

**ST. HENRY CATHOLIC CHURCH
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 3, 2023**

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DAILY MASSES
As scheduled in the Bulletin

SUNDAY MASSES
Saturday Evening: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Morning: 8:15 a.m.

CONFESSIONS
Saturday 4:15 – 4:45pm or by appointment.

THIS WEEK AT ST. HENRY

Monday, December 4, 2023
Mass: 8:15 a.m.
+DeSales Duenne

Tuesday, December 5, 2023
Mass: 8:15 a.m.
+Doug Simmons

Wednesday, December 6, 2023
Rosary for Vocations at 8:15 a.m.

Thursday, December 7, 2023
Mass: 8:15 a.m.
+Norma Jean Marshall

Mass: 6:30 p.m.
St. Henry Parish Family

Friday, December 8, 2023
Mass: 8:15 a.m.
+Robert T. "Bob" Dwyer

Saturday, December 9, 2023
Mass: 5:00 p.m.
+Sara Story & Mary Margaret Story-Yarbrough

Sunday, December 10, 2023
Mass: 8:15 a.m.
St. Henry Parish Family

Your Gift of Praise of God

Please take a few moments to prayerfully consider
the many ways the Lord has blessed you this week!

**STEWARDSHIP OF YOUR TREASURE
MONTHLY OPERATING ACCOUNT**

Projected expenses for November.....	\$14,619.62
Amount received for November.....	\$14,152.00
Sunday Envelopes.....	\$2,512.00
Additional Donation.....	\$1,000.00
Number of Families.....	104
Envelopes received for the week.....	31

Thank you for your generosity – may the Lord bless
and reward you for the good you do!

STEWARDSHIP BY THE BOOK

We are the servants of God, each with his or her
own task. We will be judged good stewards if, at His
coming, He finds us ready and conscientiously
pursuing the tasks to which we have been called!

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR
DECEMBER 2 AND DECEMBER 3
SATURDAY 5:00 PM**

LECTOR.....David Renaud
GIFT BEARERS.....Andy Bryant Family

SUNDAY 8:15 AM

LECTOR.....Bobbie Holland
GIFT BEARERS.....Sheila Shankle

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR
DECEMBER 9 AND DECEMBER 10
SATURDAY 5:00 PM**

LECTOR.....Kathy Slaten
GIFT BEARERS.....Joan Robbins

SUNDAY 8:15 AM

LECTOR.....Diane Sevic
GIFT BEARERS.....Mary Ann Stricker

NEWS FOR DECEMBER 3

PCCW CHRISTMAS PARTY

All ladies of the parish are invited to attend the
PCCW Christmas Party which will be held THIS
Wednesday, December 6, at 6:00pm at The Brew Jay
on Main Street in downtown Charleston. We will
have a delicious meal which will include an entree,
salad, bread, dessert, and drink. The cost is \$22 per
person (tip is included). We will also play BUNCO
for our entertainment. A sign up sheet is available
at the back of the church if you plan on attending.
**The deadline to sign up is THIS SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 3!** Come and have a great evening of
food and fellowship!

LIVING ROSARY

Everyone is invited to join our school family for the
"Living Rosary" which will be held in the school gym
THIS Thursday, December 7, at 2:20pm. This is a
great opportunity to honor our Blessed Mother and
to ask her to help us spiritually prepare for the Birth
of her Son and our Savior!

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

THIS Friday, December 8, the Church celebrates the
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Please be
reminded that this is a Holy Day of Obligation and
the faithful have a serious spiritual obligation to
attend Mass to celebrate this Mystery of our Faith
regarding the Blessed Virgin Mary. Masses for the
Holy Day will be offered on Thursday evening
(December 7) at 6:30pm and on Friday morning
(December 8) at 8:15am. Mary, under her title of
the "Immaculate Conception", is the Patroness of
the United States. Through her prayers and
intercession, may God bless and guide the leaders
and people of our great nation!

FRIDAY/HOLY DAY

Please note that the Parish Office will be CLOSED this Friday, December 8, in observance of the Holy Day. Saint Henry School will NOT be in session as well. May we bring joy to the heart of our Blessed Mother as we honor her on this special day!

ADVENT CONFESSION

To help us spiritually prepare our souls for the celebration of Christmas, you are encouraged to make use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation /Confession. The opportunity for Confession will be available NEXT Sunday, December 10, from 2:00-3:00pm OR by appointment. Simply contact Father David to set up a time that is convenient for you! This could be the best gift you give yourself!

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The students of St. Henry School have been preparing and working hard for this year's Christmas Concert! Everyone is invited to attend the St. Henry School Christmas Concert which will be held in the school gym on Thursday, December 14, at 6:30pm. Hope to see you there!

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Our Christmas Masses will be offered on Christmas Eve (Sunday, December 24) at 9:00pm and on Christmas Morning (Monday, December 25) at 9:00am. Please note that we have a "double" Mass obligation this year since Christmas Day falls on Monday. You can fulfill your regular "Sunday Mass Obligation" by attending the Saturday evening Mass at 5:00pm OR the Sunday morning Mass at 8:15am. The Christmas Mass Obligation can be fulfilled by attending the Vigil Mass on Sunday evening at 9:00pm OR on Christmas morning at 9:00am.

ADVENT WORD AMONG US

The Advent edition of "The Word Among Us" is available at the entrances of the church. Take a copy home with you to use for your prayer and spiritual reading/preparation for Christmas.

ANNIVERSARY CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

The December "anniversary item" to commemorate our 150th Anniversary is a ceramic ornament with the window of St. Henry. These ornaments are \$5.00 each and will be available for purchase after the Masses this weekend. We still have additional anniversary items (rosary, Tervis tumbler, t-shirts) for purchase in the parish office if you would like to buy something as a Christmas gift for someone!

2024 CALENDARS

We have new 2024 calendars which have been donated to the parish by McMikle Funeral Home. Take one with you as we prepare for a New Year! May 2024 be filled with God's abundant blessings and graces for us, our families, and our world!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES COLLECTION

Due to everyone's generous support, we received \$765.00 for the Annual Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri Collection! Your kindness will help fund a variety of ministries and opportunities for those who are in need across southern Missouri. May the Lord reward you and bless you for your help in building up the Kingdom of God among us!

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

If you would like to make a donation to help purchase Christmas Flowers for the church, you may use the envelope included in your regular packet of offering envelopes. If you do not use the weekly contribution envelopes, please enclose your donation along with your name and the name(s) of the person(s) being honored in an envelope marked "Christmas Flowers" and place it in the offering baskets at the entrances of the church. Thanks for your help!

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

If you would like to receive contribution envelopes for 2024, please sign your name on the sheet located on the offering table at the back of the church. Thanks for your continued spiritual and financial support of the parish!

FREE ADVENT BOOK

For your spiritual reading during the Advent Season, you are invited to take a FREE copy of "The Rocking Chair Prophet" by Matthew Kelly. These books are available at the entrances of the church. Thanks to an "anonymous" parishioner who generously donated these books to the parish. Read it and pass it on!

PARISH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

If you had your photo taken for the new parish pictorial directory, you will receive a FREE complimentary copy of the directory. If you did NOT have your photo taken and would like a copy of the directory, we are asking for a \$5.00 donation to help defray the cost of printing. A sign up sheet is available at the back of the church if you would like to receive a copy. Thanks!

PARISH RECORDS

Each year we have to submit information/data to the diocese regarding our parish (sacramental information, # of households,...). It is important that everyone make sure that they have registered in the parish so that we can compile this information correctly and also have the correct contact information for parishioners. If you have never officially "registered" in the parish OR your contact information has changed, please contact Carletta in the Parish Office. Your help and consideration in this matter are greatly appreciated!

SEASON OF ADVENT

Today marks the beginning of our Holy Season of Advent! May these weeks of spiritual preparation leading us to the joy of Christmas Day renew our minds and hearts and bring peace and unity to our homes and our world!

THANK YOU

We extend our thanks and appreciation to Richard Rolwing for making the beautiful new coat rack in the vestibule! May God reward you for your kindness!