

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA
SHARING OUR TREASURE
DECEMBER 28, 2025

SAINT CHARLES BORROMEIO
SHARING OUR TREASURE
DECEMBER 27-28, 2025

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

JANUARY 4, 2026
THE EPIPHANY 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


We have, constant reader (aware that there are certainly fewer and fewer), considered two forms of early heresies regarding Christ Jesus as ways in which the Sacred Heart can teach us better the true identity of Christ and protect us from erroneous thinking: those which absolutely denied the humanity of Christ and those which absolutely denied the divinity of Christ. Now we turn to the more muddled category of early Christological heresies which present the Christ as a kind of mixture of both the human and divine, while not fully either or both.


Saint Jerome, looking back on the events of the first half of the fourth century, famously observed that “the whole world groaned and marveled to find itself Arian” and lamented that it seemed Saint Athanasius of Alexandria alone stood in the breach. Saint Jerome here coined one of my favorite aphorisms: “**Athanasius contra mundum**” (Athanasius against the world). [Here, we gently excuse Saint Jerome for being unaware that Saint Nicholas of Myra too had opposed Arianism, going so far as to punch Arius himself directly in the mouth. Apparently, only later did Nicholas soften and start merely giving coal to the naughty.] And it certainly must have seemed to Athanasius that he was utterly alone in holding to the true faith, time and again exiled from his Patriarchate, hunted down by not less than four emperors (Constantine, Constantius, Julian the Apostate, and Valens), and often having to take refuge among the Desert Fathers.

It all began in Alexandria, in the years between the Imperial Edict of Milan, offering toleration of Christianity in the Empire, and Constantine’s convocation of the Council of Nicaea. In about 319, Arius, a priest of the Patriarchate of Alexandria came into direct conflict with the Patriarch, Alexander of Alexandria. Arius, it seems, had reproached Patriarch Alexander for what he felt were misguided teachings about the person and identity of Christ. Athanasius, then a deacon and the Patriarch’s secretary, was present for Arius’ very public reproof and immediately rejected Arius’ subordinationist Christology, which taught that Christ was the divine Son (Logos) of God, made, not begotten. Saint John Henry Newman masterfully summarizes the Arian or subordinationist doctrine thusly:

The fundamental tenet of Arianism was, that the Son of God was a creature, not born of the Father, but, in the scientific language of the times, made ‘out of nothing.’ It followed that He only possessed a super-angelic nature, being made at God’s good pleasure before the worlds, before time, after the pattern of the attribute Logos or Wisdom, as existing in the Divine Mind, gifted with the illumination of it, and in consequence called after it the Word and the Wisdom, nay inheriting the title itself of God; and at length united to a human body, in the place of its soul, in the person of Jesus Christ (*The Arians of the Fourth Century*, 5.1).

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Attendance at Saint Catherine at 11 am = 51	
Regular Collection	\$ 841.00
ONLINE giving 	\$ 315.27
Christmas Flowers	\$ 695.00
Mass Intention donations	\$ 250.00
Catholic Sharing Appeal	\$ 114.66
Grand Total	\$ 2215.93

Attendance at Saint Charles at 4 pm = 106 and 9 am = 71	
Regular Collection	\$ 3268.00
Candle Donations	\$ 250.00
ONLINE giving 	\$ 286.08
Poor Box	\$ 867.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 865.00
Anderson Trees Fundraiser	\$ 1200.00
Mass Intention Donations	\$ 40.00
Catholic Sharing Appeal	\$ 85.50
Mount Loretto Donation	\$ 50.00
Grand Total	\$ 6911.58



For Saint Catherine of Siena — Use the QR code at the left to give one time, or to set up recurring donations. On the [flocknote](#) Giving Page you may choose your donation type.



Give to Saint Catherine

EPIPHANY CELEBRATION
Everyone is invited to celebrate Epiphany on Sunday January 4, 2026 beginning at 3pm at Saint Charles. The afternoon event will feature music for Christmas and Epiphany, scripture readings, and poems. A reception will follow.



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

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 (7, 14, 21 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.



POOR BOX DONATIONS

All money donated to the Poor Box at Saint Charles Borromeo during the month of December will be sent to the Food Pantry in Lewisburg / Fairlea. Thank you for your generosity.



PARISH INFORMATION

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Parish Office is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9am-3pm
40798 Midland Trail E. White Sulphur Springs, WV 24986

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA

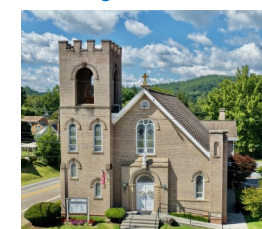
Mass Schedule for the week 4-10 January 2026

Sunday 11am www.stcatherinewv.org

Tuesday 6pm
Wednesday 8:30am
Thursday 6pm

163 Walnut Street
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Parish Phone: 304-536-1813



SAINT CHARLES BORROMEIO

Mass Schedule for the week 4-10 January 2026

Sunday 9am www.stcharlesborromeowv.org

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



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So, Arius, like so many after him, combined a number of previously tried and failed teachings into one, a kind of hodgepodge of doctrine that was fittingly mirrored in the muddle it made of Christ: There is not really a Trinity so much three divine beings hierarchically arranged – God created the Son, an entirely subordinate and wholly distinct being and that being, also called the Logos (Word) or Sophia (Wisdom) came to dwell in human flesh, replacing the human soul entirely with itself.

With the backing of the bishop Eusebius of Nicomedia, Arius made a great deal of headway, drawing more and more to his teaching in a relatively short period of time. By 325, a short six years after the public rupture with his bishop, Alexander, Arius' heretical teaching had gained enough traction to be among the principal topics of the of the First Ecumenical Council of the Church held at Nicaea, the site of the aforementioned and justly famed punch.

The Council Fathers adopted the following credal statement:

We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, begotten from the Father, only-begotten, that is, from the substance of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one substance with the Father, through Whom all things came into being, things in heaven and things on earth, Who because of us men and because of our salvation came down, and became incarnate and became man, and suffered, and rose again on the third day, and ascended to the heavens, and will come to judge the living and dead, And in the Holy Spirit.

But as for those who say, There was when He was not, and, Before being born He was not, and that He came into existence out of nothing, or who assert that the Son of God is of a different hypostasis or substance, or created, or is subject to alteration or change – these the Catholic and apostolic Church anathematizes.

And that, should have been the end of the whole thing, one would think. The Church had the beginning of the Profession of Faith which we recite Sunday after Sunday, the Emperor backed the whole thing and ended the Council by burning the works of Arius, Athanasius succeeded Alexander as Patriarch, and Nicholas went back to Myra and to helping families and sailors in need, hanging up his boxing gloves.

But, no dear friends, no. Alas, there are some bad ideas that are so bad they become kind of sticky. In the life of the Church, Arianism is one of those, spreading quickly through the Empire east and west, and finding footholds where it held on for more than a century and, even after going into retreat, remained in the background to resurface time and again, like the plague. John Calvin would condemn Michael Servetus as an Arian and have him burned alive in Geneva in 1553. The First Earl of Shaftsbury died in exile in 1683, confessing himself to be an Arian. Unitarians, Jehovah's Witnesses, some branches of Seventh Day Adventists, and – arguably – the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints all confess the central tenet of Arianism: that the Christ was made by God at a certain point in time.

Even within the Church, Arianism or Semi-Arianism seems to hang on in the mind. Much like Pelagianism and Semi-Pelagianism, Millennialism, or even Modernism – the mother of all heresies, as Saint Pius X labeled it – this faulty explanation for the “how” Jesus Christ is the Son of God holds on, finding purchase in ill conceived explanations of the Trinity, unreflected popular Christologies, and background thoughts, which no repetition of “begotten not made” or “consubstantial with the Father” seems able to drive out. Very few can figure out how many “o”s there are in *homoousios* let alone exactly what it means. Bad ideas are often too good to simply let go of. Many well-meaning Christians are unwittingly Arians and Semi-Pelagians, who thank God, are never found out by themselves or others. And this is where I think the Sacred Heart offers Himself as the antidote to persistent bad thinking.

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
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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
VI Devotional Practices

**Sacramental & Pastoral Schedule for the Octave of Epiphany
4—11 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.



SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD — 4 January 2026

Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, foundress
Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

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 +Sandra McLaughlin, requested by Gerri Burns

Saint Catherine of Siena

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

11:00a Mass for the Nicholas & David Ghaphery Families, req. by the Ghaphery Family

12:15p Confessions

3:00p—Epiphany Celebration @ Saint Charles Borromeo Church and Parish Hall

Monday in the Octave of Epiphany—5 January 2026

Memorial of Saint John Neumann, Bishop
1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

8:30a Mass @ St. Charles for Jeanne Scobbo (Living)

Parish Office Open @ SCB, 9a—2p

Tuesday in the Octave of Epiphany—6 January 2026

Memorial of Saint André Bessette, Religious
1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44

Parish Office Open @ SCB, 9a—2p

5:00p Adoration & Benediction @ St. Catherine

6:00p Mass @ St. Catherine for Isaac & Jean Malcolm (Living), requested by Steve & Vivian Zini

Wednesday in the Octave of Epiphany—7 January 2026

Memorial of Saint Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52

8:30a Mass @ St. Catherine for +Nimnoom Ghaphery, requested by the Ghaphery Family

Parish Office Open @ SCB, 9a—2p

5:00p Adoration & Benediction @ St. Charles

6:00p Mass @ St. Charles for +John O'Donnell, requested by Jack O'Donnell

6:45-8p Adult Faith Formation: *The Infancy Narratives of St. Matthew: Session IV—The Visit of the Magi & Their Return*

Thursday in the Octave of Epiphany—8 January 2026

1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Lk 4:14-22a

8:30a Mass @ St. Charles for +Tom Long, requested by Rodger & Leah Trent

5:00p Adoration & Benediction @ St. Catherine

6:00p Mass @ St. Catherine for +Shirley Clark, requested by Jim & Denise Klug

6:45p OCIA @ Parish Hall—Baptism & Confirmation

Friday in the Octave of Epiphany—9 January 2026

1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16

8:30a Mass @ Saint Charles for +Virginia Simmons, requested by Steve & Vivian Zini

Followed by Adoration & Benediction

Saturday in the Octave of Epiphany—10 January 2026

Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42

8:30a Mass @ Saint Charles for +Bill Huff, req. by Mikki Dixon

Saint Charles Borromeo —Anticipated Mass on Saturday

3:30p Confessions

4:00p Mass for +Sandra McLaughlin, req. by Mikki Dixon

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

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

8:30a Confessions

9:00a Mass for the People of the Parishes

Saint Catherine of Siena

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

11:00a Mass for the +Karrs Family, req. by Tom & Andrea Karrs

12:15p Confessions

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

12:30p Confirmation Class @ Saint Catherine Church

End of the Season of Christmas

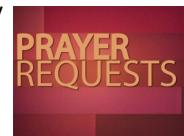
Randelle Niski continues to recover in Virginia. Her address until February 2026 will be 1200 King St., Charlottesville, VA 22903.

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

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



Meeting schedule for Parish Councils

**Saint Catherine of Siena Pastoral
Sunday 18 January @ 12:30pm**

**Saint Charles Borromeo Finance
Wednesday 4 February @ 6:45pm**

**Saint Catherine of Siena
Sharing our Treasure
Christmas Eve 2025**

Regular Collection = \$2,108.00
Diocesan Collection for
Catholic Charities = \$ 650.00
Total = \$ 2,758.00

**Saint Charles Borromeo
Sharing our Treasure
Christmas Eve and Day 2025**

Regular Collection = \$2,253.00
Diocesan Collection for
Catholic Charities = \$1,160.00
Total = \$ 3,413.00