

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA
SHARING OUR TREASURE
DECEMBER 24, 2023

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO
SHARING OUR TREASURE
DECEMBER 23-25, 2023

Attendance at 11 a.m. = 33
Attendance at 7 p.m. = 65

Regular Collection	\$ 1333.00
Mass Intention Stipends	
Diocesan—Catholic Charities WV	\$ 336.00
Candle donations	\$ 119.10
Social Concerns	
Total Collection	\$ 1788.10

Attendance on 12/23/23 at 4 p.m. = 32
Attendance on 12/24/23 at 9 a.m. = 63
Attendance on 12/24/23 at 5 p.m. = 116
Attendance on 12/25/23 at 10 a.m. = 61

Regular Collection	\$ 2807
Mass Intention Stipends	\$ 110
Diocesan—Catholic Charities WV	\$ 605
Poor Box Donations	\$ 943
Total Collection	\$ 4465
Roof Donations	\$ 13,513



MASS SCHEDULE
ST. CATHERINE
OF SIENA

Established 1892
163 Walnut Street
Ronceverte, 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.



MASS SCHEDULE
ST. CHARLES
BORROMEO

Established 1903
40798 Midland Trail E.
WSS, 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.
Saturday Confession 3:30 p.m.
Saturday Rosary 3:30 p.m.
Saturday Mass 4:00 p.m.



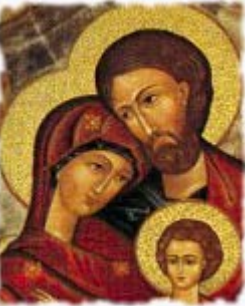
DECEMBER 31, 2023

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH



FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Today is the feast day of the Holy Family, but today is also every family's feast day, since the Holy Family is the patron and model of all Christian families. Today should be a huge family feast, since it is devoted entirely to the Holy Family as a model for the Christian family life.



Scripture tells us practically nothing about the first years and the boyhood of the Child Jesus. All we know are the facts of the sojourn in Egypt, the return to Nazareth, and the incidents that occurred when the twelve-year-old boy accompanied his parents to Jerusalem. In her liturgy the Church hurries over this period of Christ's life with equal brevity. The general breakdown of the family, however, at the end of the past century and at the beginning of our own, prompted the popes, especially the far-sighted Leo XIII, to promote the observance of this feast with the hope that it might instill into Christian families something of the faithful love and the devoted attachment that characterize the family of Nazareth. The primary purpose of the Church in instituting and promoting this feast is to present the Holy Family as the model and exemplar of all Christian families. —Excerpted from *With Christ Through the Year*, Rev. Bernard Strasser, O.S.B.

As Rev. Edward Sutfin states: "The children must learn to see in their father the foster-father St. Joseph, and the Blessed Mother as the perfect model for their own mother. The lesson to be learned is both practical and theoretical, in that the children must learn how to obey and to love their parents in thought, word and action, just as Christ was obedient to Mary and Joseph. Helping your mother and helping your father thus take on a new significance when being performed in a Christ-like spirit."

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The Church Office for both churches is located at St. Charles Borromeo on the lowest level of the Rectory.
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Office Hours next week are Tuesday January 2 from 9 am –2 pm and Friday January 5 from 9 am-2 pm
Church Office address: 40798 Midland Trail E. White Sulphur Springs, WV 24986

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HUMAN TRAFFICKING
Sistersagainsttrafficking.org

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Mass Readings for the Feast of the Holy Family, Year B—Excerpts from Fr. Kevin O’Sullivan

The **First Reading** is from the *Book of Sirach* 3:2-6; 12-14. Although all the emphasis, in these verses of Holy Scripture seems to be on the obligation of children to their parents, there is a profound lesson here for parents too. "Like father like son" is an old and a true saying very often. If the parents fail to do what is right and just in the sigh of God they can hardly complain if their children turn out disobedient to God and to them. The young learn more from example than from precept. If parents give their children the example of a life of obedience to the laws of God, and their country—the children will in turn carry out their duties to God, to their parents and to their fellowman. There have been and there will be exceptions, of course, to this rule but they are exceptions: the vast majority follow the pattern laid down for them by their parents. Today, on the feast-day of the only perfect family that ever lived on this earth, I would ask all parents to examine themselves and see how they are fulfilling this grave responsibility—which God has placed on them. Are they preparing their children by word and example, especially by example, to be worthy citizens of heaven where they will be their parents' crown and glory?

The **Second Reading** is from the *Letter from St. Paul to the Colossians* 3:12-21. Nothing but a return to the gospel of Christ and to the virtues that gospel demand of us can bring sanity back to the world. Where God is forgotten there is no happiness for man. Where the peace of Christ does not reign there is nothing but strife and hostility among men. Where there is no faith and hope in a future life, the present world is already hell. Let us being in our own family circle to bring sanity back to our world. Let us have the true peace of Christ in our hearts and in our home, each one carrying out the task God has allotted to him.

The **Gospel** is from the *Luke* 2:22-40. St. Luke concludes his detailed story of the Infancy with the presentation of the child Jesus in the temple. When this rite was carried out the Holy Family returned to Nazareth. With the exception of the incident in the temple when Jesus was 12 years old, they remained there in obscurity, as far as the world was concerned, until the beginning of his public life.... The Church makes this Sunday the Feast of the Holy Family. She wants all Christian families to look to that special family for inspiration, example and encouragement. We find all three in today's gospel. Their humble, unquestionable obedience to the Mosaic Law, a law to which they were not really bound, is an example and an encouragement for us to keep the laws of God which are binding on us. Mary, because of the virgin conception and birth of Jesus, did not need legal purification. Jesus, being the Son of God, did not have to be redeemed (bought back) from the service of God. His whole life on earth was to be complete and devoted service of God. Joseph, as father of that family, quietly and humbly accompanied Mary and her Child to Jerusalem.... It is true that Mary and Joseph were helped by the limited knowledge they had of the role of Jesus in the salvation of the world. It helped them to be docile to God's will and ever ready to suffer for the cause of God. But we have even a more comprehensive knowledge of Christ's role in our regard, and of God's plan for our real eternal happiness. Therefore, we should be ready to bear our lot, and carry whatever cross is sent us.
—Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Sunday January 14, 2024 at 3 p.m. Business Meeting at St. Charles

Sunday January 28, 2024—Auxiliary and Knight joint meeting to plan for the Lenten Fish Dinners.

Lent begins on Wednesday February 14, 2024.

Friday February 16, 2024—First Lenten Fish Dinner



This next Diocesan Collection will be on the weekend of January 20-21, 2024 for the

Church in the Developing World: Latin America, Central and Eastern Europe, and Africa

The next Social Concern Collection at St. Catherine's will be on January 14, 2024 for the

Family Refuge Center

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, January 18, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. All those interested in attending are welcome.

For more info, contact Paula McLaughlin
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CHURCH CALENDAR	OTHER EVENTS	ST. CHARLES BORROMEEO IN WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS SCHEDULE	ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA IN RONCEVERTE SCHEDULE
Saturday Dec. 30		3:30 p.m.—Confession 4 p.m. Mass for Holy Souls in Purgatory (D) <i>Reader: Alicia McIntire</i>	
Sunday Dec. 31		8:30 a.m.—Confession 9:00 a.m.— Mass for Jim Trout (D) <i>Reader: Carol Herrick</i>	11 a.m.— Mass for Mike Williams (L) <i>Reader: Buck Williams</i> 12:15 p.m.—Confession
Monday Jan. 1		10 a.m. Mass for Joann Muller (D) New Year's Day	
Tuesday Jan. 2	Office open 9 a.m.– 2 p.m.		8:30 a.m. Mass 9:15 a.m. Adoration / Confession
Wednesday Jan. 3	Office Closed	11 a.m. Adoration / Confession Noon—Mass	
Thursday Jan. 4	Office Closed		5:30 p.m. Adoration / Confession 6:30 p.m. Mass
Friday Jan. 5	Office open 9 a.m.– 2 p.m.	8:30 a.m. Mass for Gertrude Worsham (D) 9:15 a.m. Adoration / Confession	
Saturday Jan. 6		3:30 p.m.—Confession 4 p.m. Mass for (D) <i>Reader: Mikki Dixon</i>	
Sunday Jan. 7		8:30 a.m.—Confession 9:00 a.m.— Mass for John O'Donnell (D) <i>Reader: Debbie McComb</i>	11 a.m.— Mass <i>Reader: Judy Long</i> 12:15 p.m.—Confession



PRAYING THE ROSARY AT ST. CHARLES BORROMEEO

We are looking for people to lead the praying of the Rosary at St. Charles, starting at 3:30 p.m. on Saturdays and at 8:30 a.m. on Sundays.

If you are interested in being a leader for the Rosary at either of these Masses, please contact Leah at the church office, 304-536-1813.

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, 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:



Readings for 12-31-2023

Sirach 3: 2-6, 12-14

Psalms 128: 1-5

Colossians 3:12-21

Luke 2:22-40

