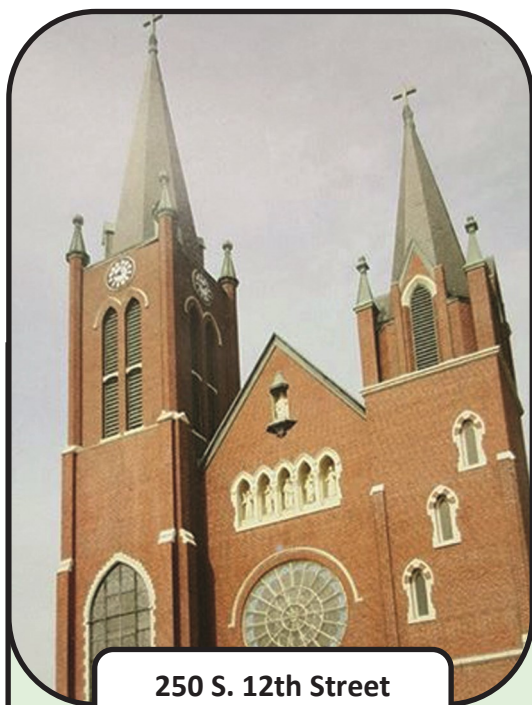


# Saint Mary's

# Saint Catharine of Siena Parish



250 S. 12th Street  
Reading, PA 19602

## ST. MARY'S REGULAR 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. Marcella Kraycik, Principal  
Rev. Msgr. Joseph P. T. Smith, Pastor Emeritus

## Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator:

Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, MA, NCC, LPC  
Direct Line: (800) 791-9209  
Office of Safe Environment: Pamela J. Russo,  
M.S.W, M.S.

Secretary, Youth Protection and Catholic Human  
Services

P.O. Box F, Allentown, PA 18105-1538  
610-871-5200 ext. 2204  
prusso@allentowndiocese.org



4975 Boyertown Pike  
Reading, PA 19606

## ST. CATHARINE'S REGULAR 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

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

Phone: 610-779-5810 • [www.scsreading.org](http://www.scsreading.org)

**PREP OFFICE:** 2330 Perkiomen Avenue

Phone: 610-779-8535

**PRE-SCHOOL:**

Phone: 610-779-5810

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.

### Saint Mary's News

Sunday, April 20th - 10:30 a.m. - Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

Saturday, April 26th - 3:30 p.m. - David Buzalewski

Sunday, April 27th - 10:30 a.m. - Deceased of Wulkiewicz Family



## Celebrating 100 Years

Join us for Mass with Bishop Schlert as we celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Catharine's Parish.

(Mass counts for your Sunday obligation).

Date: Sunday, May 18, 2025

Time: 3:00pm

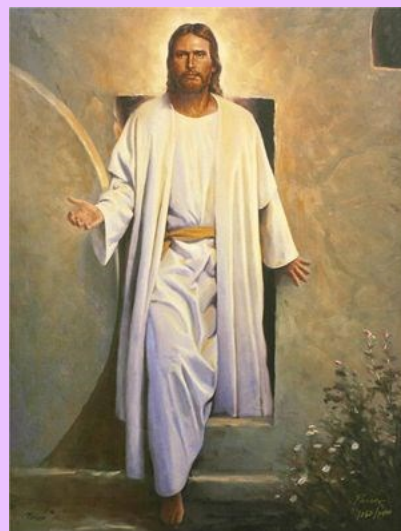
Light refreshments to follow in the Social Hall.

Please scan the QR code or call the Parish Office at 610-779-4005 to

RSVP by May 4, 2025.



**HOSPITAL VISITATION** - The priests of the parish are interested in visiting parishioners when they are in the hospital. However, hospitals no longer automatically inform parishes when a parishioner is admitted. We will be able to visit only if we know you are in a hospital. It is most helpful to us when you or a family member notifies the parish office at 610-779-4005.



## 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 to 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:** Alleluia! The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone! If we have died with Christ, we shall also rise with Him and pass from death to life.

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**MONDAY, APRIL 21**

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – following the 9:00 a.m. Mass until 8:00 p.m.

**CONFESSIONS – 7:00-8:00 p.m.**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23**

FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT – 6:00 p.m. – Social Hall

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY – 7:00 p.m. – Meeting Room all

**THURSDAY, APRIL 24**

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m.

OCIA – 6:00 p.m. -Meeting Room

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – 7:00 p.m. – Social Hall

**FRIDAY, APRIL 25**

AHG – 6:30-8:30 p.m. – Social Hall

**SATURDAY, APRIL 26**

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m.

FIRST COMMUNION – 10:00 a.m. - Church

**SUNDAY, APRIL 27**

CHOIR REHEARSAL – 10:15 a.m. – Meeting Room

SOCIAL SUNDAY – following all Masses – Social Hall

**Pray for Priests** – Saint Catharine's is beginning **7 Sisters Apostolate**, a group of women who can devote one Holy Hour per week in front of the Blessed Sacrament to pray for our priests. Please contact Roxane Sheeler at [rcsheeler@gmail.com](mailto:rcsheeler@gmail.com) if you are interested. We start in June.



**For the week of April 20th  
The Sanctuary Candle  
will burn in  
Loving Memory of**

**St. Catharine's Church - Deceased Members of the Ehret Family**

**St. Mary's - Al & Madeline Sowizdral**

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 19**

**8:00 Morning Prayer**

8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass-Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

**SUNDAY, APRIL 20**

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 21**

**9:00** Thaddeus Malecki (4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

**TUESDAY, APRIL 22**

7:15 Terrence Derr, Sr.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23**

7:15 Joseph Khac Nguyen

**THURSDAY, APRIL 24**

7:15 Dorothy & Joseph Kabat

**FRIDAY, APRIL 25**

7:15 John Sadlowski (4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

**SATURDAY, APRIL 26**

8:00 Sharon Sauppee

4:30 Dolores B. Jancuska (11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

**SUNDAY, APRIL 27**

7:30 Deceased of the Lins, Wisniewski & Korcykowski Families

9:30 The Deceased of the O'Brien & Porcaro Families

11:30 Terry Mscichowski

**Scripture Readings**

For the Week of April 20, 2025

**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

**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; Ps 118:24; 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**

Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

**Social Sunday, April 27th after all morning Masses in the social hall! St. Vincent DePaul Society will be our hosts for coffee, juice, doughnuts and fruit!**

**INDIVIDUAL ANOINTING OF THE SICK** - If you are planning to go to the hospital for surgery or extended care, contact the parish office at 610-779-4005 before you go in order to arrange for the celebration of the Sacrament of the Sick.



## EASTER SUNDAY

### PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

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| Monday 4/21    | Rev. Miguel Ramirez          |
| Tuesday 4/22   | Rev. Msgr. James J. Reichert |
| Wednesday 4/23 | Rev. Anthony Ripp, M.S.C.    |
| Thursday 4/24  | Rev. Eugene P. Ritz          |
| Friday 4/25    | Rev. Philip F. Rodgers       |
| Saturday 4/26  | Rev. Juan E. Rodriguez       |

### 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 7, 2025: Kim Cox from Sterling Senior Life Solutions will discuss how to downsize. Refreshments will be served.

June 4, 2025- Jill from Country Meadows will provide a fun presentation to our members, more details to come!

### Trips

July 10, 2025: Magic and Wonder Show, \$110

August 27, 2025: Toby's Dinner in the Round, "Saturday Night Fever", \$145

November 15, 2025: Christmas Show at American Music Theatre, \$90

Please call Pat White at 610-582-1437 or Bev Bard at 610-763-5654. For 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.



Save the Date! -Vacation Bible School is back! At TOTALLY CATHOLIC TRUE NORTH VBS, kids DISCOVER THAT THEY CAN TRUST Jesus in a wild world! TRUE NORTH is filled with awesome Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, and touch! Hands-on experiments, unforgettable Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help

faith flow into real life. NEW this year is the Saint of the Day! Plus, we'll help kids discover how they can shine Jesus' light in everyday life. VBS will be held in the school cafeteria June 23, 2025 thru June 27, 2025 from 9:00 am – 11:30 am and is open to children entering grades K-5 in September 2025. Students in grades 6-12 are invited to volunteer to help run VBS. Adult leaders are needed as well! Registration and volunteer forms are available at [www.scsyouth.weebly.com](http://www.scsyouth.weebly.com) or scan the QR code. Contact Marci Zambito at [mzambito@scsreading.org](mailto:mzambito@scsreading.org) with questions.



Please support St. Catharine's Home and School Organization's Mother's Day Flower/Garden Sale. Pick up will be after the 7:30, 9:30, and 11:30am Masses on Sunday May 4, 2025 in the Church social hall. Orders are due by 4/25/25. Scan the QR code below to place your order. A limited amount of hanging baskets will be for sale the day of pickup.

<https://app.raisingreimagined.com/Patron/FundraiserStorefront?>



### St. Catharine of Siena Knights of Columbus Council 14880

We will be providing a Holy Hour on Wednesday, May 7, 2025 at 6 pm in the Church. The Holy Hour will be led by Fr. Brian Miller. The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council will be providing us with the Sacred Heart Icon. The Sacred Heart Icons will travel throughout the country and this will be a time for the parish to join with the Knights in a time of worship to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. In this beautiful painting, Jesus holds out to us his heart, enflamed with love and wrapped in thorns, so we can meditate on the sacrifice of His passion and be engulfed in His love. All are invited to come and join us. God Bless.

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, Joseph Albert, Richard Abelt, Carl Andrzejewski, Anthony Antonucci, Baby Lanzo, Mike Bailey, Patty & Joe Barker, Melody Bechtel, Gene Bellus, Dolores Bertoti, Irene Bezak, Joseph Bezak, Jason Beshore, JoAnne Biscanti, Jodi Bixler, Susan Bolognese, Jim Boris, Michele Boucher, Joanne Bowman, Katie Briggs, Frank Broga, Sophia Broga, Paul Brooke, Renee Brzostek, Connie Burkhardt, Jennifer Burrell, Marvin Bush, Pauline Cappel, Therese (Brenner) Cooney, Richard Cunnius, Larry Curtin, Cyril Danko, Tamara Danko, Alivia Devlin, Jennifer & Thomas Devlin, George Dietrich, **Msgr. Edward R. Domin**, Roseanne Dougherty, Andy Dykie, Gina Ebright, Charles Elchlepp, Marian Ertel, Joe Essig, Robert Flipping, Deane & Ann Foster, **Pope Francis**, Jocelyn Franek, Chris Fry, Geraldine Gamby, Michael Gantert, Todd Gladfelter, Theresa Grabowski, David J. Gubernot, Clara Hartline, Ruth Ann Hass, Terry Hayward, Al Heck, William M. Hedl, Wayne & Mary Hedrick, Robyn Hefferan, John Heft, Theresa Heltzinger, Patricia Herber, Curtis S. Hill, Jesse Hill, Roger Hilton, Michael Hivner, Margaret Iuso, Michael & Dorothy Jurasinski, Katelynn Solecki Kajunski, Krissy Kelly, Maryanne Kenton, Cindy Kohl, Rev. David Kohut, OFM, Genny Kopel, Rosemarie Kovacs, Dorothy Kulak, Walter LaSota, Darryl Larish, William Lawson, Pat & Fred Lenich, Melanie Lintz, Jane Lubas, Joan Lubas, Aleigha Manderbach, Angela Marroccoli, Rocco Martinuzzi, Greg & Kevin Masters, Daniel Matz, Debra McCarthy, Cindy McConnell, Peggy McConnell, Mary Rita McFadden, Tim McNeil, Katherine Miceli, Lannie Milillo, Christine Motley, Madeline Mullen, William Nelson, Jerome Nigh, Maddie Nordhoy, Angela Biscanti Ondik, Peggy Pacharis, Frank Pingitore, Donald Pisker, David Plumley, Chuck Rackie, Antonio Mark Ramos, Lorraine Ransom, Phyliss Rathman, Rich Readinger, Peggy Reid, Virginia Rivera, Aneliese & Raven Robinson, David Samsel, Barbara Santoro, Anne Schaeffer, Barbara Schock, Edward Senkowski, Bob Shardin, Earl Sheetz, Gabbie Sierra, Joan Skoczen, Tyler Skoczen, Anne Smith, Louise Souders, Barbara Spatz, Andy Strangarity, Earl Suchomelly, Thomas Sword, Sean Tipping, Kimberly Trigstead, Richard Uliasz, Janet Ustaszewski, Rex Voelker, Chad Vogel, Alexandra Wachowicz, Mark Walter, Pam Weber, Lyn Weidenhammer, Frank White, Kitty Wright, Walter Yourkavitch, Ann Marie Zawislak, Mary Ann Zerkowski, Dan Zielinski, John Ziemba, Mollie Ziemba, Mary Ann Zimmerman **A Time to die: & 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, Second Lt. Nicholas A. Wentling, Cpts. Juliana & Sean Coleman, Petty Officer Matthew J. Dobroskey, Jr., Cpl. Bruce Bogertey, SPC, Alex Heintz, Captain Chelsea Pellicano, LTJG 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. Please contact the Parish Office with your prayer requests or email them to [dsitler@comcast.net](mailto:dsitler@comcast.net).*

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**GIVING**  
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| 3/2/2025  | \$23,270.00 |
| 3/9/2025  | \$19,035.00 |
| 3/16/2025 | \$17,038.00 |
| 3/23/2025 | \$16,621.00 |
| 3/30/2025 | \$17,066.00 |

Join the St. Catharine of Siena  
School Advisory Board!

We are seeking passionate and dedicated individuals to join the **School Advisory Board**. As a vital part of our school community, the advisory board plays a key role in guiding the school's mission, supporting strategic planning, and fostering a strong Catholic identity. Interested candidates should submit their application via the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/SAB-Application> Together, let's continue to build a school rooted in faith, excellence, and community!



**Save the Date** – Dinner & a Movie – Star Wars – “New Hope” on Sunday, May 4, 2025 in the Social Hall. Doors open 4:30. Come for free food, fellowship, and fun. RSVP by April 27th to [nancy.vardjan@gmail.com](mailto:nancy.vardjan@gmail.com).

## EASTER SUNDAY



### SCS Knights 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Cornhole Tournament



**SATURDAY, MAY 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Tournament check-in starts at 10:30 am Play Starts at 11:30 am**  
(includes beef BBQ, hot dogs, beer, soda, water, traditional fixings and snacks)

**REGISTRATION FORMS 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 remaining Anointing of the Sick Masses to be celebrated by Bishop Schlert this year are:

St. Ambrose, Schuylkill Haven – Sunday, May 4 at 10:30 a.m. Mass.  
St. Thomas More, Allentown – Sunday, Aug. 24 at noon Mass.  
St. Catharine of Siena, Reading – Sunday, Sept. 7 at 11:30 a.m. Mass.  
St. Joseph, Summit Hill – Sunday, Nov. 23 at 11 a.m. Mass.

For more information on Jubilee Year of Hope events, go to  
[www.allentowndiocese.org/jubileeyear](http://www.allentowndiocese.org/jubileeyear)



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#### **READY TO RE-DIRECT YOUR PENNSYLVANIA INCOME TAX DOLLARS TO CATHOLIC EDUCATION?**

The Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) and Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC) programs provide tax credits to eligible individuals contributing to the Eastern Pennsylvania Scholarship Foundation (EPSF), a charitable trust started by the Diocese of Allentown over twenty years ago. Individual's contributions are then used by EPSF to provide tuition assistance in the form of scholarships to eligible students attending schools within the Diocese of Allentown, including

**ST. CATHARINE OF SIENA SCHOOL.**

#### **HOW DOES IT WORK?**

Tax credits may be applied against the state tax liability of an individual for the tax year in which the contribution was made. For a two-year commitment an individual taxpayer can receive a 90% tax credit.

Any additional questions should be directed to Amy Impellizzeri at EPSF at [aimpellizzeri@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:aimpellizzeri@allentowndiocese.org).  
THANK YOU for your generous consideration.



**BERKS CATHOLIC YOUTH FOOTBALL AND CHEERLEADING- 2025 Season Registration is now open-** This year you can again register online by going to - <https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/475623> This program is open to girls and boys enrolled in Berks County Parochial Schools. We invite you to join us at our **MEET & GREET on JUNE 5TH @ BCHS from 6-7:30PM.** You can also follow us on Facebook by going to: Berks Catholic Youth Football and Cheer-2020 and Beyond For any other questions contact: Danielle Fowler 610-374-1695 or email [DFOWLER@BERKSCATHOLIC.ORG](mailto:DFOWLER@BERKSCATHOLIC.ORG)

**Rosary volunteers needed!** We will be reciting the rosary 1/2 hour before all Masses in the month of May. Please consider volunteering for this ministry. Commitment is to arrive 1/2 before Mass and lead the rosary. All materials will be emailed to you prior for review and hard copies will be in the sacristy. You can email your preferred time and day to Maribeth Gardella at [thegoodgardella@gmail.com](mailto:thegoodgardella@gmail.com) or call 810-250-1825.



Join our team of AMAZING educators! Looking to teach in faith filled school? Looking to get back in the classroom from retirement? Looking to get back into the classroom after family time? Then we are looking for you!

There maybe some anticipated openings for amazing, dedicated professionals at SCS for the 25-26 School Year.

Classroom instructional aide - Support Workers - Classroom teachers

All interested will need to send a resume, cover letter, transcripts, and ALL Clearances before interviewing. A DHS approved TB and Health Assessment will be needed for employment

Please contact [Mkravcik@scsreading.org](mailto:Mkravcik@scsreading.org) for more details.

*Saint Catharine of Siena School extends our heartfelt thanks for your incredible support of our SCS Forever Endowment Fund! Your generosity and kindness have made a significant impact, and we are truly grateful for your continued dedication to our school community. Thank you for being a vital part of our school's mission!*

*With sincere appreciation,  
St. Catharine of Siena School*