

**ST. HENRY CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL
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FACILITIES USE POLICIES

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We are happy that you have selected the St. Henry Church Fellowship Hall for your event. In order to have the event run smoothly, the following policies are in place. Please contact Kristy Carlton, Fellowship Hall Coordinator, in the Church Office (615-352-2259 x133) to schedule your event.

I. Scheduling the Facility

For purposes of reserving space at St. Henry Church, the term “parishioner” is defined as a person/family officially registered through the parish office, contributing regularly, and actively participating in the life of the parish for a period of one year prior to an inquiry and request to reserve space. Exceptions will be made for persons/families that have joined the parish within the past year and have a letter of reference from their previous parish stating that they were active, contributing members of that parish.

The Fellowship Hall will be available in the following order of priority:

1. Official parish events. Official is defined as groups and organizations that come under a Parish Council committee.
2. Parishioners for appropriate functions
3. Non-parishioner events by groups with objectives which are consistent with the mission and values of St. Henry Church are known to St. Henry Church and are approved by the Pastor or his designated staff representative. St. Henry Church will rent to charity and non-profit groups but not to for-profit groups whose purpose is to make money.

St. Henry Church reserves the right to cancel an event not meeting the above qualifications or not in compliance with the Facilities Use Policies.

The Fellowship Hall and kitchen are scheduled through the Fellowship Hall Coordinator in the parish office by filling out a Parish Room Reservation Form. The requested date will be confirmed after the event is approved and the security deposit is paid.

The number of events scheduled in the Fellowship Hall on a given day will depend on the type of event. One wedding reception in the Fellowship Hall will be allowed per day. Multiple parish events may be scheduled on the same day, to be decided on a case by case basis, depending on the time involved and the clean-up arrangements. **A Saturday daytime event must end by 3:30pm in order to avoid conflict with the 5:00pm Saturday Mass parking requirements.**

I. Scheduling the Facility (continued)

Saturday evening events/wedding receptions cannot begin prior to 6:30pm and must end by 11:30pm.

St. Henry Church policy states that the serving of alcohol must cease one hour in advance of the scheduled end of the event – No Exceptions!

All items brought in for the event must be removed, and all caterers, vendors, and guests must vacate the premises **no later than 12:00am (midnight)**. Please plan your event accordingly. Any delay past 12:00am (midnight) may incur additional charges.

During wedding receptions, the bride's room will remain open. St. Henry Church is not responsible for the loss or theft of personal property. Personal items are the sole responsibility of the owner. It is recommended to remove any valuables when the room is unattended.

II. Fees

Fees cover the cost of operating the Fellowship Hall. Fees cover on-site staff, cleanup, security, utilities and building depreciation.

For official parish groups and organizations, no rental fee will be charged. Fees for cleanup and linens will need to be discussed with the Fellowship Hall Coordinator.

Please contact Kristy Carlton, the Fellowship Hall Coordinator, for more information on fees for parishioner private events and non-parishioner events.

If an adjustment is needed in the fee, a request may be made in writing to the pastor.

The security deposit (payable to St. Henry Church) is required to secure a date on the master calendar. This deposit is refundable following the event if the facility is left as it was found with no damage. The Fellowship Hall Coordinator will inspect the facility following the event and report to the parish office. The refund amount is determined on the basis of this report.

If setup is required after 4:00pm on Friday, extra personnel will be called in for a fee which will be deducted from the deposit.

If an event is cancelled less than 30 days prior to the scheduled event date, the security deposit will not be refunded.

III. Required Forms

A) Facility Use Form

Please meet with the Fellowship Hall Coordinator to complete the **Facility Use Form** which will provide information on your event. Included on this form is a list of equipment available for your use (at no additional cost) and a diagram of the Fellowship Hall for your use in deciding on a setup arrangement. The parish office will give you a copy for your records.

B) Special Events Insurance Coverage Form

All non-official parish functions are required to sign up for Special Events Coverage provided by St. Henry Church/Diocese of Nashville through Catholic Mutual Group. Application is made in the parish office no later than one month prior to the event. The coverage provides \$1,000,000 combined Single Limit Bodily Injury, Property Damage and Host Liquor Liability coverage per event (not per claim). There is no additional charge for this insurance coverage.

C) Facility Usage/Indemnity Agreement Form

All non-official parish functions are required to sign the Usage/Indemnity Agreement Form as part of a *Hold Harmless Agreement*.

IV. Access to Fellowship Hall and/or Fellowship Hall Kitchen

Church personnel will open and lock the building.

To provide supervision and assistance, a staff person will be on the premises or on call during events.

Individuals approved by the Facilities Scheduler and/or Fellowship Hall Coordinator may arrange through the parish office to use a key card (recommended) for access in advance of an event to do setup and event preparation.

V. Alcohol Policy

Bars must be attended and the use of alcohol must be supervised at all times.

For private functions, a limited open bar is allowed. Renters are responsible for ensuring that bars are run by ABC licensed bartenders who are experienced in controlling the use of alcohol. Professional bartenders are recommended.

V. Alcohol Policy (continued)

Serving to minors is prohibited at all times.

St. Henry Church policy states that the serving of alcohol must cease one hour prior to the scheduled end of the event. NO EXCEPTIONS!

Beer kegs are allowed as long as they are kept inside a kegerator. St. Henry Church has 2 (two) kegerators available for use. *Cleaning of the kegerators post-event is the responsibility of the rental party.*

If coolers are needed, the parish will provide two commercial coolers that do not form condensation on the outside. Home-style coolers or tubs of ice are prohibited as the condensation soaks the carpet. *Removal of ice and water from coolers post-event is the responsibility of the rental party.*

VI. Audio-Visual Equipment

If audio-visual equipment owned by St. Henry Church is to be used for non-official parish events, a rental fee of \$50 will apply. If a staff member is needed to run the equipment, an additional fee of \$50 will be due.

For official parish functions, please make arrangements to have the equipment operated by a parishioner or staff member trained in the operation of the equipment.

VII. Caterers, Lighting and Decorating Companies, and Event Coordinators

A list of approved Caterers and Lighting and Decorating Companies is available from the parish office. Vendors not on the list may be added after 1) providing three references, 2) providing a certificate of insurance for \$1 million general liability that must state the following: **“St. Henry Church and the Diocese of Nashville is named as Certificate Holder and Additional Insured,”** and 3) meeting with the Fellowship Hall Coordinator.

Vendors must sign a contract listing responsibilities and expectations for use of the facility.

An Event Planner hired by a renter is to consult with the Fellowship Hall Coordinator prior to using the Fellowship Hall. The renter will be required to attend the initial meeting with the Event Planner and Fellowship Hall Coordinator.

VIII. Children

Young people under 18 years of age are to be supervised at all times by an adult 21 years of age or older.

Child care facilities are not available for private functions.

For safety reasons, no child under 12 years of age may be in the kitchen.

IX. Decorations

Decoration plans are to be submitted to the Fellowship Hall Coordinator for approval prior to the event. Information should include a brief description of the plan and the materials to be used.

Decorations must meet fire codes. Flammable materials are not allowed. This includes sparklers.

Decorations taped, tacked, nailed or otherwise affixed to doors, walls, ceiling, windows or floors are not permitted.

Glitter, glitter-covered items or confetti may not be used.

Decorations should be free standing and removed from the Fellowship Hall immediately following the event.

Live plants are allowed. No asparagus ferns are allowed because of shedding. Artificial flowers and plants may be used.

Twinkle lights may be placed on trees but may not be hung from walls or ceilings.

No household extension cords may be used. In the event extension cords are needed St. Henry Church will provide them upon request.

Candelabra are allowed only as part of a serving table centerpiece. Dripleless candles are required. Candles other than those in candelabra must be enclosed in glass containers.

Votive lights are allowed.

Balloons are to be secured to prevent them from rising to the ceiling.

No live animals are allowed in parish facilities at any time with the exception of service dogs.

Exit doors, handicapped doors, fire extinguishers, and emergency lights are to be unobstructed at all times.

X. Exterior Areas

Vehicles are restricted to asphalt areas. Parking is allowed in designated spaces only.

XI. Setup

Unless otherwise specified, rental of the Fellowship Hall begins at 8:00 a.m. on the day of the event and concludes at midnight of that same day. Thirty (30) days prior to your event, a renter may check with the Fellowship Hall Coordinator on availability of set up the day before. An additional charge may be required.

The Fellowship Hall will have some tables and chairs set up permanently. Layout of tables and chairs will be arranged through St. Henry Church.

The Fellowship Hall Coordinator will meet with renters and parish groups using the facility to give information on setup. The Coordinator is also in charge of the kitchen.

If a tent for the terrace on the north side of the Fellowship Hall is being considered, the tent vendor is required to meet with the Fellowship Hall Coordinator. The terrace measures 24 feet by 39 feet. The maximum tent size permitted is 20 feet by 30 feet. Access to the Parish Center second floor doorway off the terrace must remain clear at all times.

XII. Available Equipment

St. Henry Church has some equipment available for use by any event. If additional equipment is needed, the renter is responsible for making the arrangements and paying for the additional equipment.

Tables: 20 - 60 inch round (seats 8-10)
 4 - 72 inch round (seats 10-12)
 8 - 6 foot rectangular
 4 - 8 foot rectangular
 6 - Bistro Tables

Chairs: 325 available

Bars: 2 available

Linens: The parish does not provide linens or chair covers for non-official parish events. The renter is required to provide all desired linens and chair covers for their event.

XII. Available Equipment (continued)

Dishes: The parish has some dishes for official parish events. Non-official parish events provide their own dishes.

Silverware: The parish has some silverware for official parish events. Non-official parish events provide their own silverware.

Glassware: Glassware is allowed. The church has some wine glasses available for official parish events. Non-official parish events provide their own glassware.

Beer Kegs: A keg is allowed as long as the keg is kept inside a special refrigerator (kegerator). St. Henry will provide two kegerators if needed. *Emptying and cleaning of the kegerators is the responsibility of the rental party.*

Coolers: If needed, the parish will provide two commercial coolers that do not leak or form condensation causing the carpet to become wet. *Emptying and cleaning of the coolers is the responsibility of the rental party.* Home-style coolers with ice and tubs of ice are prohibited.

XIII. Bands, Musicians, Caterers and Vendors

Vendors must bring all their own equipment.

If the event is on a Saturday, delivery of equipment must take place before 4:00 p.m. or after 6:15 p.m. If using a band, please check with the band on power needs and discuss with the Fellowship Hall Coordinator and Facility Manager to be sure there is adequate power. No sound checks are permitted between 3:00 p.m. and 6:15p.m.

XIV. Fellowship Hall Kitchen

The Fellowship Hall Coordinator serves as the kitchen manager.

All groups which use the kitchen are required to consult with the Fellowship Hall Coordinator prior to using the kitchen.

If the dishwasher will be used, please make arrangements with the Fellowship Hall Coordinator to train the person who will operate the equipment.

The kitchen is a catering kitchen not intended for full-meal preparation. The majority of food to be served is to be prepared off site.

For safety reasons, no person under 12 years of age is allowed in the kitchen.

XIV. Fellowship Hall Kitchen (continued)

The following equipment is available for use in the Fellowship Hall kitchen:

Refrigerator (double)	Convection oven	Freezer
Dishwasher	Range	Ice Machine
Griddle	Microwave	Warming oven (hot box)

Responsibility for Kitchen Cleanup belongs to the Caterer/Group or Renter. The kitchen must be left the way it was found.

XV. Cleanup Responsibilities

For non-official parish events, a professional cleaning service will clean the hall and restrooms. This service is included in the rental fee. ***When a licensed caterer is hired for food service, the catering staff is expected to take care of fully cleaning the kitchen.***

For official parish events, a cleanup committee may be appointed to handle cleanup responsibilities, or a professional cleaning service may be hired through St. Henry Church for \$250. Please contact the Fellowship Hall Coordinator to schedule this service.

For all events, non-parish or official parish: if a professional caterer is not hired, the renter, parish group, or individual hosting the event is responsible for taking care of the cleanup of the kitchen.

Kitchen Cleanliness Expectations:

- The kitchen is to be left as clean as it was found.
- Cleanup is expected immediately following the event.
- All items brought in and all rentals are to be removed immediately following the event. This includes all left over food, drinks, dishes, glassware, utensils, and cookware.
- Wipe down appliances and counter tops.
- Clean sinks.
- Sweep and mop the floor.
- Close plastic trash bags and place in dumpster outside the kitchen door.
- Put new trash liners in trash cans.
- Check to be sure all appliances (including exhaust fans) are off.
- Leave kitchen lights on (for security reasons)

Fellowship Hall Cleanliness Expectations:

- Take away all items brought in and all rentals.
- Wipe down all tables and chairs. ⁽¹⁾

XV. Cleanup Responsibilities (continued)

Fellowship Hall Cleanliness Expectations (continued):

- Vacuum carpet. ⁽¹⁾
- Wipe up any spills on carpet and notify St. Henry staff about any spills or wet carpet.
- Inspect the wood dance floor for spills and wipe up as needed.

Restrooms Cleanliness Expectations:

- Empty trash and replace liners. Fresh plastic bags are under existing bags. ⁽¹⁾
- Take trash to dumpster outside kitchen door. ⁽¹⁾
- Wipe sinks and counters.
- Make sure restrooms are presentable.
- Check floors and stalls for litter.
- Check water is not running.
- Report any problems to the on-site or on-call staff person.

Exterior Cleanliness Expectations:

- Check the outside of the building for any refuse, including cigarette butts.
- Place any trash in proper containers.
- **Do Not Throw Cigarette Butts In Trash Cans.** Place cigarette butts in designated containers on terrace (for safety reasons).

XVI. Smoking

No smoking is allowed within St. Henry Church buildings at any time.

A designated smoking area is located on the terrace at the north entrance of the Fellowship Hall next to the parish center building. Containers are provided in outside areas for cigarette butts. Cigar bars are not permitted.

XVII. Throwing of Material

No material of any kind (such as, but not limited to: rice, confetti, birdseed, bubbles) may be thrown on church property. Releasing balloons is not allowed.

XVIII. General Conditions

Each group and sponsor is responsible for proper behavior and conduct of all guests during

XVIII. General Conditions (continued)

events using the facilities.

Youth groups must be supervised by a leader 21 years of age or older. This supervisor must be present at all times.

A St. Henry Church staff member will be present or on call during events. A phone number for this person will be provided by the Fellowship Hall Coordinator.

A list of emergency phone numbers is posted at the side of the Fellowship Hall telephone (to the left of the kitchen door).

St. Henry Church is not responsible for the loss or theft of personal property. Personal items are the sole responsibility of the owner.

All groups using the facility agree to pay for any damages to the premises. This includes the interior and exterior of the building, landscaping, and signage.

XIX. Parking

Parking is allowed only in designated parking spaces. If your event will involve a large number of cars, you may wish to consider valet parking. This service would be the responsibility of the renter. A list of approved parking companies is available in the parish office. A company may be added to the list after providing references.

It is against the law to park in or unlawfully block designated handicapped parking spaces.

¹⁾ Applies to official parish events with an approved designated cleanup committee