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It is our pleasure to offer you this St. Henry Parish Resource Directory. In this booklet, you will find useful information that will help you put your faith into action here at St. Henry Parish. Up-to-date information about our various ministries is now at your fingertips. Brief explanations of what each ministry does and who to contact to get on board is available to you in this directory.

We hope you will find this directory useful and that you will take this opportunity to learn more about what our parish has to offer. If you are looking for a special ministry and you don't see it in the directory, please call us! New ministries are born from your new ideas! Let us help you make it happen.

—Fr. Martin Fox

HISTORY OF ST. HENRY PARISH

1960-1969: On July 5, 1960, Fr. Francis Franer was appointed to establish St. Henry Parish, named for Germany's emperor-saint. The first Sunday Mass was celebrated in August, in the C.F. Holliday School auditorium. When the first site for the church on Springboro Pike proved to be flood-prone, the present location was purchased. Construction of a combination church-school building began in 1962, followed by a convent for the Sisters of St. Ursula, who taught at St. Henry School, and a rectory.

1970-1979: By 1970 the parish had grown to 1,000 families. The School of Religion program served 600 students in grades 1-12, and preschool religion classes, held during Sunday Mass, were initiated. In 1973, St. Henry School was consolidated with Our Lady of Good Hope School in Miamisburg, to form Bishop Leibold School. During "Census '75," 400 parishioners visited 8,000 homes to locate and identify area Catholics, and the parish sponsored the first of several Vietnamese refugee families.

1980-1989: A "We Are Building a Church" fund drive began in January 1980. By April, parishioners had pledged almost 113 percent of the \$350,000 goal. In July 1985—following a year of family-centered programs, Masses, receptions, and the return of many former pastors and associate pastors—the parish celebrated its

25th anniversary. In 1987 the Parish Council voted unanimously to begin a “sister parish” relationship with St. Peter and Paul parish in Marmont, Haiti.

1990-1999: An appreciation dinner for parish volunteers was held in February 1990, and a new “meals for the homeless” program began in September. The Parish Council approved plans for an illuminated parish sign with a mission-style cross. Plans to build a multipurpose Parish Activity Center (PAC) were unveiled at the 35th anniversary parish picnic in July 1995, and a “Vision for the Future” fund drive began in September.

2000-2009: New organizations and activities—including a vocations “traveling chalice” program, a Men’s Fellowship group, Women’s Bible Study, Vacation Bible School for children, and a Prayer Blanket and Shawl ministry—were organized. Communication with the parish in Haiti had failed, so a new “sister” parish—Saints Simon and Jude in Port-au-Prince—was chosen. In November 2009, a fund drive was launched to build a medical clinic there.

2010-2019: The kickoff event for the year-long celebration of the parish’s 50th anniversary in 2010 was a pig roast on the feast of St. Henry—July 13. The dinner was one of a series of “fun, free, family events” initiated by the parish’s seventh pastor, Fr. Thomas Shearer. St. Henry and Our Lady of Good Hope parishes formed a pastoral region. Fr. Tom retired from active ministry in 2019 and was succeeded as pastor of both parishes by Fr. James Romanello.

2020-2022: Before the coronavirus pandemic arrived in the U.S., Fr. Jim organized a Mardi Gras celebration with live music and a dessert bake-off for parishioners of all ages. All public Masses were canceled in March 2020, so Holy Week services were live streamed on YouTube. Streaming alternately from the two churches continued even after the archdiocese reopened churches—with a number of restrictions—on May 25. In 2021, the Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning Initiative *Beacons of Light*, which seeks to pool parish resources in order to better live out our Catholic mission of evangelization, announced the joining of parish communities into Families of Parishes. This phase of *Beacons of Light* included pastor reassignment. St. Henry became a Family of Parishes with Our Lady of Good Hope in Miamisburg and St. Mary of the Assumption in Springboro on July 1, 2022 with a new pastor—Fr. Martin Fox.

ST. HENRY PARISH

RESOURCE DIRECTORY 2022-23

Communications

BULLETIN

Staff Contact: Laura Tringali Sobieski, Isobieski@sthenryparish.com

The bulletin deadline for items to be published in the weekly bulletin is the Sunday two full weeks prior to the weekend of publication. Items should be submitted via email to info@sthenryparish.com. A response should be expected to confirm receipt of your submission.

PARISH ARCHIVES

Volunteer Leader Needed

Volunteers are needed to update the parish archives in a scrapbook by assembling photos, programs, and other information about Sacramental celebrations and significant parish activities.

PARISH WEBSITE

Staff Contact: Laura Tringali Sobieski, Isobieski@sthenryparish.com

The parish website (www.sthenryparish.com) contains the current happenings and events, weekly bulletins, monthly ministry schedules, and much more. Forms include those needed for Baptism, new parishioner registration, facility request forms, EFT contributions, and Online Giving (WeShare).

Faith Formation

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Volunteer Contact: Kristi Estep, 937-499-3932, rkestep@gmail.com

Adult Faith Formation offers a variety of Bible Studies throughout the year for adults to continue to learn about the faith and strengthen their relationship with Jesus. They typically meet on Sunday mornings, Tuesday mornings, and Thursday mornings and evenings. They also offer the Hearts Afire parish-based program, on FORMED, which is a bold and fresh approach to small group, parish-based faith renewal programs. It is designed to help us live the complete Catholic life of faith, charity, and the sacraments.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (CLOW)

Volunteer Contact: Jill Coudron, 937-439-2093, jmckids@yahoo.com

Children's Liturgy of the Word is celebrated during the 11:00 Mass each Sunday of the school year. This special time provides children the opportunity to hear and experience God's Word on a level of their understanding. They hear a homily they can understand and participate in a greater understanding through the use of music, movement, and an activity to take home that reinforces the gospel message. All children are welcome. Parents can accompany young children to this celebration.

CHRP / WELCOME

Volunteer Contact: Betsy Robinson, betsyrobinson1915@yahoo.com

CHRP / WELCOME RETREAT

Welcome (formerly Christ Renews His Parish – CRHP) is a spiritual renewal weekend designed to help individuals grow in their personal relationship with Jesus Christ and with others in their faith community. Separate retreats are offered for men and women.

WELCOME FAITH FORMATION / PRAYER GROUP

All women of the parish are invited to participate. We gather for study, discussion, and fellowship focusing on pertinent areas of our faith in today's environment with the goal of deepening both personal, whole-hearted connections with God and friendships with others. Weekly meetings are held on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-9:00pm.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR)

Staff Contact: Jennifer Zwiers, 937-434-9231, jzwiers@sthenryparish.com

Parish School of Religion is a Catholic religious education program for parish children, Pre-k through 8th grade, who are attending public school or are homeschooled. Sessions are held in Bishop Leibold School on Sunday mornings from 9:15am – 10:30am, September through May.

INCLUSION MINISTRY

Staff Contact: Jennifer Zwiers, 937-434-9231, jzwiers@sthenryparish.com

The Inclusion Ministry works to create awareness and an inclusive, barrier-free community in order for persons with disabilities to be able to actively and fully participate in all aspects of parish life.

SENSORY-FRIENDLY MASS

Staff Contact: Jennifer Zwiers, 937-434-9231, jzwiers@sthenryparish.com

In an effort to embrace and welcome all members of our Church, including persons with disabilities and/or sensory-processing issues, we offer Sensory-Friendly liturgies that include small changes (i.e. lower lights, softer music, shorter and more literal homilies, movement within pews) in order to create an accepting environment and eliminate the stigma that many with special needs encounter. Please contact Jennifer Zwiers for more information.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

Staff Contact: Jennifer Zwiers, 937-434-9231, jzwiers@sthenryparish.com

VBS is a weeklong, fun-filled program held in June open to children going into Pre-K through 5th grade. Campers will participate in games, bible stories, crafts, music, and more while discovering and learning about God in creative and engaging ways. We have adolescent volunteers, 6th through 12th grade, who also participate as group and station leaders.

YOUTH MINISTRY, ALIVE

Staff Contact: Jen Sens, jsens@olghchurch.com

Alive Youth Ministry sessions are open to all 8th through 12th graders at St. Henry and Our Lady of Good Hope Parishes. Our mission is to accompany youth on their journey in becoming Saints through encountering Christ in word and sacrament. Alive sessions meet weekly on Sundays for food, games, fellowship, and prayer. Visit the Youth Ministry Website for more information.

<https://sites.google.com/olghchurch.com/youth/home>

Liturgical and Music

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

ALTAR SERVERS

Training Contacts: David Dillion, 937-435-8938, ddillon@gmail.com

Kevin Davis, goldenknight2689@earthlink.net

**Scheduling Contact: Tina Smithson, 937-671-7293,
trsmithson3258@gmail.com**

All children 4th grade and above, regardless of school affiliation, are encouraged to assist the parish worship by serving at Mass. A short orientation is required.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Volunteer Contact: Clara Hodgson, 937-859-4606

Parishioners are invited to spend one hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament on Friday evenings 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is First Fridays 10:00 am to 10:00 pm.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

**Volunteer Contact: Lori Frankart, 937-271-8547,
lori.frankart@gmail.com**

Eucharistic ministers are assigned to distribute Communion at the weekend and holy day liturgies. All new ministers must attend a training class.

GREETERS

Volunteer Leader Needed

The goal of this ministry is to welcome all who enter the church with a friendly greeting. Greeters are at each entrance. This ministry is open to all individuals, couples, families, and teens.

LECTORS

**Volunteer Contact: Dom Rinaldi, 937-859-5087,
dominick@rinaldi1.com**

Lectors offer the unique opportunity for parishioners to breathe life into the Word. After completion of an orientation session, lectors are assigned monthly to proclaim the scriptures at weekend, holy day, and special liturgies.

MASS COORDINATORS

**Volunteer Contact: Lori Frankart, 937-271-8547,
lori.frankart@gmail.com**

Coordinators set up items needed for Mass. They ensure that servers and Eucharistic ministers are present. They also clean the cups and bowls after Mass.

USHERS

Volunteer Contact: Pat and Jim Folck, 937-434-0289

This group of parishioners - men, women, and teens - usher at weekend and holy day liturgies, funerals, and other special liturgies. Volunteers are always welcome.

WEDDING COORDINATORS

Contact Parish Office: 937-434-9231

The coordinators help couples with their wedding during the rehearsal and are parish hosts on the day of the wedding.

WORSHIP COMMISSION

**Volunteer Contact: Dom Rinaldi, 937-859-5087,
dominick@rinaldi1.com**

The commission works with the chairperson for each liturgical ministry to discuss and plan for Christmas, Easter, confirmations, weekend liturgies, and special liturgies.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Staff Contacts: Steve Homan, shoman@sthenryparish.com

Mary Ruth Shearer, mshearer@sthenryparish.com

Volunteer opportunities abound for parishioners interested in serving as cantors, choir members, and instrumentalists. Rehearsals are weekly. The groups provide music for weekend liturgies and special events.

CANTORS

Those with a pleasant sounding voice, who can read and prepare music on their own, are welcome to audition for this ministry.

INSTRUMENTS

We are always looking for talented woodwind, brass, string, and guitar players. Instruments usually play at any of the weekend liturgies. A short audition is necessary.

PARISH CHOIR

Open to high schoolers and older. Members rehearse on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:30pm. They sing at the 9:30am Sunday Mass from September through May.

RESURRECTION CHOIR

This group of dedicated singers minister at all parish funerals. If you have time during the week, this is a great opportunity.

SPECIAL EVENTS CHOIR

Volunteer Contact: Amy Brady, amyb333@sbcglobal.net

This choir is open to all young parishioners in 3rd-8th grade. Members sing at the Christmas Eve liturgy and other special liturgies.

Parish Committees

EVENT PLANNING COMMITTEE

Volunteer Contact: Lisa Heck, 425-686-5884, lisafoisie@yahoo.com

The Event Planning Committee helps facilitate the details for large parish events. We are composed of St Henry, Our Lady of Good Hope, and St. Mary of the Assumption parishioners so that our events encourage participation of our Family of Parishes.

FINANCE COMMISSION

Staff Contact: Pastor, 937-434-9231

Parishioners invited to participate in this commission meet with the pastor each quarter to discuss parish budget, capital expenditures, and stewardship programs.

PARISH COUNCIL

Volunteer Contact: David Dillon, 937-435-8938, ddillon@gmail.com

Members serve as an advisory committee for the parish and meet monthly to discuss ways to serve parish needs. Visitors are welcome. Current members are: Victoria Buckner, David Dillon, Tom Dvorak, Jason Eckert, Roger Hesselbrock, Lisa Holscher, Joyce Washington, and Paula Wathen.

Pastoral Ministry

ANNULMENT

Contact Parish Office: 937-434-9231

A Declaration of Nullity, commonly called an annulment, shows that a marriage was never a valid, sacramental marriage. Something can be missing from the time of consent that makes a marriage invalid. For more information on this process, call the parish office.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Contact Parish Office: 937-434-9231

Parishioners with a desire to minister to bereaved families assist with funeral liturgy and meeting needs of the family. The group also coordinates funeral luncheons and hosts an All Souls Mass.

FUNERAL LUNCHEONS

**Staff Contact: Jennifer Zwiers, 937-434-9231,
jzwiers@sthenryparish.com**

As part of the Bereavement Ministry, we coordinate funeral luncheons for families who desire one. We are currently looking for volunteers for our Kitchen Team who oversee food drop-off, preparation, serving, and clean-up. Parishioners are also invited to donate requested food items for funeral luncheons by having their name added to a list to receive a Sign-up genius email or a phone call.

EUCCHARIST FOR SHUT-INS AND NURSING HOMES

Contact Parish Office: 937-434-9231

Volunteer Leaders: Emily Bruns and David Dillon

Holy Communion is brought to shut-ins and nursing homes on Friday mornings after the 9:00am Mass. Extraordinary ministers visit private homes and nursing homes to pray and give Holy Communion to those unable to attend Mass. Volunteers are welcome. If someone is in need of our ministry, please contact the church office so we can add that person to our lists.

SUPPORT AFTER MISCARRIAGE

**Volunteer Contact: Deanna Murphy, 937-866-7813,
murphys01@earthlink.net**

This ministry provides support and encouragement during a time that can leave you feeling confused and isolated, regardless of how recently or long ago you suffered a loss.

Prayer Groups

PRAYER BLANKET AND SHAWL MINISTRY

Volunteer Contact: Bonnie Thompson, 513-607- 8440, bonniet2@gmail.com

As volunteers make the blankets and shawls, they pray for those who will receive them. When the items are completed, they are blessed. The blankets and shawls are given to parishioners, their friends and families, and those in the community

who suffer physically, emotionally mentally, or spiritually. Parishioners of all ages and skill levels are welcome to participate in the ministry. If you know of someone who would benefit from being covered in prayer contact the parish office or email Bonnie.

PRAYER CHAIN

Volunteer Contact: Stephanie Kassman, markstephjosh@aol.com

Parishioners are invited to email their prayer requests, which are passed on through a “chain” made up of teams of parishioners who pray for those requested intentions.

ROSARY MAKERS

Volunteer Contact: Sue Gosser, 937-546-2664, ruebensmom@icloud.com

We are a group of parishioners who make rosaries for local schools in their school colors and other ministries who request rosaries. Our mission is to make sure all kids have a rosary so they can learn to pray the rosary from an early age. We gather to pray over our work and make rosaries together. We meet every Monday from 12:00-2:30pm at the PMR. If you are interested in participating, please contact Sue. Making rosaries is easy, and we are happy to teach you!

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Volunteer Contact: Elvie Richmond, 937-859-5018, bnlvrichmond@aol.com

Parishioners are invited to pray the rosary in the church or at the Marian Garden on Monday evenings at 6:30. Participants pray for the church and for personal intentions, petitions, and thanksgiving. The evening ends with the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy.

Sacramental Preparation

BAPTISM

Contact Parish Office: 937-434-9231

Baptism is the first of the seven Sacraments. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are literally “Marked for Christ.” We are marked as one of God’s children and become a member of the “Body of Christ.”

To request a Baptism, please fill out the form on our parish website. The parish office will follow up with you once your form is received. First-time parents will be asked to take a preparation course.

CONFIRMATION

Staff Contact: Jen Sens, jsens@olghchurch.com

The Sacrament of Confirmation strengthens the gift of the Holy Spirit given to us at Baptism. Confirmation preparation is open to all children in the 7th grade. Preparation begins in the Fall, with the Confirmation Mass typically in the Spring. For adolescents seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation in 8th through 12th grades, please contact Jen Sens for more information. Adults seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation, please see *Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA, Becoming Catholic)* in this directory and contact the parish office for more information.

FIRST COMMUNION

Staff Contact: Jennifer Zwiers, 937-434-9231, jzwiers@sthenryparish.com

First Communion Sacramental Preparation is a focused religious education program preparing children who are receiving their First Communion and their parents/guardians. It is open to ALL baptized children of the parish who are in second grade. Parent meetings, retreats, and more are held January through May. The Sacrament of First Communion is normally celebrated in April.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Staff Contact: Jennifer Zwiers, 937-434-9231, jzwiers@sthenryparish.com

First Reconciliation Sacramental Preparation is a focused religious education program preparing children who are receiving their First Reconciliation and their parents/guardians. It is open to ALL baptized children of the parish who are in 2nd grade. Parent meetings, retreats, and more are held October through December. The Sacrament of First Reconciliation is typically in December.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA, Becoming Catholic)

Contact Parish Office: 937-434-9231

Candidates and their sponsors meet with team members once a week from September through mid-May to pray and have open discussion about the beliefs and teachings of the Catholic Church. Special rituals are celebrated during this time, which culminate in the Easter Vigil when the candidates are welcomed into the Catholic Community. A retreat and community-building day are also offered. Please call the parish office for more information.

Scouting

Volunteer Contact: Paula Wathen, pfdadsfav@gmail.com

The Boy Scouts of America programs are designed for ALL youth (both male and female). The scouting programs have four specific objectives; character development, citizenship training, leadership development, and mental and physical fitness.

CUB SCOUTS

Cub Scouting is for youth in grades kindergarten through 5th grade. The program is family oriented. Youth are divided into dens by grade level. Each den meets individually to work on rank advancement. Once a month all youth meet together for a fun pack meeting/activity.

SCOUTS BSA

The Scouts BSA program is open to youth in grades 6 through 12. Scouts work in patrols to learn, earn merit badges, participate in outdoor activities, and develop leadership skills. Scouts meet weekly and hold one outing each month.

Social Groups

COFFEE AND DONUTS

Volunteer Contact: David Dillon, 937-435-8938, ddillon@gmail.com

Coffee and Donut socials, organized by the Knights of Columbus, are usually held after the 9:30am Mass from September to May. Watch the bulletin for specific dates for this event.

EUCHRE CLUB

Volunteer Contact: Dottie Ward, 937-298-6469

The Euchre Club meets on Wednesdays in the PMR from Noon to 3:00pm to play or learn Euchre. All ages are welcome.

LEISURE CLUB

Volunteer Contact: Sunny Hickey, 937-433-1437, donsunnyh@yahoo.com

Parishioners age 50 and over meet for a potluck dinner and fellowship several times a year, typically on a Wednesday. Attendees bring a side dish to share and are asked for a \$1.00 contribution towards the main dish. After the dinner, anyone interested can stay to play bingo. New members are always welcome.

Watch the bulletin for information on the upcoming dinner/entree and who to contact to turn in a reservation.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Volunteer Contacts: Randall Frankart, randallfrankart@yahoo.com

Paul Coudron, 937-439-2093, pcjogger@yahoo.com

Men of all ages are invited to participate in group discussions designed to reinforce their personal and spiritual vision of men's roles within marriage, families, church, and careers. They meet twice a month on the first and third Saturday mornings of each month in the PMR to pray for loved ones and friends in need, to share experiences in dealing with life challenges, and to support each other in their pursuit of deepening their relationship with the Lord.

Social Outreach and Service

CHURCH CLEANING / LINENS

Volunteer Contact: Dottie Thompson, dbthompson@woh.rr.com

Volunteers assist in cleaning the church on Friday mornings after the 9:00am Mass. Linens are picked up every other week from the parish office, laundered at home, and returned to the parish office. Volunteers for both services are always welcome.

COOKIE CONNECTION

Volunteer Contact: Karen Rudy, 937-286-3589, kh Rudy0601@gmail.com

Cookie Connection provides cookies for various parish events and meetings throughout the year. As a Cookie Connection volunteer, you may be asked to provide up to 2 or 3 dozen cookies for church events. It's a fun and easy way to contribute from your own kitchen! Store-bought is always yummy too!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Volunteer Contact: Bob Raney, bob.raney@ymail.com

Fr. Martin T. Gillian Council 14882 serves St. Henry Parish, guided by the principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. Meetings are held on the fourth Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in the St. Henry Room of the Parish Activity Center.

PARISH FAMILY NETWORK SUPPORT

Volunteer Contacts: Richard Meyer, 937-435-0335, meyer.richard@att.net
Jimmy Thompson, 937-657-7767, jimmythompson68@gmail.com

This program brings together parish family members who have special needs with parishioners who are willing to volunteer their service. Special needs may include helping the elderly, disabled, or unemployed, providing transportation, grocery delivery, and helping with general household chores.

SOCIAL OUTREACH COMMISSION

Volunteer Contact: Andrea Kramer, blondetcgirl@yahoo.com

This group is involved with many aspects of outreach to the local community.

BLESSINGS IN A BAG

Volunteer Contact: Fred and Donna Clark, frclark1095@gmail.com,
donna.clark37@gmail.com

Our Blessings-in-a-Bag ministry helps feed children in our community who experience food insecurity. In collaboration with other organizations in the area, we provide food for around 300 children each week. We are always interested in financial contributions to help purchase food that is not donated. You can put donations in the basket at the back of church in an envelope marked with "Blessings-in-a-Bag." You can also give through the parish online giving platform (WeShare).

GIVING TREE

Volunteer Contact: Jenny Andary, pmbertolini@gmail.com

MEALS FOR THE HOMELESS

Volunteer Contact: Brian Burcham, burchambrian1@gmail.com

This year-round social outreach program is held on the last Friday of every month. We provide the recipe and pan for a casserole; volunteers provide the ingredients and the time to make it. Our goal is to deliver 60 casseroles each month. Pans are available in the church lobby. Prepared food, canned goods, fresh produce, and baked goods are brought to the PMR between 8:00-9:00am, then delivered to the St. Vincent Hotel, the Salvation Army Booth House, and families in need in the parish. Monetary donations are also gladly accepted year round to help with a variety of needs for the program.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Volunteer Contact: Jill Coudron, 937-439-2093,
jmckids@yahoo.com

Each summer, we provide help with school supplies for the coming school year for children in need. Please contact the parish office if you or someone you know needs help getting their children ready for school.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Volunteer Contact: Steve Brandell, sbrandell@sbcglobal.net

Volunteers work with area families in need of emergency assistance with food, utilities, or rent. No form of charity is foreign to the society.

BROWN BAG MEAL PROGRAM

Brown bag meals go to shelter guests who miss the scheduled meals or children who may not like the provided meal. Drop off is the second and third Wednesday of the month, 3:30-4:00pm in front of the PMR while school is out. For the remaining months of the year, drop off dates may vary. If you would like to participate, it is important you contact Steve Brandell for further details on meal quantity and preparation specifications.

Miscellaneous / Additional Resources

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Staff Contact: Nate Haller, 937-434-9231, snhaller@sthenryparish.com

Volunteer Leader Needed

Volunteers assist the parish's facility manager in maintaining and improving the landscaping of the parish grounds as needed.

BLOOD BANK

Contact Parish Office: 937-434-9231

St. Henry Parish works with the Community Blood Center to sponsor blood drives six times a year. All parishioners are asked to consider donating blood.

FORMED

FORMED is a free online resource for all parishioners - including personal/group studies, talks, movies, and books. Visit FORMED.ORG and click "sign up." Select "I belong to a Parish or Organization." Find our parish using the code is **a631c5**.

PARISH LIBRARY / “BOOK NOOK”

Contact Parish Office: 937-434-9231

Located in the church annex, the library contains tapes and books for both children and adults.

Bishop Leibold School

Principal: Dr. Theodore J. Wallace

St. Henry Campus: 937-434-9343 | OLGH Campus: 937-866-3021

Bishop Leibold is a consolidated school with St. Henry, Our Lady of Good Hope, and St. Mary of the Assumption. The OLGH Campus is PK-3rd grade, and the St. Henry Campus is 4th-8th grade. <http://www.bishopleibold.org>.

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Contact: blaa.ad@bishopleibold.org

Athletic Association sports are open to all children in the parish. For information about the many sports available visit: bishopleibold.org/clubs-activities.

CHOIR

Contact: Norbert Reynolds, nreynolds@bishopleibold.org

The BLS choir rehearses during the school day and sings each week at the Wednesday morning parish and school Mass. Members also join with other youth from the Parish School of Religion program for special occasions.

PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION (PTO)

Volunteer Contact: Diana Kessio, 937-434-4684

We provide services to teachers and parents to enhance the BLS program.

SCRIP

Contact: blsscrip@gmail.com

SCRIP is an ongoing program available to parishioners and BLS families. SCRIP is a gift certificate program that allows PTO to receive a percentage back on purchases at no additional cost to the purchaser.



MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Mass — Saturday: 5:00pm | Sunday: 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am

Daily Mass — Tuesday: 7:00 am | Wednesday: 9:00 am | Friday: 9:00 am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:30 pm-4:30 pm or by appointment

BAPTISMS

Baptisms may be requested for during or after Mass. Please fill out the baptism request form on the parish website: sthenryparish.com/baptism-request. The parish office will follow up with you once your form is received. First-time parents will be asked to take a preparation course.

MARRIAGES

Call the parish office at least six months in advance. We cannot confirm the wedding date until after the first appointment. Pre-Cana preparation program is required.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Those weakened by age, afflicted by serious illness, or preparing for a serious operation should consider requesting to receive this Sacrament. Please call the parish office to make arrangements.



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SAINT HENRY was the son of Gisella of Burgundy and Henry II the Quarrelsome, Duke of Bavaria. He was educated at the cathedral school in Hildesheim by Bishop Wolfgang of Regensburg. He thought about becoming a priest; however, when Saint Henry became Duke of Bavaria himself in 995 upon his father's death, his thoughts of becoming a priest ended. He ascended to the throne of Germany in 1002, and he was crowned King of Pavia, Italy on May 15, 1004. Saint Henry married Saint Cunegunda, but the two never had children. Both Saint Henry and Saint Cunegunda were prayerful people and generous to the poor.

Saint Henry's brother rebelled against his power, and he was forced to defeat his brother on the battlefield. Saint Henry later forgave him, and the two reconciled. Saint Henry was crowned Holy Roman Emperor in 1014 by Pope Benedict VIII. Saint Henry would be the last of the Saxon dynasty of emperors.

Saint Henry founded schools, quelled rebellions, protected the frontiers, worked to establish a stable peace in Europe, and sought to reform the Church while respecting its independence. He fostered missions and established Bamberg, Germany as a center for missions to Slavic countries. He started construction of the cathedral of Basel, Switzerland, which took nearly 400 years to complete.

At one point, Saint Henry was cured of an unnamed illness by the touch of Saint Benedict of Nursia at Monte Cassino. Saint Henry became somewhat late in his later years. Following Saint Cunegunda's death, he considered becoming a monk. However, the abbot of Saint-Vanne at Verdun, France refused his application saying that his place in the world was where he could do much good for people and for the advancement of God's Kingdom.