

Over the last few years, I've had the pleasure of getting to know Dawn DiVita through Rocktoberfest planning and working with the Youth Group. It is clear to anyone who has met Dawn that her passion for St. Barbara and the various ministries with which she is involved is inspiring to all.



Much (though certainly not all) of the work Dawn does within the parish is with children. In addition to working with the Youth Group, Dawn has also helped with children's liturgy for 14 years and has been in charge of Children's Games at Rocktoberfest for the last several years. Dawn has also worked with John Kidwell and Laura Scheben to plan Pumpkinfest and Lunch with Santa.

In fact, it was John Kidwell who encouraged Dawn to help with children's activities throughout the 19 years since she started coming to St. Barbara. She says, "I enjoy working with different children's events because the joy all of the events bring to the kids is so rewarding. I love their little faces when they see Santa, win a prize, or sing and dance. **We have the ability to give kids a wonderful experience at church and hope that they want to come back time after time.**"

Dawn has also helped the Youth Group get more involved with children's events. While the Youth Group has always helped with the haunted house at Pumpkinfest, Dawn asked them to become more involved in planning and volunteering at Lunch with Santa and Children's Games at Rocktoberfest. Dawn went with the Youth Group on their annual mission trip to Camp Mary Help in Tampa. Claire Chandler, a member of the Youth Group, describes Dawn as the most positive person she has ever met. Claire said, "[Dawn] always has a smile on her face and always has something positive to say."

Whether it is working with children or serving as a Eucharistic Minister, Dawn constantly gives so much of her time, talent, and treasure to help St. Barbara continue to grow. Dawn has truly been an inspiration to everyone at St. Barbara.

### SAVE THE DATE

See future bulletins for more details.

Thanksgiving Mass.....	10am, Nov 28
Advent Mass & Vespers.....	7pm, Dec 4, 11, 18
Women's Christmas Party .....	6pm, Dec 6
Mens Christmas Party.....	6pm, Dec 6
Immaculate Conception Mass.....	10am, 7pm, Dec 9
Penance Service- St. Pius X .....	7pm, Dec 12
Breakfast with Santa.....	12pm, Dec 15
Christmas Eve Vigil.....	4, 6, 10pm, Dec 24
Christmas Day Mass .....	10am, Dec 25
Solemnity of Mary Vigil .....	4:30pm, Dec 31
Solemnity of Mary Mass.....	11am, Jan 1
Volunteer Appreciation Event.....	7pm, Jan 25