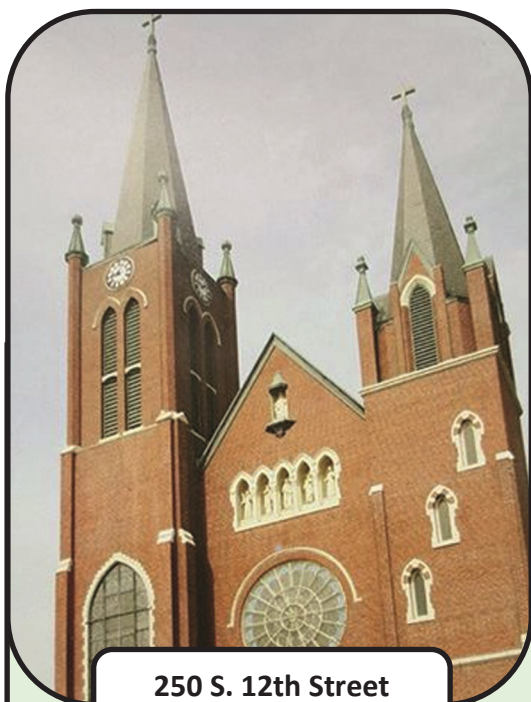


Saint Mary's

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

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Rev. Brian M. Miller, M.A., Pastor
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4975 Boyertown Pike
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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.

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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 25th - 3:30 p.m. - Vinny Baro
 Saturday, April 26th - 10:30 a.m. - Helen Nachurski
 Sunday, May 2nd - 3:30 p.m. - Edward Jagielski
 Saturday, May 3rd - 10:30 a.m. - Martha Lubas (42nd Anniversary)

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

On **Wednesday, April 29, at 6:30 PM**, we will celebrate Mass in honor of our patroness, **St. Catharine of Siena**. I encourage all parishioners to join us as we give thanks for her powerful example of faith, courage, and love for Christ and His Church. The daily 7:15 am Mass is also a possibility.

We also warmly welcome the **22 new members** of our parish family who received the sacraments at the **Easter Vigil**. We rejoice with them and thank God for the grace of their full initiation into the Church.

Beginning **May 5**, the Diocese is encouraging all parishes to take part in **33 Days to Eucharistic Glory**, which will lead to a **diocesan-wide consecration on Corpus Christi Sunday, June 7**. To help us enter more deeply into this time of prayer and renewal, I will offer **weekly reflections on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM beginning May 6**. Books should be available soon.

Please also remember that **Ascension Thursday** is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. The vigil Mass will be on **Wednesday, May 13**, with the feast celebrated on **Thursday, May 14**.

On **Saturday, May 23**, we will have an **extended Vigil for Pentecost** at the **4:30 PM Mass**. Pentecost is one of the great solemnities of the Church, equal in rank to **Easter and Christmas**, yet it is often overlooked. On this day we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, the strengthening of the Church for her mission, and the birth of the Church's public witness to the world.

Finally, please keep **Deacon Jeff Tomczyk, Deacon Tyler Davis, and the other four men** who will be ordained to the priesthood on **June 6** in your prayers. They will celebrate their first Masses on **June 7**. Because of the large number of ordinations this year, the diocesan ordination Mass will be **by invitation only (June 6th)**. That is truly a good problem to have, and a blessing for the Church.

In Christ,
Fr. Miller

Vocations Prayers and Devotions- Beginning Saturday, May 2, and continuing on every Saturday following the First Friday of the month, we will gather for special prayers and devotions for the promotion of vocations. Afterward, there will be coffee and light refreshments as we discuss ways to foster vocations in the Church and encourage our current seminarians. Please see Fr. Miller for more details.



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Acts 2:14a, 36-41: Peter states that Jesus is the Messiah who was crucified. Peter admonishes the people to reform and be baptized to receive the Holy Spirit.

1 Pt 2:20b-25: Jesus gave an example. He suffered for us. He did no wrong; He did not answer with insults or threats. He died for our sins. By His wounds we are healed.

Jn 10:1-10: Jesus is the "Good Shepherd." He knows His sheep and they know Him. Whoever enters His sheepfold will be safe.

Today's Message: God has made Jesus both Lord and Messiah. Through His wounds, we have been healed and have returned to our shepherd. Let us listen for His voice and follow Him.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

SOCIAL SUNDAY – following all Masses- Social Hall
CHOIR REHEARSAL – 10:00 a.m. – Meeting Room
SR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP – 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. – Social Hall

MONDAY, APRIL 27

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – following the 7:15 a.m. Mass
CONFESSIONS – 7:00-8:00 p.m. – Church
CUB SCOUTS – 5:00-7:00 p.m. – Social Hall
LIFE AFTER LOSS – 7:00 p.m. – Meeting Room

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT 5:00-8:00 p.m. – Social Hall

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 1

AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS MEETING – 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.-
Social Hall

SATURDAY, MAY 2

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m.
FIRST COMMUNION – 10:00 a.m. - Church

SUNDAY, MAY 3

SOCIAL SUNDAY & FLOWER PICK-UP – following all Masses
CHOIR REHEARSAL – 10:00 a.m. – Meeting Room
JR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP – 6:00-8:00 p.m. – Social Hall

Adult Confirmation at the Cathedral on Pentecost Sunday - Bishop Schlert will celebrate the 11 A.M. Mass on Pentecost Sunday, May 24, 2026 at Saint Joseph the Worker Parish, Orefield, wherein he will confirm adults of our Diocese. Those to be confirmed are those adults who were baptized in the Roman Catholic Church, received their First Holy Communion, are catechized, but never confirmed. Please contact your local pastor to discuss registration details.



**For the week of April 26th
The Sanctuary Candle
will burn in
Loving Memory of**

St. Catharine's Church - The Calpino Family

St. Mary's - William Calpino

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

8:00 John Sadlowski (5th Anniversary)

4:30 Ralph Orlando (26th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

7:30 Joseph Khac Nguyen

9:30 Dolores B. Jancuska (12th Anniversary)

11:30 Deceased Members of the Nuccio & Impellizzeri Families

MONDAY, APRIL 27

7:15 Deceased Members of the Curtin, Kroener & Wagner Families

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

7:15 William F. Hedl

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

7:15 Mary & Francis Sosh

6:30 pm Parishioners of the Parish

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

7:15 James L. Heimbach

FRIDAY, MAY 1

7:15 Rickert, Platko, Verbosh Families

SATURDAY, MAY 2

8:00 Lucy Schott

4:30 Sarah DiFulvio (14th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, MAY 3

7:30 Edward Druzba

9:30 Kathleen A. Harris (8th Anniversary)

11:30 Joseph DeMeno

Scripture Readings

For the Week of April 26, 2026

Sunday

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b4, 5, 6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

Monday

Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday

Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday

Memorial of Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Acts 12:24-13:5a; Ps 67:2-3,5,6 and 8; Jn 12:44-50

Thursday

Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21, 22, 25 and 27; Jn 13:16-20

Friday

Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday

Memorial of Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 14:7-14

Sunday

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 4/27 Rev. Stanley M. Moczydlowski
 Tuesday 4/28 Rev. Anthony Mongiello
 Wednesday 4/29 Rev. Michael E. Mullins
 Thursday 4/30 Rev. Kevin M. Nadolski, O.S.F.S.
 Friday 5/1 Rev. Van-Vien Nguyen (Fr. J.V.)
 Saturday 5/2 Rev. Daniel Nolan, F.S.S.P.

Parish Nurse News - Setting time for quiet and self-care practice can reap important benefits, energy, and increased sense of well-being! Prayer, journaling, yoga, meditation, tai-chi, or other self-care, our chosen practice should be daily, intentional, and ongoing, a routine habit. K. Lothman, mind-body counselor at Mayo Clinic, says that with a daily self-care practice you will progress from coping to healing to thriving! (C. Weiss, 2021, mayo clinic)

The Easter Collection was \$26, 039.00.

We Still Do ... and Always Will

Renewal of Wedding Vows Ceremony & Dinner in the Social Hall

Saturday, May 16, 2026

Mass 4:30 pm
 Dinner at 5:30 pm



Please join us for 4:30 Mass including Father Miller Celebrating a Renewal of Wedding Vows for all Couples in Attendance. RSVP to enjoy a Romantic Dinner in the Social Hall afterward.

\$50 per couple
 Includes Champagne Toast, Appetizers, Salad; Bread & Butter; Steak, Salmon, Roasted Potatoes & Roasted Mixed Veg; Dessert, Lemonade, Iced Tea, Water, Coffee and Hot Tea

RSVP for dinner on or before Friday May 1st along with your cash or check made payable to St. Catharine's. RSVP forms can be dropped off at the Parish Center or put in the collection at Mass. No RSVP needed if only attending Mass.

Contact Lisa Siciliano at wdv561@yahoo.com or 610-781-4064 with questions.

St. Catharine of Siena Renewal of Wedding Vows and Dinner on May 16, 2026

First and Last Names: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-Mail: _____

\$50 per couple enclosed



Dear Friends in Christ,
 With humble and prayerful hearts—and truly joyful ones—we offer our deepest thanks for your extraordinarily generous monetary gift! Your kindness is more than an act of charity; it is a beautiful reflection of the love of our Lord Jesus Christ alive within you. Through your generosity, the light of Jesus shines brightly in places where hope is most needed, and His presence is felt in ways that bring both comfort and joy. Because of you, our Alvernia University students are able to go forth rooted firmly in Jesus Christ—serving as instruments of His mercy, compassion, and peace in the world. Your gift is not simply financial support; it is a sacred participation in Christ’s mission. The lives touched, the burdens lifted, and the hope renewed are all wonderful fruits of His grace working through you. Your willingness to give so generously reflects a heart full of faith and love. As Scripture reminds us, “God loves a cheerful giver,” and we are quite sure your generosity has brought many smiles—not only here on earth, but perhaps even a little extra rejoicing in heaven! (We like to imagine a few angels cheering you on—and maybe even keeping a special note of your kindness.) Please know that you are remembered in our prayers with deep gratitude. We ask that our Lord Jesus Christ bless you abundantly—filling your days with His peace, His joy, and perhaps a few delightful surprises that remind you just how much good you are doing. Thank you for being such a bright and joyful light of Christ in the lives of so many, and for walking with us in faith. Your generosity lifts hearts, strengthens our mission, and yes—brings a lot of smiles along the way! In Christ’s abiding peace,
 Mission and Ministry Team
 Alvernia University

*Sister Marietta Andrzejevska O.S.F.
 Mission and Ministry
 Roman Catholic Faith and Tradition*

Calling all children who have received
Holy Communion
 (at least 2nd grade and above)!

We invite you to become an
Altar Server
 and serve at the Lord's altar.

Saint Catharine of Siena Parish

Training Session

Friday, May 8
6:30 PM

After the training:
 Enjoy ice cream and light refreshments with friends!

Scan to RSVP:

Scan the QR code to
RSVP

**Come serve, learn,
 and grow closer
 to Jesus in a joyful way!**



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: **Nathan McHugh**

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 Cunniss, Cyril Danko, Tamara Danko, Alivia, Jennifer & Thomas Devlin, George Dietrich, **Msgr. Edward R. Domin**, Roseanne Dougherty, Cory Doyen, Andy Dykie, Gina Ebright, 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, Doris Harner, 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 Martinuzzi, 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, Louise Orlando, 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, Danielle Trout, 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 Ziemba, Mary Ann Zimmerman *A Time to die: Agens Wagner & 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.*

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 dsutler@comcast.net.



DATE CHANGE - The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a Family Rosary after the **9:30 am Mass on Sunday, May 17th**. Please plan on staying after Mass for this special rosary intention as a way to honor Mary and all the mothers of the parish. We hope to see you then.

The St. Vincent DePaul group will be hosting hospitality Sunday after all Masses on Sunday, April 26th in the social hall. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy coffee, juice, fruit, doughnuts and fellowship!

Healing Service

Friday, May 8, 2026, 6:30pm

at

St. Francis DeSales Church

320 N. Church St.

Robesonia, PA 19551



with: Fr. John Frink, Pastor

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Praise and Worship
Gospel Teaching
Prayer Ministry for Healing
Benediction



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

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

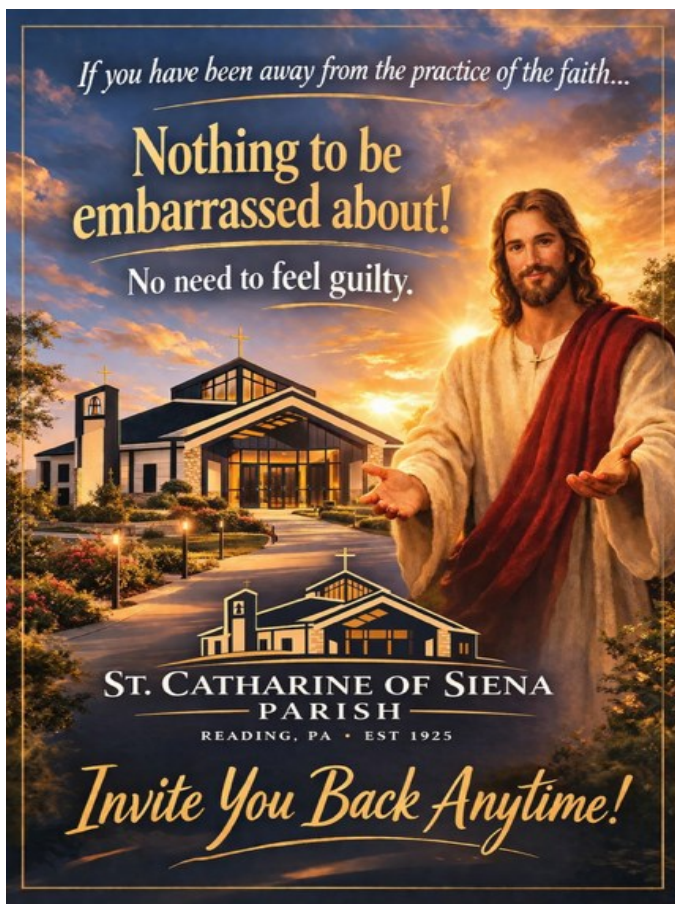
September 23, 2026: Gettysburg Dine Around, \$167

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.



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

May 3
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.

May's Saint Spotlight:

In May, children will learn about the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God and the greatest of all saints, through stories, hands-on activities, a rosary-making class, and age-appropriate lessons.

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



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 . Contact Marci Zambito at mzambito@scsreading.org with questions.

