

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA  
SHARING OUR TREASURE  
NOVEMBER 26, 2023

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO  
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NOVEMBER 25 AND 26, 2023

# DECEMBER 3, 2023

## FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Attendance at 11 a.m. on November 26 = 35	
Regular Collection	\$ 615
Mass Intention Stipends	
Maintenance	
Social Concerns—GB Committee on Aging	\$ 28
Diocesan	
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$ 643</b>

Attendance at 4 p.m. on November 18 = 37 Attendance at 9 a.m. on November 19 = 56	
Regular Collection	\$ 1590
Mass Intention Stipends	
Maintenance	
Diocesan	
Poor Box Donations	\$ 698
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$ 2288</b>
Roof Donations (includes grant)	\$ 29,134

Financial Summary for St. Catherine of Siena October 2023	
Offerings received	\$ 4092
Expenses for October	\$ 3899
Net	\$ 193

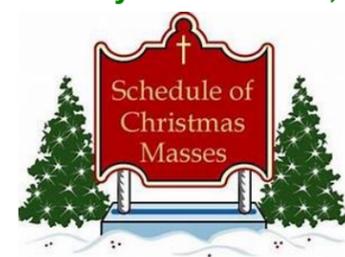
Financial Summary for St. Charles Borromeo October 2023	
Offerings received	\$ 6275
Expenses for October	\$ 5376
Net	\$ 899

### CHRISTMAS WEEKEND SERVICES

Saturday December 23, 2023 at 4 p.m. St. Charles  
Sunday December 24, 2023 at 9 a.m. St. Charles  
Sunday December 24, 2023 at 11 a.m. St. Catherine's

#### Christmas Eve

Sunday December 24, 2023 at 5 p.m. St. Charles  
Sunday December 24, 2023 at 7 p.m. St. Catherine's



**Christmas Day**  
Monday December 25, 2023  
at 10 a.m. St. Charles

### Christmas Flowers

There will be baskets in the foyer of each church for donations for poinsettias and greenery for church decorations. This is an opportunity to honor a loved one still living or remember someone who has died. The names of those loved ones will appear in the Christmas Eve bulletin. There is no set donation amount.

The envelopes for St. Catherine's are green and can be returned to the collection basket. The envelopes at St. Charles are pink.

Please print clearly when you write the names of those you would like to honor or remember.



The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin will be celebrated on Friday December 8th. **There will be Mass at noon at St. Charles and Mass at 6:30 p.m. at St. Catherine's on Dec. 8th.** On this Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a holy day of obligation, one should attend Mass.

"No sin would touch her, so that she would be a fitting and worthy vessel of the Son of God. The Immaculate Conception does not refer to the virginal conception and the birth of Christ, but rather to Mary's being conceived in the womb of St. Anne without inheriting Original Sin."

### THE ST. CHARLES CONCERT SERIES

Sunday December 3, 2023 at 3 p.m.

Please join us for an afternoon of music for Advent and Christmas, featuring harps, recorders, clavicytherium, organetto and concertina. A reception in the Parish Hall will follow the concert. All concerts are free and open to the public.



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COAT AND TOY DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus are collecting new and gently used clothing to be distributed this month to those in need. Please bring coats, sweaters, hats, gloves, and scarves to St. Charles. **The deadline for bringing donations of winter clothing is Sunday December 17th.**



The Knights of Columbus are also collecting new toys (or money to purchase toys) for children. The toy drive collects new toys and distributes them in the Meadow River Valley area of Greenbrier County to children who otherwise might not have a Christmas gift. The drive honors the memory of Donald Davis, a Rainelle native, who collected a van load of new toys each year and distributed them to children in need in the Rainelle area. The Alleghany Highlands Council 8689 supports this drive. **Please bring new toys or your donation to St. Charles Church by Sunday December 17th.**

### ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO

Established 1903  
40798 Midland Trail E.  
White Sulphur Springs, WV 24986  
www.stcharlesborromeowv.org



Sunday Confession 8:30 a.m.  
**Sunday Mass 9:00 a.m.**  
**Wednesday Mass noon**  
**Friday Mass 8:30 a.m.**  
Sat. Confession 3:30 p.m.  
**Saturday Mass 4:00**

### ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

Established 1892  
163 Walnut Street  
Roncheverte, WV 24970  
www.stcatherinewv.org

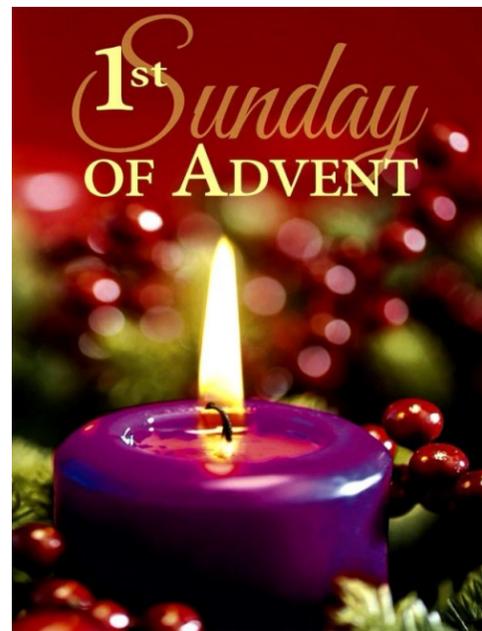


Sunday Rosary 10:30 a.m.  
**Sunday Mass 11:00 a.m.**  
Sunday Confession 12:15 p.m.  
**Tuesday Mass 8:30 a.m.**  
**Thursday Mass 6:30 p.m.**

**Pastor:** Father Jim Conyers. email: jconyers@dwc.org Phone: 304-667-9043  
**Deacon:** Robert Holliday. email: rholliday@dwc.org Phone: 304-646-4476  
**Deacon:** Bill Strange. email: deaconbill@frontier.com Phone: 304-237-4470 (cell) 304-536-2333 (home)  
**The Church Office for both churches is located at St. Charles Borromeo on the lowest level of the Rectory.**  
Church Secretary: Leah Trent. office email: stcharlesborromeocc@gmail.com Phone: 304-536-1813  
Office Hours next week are Monday Wednesday Friday from 9 a.m.—2 p.m.  
Church Office address: 40798 Midland Trail E. White Sulphur Springs, WV 24986

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HUMAN TRAFFICKING  
Sistersagainsttrafficking.org

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Dear Family,

Today we enter the Season of Advent, and we start a new liturgical year. Advent is a season rich in symbols and messages. The word “Advent” means “coming,” and the implication is the coming of a King. This has a double meaning for us in this season. The first meaning is the coming of Christ at the end of time. This is perfectly depicted in the Gospel reading for today in which Our Lord tells us, “Be watchful! Be alert! ... you do not know when the lord of the house is coming.”

This is a warning that Christ will appear at any time to bring an end to all the storms of time and to redeem all creation. Those who followed him in life will, at the end, follow him into eternity and into a new creation. Those who rejected him or were simply indifferent will not be a part of the redeemed creation, and it is for them that we must fervently pray.

The second theme for Advent is the coming of Christ as the Son of God and the son of Mary. We prepare for the great season of Christmas and the unfolding acts by which God redeems humanity and all creation. This theme calls us to give thanks for what Jesus Our Lord began and continues to do for our sake. Instead of a warning, it is an invitation into a deep and abiding gratitude for the love poured down upon us by our savior.

God bless you all as we enter together into this season of Advent and prepare for the glorious season of Christmas.

Pax Christi,  
Fr. Jim Conyers



CHURCH CALENDAR	OTHER EVENTS	ST. CHARLES BORROMEEO IN WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS SCHEDULE	ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA IN RONCEVERTE SCHEDULE
<b>Saturday Dec. 2</b>		3:30 p.m.—Confession 4 p.m. Mass for <b>Jim Trout (D)</b> <i>Reader: Mikki Dixon</i>	
<b>Sunday Dec. 3</b>		8:30 a.m.—Confession 9:00 a.m.— Mass for <b>Tommy Given (D)</b> <i>Reader: Jennifer King</i> 3:00 p.m.—CONCERT	11 a.m.— Mass for Jean Foley and the <b>Foley Family (D)</b> <i>Reader: Mary Dailey</i> 12:15 p.m.—Confession
Monday Dec. 4	Office open 9 a.m.– 2 p.m.	<i>No Mass</i>	<i>No Mass</i>
Tuesday Dec. 5	Office Closed		8:30 a.m. Mass for the <b>Holy Souls in Purgatory (D)</b> 9:15 a.m. Adoration / Confession
Wednesday Dec. 6	Office open 9 a.m.– 2 p.m.	11:00 a.m. Adoration / Confession 12 noon - Mass for <b>Jimmy Oppedisano (D)</b>	
Thursday Dec. 7	Office Closed		5:30 p.m. Adoration / Confession 6:30 p.m. Mass for <b>Jean Foley (D)</b>
Friday Dec. 8 Holy Day of Obligation	Office open 9 a.m.– 2 p.m.	12 noon Mass for <b>Jim Trout (D)</b>  2 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal	6:30 p.m. Mass
<b>Saturday Dec. 9</b>		2 p.m. Wedding of Jaclyn Murdock and Matt Gillespie 3:30 p.m.—Confession 4 p.m. Mass for <b>Gertrude Worsham (D)</b> <i>Reader: Gloria Martin</i>	
<b>Sunday Dec. 10</b>		8:30 a.m.—Confession 9:00 a.m.— Mass for <b>Joann Muller (D)</b> <i>Reader: Cheryl Hoover</i> 3:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus meeting	11 a.m.— Mass for <b>Richard Razzano (D)</b> <i>Reader: Andrea Karrs</i> 12:15 p.m.—Confession

## ROOF REPLACEMENT UPDATE

We want to extend a **heartfelt thank you** to all the parishioners and visitors who have so generously contributed to our Roof Replacement Fund so far. As some of you already know, we need to replace the roof on the Rectory Building at St. Charles.

So far we have raised **\$ 108,516**. \$29,100 of that was received from a foundation in response to our grant application. We welcome donations. If you would like to donate with a check, please make your check payable to “St. Charles” and write the word “Roof” in the memo line.

Centimark has finished the first stage of the roof on the Rectory. The second stage of repairs will be completed next year.



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Meetings

Sunday December 10  
3 p.m. Business meeting at St. Charles

Sunday December 17  
3 p.m. Meet at St. Charles for our annual Christmas Dinner and decorating the outside of the church

This next Diocesan Collection will be on December 10th for the **Retirement Fund for Religious**

*Christmas in Ronceverte*

PICS W/SANTA  
CAROLS & PRAYERS  
CHILI & COOKIES  
FREE OF CHARGE!

Dec 4 @ Presbyterian Church

Pics w/Santa, 5-7pm  
Chili, 5-7pm  
Carols, 6pm  
Parade, 7pm

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

This next Social Concern Collection at St. Catherine's will be for the **Ronceverte Food Pantry** on December 17th.

## Requiescat in Pace: Jim Trout

### Please pray for the following people:

Ronnie Hollandsworth, Lonnie Withrow, John Boyle, Clyde Bowling, Dr. Joan Moore, Chad O'Donnell, Perk & Sue Berry, Mary Thompson, Ed DeLong, Charlie Friedman, John and Ann Withrow, Margie Sheppard

**At Stonerise**  
Frankie Musselman  
**At The Seasons**  
Carol Spencer  
**Serving in our Military**  
Paul Roshau



Call the Church Office to add names to our prayer list:  
304-536-1813.

The **Greenbrier Chapter of West Virginians for Life** meets at Emmanuel Community Church, located on Route 60 in Harts Run. Their next meeting will be Thursday, Jan. 18, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. For more info, contact Paula McLaughlin  
Phone: 304-661-9866  
Email: greenbrierwv4life@gmail.com



## Readings for 12-3-23

Isaiah 63: 16-17; & 64: 2-7  
Psalm 80: 2-19  
1 Corinthians 1: 3-9  
Psalm 85: 8  
Mark 13:33-37

