

**SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA**  
SHARING OUR TREASURE  
NOVEMBER 23, 2025

**SAINT CHARLES BORROMEIO**  
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NOVEMBER 22-23, 2025

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

**NOVEMBER 30, 2025**  
**FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

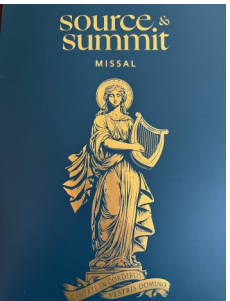


Attendance at Saint Catherine at 11 am = 90	
Regular Collection	\$ 1241.00
ONLINE giving	\$ 461.50
Mass Intention donations	\$ 100.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 1802.50</b>

Attendance at Saint Charles at 4 pm = 61 and 9 am = 87	
Regular Collection	\$ 2788.00
ONLINE giving	\$ 345.40
Poor Box	\$ 342.00
Votive Candle donations	\$ 133.90
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 3609.30</b>

**NEW HYMNAL & MISSAL**

at Saint Charles Borromeo  
Today at St. Charles we begin using the 2026 Source & Summit hymnal. We will continue to post hymn numbers (165, 168, 114) on the hymn board up front, as well as page numbers for the readings for the day (p.89). The following will not be posted on the board, but you might want to know that the Nicene Creed begins on p.7; the sung portions for the Eucharist Prayer are on p.39-Sanctus; p. 24-When we Eat this Bread; and p. 41-Agnus Dei. The Saint Michael Prayer is found on the back cover of the hymnal.



**ADVENT DAY OF RECOLLECTION**

Saturday 6 December 2025  
8:30am-2:00pm @ St. Charles Borromeo  
Maranatha  
Come Lord Jesus  
Mass followed by  
Continental Breakfast,  
Talks,  
Simple Lunch  
Call Parish Office  
to register  
304-536-1813



**THEOLOGY OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS**

*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

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

1. The Identity of Jesus Christ – Christology
  - a. Errors that Deny the True Humanity of Christ – Super Summary

Doubtless some have looked at the “Council of Trent” approved outline in the text box (à) and wondered if we are making any progress at all while others have had a sense of dread creep over them slowly as for weeks we have been stuck at II, A, 1, a. But, never fear, forlorn reader, progress is being made just as this promised Super Summary indicates that a. Errors that Deny the True Humanity of Christ is ending, to be followed, as surely as night follows day, by b. Errors that Deny the True Divinity of Christ. And so to summarize superlatively, and, with hope, not superfluously.

These first set of Christological Errors (i.e.: Docetism, Apollinarianism, and Monophysitism) are all of a piece in that they deny or undermine the true humanity of Christ, either outright denying His humanity (as in the case of Docetism) or undermining His humanity by removing some or all of the faculties of the human soul, leaving the flesh alone as a container or, better yet, a medium by which the divine person of the Son of God could make Himself manifest to the human beings among whom He lived.

The motive behind these is certainly understandable: the desire to protect the absolute transcendence of God by keeping both His divine person and divine nature at a remove from our human nature. If the human nature is replaced by or its functions taken over entirely by the divine nature, such that what is really left of the humanity of Jesus is His physical body alone, well then the divine is not affected or, better yet, infected by human nature any more than a carpenter is by use of a hammer or me by use of my automobile: the carpenter might get his job done better and faster with a hammer than without and I might get from one place to the other with greater ease and alacrity, but in neither case does the tool have profound effects on the person of the user. Oh, I might develop an attachment to my car and I dare say most of us have a favored pen or pan, drill or dish, missal or miter box because it feels just right in the hand, familiar, and of long usefulness. And over time, that attachment might grow so deep as to cause me some measure of distress if the pen were misplaced, the drill damaged, or the missal ruined in the rain, and to occasion me or Saint Anthony inconvenience as a search for the missing and treasured object is undertaken.

And, dear friends, this analogy is meant to lead us to the precise and perhaps uncomfortable point: these errors end with God using the human flesh as merely a tool for which He has some measure of fondness but no true love or compassion. Good tools might have an artisanal value and come with a lifetime warranty but they are, in point of fact, a means to an end. The Shakers’ chairs and tables have a sublime and lasting beauty, the tools used are rough in comparison, well used, and rarely catalogued or displayed. Usefulness on the part of the tool and fondness on the part of the craftsman create a relationship but not love, Pygmalion a tragic reminder of this truth.

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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.” Beginning on **Wednesday, 3 December**, we will study the will study Chapters 1 & 2 of St. Matthew’s Gospel, the so-called Infancy Narratives. We will meet on the first three Wednesdays of December (3, 10, 17 December) and 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.

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880. Visit [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org) under “Accountability” for more information and reporting methods.

The Knights of Columbus are selling **Keep Christ in Christmas cards**. Boxes of cards are available near the front doors of both churches. Cards are \$15 per box.

The Knights of Columbus are collecting **new and clean gently worn coats**, hats, scarves, gloves and mittens to be distributed to people in our community. Please bring your donations—marked “Knights Coat Drive” —to the Parish Hall at either church.



You may also donate to the Knights of Columbus **Donald Davis Toy Drive**. Please bring new toys or monetary donations (checks made payable to Knights of Columbus) to the Parish Hall at either church by Sunday November 30th. Thank you.

**PARISH INFORMATION**

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Parish Office is open Monday, Tuesday and Wed. from 9am-2pm  
Parish Office address: 40798 Midland Trail E.  
White Sulphur Springs, WV 24986

**SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA**

**Mass Schedule for the week of 30Nov—6Dec 2025**  
Sunday 11am  
Tuesday 6pm  
Wednesday 8:30am  
Thursday 6pm

163 Walnut Street  
Ronceverte, WV 24970

Parish Phone: 304-536-1813  
[www.stcatherinewv.org](http://www.stcatherinewv.org)



**SAINT CHARLES BORROMEIO**

**Mass Schedule for the week of 30Nov—6Dec 2025**  
Sunday 9am  
Monday 8:30am  
Wednesday 6pm  
Thursday 8:30am  
Saturday 8:30am  
Saturday 4pm

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If the divine person does not take a true and complete human nature – as it was originally intended and created to be, without original sin – then the relationship between the divine person and the human flesh becomes one of mere instrumentality. Christ cannot be said to love us in any meaningful sense if there is no identification, nor true relationship or union between us and Him.

This is precisely what the Sacred Heart is attempting to teach us: that the Eternal, Invisible, All Powerful Lord High God became fully human, not merely appeared to be human, in order to truly love us, not have mere affection for us, by coming to know our lot and share in it fully, emptying himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness (Phil 2:7). Saint Paul assures us that *we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin* (Heb 4:15). The consequence of this identification, this true sharing of the divine in our human nature is to that we may *confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help* (16), because the Sacred Heart knows first hand the nature of human suffering, the desires of the human heart, our longing for love and hope for something more, something greater, something better, for the True, for the Good, and the Beautiful itself. And that **Sacred Heart bears the human scar across its flesh** not a sign of defeat but as an outward testimony that He has loved the world so much, mixing of human desire for love and with divine essence of love itself and thus redeeming and raising up all who would believe.



Thus, without a human nature, there is no truly human center of emotion, no human intellect, and no human will. And without these not only is there no real death or fear of death, but there is no choice to sacrifice self for the other, nor any real price being paid. God could, of course, nonetheless save us, but not with the great compassion of taking on a heart that could be pierced and a heart that could suffer the loss of family, friends, and followers, come face to face with death and yet choose to go on, despite it all and at great cost. If there is no truly human heart, that symbolic seat of human pathos, then there is no real compassion on the part of God, because nothing has been ventured and, so, nothing is gained. But we know *that when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs, but one soldier thrust his lance into his side, and immediately blood and water flowed out. An eyewitness has testified, and his testimony is true; he knows that he is speaking the truth, so that you also may [come to] believe* (Jn 19: 33-35).



Give to Saint Charles

**Online Giving is now available on flocknote,**

the new database for both of our parishes.

**For Saint Charles Borromeo**— Use the QR code at the left to give one time, or to set up recurring donations. You will see our Giving Page and can choose your donation type.

**Online Giving is now available on flocknote**

**For Saint Catherine of Siena** — Use the QR code at the right to give one time, or to set up recurring donations. You will see our Giving Page and can choose your donation type.



Give to Saint Catherine

The TMIY (That Man Is You) men’s group has completed its first fall semester at Saint Charles. Their spring semester meetings will commence next year on Saturday, 17 January 2026. Until then all men are invited and encouraged to learn more online (link: [thatmanisyou.com](http://thatmanisyou.com)), where they can review both fall and spring semester videos. Contact Steve Zini (email: [szini@verizon.net](mailto:szini@verizon.net)) for more information.

**GREENBIER VALLEY CHORALE**  
**HOLIDAY CONCERT**  
 SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14,  
 AT 3 P.M.  
 CARNEGIE HALL  
 LEWISBURG, WV  
 Featuring Taylor Scott Davis  
**MAGNIFICAT**  
 with special guest artist, Russell Fallstad, on violin  
 Tickets \$20/adult \$10/student  
[www.carnegiehallwv.org](http://www.carnegiehallwv.org)

**WOMEN OF THE CHURCH**  
Next meeting is  
Monday  
December 8,  
2025 at 4:30 pm  
Parish Hall at  
**Saint Catherine  
of Siena**

*Christmas  
in Ronceverte*

Dec 1 @ 426 Main St West  
(Empty lot on 219)

Free Pics w/Santa, 5-7pm  
Free Chili, 5-7pm  
Parade, 7pm

Hosted by Ronceverte Ministerial  
Association.  
Questions? Call 304-647-4400

**Sacramental & Pastoral Schedule for the 1st Week of Advent**  
**30 November—6 December 2025 (Lectionary Year A, II)**

**BEGINNING OF THE NEW LITURGICAL YEAR**  
**MARANATHA!**

**The Month of the Immaculate Conception**

We pray that that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT— 30 November 2025**

FEAST OF SAINT ANDREW, APOSTLE

Is 2:1-5/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

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

**3:30p** Confessions

**4:00p Mass** for the +Charles Butler, requested by Vanessa Price

\*\*\* beginning with the Blessing of the Advent Wreath

**Saint Charles Borromeo**

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

**8:30a** Confessions

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

**Saint Catherine of Siena**

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

**11:00a** Mass for +Mimsie DeOlloqui, requested by Jane DeOlloqui

\*\*\* beginning with the Blessing of the Advent Wreath

**12:15p** Confessions

**Monday of the 1st Week of Advent—1 December 2025**

Saint Edmund Campion, Priest & Martyr

Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11

**8:30a Mass** @ Saint Charles for +Paul Pannone,  
requested by Jim & Angela Malo

**Parish Office Open @ SCB, 9a—2p**

**Tuesday of the 1st Week of Advent—2 December 2025**

Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24

**Parish Office Open @ SCB, 9a—2p**

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

**6:00p Mass** @ St. Catherine for +Margie Rymer

**Wednesday of the 1st Week of Advent—3 December 2025**

Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, priest

Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37

**8:30a Mass** @ St. Catherine for +Joe Ford,  
requested by Bob & Mary Thompson

**Parish Office Open @ SCB, 9a—2p**

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

**6:00p Mass** @ St. Charles for +Evelyn Ghaphery,  
requested by the Ghaphery Family

**6:45-8p** Adult Faith Formation: *The Infancy Narratives of St. Matthew: Session I—Introduction*

**Thursday of the 1st Week of Advent—4 December 2026**

Memorial of Saint John Damascene, priest & doctor  
Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27

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

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

**6:00p Mass** @ St. Catherine for +Fr. Tom Dagle

**6:45p** OCIA @ Parish Hall—Introduction to Advent; Saint Joseph, Saints

**Friday of the 1st Week of Advent—5 December 2024**

FIRST FRIDAY

Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31

**8:30a Mass** @ St. Charles for +Paul & Nellie O’Neil,  
requested by Stephen O’Neil

Followed by First Friday Devotions

**Saturday of the 1st Week of Advent—6 December 2025**

FIRST SATURDAY

Memorial of Saint Nicholas, bishop & martyr

Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

**8:30a Mass** @ St. Charles for +Margie Rymer

**9a—2p Advent Day of Reflection** @ Saint Charles Parish Hall,  
Theme: *Maranatha!*

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

**3:30p** Confessions

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

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT — 7 December 2025**

Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor

Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

**Saint Charles Borromeo**

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

**8:30a** Confessions

**9:00a Mass** for +Charlie Freidman, requested by Joyce Hill Flynn

**Saint Catherine of Siena**

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

**11:00a** Mass for +The Foley Family, requested by Kathy Foley

**12:15p** Confessions

**12:30p All Parish School of Religion Meeting @ Saint Catherine of Siena, The Mass, Part I**

\*\*\* The SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION is  
**Monday, 8 December 2025** this year and remains  
a **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

**8:30a Mass** @ Saint Charles for +Lucy Helbig,  
requested by Vanessa Price

**6:00p Mass** @ Saint Catherine for the People of the Parishes

Please keep Fr. **Briane Turley** in your prayers, as he battles several health issues. If you would like to send him a card his address is 818 Highland Dr., White Sulphur Springs, WV 24986

**Randelle Niski** continues to recover in Virginia. Her address until January 2, will be 1200 King St., Charlottesville, VA 22903

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE PEOPLE:**

Fr. Briane Turley, Randelle Niski, James Shupe, Beryl Collins, Margie Wilson, Jean Ann Pettit Haranzo, Ashby & Peggy Shaver, Bill Riley, Samantha McManus, 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