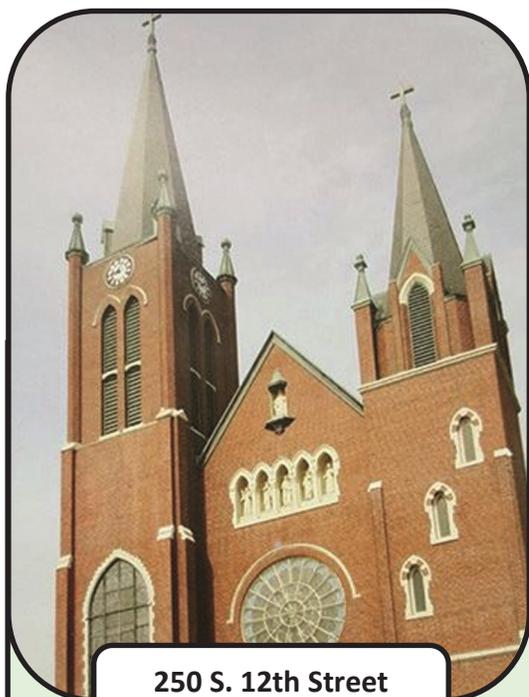


# Saint Mary's

# Saint Catharine of Siena Parish



250 S. 12th Street  
Reading, PA 19602

#### ST. MARY'S MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 3:30 p.m.  
Sunday : 10:30 a.m.

#### Sacraments

**Reconciliation:** Saturday, 2:45 -3:15 p.m. in the Church. Otherwise, by appointment only

#### Pastoral Staff

Rev. Brian M. Miller, M.A., Pastor  
Rev. Van-Vien (JV) Nguyen, Parochial Vicar  
Deacon John Stapleton  
Deacon Gregory Schneider  
Mrs. Cythnia Williamson, Principal  
Rev. Msgr. Joseph P. T. Smith, Pastor Emeritus

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4975 Boyertown Pike  
Reading, PA 19606

#### ST. CATHARINE'S MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 8:00 a.m.  
Saturday: 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday: 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.  
Daily: Monday - Friday - 7:15 a.m.

**Sacraments Reconciliation:** Saturday - 3:30 - 4:15 p.m. - in the Church otherwise, by appointment only.

#### PARISH CENTER: 4975 Boyertown Pike (Office is in the back)

Phone: 610-779-4005  
Parish Website: [www.scsreading.org](http://www.scsreading.org)  
Parish Email: [saintcatharineofreading@gmail.com](mailto:saintcatharineofreading@gmail.com)

#### ST. CATHARINE'S SCHOOL: 2330 Perkiomen Avenue

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#### PREP OFFICE: 2330 Perkiomen Avenue

Phone: 610-779-8535

#### PRE-SCHOOL:

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Please mail all your correspondence to the Parish Center, 4975 Boyertown Pike, Reading, PA 19606

#### St. Catharine of Siena Parish Mission Statement

We, the people of St. Catharine of Siena Parish, as brothers and sisters in Christ guided by the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and inspired by the works of our patron saint proclaim a desire to grow in our Roman Catholic faith through holiness and a willingness to serve the members of our parish family and community.

St. Mary's News

Sunday, April 5th - 10:30 a.m. - Living & Deceased Members of the Parish  
Saturday, April 11th - 3:30 p.m. - Richard Zaorski  
Sunday, April 12th - 10:30 a.m. - Walter LaSota



SAVE THE DATE  
MASS OF THANKSGIVING

SATURDAY

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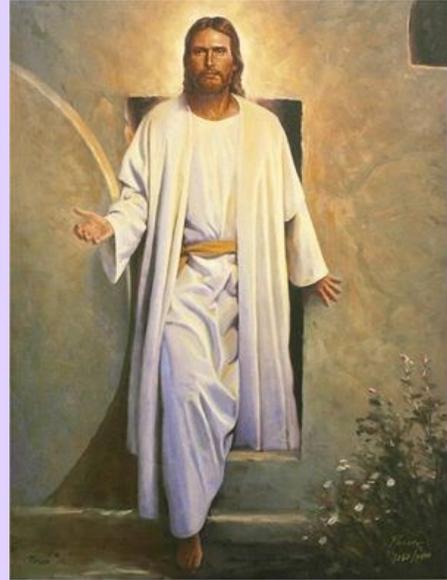
2026



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC  
DIOCESE of ALLENTOWN  
CELEBRATING 65 YEARS



Please join us on Sunday April 12, after all Masses for a Delicious Bake Sale supporting the 8th grade Dinner Dance. Cash and Venmo will be accepted. Lots of yummy treats to choose from!



EASTER

It is a great joy for us, at the conclusion of the long Lenten weeks of preparation, to extend to everyone in our Parish Family the best wishes from all your priests and deacons, that you enjoy a very Happy and Blessed Easter.

This commemoration of the Lord's victory over sin and death is too big to grasp in one day, so the Church wisely celebrates it during the entire week. Each day of this week, the readings of the Mass contain yet another account of the events of Easter Sunday and the risen Lord's appearances to His followers.

All of this to help bolster our faith and belief in that central fact of salvation history: that Jesus suffered, died and then rose again. May the ever growing awareness of this tremendous divine act fill your heart with new hope and peace.

**Acts 10:34a, 37-43:** In his sermon Peter sums up the good news, the Gospel. Salvation comes through Christ, the beloved Son of the Father, the anointed of the Holy Spirit.

**Col 3:1-4:** Look to the glory of Christ in which we share because our lives are hidden in Him (through Baptism) and we are destined share in the glory.

**Jn 20:1-9:** Let us discover the empty tomb and ponder this mystery, and like Christ's first followers be strengthened in our faith.

**Today's Message:** On this day of days we offer a joyful sacrifice of praise to the Father who raised his Son from the dead. Let us be intent upon the life Christ offers us, Christ our Passover who has been sacrificed.

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**MONDAY, APRIL 6**

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – following the 9:00 a.m. Mass

CONFESSIONS – 7:00-8:00 p.m. – Church

CUB SCOUTS – 5:00-7:00 p.m. – Social Hall

**TUESDAY, APRIL 7**

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING – 6:30 p.m. – Social Hall

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8**

PREP – 6:30-8:00 p.m. - School

**THURSDAY, APRIL 9**

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m.

OCIA - 6:00 p.m. – Meeting Room

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MTG. - 7:00 p.m. - Social Hall

**SATURDAY, APRIL 11**

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m.

BAPTISMAL WORKSHOP - 10:00 a.m. - Parish Center

MILLIONS OF MONICAS \_ 10:15-11:15 a.m. - Church

**SUNDAY, APRIL 12**

8TH GRADE BAKE SALE - After all Masses

SOCIAL SUNDAY – following the 9:30 & 11:30 a.m. Masses- Social Hall

CHOIR REHEARSAL – 10:00 a.m. – Meeting Room

YOUNG SAINTS MINISTRY – 3:30-5:00 p.m. – Social Hall

SR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP – 6:30-8:30 p.m. – Social Hall

Everyone is invited to the social hall for donuts, fruit, coffee, juice and fellowship after the 9:30 and 11:30 Masses on Sunday, April 12th. Thank you to our hosts for this month - the 50+ Club!

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 4**

8:00 Intentions of the Catechumens & Candidates

**SUNDAY, APRIL 5**

7:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

9:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

11:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

**MONDAY, APRIL 6**

9:00 Barbara Corbo

**TUESDAY, APRIL 7**

7:15 Thomas Fry

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8**

7:15 Sean G. Carr

**THURSDAY, APRIL 9**

7:15 Adelaide Parks (9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

**FRIDAY, APRIL 10**

7:15 Terry Mscichowski (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)

**SATURDAY, APRIL 11**

8:00 John Walter Burns

4:30 George & Mary Edmunds

**SUNDAY, APRIL 12**

7:30 Gerry & Marie Sullivan

9:30 Marie Martha Briand

11:30 Terry Mscichowski

**Scripture Readings**

**For the Week of April 5, 2026**

**Sunday**

**The Resurrection of the Lord**

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or Lk 24:13-35 (*Afternoon or Evening*)

**Monday**

Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a and 5,7-8, 9-10, 11; Mt 28:8-15

**Tuesday**

Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22; Jn 20:11-18

**Wednesday**

Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:13-35

**Thursday**

Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:35-48

**Friday**

Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a; Jn 21:1-14

**Saturday**

Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21; Mk 16:9-15

**Sunday**

**Sunday of Divine Mercy**

Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

**Parish Nurse News** - Easter, our time of joy and happiness, also fills hearts with hope! Know that optimists and yes, even pessimists, can be hopeful when faced with physical, mental, and other life difficulties and challenges. Being hopeful helps us to set meaningful goals, develop a mental map toward those goals, and provides motivation and energy to pursue those goals! (Corn, B. et al., 2024, Understanding hope...,Pub.Med).

Joseph's People - Berks & Lehigh County Chapter  
If you are underemployed or unemployed or know someone who is, let Joseph's People help! Join us on Zoom on Tuesday, April 14th at 6 pm. Our topic will be "Attend and working a Job Fair." We have helped thousands of people over the years and there is never a fee for our services. Email Paul Licata for more info at [pauljosephlicata@gmail.com](mailto:pauljosephlicata@gmail.com), [www.josephspeople.org](http://www.josephspeople.org)



**For the week of April 5th  
The Sanctuary Candle  
will burn In  
Loving Memory of**

**St. Catharine's Church** - Anngelina Calpino for her 100th Birthday

**St. Mary's** - Wolfgang Licht

EASTER SUNDAY

**PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS**

|               |                                 |
|---------------|---------------------------------|
| Monday 4/6    | Rev. Patrick H. Lamb            |
| Tuesday 4/7   | Rev. Daniel T. Lannen, O.S.F.S. |
| Wednesday 4/8 | Rev. Brendon M. Laroche         |
| Thursday 4/9  | Rev. Keith R. Laskowski         |
| Friday 4/10   | Rev. William J. Linkchorst      |
| Saturday 4/11 | Rev. David J. Loeper            |



Forging Friendships for Our Children and Families  
in a Community of Faith

April 12  
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

at  
St. Catharine of Siena  
Social Hall

We're excited to continue Young Saints Ministries at  
St. Catharine of Siena!

This joyful program brings children together to make new friends while learning about the saints in a fun and faith-filled way. Parents are welcome to connect, share, and grow in community as families gather together.

We meet on the second Sunday of each month, creating a special time for families to come together, build friendships, and grow in faith.

April Event Spotlight:

Join us this April for a fun-filled celebration with an exciting egg hunt and activities for all ages! Don't miss our special Young Saints activity, where kids will take part in a meaningful and engaging experience celebrating the joy and renewal of the Easter season.

Join us for a welcoming, family-friendly environment where kids can learn, laugh, and grow in their faith together!



**SCS Knights 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Cornhole Tournament**



**SATURDAY, April 18<sup>th</sup>**

Tournament check-in starts at 10:30 am    Play Starts at 11:30 am  
( If raining, moved indoors to Social Hall )

(includes beef BBQ, hot dogs, beer, soda, water, traditional fixings and snacks)

Cost: \$60 per Team

Tournament Sponsorships Available (including for each Cornhole Court)

Limited to those 21 years of age or older

Registration Deadline: April 12<sup>th</sup>

**Prizes:** 1st Place = \$250    2nd Place = \$150    3rd Place = \$100  
4th Place = \$75    5th Place = \$50

**REGISTRATION FORMS AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH**

or

**CONTACT JOHN ARTY @ (484) 269-4195**

*Looking forward to seeing you all again this year!*

**The SCS Knights thank you for your continued support !**

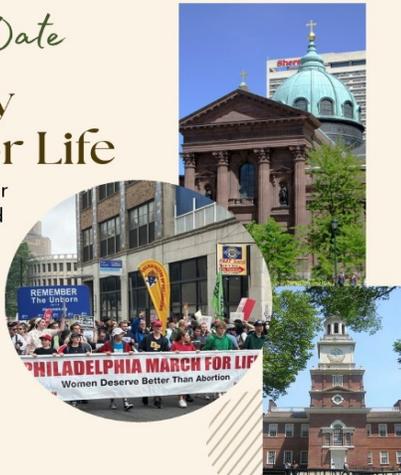
The profits from the Cornhole Tournament benefit the SCS Knights charitable endeavors, which include but are not limited to, SCS Church & School, Lifeline of Berks County, John Paul II Center for Learning, Mary's Shelter, PA Special Olympics, Diocesan Seminarian(s), SCS Youth Groups, and the SCS Knights Food for Families programs.

Save the Date

**Philly  
March for Life**

A day of unity for our unborn brothers and sisters

- Holy Mass at SS. Peter & Paul Cathedral
- March to Independence Mall
- Rally at the Mall



All are welcome to join in this public witness for life.

**Saturday,  
April 25<sup>th</sup>**

Mass at 8:00 AM  
March at 9:00 AM  
Rally at 10:00 AM



Featuring Ryan Bomberger  
co-founder  
Radiance Foundation



Come Join Us for  
**BINGO**

Enjoy a night out filled with laughter, great company, prizes and BINGO!

**SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH @ 6:30PM**  
DOORS OPEN @ 5:30PM AT SCS CHURCH SOCIAL HALL

**FOOD | DRINKS | RAFFLES | CASH PRIZES**

Get tickets now 

BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE ST. CATHARINE OF SIENA SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD & CYO

Almighty and Everlasting God, the eternal salvation of those who believe in You, hear us on behalf of Your servants who are sick, for whom we humbly beg the help of your mercy, so that, being restored to health, they may render thanks to you in your Church. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

**a time to be born... Recently Baptized:**

**Please pray for our sick & soldiers in harm's way:** Karin Acuna, Richard Abelt, Carl Andrzejewski, Anthony Antonucci, Baby Lanzo, Mike Bailey, Joe & Patty Barker, Melody Bechtel, Gene Bellus, Dolores Bertoti, Joseph Bezak, Jason Beshore, JoAnne Biscanti, Jodi Bixler, Susan Bolognese, Jim Boris, Michele Boucher, Joanne Bowman, Katie Briggs, Frank Broga, Sophia Broga, Paul Brooke, Maria Bunch, Connie Burkhart, Jennifer Burrell, Marvin Bush, John Callaghan, Pauline Cappel, Richard Cunnus, Cyril Danko, Tamara Danko, Alivia, Jennifer & Thomas Devlin, George Dietrich, **Msgr. Edward R. Domin**, Roseanne Dougherty, Cory Doyen, Andy Dykie, Gina Ebricht, Charles Elchlepp, Ann Entzminger, Marian Ertel, Joe Essig, Robert Flipping, Deane & Ann Foster, Jocelyn Franek, Chris Fry, Geraldine Gamby, Michael Gantert, Dave Garman, Charles Gierschick, Todd Gladfelter, Theresa Grabowski, Joe Grippe, Charlotte Grauf, David J. Gubernot, Clara Hartline, Marie Hartranft, Terry Hayward, William M. Hedl, Wayne & Mary Hedrick, Robyn Hefferan, John Heft, Theresa Heltzinger, Patricia Herber, Carole Hess, Curtis S. Hill, Jesse Hill, Roger Hilton, Michael Hivner, Margaret Iuso, Michael & Dorothy Jurasinski, Katelynn Solecki Kajunski, Lesley Kaminski, Krissy Kelly, Maryanne Kenton, Mary Klick, Cindy Kohl, **Rev. David Kohut, OFM**, Genny Kopel, Rosemarie Kovacs, Dorothy Kulak, Christine T. Kuzio, Paul Lepore, William Lawson, Pat Lenich, Ann Lewandowski, Melanie Lintz, Jane Lubas, Joan Lubas, Aleigha Manderbach, Peter Manolakis, Angela Marroccoli, Rocco Martinozzi, Greg & Kevin Masters, Daniel Matz, Cindy McConnell, Peggy McConnell, Mary Rita McFadden, Tim McNeil, Katherine Miceli, Lannie Milillo, Kyle Moore, Christine Motley, Madeline Mullen, William Nelson, Jerome Nigh, Maddie Nordhoy, Trudy Oliver, Angela Biscanti Ondik, Luis Osorio, Peggy Pacharis, Frank Pingitore, Donald Pisker, Chris Plue, David Plumley, Chuck Rackie, Antonio Mark Ramos, Lorraine Ransom, Phyliss Rathman, Rich Readinger, Peggy Reid, Dave Rickert, Virginia Rivera, Dave Robertshaw, Raven Robinson, Gloria Lynn Romanski, David Samsel, Barbara Santoro, Anne Schaeffer, Barbara Schock, Edward Senkowski, Mark Serino, Bob Shardin, Earl Sheetz, Gabbie Sierra, Shaun Sisk, Joan Skoczen, Anne Smith, Patricia Soto, Louise Souders, Barbara Spatz, **Father Leo Stajkowski**, Andy Strangarity, Jerry Stricker, Marty Strunk, Earl Suchomelly, Thomas Sword, Sean Tipping, Kimberly Trigstead, Tom Testa, Richard Uliasz, Janet Ustaszewski, Rex Voelker, Chad Vogel, John Vogel, Alexandra Wachowicz, Mark Walter, Pam Weber, Lyn Weidenhammer, Pat White, Frank White, Marcia Willman, Walter Yourkavitch, Ann Marie Zawislak, Mary Ann Zerkowski, Dan Zielinski, Mollie Ziembra, Mary Ann Zimmerman *A Time to die: **Jospeh Kurpiewski**, (husband of Joann Kurpiewski) ; **Anthony Donato, Sr.** (father for Dr. Anthony Donato, Jr.) ; **Bertha Diaz** & all victims of war, and the 4,100 daily abortions. Ecclesiastes 3:11* **To have someone from your family enrolled on our prayer list, please call the Parish Center. Parishioners who are sick or hospitalized, in a rehabilitation facility or at home wishing to receive the Holy Eucharist may call the Parish at 610-779-4005.**

**A Heartfelt Thank You!**

**Once again, our parishioners here at St. Catharine's showed their care and concern for others. We set up over 10 tables full of groceries for the families to shop from. This food drive was a true blessing to over 100 families in our parish and community. Those of you who helped with donations through our poor boxes were a big part of this food drive as well. Without you and your generosity this wouldn't have happened. Thank you so very much to all and have a Blessed Easter. Also, if you ever hear of a parishioner in need, please call the church office and they will contact our St. Vincent de Paul Society and we will try to help them.**

*We pray for the Gift of Peace in the world and the safety of those working for peace through the military services, especially: First Lt. David J. Wentling, IV, First Lt. Nicholas A. Wentling, Cpts. Juliana & Sean Coleman, Petty Officer Matthew J. Dobroskey, Jr., Cpl. Bruce Bogertey, SPC, Alex Heintz, Captain Chelsea Pellicano, LT. Nicholas Tomczyk, Captain Steffan Lis, MD, SPC, Dylan Einfalt, Airman 1st Class Kevin Hodgson, Sgt. Madison Straka, First Lt. Devon Schoonover, Sgt. Mackenzie Adame, Staff Sgt. Brian Perrotto, Tom Bristol, Danny Bristol, Commander Daniel M. Simon, Staff Sgt. Michael Porcaro, Staff Sgt. Zak Ribble, TSgt. Timothy Hinsey, Thomas Bristol, Col. Patrick Sullivan, Second Lt. Joshua Kline, Captain Kevin Madary, Sgt. First Class Andrew Spies, Lt. Col. Jeffrey Brizek, Warrant Officer Gregory Van Horn, Major Jeffrey Van Horn, Zachary Deissler, Amy & Gregory Boland, Lt. Col. Adam Sawyer, Staff Sgt. Jeremiah Sola, Lt. Cdr. Mathew Stuber, Sgt. Nathan Essig., 2nd Lt. Jorge Taveras, please contact the Parish Office with your prayer requests or email them to [dsitler@comcast.net](mailto:dsitler@comcast.net).*

**Hallow**

TIPS and TRICKS Morning Prayers/Songs: Prayer, what a wonderful way to start each day! Search in Hallow for "Morning Prayers" and you'll see the 1 minute Morning Prayer by St. Therese; 1-3 minute Morning Offering featuring Jonathan Roumie; brief Morning Psalms with Bishop Barron; and Morning Prayer Songs and Lauds with Hallow Lofi among other options. It's good to center your day with our Lord for whatever might come. Our St. Catharine's community prayed > 118,000 min on Hallow last month with over 11,000 individual prayers. We look forward to praying with you!!!

**50 Plus News**

Please call, President **Bev Gallo** for any 50 Plus Club inquiries. Her phone number is 610-763-7058. You can see us on Facebook for additional information.

**Meetings**

May 6, 2025: Pamela Matheos from the District Attorney’s office will speak about scams

June 3, 2026:

Kristianne Reinhart, a physical therapist from Tower Health, specializing in vestibular therapy and balance disorders, will present and show us how to help ourselves or someone else with balancing issues through correct exercises.

**Trips**

April 24, 2026: Murder at Mt. Hope, \$112

May 13, 2026: Arsenic and Old Lace Candlelight Theater, \$116

June 24, 2026: Real Diamond, Penn’s Peak, \$95

July 16, 2026: School of Rock, Pines Theater, \$108

August 12-14: Island Hoppin in Ohio: single occupancy, \$845, double occupancy \$645

September 23, 2026: Gettysburg Dine Around, \$167

October 22, 2026: Medieval Times Baltimore, \$110

November 12, 2026: The Christmas Rush, Bird– In-Hand - \$110

Please call Bev Bard, 610–763–5654 for additional trip information.

Please call **Maria Bunch** at 610-914-7005 with the names of members who are sick or who have died. We always welcome new members and encourage guests to join us at any of our meetings. Our meetings are held at 1:00 PM on the first Wednesday of most months at St Catharine Social Hall. There will be no meetings during the special events months of April, August, and December.



Calling all high schoolers! Today’s society constantly tells us that we are not enough, but God tells us that we are **WORTHY!** Join hundreds of Catholic teens at Steubenville Main Campus 4 on July 17 – 19 to experience the peace of Jesus Christ, who is always faithful and will never abandon us. All rising freshmen in high school through rising freshmen in college are invited to attend this retreat with our group. Learn more at [www.scsyouth.weebly.com](http://www.scsyouth.weebly.com) and contact Mrs. Zambito at [mzambito@scsreading.org](mailto:mzambito@scsreading.org) if you are interested in attending. Space is limited. Register by April 1, 2026 to save your spot!



It’s time for Vacation Bible School! At Rainforest Falls Totally Catholic VBS, kids explore the nature of God—discovering who God is and how much he loves them! Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, make crafts and devour yummy treats, experience one of-a-kind Bible Adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies, and test out sciency fun experiments they’ll never forget. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes with a Canopy Closing that gets everyone involved in living what they’ve learned. Scan the QR code above for more information or to register!

VBS will be held in the school cafeteria June 22, 2026 thru June 26, 2026 from 9:00 am – 11:30 am and is open to children entering grades K-5 in September 2026. Students in grades 6-8 are invited to volunteer to help run VBS. Adult leaders are needed as well! Registration and volunteer forms are available by scanning the QR Code or at [www.scsyouth.weebly.com](http://www.scsyouth.weebly.com) . Contact Marci Zambito at [mzambito@scsreading.org](mailto:mzambito@scsreading.org) with questions.



**ST. CATHARINE OF SIENA SCHOOL**



**ENROLLING NOW 2026-2027**  
PRE-KINDERGARTEN - 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE  
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