



January, 2025 St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Preschool

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Your monthly guide to the preschool information and events.

Happy New Year! I pray that your Christmas was blessed with love and joy. We are all looking forward to the 2025 year to be filled with health and happiness.

The month of December was filled with excitement. To prepare for this beautiful season, all classes made a special Advent Wreath to take home! Each class also pulled out their classroom Advent Wreaths and mangers. We talked about the birth of our heavenly brother Jesus and that the true gift of the season is Jesus.

We began the month with a special visit from St. Nicholas. The tradition of filling one shoe that was left out in the hallway with candy and a St. Nicholas prayer card was so much fun. To see the faces of the children when they saw their shoes with their treat was priceless.

Our Christmas programs were amazing. The voices of the children filled our hearts with such love and joy. The Parish Hall was packed with moms, dads, grandmoms, granddads, aunts, uncles and friends. So beautiful. Thank you, Ms. Pat and all the teachers for helping the children to practice their songs. It was such a beautiful gift for all.

We ended the month of December with exciting classroom Christmas parties. This year when the children visited the magical North Pole, they got to meet Mrs. Claus and tell her what they wanted for Christmas. They also received "Reindeer Food" for Rudolph and gang!

January will be just as full of fun! Keep an eye out for all the important events that are happening at St. Catherine's Preschool.

Blessings,

Director

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JANUARY

Religious Theme

“Prayer”

Religious Thought

“Pray Always”

Church Words

The Adoration Chapel, The Baptismal Chapel

Faith Words

Holy Water; Baptismal Font; Holy Water Font

Holy Hero (Saint)

St. John the Baptist

Feast Day 6/24

Monthly Prayer

Prayer to Love God Above All Things

Wee 2 and 2's Manner

“Inside/Outside Behavior” – Enjoy quiet time with God

3's Virtue

“Kindness” – “I try to help others”

K-4's and 5's Commandment # 4

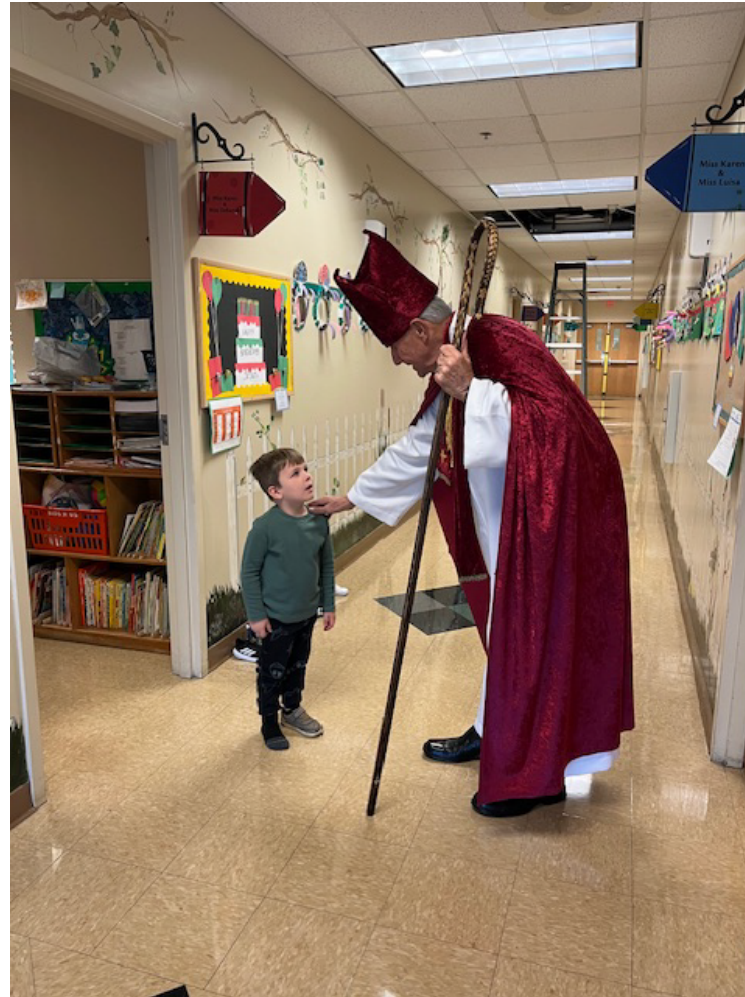
Commandment #5: “You shall not kill”

K-4's and 5's Monthly Seeds of Faith

M – My son, give me your heart.
(Proverbs 23:26)

N – No man can serve two masters.
(Matthew 6:24)

O – O give thanks to the Lord: for he is good. (Psalm 118:1)



The month of December in Bible was all about the birth of our Savior – Jesus Christ. The children learned the story of Jesus’ birth with block nativities, talking nativities, books, songs and more. Our preschoolers truly know and love the story of Mary, Joseph and Jesus – our heavenly family.

Each class also created an ornament for our Jesse Tree. Each ornament told a story about someone that was related to Jesus. Our preschool Jesse tree stood in the preschool hallway and I heard many times, teachers telling the story that went along with a specific ornament.

The children also earned “Good Deed Straws” to fill the manger. Each time a teacher or staff noticed a child doing a “good deed” and acting as Jesus would, they earned a “Good Deed Straw.” These yellow straws filled the manger that sat in front of our school Advent Wreath. We are so proud of how our preschoolers’ hearts are filled with the love of Jesus.

Blessings,

Karen Pickens

Director



UPCOMING BIBLE CLASSES

January 21-24, 2025

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

The St. Catherine's Preschool families are incredibly generous. The Thanks for Giving ministry of our parish sponsored over 120 families in need during the Christmas season. Our preschool families donated close to 130 stockings filled to the brim with wonderful goodies for these families. These donated boxes accompanied the gifts from the parish Giving Tree.

Thank you so much for your amazing generosity. Jesus truly lives in your hearts!



IN HOUSE REGISTRATION

In House registration for the 2025-2026 school year will be a little different this year. A letter will be sent home on January 15, 2025 in your child's folder with all the details. The link allowing you to sign your child(ren) up for the 2025-2026 school year will go live on Friday, January 17, 2025.

Registration for your child(ren) will be accepted starting from January 17, 2025 to January 31, 2025. If you have any questions, please give the preschool office a call.



K-4's and 5's Parents

Please mark your calendars for Thursday, January 9, 2025. This day has been set aside as a conference day for the K-4's and 5's teachers and parents. This is a great time to discuss the upcoming educational future of your child. Your classroom room mom has sent out a Sign Up Genius for you to sign up for a specific time. Thank you for your support.

Pizza Night!



Mark your calendars for Friday, January 24, 2025 for our next Preschool Family Pizza Night at Night Shift. We will meet at 5:30 pm Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Thank you Santa!

Santa made a quick trip to St. Catherine's Preschool to wave good-bye to our students as they left for the Christmas break. He headed back to the North Pole to finish up last minute items for all.



Latest UPDATES

Attention 3's Parents

Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, January 8, 2025 for parent/teacher conferences for the 3's families. This day has been set aside as a conference day for the 3's teachers and parents. This is a great time to discuss the upcoming educational future of your child. Your classroom room mom has sent out a Sign Up Genius for you to sign up for a specific time. Thank you for your support.



5's Informational Meeting

If your child qualifies for our Early 5's and/or our Five Alive class for the 2025 -2026 school year, a letter was sent to you inviting you to an informational meeting on Tuesday, January 7, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. in room 316/317. We will give you any needed information if you are interested in this class for the next school year.

Thank you to our Mrs. Claus!

Thank you to our sweet Mrs. Claus for coming to our North Pole and visiting with our children. The children were so sweet and LOVED visiting with Mrs. Claus. Mrs. Claus spoke with each one of them about their favorite part of Christmas. She gave them reindeer food to put out when Santa Claus comes to visit. It was so much fun.

Save the Date: Kindergarten Testing!

We are excited to meet so many rising-Kindergarteners! Please save the date for Kindergarten Readiness Testing on February 14 & 28, 2025. Once your application has been submitted, our Admissions Office will reach out to add you to the schedule during one of the available time slots.

For any questions or to schedule a tour, please contact us at 770-419-8601 or Admissions@scsiena.org. We look forward to meeting you soon!



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We look forward to seeing you soon!

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Upcoming Retreats

WOMEN OF FAITH **MEN OF FAITH**

Women's Retreat with the Sister Servants of the Eternal Word
Saturday, January 11, 2025

Men's Retreat with Dr. Paul Thigpen
Saturday, January 18, 2025

For more information please visit our website

WOMEN'S AND MEN'S RETREATS!

Join us for a faith-filled experience at our Women's Retreat on January 11th led by the Sister Servants of the Eternal Word and our Men's Retreat on January 18th led by Dr. Paul Thigpen. Visit our website to register!

January 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Preschool resumes	7 9:30 a.m. – 5 Alive presentation	8 3's parent/teacher conferences 2's Pajama Day 5's Pajama Day	9 K-4's and 5's parent/teacher conferences	10	11	12
13	14 Science class	15 Science class Noon dismissal for all – No lunches and No aftercare	16 K-4's Pajama Day	17 In House registration link goes live	18	19
20 Preschool closed for Martin Luther King holiday	21 Bible classes	22 Bible classes 3's Rhyme Time Day	23 Bible classes Stephanie & Alejandra 3's – Pajama Day	24 Bible classes Karen G./Deborah Mika/Lynn 3's – Pajama Day	25	26
27 Move-a-thon all week – see schedule	28	29	30	31		

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FUTURE ST. CATHERINES PRESCHOOLERS

The Beardon family welcomed Asher Rowan Chase Bearden - Born on November 25, 2024. He weighed in at 6 lbs. 13 ounces. Nolan is the proud big brother

Leon Gavilanes was born on December 2 1st. He weighed in at 8 lbs and is 20 inches long. Eren who is in Ms. Nicole/Ms. Maribel 2's is a proud big brother.

Therese Provost born on January 8, 2025. Weighed in at 6 lb 7 oz and 19 inches long. Lucas is the proud big brother.

CONGRATULATIONS!

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COLDER WEATHER

Winter weather is on its way. Please remember to dress your children in a coat, gloves and hat so that we can go outside and play when the weather permits. We allow the children to go outside and enjoy when the weather is 32 degrees or above.

ALSO, IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, please swap out the change of clothing for your child that we keep in the classroom for emergencies. As always, please label your child's belongings with their names. Thank you for your help!

A HUGE AND VERY LOVING THANK YOU

Our T.A.C. (Teacher Appreciation Committee) is soooo wonderful. They warmed our hearts with hot chocolate and donuts when we returned from Thanksgiving break.

The staff of St. Catherine's Preschool want to give a HUGE and LOVING thank you to all for gifting us with a delicious lunch, generous gift and super fun games provided by The T.A.C. (Teacher Appreciation Committee) led by the wonderful Ashley Bauer (Mary's mom) and Lauren Blond (James' mom) Our staff was able to sit, enjoy great food and fun with each during this beautiful Christmas season. It was so fun to see what our preschool staff looked like when they were preschoolers! We definitely feel loved!

Additional **INFO**

St. Catherine's Preschool Elves

Thank you to these wonderful elves that worked so hard to make the North Pole the absolute BEST!

- Megan Sansing
- Nicole Squillante
- Laura Hering
- Cindy Gentry
- Sidney Cannata
- Erika Rieger
- Bevan Spencer
- Colleen Fasone
- Jessica Morris Wing
- Shirley Jervis Garcia
- Dayannaro Cobo
- Aubrey Seigla
- Mary Kate Passauer
- Lauren Blond



WEATHER NEWS

Please remember that if Cobb County schools close, St. Catherine's Preschool is closed. You can check for delayed openings and closings for our preschool at the following sites:

- 11 Alive News
- Our Preschool website: www.scspreschool.org
- Our Facebook page- St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Preschool @stcatherinespreschool
- Our preschool voicemail at 770-590-0480



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