Saint Catherine of Siena
February 1, 2026

Attendance at Saint Catherine at 11am = 63	
Regular Collection	$ 1433.59
Grand Total	**$ 1433.59**

Saint Charles Borromeo
January 31 and February 1, 2026

Attendance at Saint Charles at 4pm = 59 *and* 9am = 48	
Regular Collection	$ 1159.60
Poor Box	$ 656.00
Grand Total	**$ 1815.60**

Give to Saint Catherine

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.

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 the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 4:30pm in the Parish Hall at Saint Charles Borromeo. For more information, please contact Vivian Zini or Jennifer King. All women are invited to attend.

The **Knights of Columbus** men's group meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 3pm in the Parish Hall of Saint Charles Borromeo. For more information, contact Bob Hasenohr at 973-886-7487.

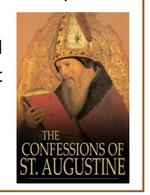
That Man is You (TMIY) is a weekly, interactive men's program that combines the latest findings of science with the teachings of the Catholic Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop authentic male leaders capable of transforming themselves, their families and greater society. Join us for coffee,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

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 under "Accountability" for more information and reporting methods.

Lenten Friday Fish Dinners

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting their annual Lenten fish dinners beginning February 20, 2026 and for the five Fridays following. The dinners will be served in the Dining Hall behind the School House Hotel, same place as last year, from 4:30pm-7:00pm. The cost will be $18 and will include breaded tilapia filet (baked or fried), potatoes, coleslaw, your choice of a homemade dessert and a beverage. Both Dine-In and Take-Out will be available. If you can provide a homemade dessert for one week, or all the weeks, it would be greatly appreciated. This is our Council's biggest fundraiser of the year. Almost all the money raised goes back into the community. We would greatly appreciate your support. Call Bob Hasenohr if you can volunteer or would be willing to make a dessert: 973-886-7487.

Mark your calendars for **Soup with a Saint** on Wednesdays 6:45p, following the 6p Mass in the Parish Hall of Saint Charles on February 25, March 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2026. This year's book: *The Confessions,* Saint Augustine of Hippo. Please RSVP to the Parish Office if you plan to attend, and/or if you would be able to bring your favorite soup to share.



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

February 8, 2026
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

!! We interrupt our regularly scheduled programming for the following !!

Received in the Suggestion Box at Saint Catherine of Siena Parish last week was the following suggestion (?): **"Stop writing college course in bulletin. Add something for everyday use."** This suggestion was said to benefit "all."

I was quite taken aback by this offering, which was written more in the imperative mood than in the subjunctive or optative mood one would expect of a suggestion. Taken aback because, as I explained at the beginning of this series in June 2025. I wanted to share that "precious friendship," as Pope Francis described it, which is devotion to the Sacred Heart. I noted that my reason for "because I am so deeply convinced that the fire with which the Sacred Heart burns for love of the world and for each of us can set us on fire, in turn, for Jesus Christ and for our brothers and sisters, such that we come to love with the very heart of Christ, just as we strive to have about us always the mind of Christ and the attitude of Christ (c.f., Phil 2:1ff)." Being devoted to the Sacred Heart for as long as I can remember – I have a Sacred Heart Holy Card that my Grandmother Mary gave me, as I am told, for my first birthday and I carried it so long, transferring it from pocket to pocket, and kissed it so much as a child, that my mother eventually laminated it for me (no mean feat in the early 70s) – I find it difficult to think of anything more important, more meaningful, and more of everyday use than knowing, loving, and being devoted to the Sacred Heart. I never perceived that my sharing that knowledge or that love would be construed as collegiate or not something for everyday use. After all, being devoted to – in deep, profound love with – Christ Jesus is the **greatest** something of everyday use.

Also, since my seminary days, I have long thought that the Sacred Heart was the best way to explain the person of Jesus Christ, the Paschal Mystery, Sacrament of the Eucharist, the place of the Church, and true devotion. And I had been looking for a way to offer a kind of systematic presentation of this to those entrusted to my pastoral care because of the primacy of place I give the Sacred Heart in everything. I have done serials like this in prior parish bulletins at my other assignments: a series on the art and architecture of the Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Wheeling (over four years!); a series on the Litany of Saint Joseph, for the year of Saint Joseph; a series on the Eucharist, for the year of the Eucharistic Revival to name a few. But this one was always rolling around in the back of my heart: the desire to share my love of the Sacred Heart with people I am to care for and striving to care about.

I should have known trouble was coming. Recently, a parishioner asked me who the author of these columns is, noting that she and her husband had discussed whether I was drawing them from a book or some other source or recycling them from some prior written work of my own. When I admitted that I was the author and did each one as a novel work each week, there was an expression of incredulity . But, the directive "stop writing college course in bulletin" hit hard. It's akin to "stop talking about how much you love your wife." So, I do not know where I will go from here but I'll likely keep writing the columns for myself as a way of thanking Jesus Christ for the great privilege of knowing Him and loving Him. Whether I publish them within these parishes is another question.

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Saint Catherine of Siena

Mass Schedule for 8-14 February 2026
Sunday 11am
Tuesday 6pm
Wednesday 8:30am
Thursday 6pm

163 Walnut Street
Ronceverte, WV 24970

www.stcatherinewv.org
Parish Phone for both churches: 304-536-1813

Saint Charles Borromeo

Mass Schedule for 8-14 February 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

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Fortunately, the same correspondent followed up with another missive in the imperative mood: **"Update on St. Louis."** This suggestion was said to benefit "members of St. Catherine. **Answer community question."** I had thought of a funny/not funny intro to the thing providing updates on Saint Louis IX, King of the French, and how he is doing in heaven; St. Louis, Missouri and how it is faring as Gateway to the West, semi-weird Arch with its internal elevator train thingy and all; and recently confirmed news on the fate of passengers of M.S. St. Louis, the infamous "Voyage of the Damned," a serious blot on the Franklin Delano Roosevelt administration. But I fear moving from being labeled "too collegiate" to being labeled "too cute."

As the questioner well knows, St Louis Mission, Lewisburg was closed during the COVID pandemic and not reopened. This was not the first closure of that mission, which had been idled several times in the past and was directed to be permanently closed by the Diocesan Pastoral Plan in 2014. Before my arrival, the Finance Council at Saint Catherine, either as a whole or some members, had spoken with the diocesan Bishop, advising him that the parish could not afford maintaining the building and, therefore, that the Diocese should take the building, sell it, and keep the proceeds of the sale.

When I was appointed pastor, the diocesan Bishop directed me to take one year to study the matter and bring back a recommendation regarding the future of the Mission. The day I arrived in the parish, as I was unloading my boxes with the help of friends, a member of that Finance Council came to the Rectory to tell me that St. Louis should be sold. After the first Mass I was able to be celebrant for in the Parish, a parishioner at Saint Charles waited for me until I had finished greeting everyone else to tell me that St. Louis should not be sold. But, I have done as directed by my superior and taken one year to study the question and return with a recommendation.

I must admit that I had been agnostic on the question of St. Louis, knowing from a diocesan perspective the waxing and waning of this mission as with many of the other missions that Bishop Hodges started in adaptive space during his episcopacy in the 1970s. None has fared well; very few remain in use; the majority have closed; most have been sold.

I have discussed the Mission with the Parish Finance Council at Saint Catherine many times – the Mission being in that Parish's canonical territory and therefore that Parish's sole responsibility. The inquirer knows this. This past summer, the Parish Finance Council and the Parish Pastoral Council were consulted one final time and the decision was taken to proceed with a sale.

In the meantime, I had been working closely with the Diocesan Finance Office and the Diocesan Office of Buildings and Properties to ensure that the Parish would be part of the sale process and would recognize at least some share of the purchase price as compensatory for the years of maintaining the building, in essence clawing back at least something of what had previously been given away by a prior consultative body.

In August – October, as the writer also knows, parish crews worked to empty and rehouse a number of items from the building. Then I waited for a response from the Diocese.

At the present time, this is where matters stands: I am looking for a professional cleaner to do cleaning and mold abatement in the building (a person who frequented the building left a window open in the Spring allowing moisture to enter the lower level, again a matter the questioner knows). Once the professional cleaning has been carried out, a For Sale sign will be placed in the yard with Mr. John Reardon's number on it (he is the Diocesan Director of Buildings and Properties). We want to attempt passive sale for a time and see how it goes. **So, update on St. Louis? It's FOR SALE** – not for lease, not for rent, not for lease to buy – FOR SALE. Tell your friends, tell your neighbors, tell the questioner. It's FOR SALE. How much? Call **1-304-639-1996** and talk to John Reardon if you want to make an offer. The merely curious can wait for the actual sale and a future "update on St. Louis" to learn what Saint Catherine Parish realized from it.

Now to close in compliance with the second part of that first "suggestion," I add this for everyday use: Do not look directly at the sun for sustained periods of time, as you may do serious damage to your retinas. It's no joking matter. Just ask John Quincy Adams and Galileo Galilei. *(Exit author, stage right.)* ***!!We will not now return you to our regularly scheduled programming!!***

Have you seen these women?

The Immaculate Conception (left) and the Little Flower (right) were last seen (?) at Saint Catherine of Siena. If you have any information on their present whereabouts, please contact the Parish Office – 304-536-1813. Please do not approach either one yourself (except in prayer). They are to be considered armed (with lots of grace) and very dangerous to sin … just look at them, the Immaculate Conception is crushing Satan and the Little Flower is doling out flowers of blessing.

We are supporting the 2026 Baby Bottle Fundraiser for the **Greenbrier Pregnancy Center,** located in Fairlea WV. Please take one baby bottle per family, fill the bottle with coins, cash or checks, and return it to the church on February 22nd. If you prefer you can take a self-addressed envelope to return directly to GPC with your contribution, or you can go directly to their website and donate via the Baby Bottle Campaign link. www.greenbrierpregnancycenter.com Questions? Please call the Greenbrier Pregnancy Center at 304-645-0812

Sacramental & Pastoral Schedule for the
Fourth Week of Ordinary Time—1-7 February 2026
The Month of the Holy Family

We pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time—8 February 2026
Sexagesima Sunday
Memorial of Saint Josephine Bakhita, virgin
Is 58:7-10/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

Saint Charles Borromeo *—Anticipated Mass on Saturday*
3:30p Confessions
4:00p Mass for +Walter & Helen Karrs, requested by Tom & Andrea Karrs

Saint Charles Borromeo
8:00a Choir Rehearsal @ St. Charles Borromeo Music Room
8:30a Confessions
9:00a Mass for the People of the Parish

Saint Catherine of Siena
9:45a Choir Rehearsal in Loft @ St. Catherine
11:00a Mass for +Patricia Kaufmann, requested by Jane deOlloqui
12:15p Confessions
***** The Blessing of Throats will be celebrated at the end of the weekend Masses *****
3:00p Knights of Columbus meeting in St. Charles Parish Hall

Monday in the Fifth Week of Ordinary Time—9 February 2026
1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56
8:30a Mass @ St. Charles for +Fr. Kent Durig
Parish Office Open @ SCB, 9a—2p
4:30p—Women of the Church meet in St Charles Parish Hall

Tuesday in the Fifth Week of Ordinary Time—10 February 2026
Memorial of Saint Scholastica, virgin
1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13
Parish Office Open @ SCB, 9a—2p
5:00p Adoration & Benediction @ St. Catherine
6:00p Mass @ St. Catherine for Jayne Rydzak,
requested by the Ghaphery Family
6:45p Parish Finance Council @ St. Catherine of Siena Parish Hall

Wednesday in the Fifth Week of Ordinary Time—11 Feb 2026
Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK
1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23
8:30a Mass @ St. Catherine for +Hank & Sue Richter,
requested by Bob & Mary Thompson

Wednesday—11 Feb 2026—continued
Parish Office Open @ SCB, 9a—2p
5:00p Adoration & Benediction @ St. Charles
6:00p Mass @ St. Charles for +Nick Scobbo,
requested by Jeanne Scobbo
6:45p Parish Finance Council @ St. Charles Parish Hall

Thursday in the Fifth Week of Ordinary Time—12 February 2026
1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30
8:30a Mass @ St. Charles for +John, Rosie, Tillie, Phillip & Edward George, requested by the Ghaphery Family
5:00p Adoration & Benediction @ St. Catherine
6:00p Mass @ St. Catherine for +Carl & Emma Larson
6:30p OCIA: Lent & Preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation

Friday in the Fifth Week of Ordinary Time—13 February 2026
1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37
8:30a Mass @ St. Charles for +Ron Scobbo,
requested by Jeanne Scobbo
Followed by Adoration and Benediction

Saturday in the Fifth Week of Ordinary Time—14 February 2026
Memorial of Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop
Memorial of Saint Valentine, priest & martyr
1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10

7:00a That Man Is Your @ St. Charles Parish Hall
8:30a Mass @ St. Charles for +Paul Zini

Saint Charles Borromeo *—Anticipated Mass on Saturday*
3:30p Confessions
4:00p Mass for the People of the Parish

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time—15 February 2026
Quinquagesima Sunday
Sir 15:15-20/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37

Saint Charles Borromeo
8:00a Choir Rehearsal @ St. Charles Borromeo Music Room
8:30a Confessions
9:00a Mass for Jerry Wykle (Living), requested by Jennifer King
10:15a Catholic Youth Catechism class in St. Charles Parish Hall

Saint Catherine of Siena
9:45a Choir Rehearsal in Loft @ St. Catherine
11:00a Mass for the Rodgriguez Family,
requested by Tom & Andrea Karrs
12:15p Confessions
12:15p First Communion Class @ St. Catherine Parish Hall
12:30p Confirmation Class @ St. Catherine Church

Please Pray for: Jason, John & Floy Boyle, Fr. Briane Turley, Randelle Niski, Rosanne Shupe, Beryl Collins, Margie Wilson, Jean Ann Pettit Haranzo, Ashby & Peggy Shaver, Bill Riley, 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 Seneca Trail Healthcare Center (formerly The Manor): Nancy Higgins
At the Genesis Center in White Sulphur Springs: Mike Williams
At The Seasons: Carol Spencer