

**ST. HENRY CATHOLIC CHURCH
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 1, 2024**

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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 2, 2024
Mass: 8:15 a.m.
+Diane Bone

Tuesday, December 3, 2024
Mass: 8:15 a.m.
+DeSales Duenne

Wednesday, December 4, 2024
Rosary for Vocations at 8:15 a.m.

Thursday, December 5, 2024
Mass: 8:15 a.m.
+Martha Shankle

Friday, December 6, 2024
Mass: 8:15 a.m.
+Doug Simmons

Saturday, December 7, 2024
Mass: 5:00 p.m.
St. Henry Parish Family

Sunday, December 8, 2024
Mass: 8:15 a.m.
+J. W. Lindsay Goodin

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.....	\$19,084.62
Amount received for November.....	\$14,481.00
Sunday Envelopes.....	\$3,267.00
Number of Families.....	107
Envelopes received for the week.....	30

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

STEWARDSHIP BY THE BOOK

“Be on guard,” Jesus warns in today’s Gospel, “lest your spirits become bloated with indulgence.” Let us heed His warning and follow the advice of St. Paul, conducting ourselves in a way pleasing to God, overflowing with love for one another.

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR
NOVEMBER 30 AND DECEMBER 1
SATURDAY 5:00 PM**

LECTOR.....Debbie Hobbs
GIFT BEARERS.....Josh Thompson Family

SUNDAY 8:15 AM

LECTOR.....Bobbie Holland
GIFT BEARERS.....Jason Bledsoe Family

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR
DECEMBER 7 AND DECEMBER 8
SATURDAY 5:00 PM**

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

SUNDAY 8:15 AM

LECTORBarbara Whiteside
GIFT BEARERS.....Sheila Shankle

NEWS FOR DECEMBER 1

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 during the Advent Season. Advent begins THIS Sunday, December 1.

ADORATION

Please be reminded that we will have Adoration THIS Monday evening from 6:00-7:00pm and THIS Friday (December 6) beginning after Morning Mass and concluding with Benediction at 12:30pm. Consider giving some of your time in worship and adoration of our Eucharistic Lord!

ST. DENIS WINTER WONDERLAND

St. Denis Parish in Benton is hosting their annual “Winter Wonderland” on Saturday, December 7, from 8:00am-2:00pm in the Parish Center. Food, crafts, and a variety of other items and gifts will be available for purchase. The entry fee is the donation of a non-perishable food item. For more information, see the flyer posted on the vestibule bulletin board.

ADVENT CONFESSION

You are encouraged to make use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession during the Advent Season to spiritually prepare you for the celebration of Christmas! Confession will be available on Sunday, December 8, from 2:00-3:00pm. This Sacrament is also available each Saturday afternoon from 4:15-4:45pm OR by appointment with Father David.

MISSOURI SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM MEETING

Several parishioners signed up seeking more information about the “Missouri Scholarship Program” which will benefit students attending Catholic schools in Missouri. A presentation/information session will be held on Tuesday, December 10, at 6:00pm in the school gym. Tim Garner, president of Notre Dame Regional High School, will be giving the presentation and will be able to answer questions you may have about this effort. Thanks for your interest and support!

HOLY DAY

On December 8, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. There is a slight change this year! Since December 8 falls on Sunday, the Holy Day is transferred to MONDAY, December 9. Masses will be offered on this day (Monday) at 8:15am and 6:30pm. To deliberately miss Mass on Holy Days (AND on Sunday) is a serious sin, so please mark the Mass times on your calendar and make it part of your schedule on December 9. This is a special day for our nation as the Immaculate Conception is the patroness of the United States. With Mary's guidance and prayers, may we live our life as a nation in ways pleasing to Almighty God! O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee!

PCCW CHRISTMAS PARTY

All ladies of the parish are invited to attend our PCCW Christmas Party which will be held on Wednesday, December 11, at 6:00pm at the "Vybe Coffeehouse & Café" (formerly known as "The Brew Jay"). The cost per person is \$23 and includes a delicious meal (entrée, dessert, drink, and tip). If you plan to attend, please sign your name on the sheet located at the back of the church. **The deadline to sign up is SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1.** We ask that each person PRE-PAY for this event. Please make checks payable to St. Henry PCCW. You can enclose your payment in an envelope marked "PCCW CHRISTMAS PARTY" and place it in the collection basket at the entrances of the church. This will definitely be a night of good food and great fun!

EPISCOPAL ANNIVERSARY

On Thursday, December 12, Bishop Emeritus John Leibrecht will be celebrating the 40th Anniversary of his Ordination/Consecration as a bishop. Everyone is invited to attend Mass at St. Mary Cathedral in Cape at 7:00pm followed by a reception. Bishop Leibrecht lovingly served our diocese for many years! Let us show our appreciation and gratitude by seeking God's blessings upon him!

LIVING ROSARY

You are invited to join our St. Henry School Family in praying the "Living Rosary" on Thursday, December 12, at 2:20pm in the school gym! The Rosary is a beautiful devotion in honor of the Blessed Mother and of her Son, Jesus Christ! May this prayer of the Church lead us to a deeper appreciation and understanding of the Advent Season!

CHRISTMAS GATHERING FOR CHILDREN

All children ages Preschool and older are invited to attend our Christmas Gathering which will be held in the school gym on Sunday, December 15, from 9:45-10:45am. This will be a special time to focus on the true meaning of Christmas (the Birth of our Savior) and will include nativity crafts and holiday games. If you would like for your child to attend, please sign the registration form located on the table in the vestibule of the church. For more information, please contact Taylor Rolwing (314-660-7114).

CHRISTMAS MASSES

In case you are making plans for your Christmas Holiday, our Christmas Masses will be offered on Christmas Eve at 9:00pm and on Christmas Morning at 9:00am.

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

If you would like to receive parish contribution envelopes for 2025, please sign your name on the sheet located on the Offertory Table at the back of the church. Thanks for your continued spiritual and financial support of the parish!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES COLLECTION

Thanks to everyone's support and generosity, \$820 was received for the annual collection for Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri! May God abundantly reward you for your kindness as we reach out to those who are in need both physically and spiritually. Our Lord teaches us that what we do for others, we do for Him!

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

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

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

In lieu of giving Christmas gifts to me this year, I ask that you make a donation to St. Henry School. I don't need a lot of sweets, candy,..., so donate a food item to the Blue Jay Food Pantry instead. Thanks for your kindness, your thoughtfulness, and your generosity! May God abundantly reward you! Father David

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES

We extend our prayer and best wishes to Josh and Kate Medlock and their family on the baptism of their daughter, Ellie Kate Medlock. May the Lord surround them with His Divine Love as He shares the promise of Eternal Life with Ellie in the waters of Holy Baptism!

FOOD DONATIONS

If you donate food/items to the Blue Jay Food Pantry, please make sure that the food is NEW and NOT expired and over the "best buy" date. Your generosity and support of this ministry in our community is greatly appreciated!

ST. HENRY PARISH PRAYER LINE

Once again, the St. Henry Parish Prayer Line is in need of "updating" and reorganization. Through some unknown glitch, I have lost a group of names on the list and cannot retrieve them. I apologize, but I also know the prayer line needs revision. Many who are on the prayer line have died or moved away or asked to be added. For the next TWO weeks, a sign up sheet for those who would like to continue to be on the list OR join as recipients in this service of prayer will be found in the back of the church. If someone is out of town during this time, you may sign them up with their permission. Adding names after this sign-up period is part of the problem I have had with forwarding requests. Please sign your name and give your cell phone number (including the area code). I will group the numbers into group texts. If you wish to receive a phone call instead of a text, please contact a member and ask that you be called after the text is sent out. Please remember to ask permission of the person or a member of the immediate family BEFORE putting someone's name forward in order to protect the person's privacy. We share information with the Methodist and Baptist prayer lines. If you wish to notify only St. Henry parishioners/members, please note this in your request. I apologize again for causing the error that is preventing my sending out texts. Thank you for your past participation in this ministry of prayer! I look forward to a continuation of this important parish outreach. Also, if anyone would like to take over this project, please let me know! Joyce Ohmes (#573-683-0494)