



**SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA**  
SHARING OUR TREASURE  
JANUARY 4, 2026

**SAINT CHARLES BORROMEIO**  
SHARING OUR TREASURE  
JANUARY 3-4, 2026

Attendance at Saint Catherine at 11 am = 73	
Regular Collection	\$ 1082.50
ONLINE giving 	\$ 1158.62
Candle Donations	\$ 4.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 2245.12</b>

Attendance at Saint Charles at 4 pm = 52 and 9 am = 68	
Regular Collection	\$ 1680.00
ONLINE giving 	\$ 660.66
Poor Box	\$ 296.00
Mass Intention Donations	\$ 80.00
Parish soft online donation	\$ 90.90
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 2807.56</b>



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For Saint Charles Borromeo— Use the QR code at the right to give one time, or to set up recurring donations. On the [flocknote](#) Giving Page you can choose your donation type.



Give to Saint Charles

The **Women of the Church** will meet on Monday 12 January 2026 at 4:30pm in the Parish Hall at Saint Charles Borromeo. Jennifer King and Vivian Zini will be leading the group's discussion. All women of any parish are invited to attend.

 The **Knights of Columbus** will meet on Sunday 11 January 2026 to begin planning the annual Lenten Fish Dinners. The meeting will be held at 3pm in the Saint Charles Parish Hall. All Knights are encouraged to attend.

**That Man is You (TMIY)** is a weekly, interactive men's program that combines the latest findings of science with the teachings of the Catholic Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop authentic male leaders capable of transforming themselves, their families and greater society. Join us for coffee, fellowship and faith at 7 AM Saturday mornings beginning 17 January 2026 and throughout the spring in the Parish Hall at St Charles Borromeo. All men are welcome. Learn more and register at [thatmanisyou.com](http://thatmanisyou.com)



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**Adult Faith Formation**  
**THE INFANCY NARRATIVES OF ST. MATTHEW**

Pope Benedict taught that the Nativity of Christ Jesus is not merely an event in the past, but is an event of "unfolding significance for people today, with implications for such issues as [...] the purpose of human freedom."

We will study the will study Chapters 1 & 2 of St. Matthew's Gospel, the so-called Infancy Narratives. We will meet on three consecutive Wednesdays in January (14, 21, 28 January) in the **Saint Charles Borromeo Parish Hall, following the 6:00p Mass.**

Please come and enjoy the richness of these events from the birth and early years of Christ Jesus.



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Saint Catherine of Siena and Saint Charles Borromeo Catholic Churches in Greenbrier County, West Virginia

**JANUARY 11, 2026**  
**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

*A Theology of the Sacred Heart of Jesus*  
**II. Overview of the Doctrine of the Sacred Heart**

**A. What one can learn about the Sacred Heart - Theology**

1. The Identity of Jesus Christ – Christology
- C. Errors that claim Christ is a kind of weird mixture of both – **Arianism, continued**

I said last week that the Sacred Heart offers Himself as the antidote to persistent bad thinking. This is especially true with regard to the doctrine of the Incarnation – the teaching regard who and how Jesus Christ is. This, indeed, gets at the essence of the doing of theology itself and the nature of human inquiry into the divine, oft described as **fides quaerens intellectum** (faith seeking understanding), the kind of pop-title for by Saint Anselm of Canterbury's *Proslogion*. Anselm directly states in the same work, "Neque enim quaero intelligere ut credam, sed credo ut intelligam" (I do not seek to understand in order that I may believe, but rather, I believe in order that I may understand), offering a kind of ready descriptor for the theological method of the earlier Saint Augustine of Hippo and that of Saint Thomas Aquinas and the Scholastics, to say nothing of the doctrine of Saint John Paul II, with his 1998 Encyclical *Fides et ratio* with its sustained reflection on "faith and reason" as "two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth" (§1).

In the post-Enlightenment world, there is a preference for knowledge arrived at direct observation and experimentation (empiricism) over knowledge derived by contemplation or illumination (rationalism or idealism), leading to a skepticism about things beyond one's own experience or transcending physical demonstration, even though there are a great many things which escape explanation or the capacity of some individuals to understand. Sadly, the Enlightenment project left us with penchant for skepticism and a distrust of arguments other than the scientific while also elevating individual opinion over shared wisdom. But, I end this excursus before it becomes a diatribe (too late?) and return to the point to hand: Arius and others weren't bad or stupid men. Each of them, we ought suppose, argued from some good faith principal but arrived at a wrong conclusion, something which, I daresay, we have all experienced. (Though I should note that the originator of the "naughty list" clearly had Arius as number one upon it and I would never want to argue with Saint Nicholas.) Where they went wrong was failing to except correction and choosing, instead, to reject the orthodox faith in favor of their own opinion.

In Arius' case, he himself indicated that his aim was to protect God's absolute perfection and transcendence from any kind of diminishment or admixture with the human. Therefore, he had, according to Patriarch Alexander of Alexandria, argued

"That God was not always the Father, but that there was a period when he was not the Father; that the Word of God was not from eternity, but was made out of nothing; for that the ever-existing God ('the I AM'—the eternal One) made him who did not previously exist, out of nothing; wherefore there was a time when he did not exist, inasmuch as the Son is a creature and a work. That he is neither like the Father as it regards his essence, nor is by nature either the Father's true Word, or true Wisdom, but indeed one of his works and creatures, being erroneously called Word and Wisdom, since he was himself made of God's own Word and the Wisdom which is in God, whereby God both made all things and him also. Wherefore he is as to his nature mutable and susceptible of change, as all other rational creatures are: hence the Word is alien to and other than the essence of God; and the Father is inexplicable by the Son, and invisible to him, for neither does the Word perfectly and accurately know the Father, neither can he distinctly see him. The Son knows not the nature of his own essence: for he was made on our account, in order that God might create us by him, as by an instrument; nor would he ever have existed, unless God had wished to create us."

**SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA**  
**Mass Schedule for 11-17 January 2026**

Sunday 11am  
Tuesday 6pm  
Wednesday 8:30am  
Thursday 6pm

163 Walnut Street  
Ronceverte, WV 24970  
[www.stcatherinewv.org](http://www.stcatherinewv.org)  
Parish Phone for both churches: 304-536-1813



**SAINT CHARLES BORROMEIO**  
**Mass Schedule for 11-17 January 2026**

Sunday 9am  
Monday 8:30am  
Wednesday 6pm  
Thursday 8:30am  
Friday 8:30am  
Saturday 8:30am  
Saturday 4pm

40798 Midland Trail E  
White Sulphur Springs, WV 24986  
[www.stcharlesborromeowv.org](http://www.stcharlesborromeowv.org)



What the Sacred Heart can teach us here is something about the nature of God while at the same time serving as a corrective for the failure of imagination and failure of humility which often hampers our own reasoning about God, who is so completely other that His motives are not our motives, as He Himself reminds us: *For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways—oracle of the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, my thoughts higher than your thoughts* (Is 55:8-9). Saint Paul taught so beautifully that *the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength* (1Cor 1:25) and, in doing so, dismissed many of the arguments of the Arians and others while proclaiming *Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles* (1:23). Because, lest we fool ourselves, denial of the divinity of Christ is ultimately about “sparing” or “protecting” God from the Paschal Mystery, that is protecting Him from the scandal of the Cross. And here, our pride overwhelms us and causes us to forget that God, quite simply does not need our protection; we need His. We don’t need to save Him and His reputation from the Cross; He chose to save us and our lives by means of the Cross!

*A Theology of the Sacred Heart – A Serial*

- I Attributes of the Sacred Heart
- II Overview of the Doctrine of the Sacred Heart
  - A. What one can learn about the Sacred Heart – Theology
    - 1. Christology
    - 2. Theology
    - 3. Salvation
  - B. What one can learn from the Sacred Heart - Spirituality
- III Biblical Origins
- IV Development of the Doctrine
- V Importance in the life of the Church today

This is what the Sacred Heart has to teach us simply and directly: *For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life* (Jn 3:16). And John offers this inspired reflection just after Christ tells Nicodemus in their nighttime interview that *just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life* (3:14-15), thereby underlining that the Cross – the Son of Man being lifted up – is God’s own free choice motivated by His love for the world. Without the light of revelation, we would not know God at all, let alone grasp the depth and the beauty of His plan of Salvation, which before the foundation of the world or the creation of humanity, always and everywhere included the Cross. The Sacred Heart captures this by providing this emblem of human love surmounted by the fire of Divine Love, crowned with thorns and pierced by the spear of Longinus. It makes clear by symbol that mystery which words cannot grasp, *the breadth and length and height and depth [of] the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God* (Eph 3:18-19). The mysteries of the faith, which are bound together in the love that is God and the love of God for the world, are, as Archbishop Augustino DiNoia, has said “by definition without end [...] endlessly comprehensible and explicable [...] Not darkness but too much light [...] An unending and inexhaustible power to attract and transform the minds and hearts of the individual and communal lives in which they are pondered, digested, and ultimately loved and adored.” The Sacred Heart, by appealing to our senses and our sympathies, bypasses the intellect in favor of the heart so that His Heart might speak to our heart (cor ad cor loquitur, as Saint Francis de Sales put it). The shows the wisdom of God, our Creator, who recognizes that the heart has its reasons which reason knows nothing of (Blasé Pascal, *Pensées* 4, no. 277), and thus chooses to appeal to those reasons where mercy and compassion overwhelm the philosopher’s obsession with omnipotence and omniscience, as if the living God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob can be trapped in the box built by the philosophers’ ideas of God.

**Randelle Niski** continues to recover in Virginia. Her address until February 2026 will be 1200 King St., Charlottesville, VA 22903.



**Fr. Briane Turley** continues to battle several health issues. His address is 818 Highland Dr., White Sulphur Springs, WV 24986

**REST IN PEACE: PAUL ZINI**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE PEOPLE:**

John & Floy Boyle, Fr. Briane Turley, Randelle Niski, Rosanne Shupe, Beryl Collins, Margie Wilson, Jean Ann Pettit Haranzo, Ashby & Peggy Shaver, Bill Riley, Janice Hensley, Garry Maxey, Ann Bostic, David Alder, Jean Martin, David Baker, Charlie Hughes, Perk Berry, Henry Lynch, Tommy Saunders, Barbara Pope, John Gherman, Clyde Bowling

**At The Seasons:** Carol Spencer



**Sacramental & Pastoral Schedule for the Baptism of the Lord & the First Week of Ordinary Time—11-17 January 2026 (Year A, II)**

**The Month of the Holy Name of Jesus**

We pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

**Feast of the Baptism of the Lord—11 January 2026**

Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

**Saint Charles Borromeo** —Anticipated Mass on Saturday

**3:30p** Confessions

**4:00p Mass** for The People of the Parishes

**Saint Charles Borromeo**

**8:00a** Choir Rehearsal @ St. Charles Borromeo Music Room

**8:30a** Confessions

**9:00a Mass** for The People of the Parishes

**10:15a** Catholic Youth Catechism Class @ St. Charles Parish Hall

**Saint Catherine of Siena**

**9:45a** Choir Rehearsal in Loft @ St. Catherine

**11:00a Mass** for the deceased members of Karrs Family,

requested by Tom & Andrea Karrs

**12:15p** Confessions

**12:15p** First Communion Class @ Saint Catherine Parish Hall

**12:30p** Confirmation Class @ Saint Catherine Church

**3:00p** Knights of Columbus meeting @ St. Charles Parish Hall

**End of the Season of Christmas**

**Monday in the First Week of Ordinary Time—12 January 2026**

1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20

**8:30a Mass** @ Saint Charles for +Susan Ciciora Bastian,

requested by Mikki Dixon

**12:30p Mass** @ Bethlehem Farm

**Parish Office Open @ SCB, 9a—2p**

**4:30p** Women of the Church meet in St. Charles Parish Hall

**Tuesday in the First Week of Ordinary Time—13 January 2026**

Memorial of Saint Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28

**Parish Office Open @ SCB, 9a—2p**

**5:00p** Adoration & Benediction @ St. Catherine

**6:00p Mass** @ St. Catherine for +Pat & Jeanne Clark

**Wednesday in the First Week of Ordinary Time—14 January 2026**

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39

**8:30a Mass** @ St. Catherine for Christopher Bayardi (Living)

**Parish Office Open @ SCB, 9a—2p**

**5:00p** Adoration & Benediction @ St. Charles

**6:00p Mass** @ St. Charles for +Ron Scobbo, req. by Jeanne Scobbo

**6:45-8p** Adult Faith Formation: *The Infancy Narratives of St.*

*Matthew: Session IV—The Visit of the Magi and Their Return*

**Thursday in the First Week of Ordinary Time—15 January 2026**

1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45

**8:30a Mass** @ St. Charles for +David & Faye Ghaphery,

requested by the Ghaphery Family

**5:00p** Adoration & Benediction @ St. Catherine

**6:00p Mass** @ St. Catherine for +Pat & Jeanne Clark

**6:30p** OCIA @ St Catherine—Guest Speaker: Jennifer King on the

Eucharist

**Friday in the First Week of Ordinary Time—16 January 2026**

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12

**8:30a Mass** @ Saint Charles for +Charlie Friedman,

requested by Mikki Dixon

Followed by Adoration & Benediction

**Saturday in the First Week of Ordinary Time—17 January 2026**

Memorial of Saint Antony, Abbot; BVM

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Mk 2:13-17

**7:00a** That Man is You meeting @ Saint Charles Parish Hall

**8:30a Mass** @ Saint Charles for +Urban & Alberta Klug,

requested by Jim & Denise Klug

**Saint Charles Borromeo** —Anticipated Mass on Saturday

**3:30p** Confessions

**4:00p Mass** for the deceased members of the Sparacino Family,

requested by Tom & Andrea Karrs

**The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

**18—25 January 2026**

There is one body and one spirit, just as you were called to the

one hope of you calling (Eph 4:4)

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time—18 January 2026**

Is 49:3, 5-6/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

**Saint Charles Borromeo**

**8:00a** Choir Rehearsal @ St. Charles Borromeo Music Room

**8:30a** Confessions

**9:00a Mass** for Drenda Given (Living), req. by Deborah Fabry

**Saint Catherine of Siena**

**9:45a** Choir Rehearsal in Loft @ St. Catherine

**10:15a** Catholic Youth Catechism Class @ St. Charles Parish Ha

**11:00a Mass** for the People of the Parishes

**12:15p** Confessions

**12:15p** First Communion Class @ Saint Catherine Church

**12:30p** Parish Pastoral Council @ @ Saint Catherine Parish Hall

**Meeting schedule for Parish Councils**

**Saint Catherine of Siena Pastoral**

**Sunday 18 January @ 12:30pm**

**Saint Charles Borromeo Finance**

**Wednesday 4 February @ 6:45pm**

Hello and Welcome to Saint Charles Borromeo Parish! Are you interested in **greeting parishioners** and visitors inside the doors of Saint Charles before the 4pm Saturday and 9am Sunday Masses? A cheery brief "Hello," handing out bulletins, and offering assistance if needed, is all that's required. Greeting begins 15 minutes before Mass. Please contact Mindy Fuchs by January 16th if you're interested. Call or text: 517-617-7431 email: [mindyfuchslcsw@gmail.com](mailto:mindyfuchslcsw@gmail.com) Thank you!