### ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA SHARING OUR TREASURE FEBRUARY 14 AND 18, 2024

Attendance at 6 p.m. on Feb. 14 = Attendance at 11 a.m. on Feb. 18 = 65		
Regular Collection	\$ 1045.00	
Social Concern: Bethlehem Farm	\$ 257.00	
Collection on Ash Wednesday	\$ 160.00	
Total Collection	\$ 1462.00	

St. Catherine of Siena January 2024 Financial Summary			
Collections: \$ 3390			
Expenses	\$ 6191	Net: - <mark>\$ 2801</mark>	



Our popular Lenten Fish Dinners will be served on Fridays February 16, 23, and March 1, 8, 15, and 22.2024. The dinners are

sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and both the St. Catherine of Siena and St. Charles Borromeo parishes. The dinners will be served at the Emmanuel Methodist church hall in White Sulphur Springs.

- Dine in or To-Go dinners will also be available.
- Dinner hours are from 4:30 p.m. -7:00 p.m. Friday.

• Price is \$15 per plate; \$5 for an extra piece of fish. It takes many people to make these dinners run smoothly. All help will be greatly appreciated. Also -we need HOMEMADE desserts each week for the six weeks. If you can help or make a dessert, please call Mike Williams at 304-645-1373.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO SHARING OUR TREASURE FEBRUARY 14, 17 AND 18, 2024

Attendance at noon on Feb. 14 = 88 Attendance at 4 p.m. = 38 Attenda	
Regular Collection	\$ 1311.50
Mass Intention Stipends	\$ 80.00
Collection on Ash Wednesday	\$ 84.00
Poor Box Donations	\$ 376.00
Total Collection	\$ 1851.50

St.	Charles Bo	rromeo January 2024 Financial Summary
Collections: \$ 4110		
Expenses:	\$ 7402	Net: - <mark>\$ 3292</mark>

Thank you to all who participated in Greenbrier Pregnancy Center's First Annual Baby Bottle Campaign. Please bring your bottles with coins and/or checks to church this collection Sunday and leave them on the offering tables at the rear of the aisle. These baby bottles will be reused for future campaigns. If you forgot your bottle, just return it next week. Have an empty bottle? Please return that one too. Bringing back an empty bottle is just like donating \$1.50 back into the ministry. All support raised through your generosity will be used to minister to infants and their parents. Every coin adds up and each prayer makes a huge difference. We rejoice to see how graciously the Lord provides. From the Board of Greenbrier

Pregnancy Center. THANK YOU and GOD BLESS YOU!!!!!!



Questions: 304-646-8347 Greenbrier Pregnancy Center P.O. Box 1804 Lewisburg, WV 24901 www.GreenbrierPregnancyCenter.org

PRIESTHOOD DISCERNMENT RETREAT Mount St. Mary's Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd, Emmitsburg, MD 21727 Sunday March 10, 2024 (12:30 p.m.) through Monday March 11, 2024 (10:00 p.m.) for men ages 18 and older, who are devoted to their Catholic faith Pray, Share Meals, and Attend Seminary Classes....Hear talks about priestly life and discernment To apply, contact Fr. Phillip Szabo, at pszabo@dwc.org to arrange a time for a brief phone interview

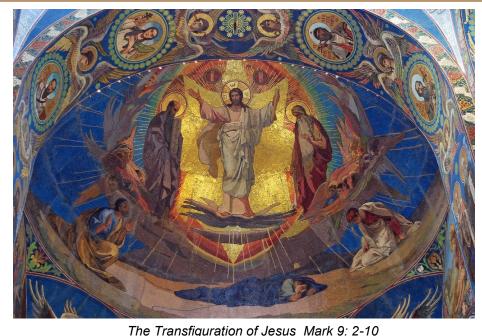
Pastor: Father Jim Convers. email: jconvers@dwc.org Phone: 304-667-9043 Deacon: Robert Holliday. email: rholliday@dwc.org Phone: 304-646-4476 Deacon: Bill Strange. email: deaconbill@frontier.com Phone: 304-237-4470 (cell) 304-536-2333 (home)

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: Feb. 26, 28, and March 1 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Church Office address: 40798 Midland Trail E. White Sulphur Springs, WV 24986

**U.S. CATHOLIC SISTERS AGAINST** HUMAN TRAFFICKING Sistersagainsttrafficking.org

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. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, please contact the diocese at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880.

# **FEBRUARY 25, 2024 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**



## THE DISCIPLINES OF LENT: PRAYER, FASTING, AND ALMSGIVING

The spiritual disciplines of Lent are given to us in the Gospel reading for every Ash Wednesday. Our Lord teaches about Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving (Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18).

Prayer – This is daily prayer, which can be done by meditating on Holy Scripture, following a Lenten prayer booklet, or, praying before the Blessed Sacrament at Church. The key word here is DAILY. Fasting - Our two days of fast are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Every Friday of Lent is also a time of Abstinence, when we deprive ourselves of something which is in itself good, and something we enjoy in order to place God ahead of all things by self-denial.

Almsgiving – This is simply to give to those in need. We can also fulfill this discipline by giving to organizations who help the poor.

In addition to these, we should be mindful of those practices that Catholics are called to do throughout the year. These are regular attendance at Mass, Confession and Penance, and support of your local parish church. These are part of the Precepts of the Church.

Lent is a time to do more than at other times of the year. Let us make this a season of spiritual growth.

## ST. CHARLES BORROMEO

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

Sunday Confession & Rosary 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass 9:00 a.m. Friday Mass 8:30 a.m. Friday Stations 9:05 a.m. Saturday Confession 3:30 p.m Saturday Rosary 3:30 p.m. Saturday Mass 4:00 p.m.





#### Dear Family,

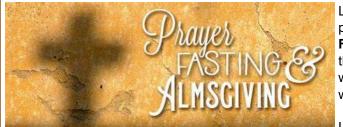
The three traditional sources of temptation to sin are the World, the Flesh and the Devil. These sources of temptation are found explicitly or implicitly in scripture and in the teachings of the saints. In the parable of the sower and the seed (Matt. 13:3ff), Jesus speaks of the seed that does not grow because the birds come and eat the seeds (Devil). The seeds that fall on rocky soil, and the shallow soil prevents the seed from growing (Flesh). The third is the seed that falls on ground where weed and thorns grow, chocking the young plants (World).



The Council of Trent sixth session (1547), degreed the following on justification: "Nevertheless, let those who think themselves to stand, take heed lest they fall, and, with fear and trembling work out their salvation ... in prayers and almsgiving and in fasting. They ought to fear for the combat which yet remains with the flesh, with the world, with the devil, wherein they cannot be victorious, unless they be with God's grace, obedient to the Apostle, who says; We are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh, you shall die; but if by the spirit you mortify the deeds of the flesh, you shall live."

It is a spiritual battle in which we are engaged; a battle with the world, the flesh and the devil. The world, which offers all things for titillation of the senses to be swallowed up by its empty promises. The flesh; Our own weaknesses, our shallow desires which lead us to nothing. The Devil which is the spiritual presence that looks to find our weakness and lead us slowly and surely to destruction.

We are always in need of grace, which is necessary to win the battle against the enemy. But we have to engage in the actions by which we open ourselves to the grace of God. The three actions which Our Lord speaks of in the Gospel of Matthew (6:1-18) are Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. <u>Prayer</u> is our weapon against the <u>devil</u>. <u>Fasting</u> is our weapon against the <u>flesh</u>. <u>Almsgiving</u> is our weapon against the <u>world</u>.



Let this Lent be the time which we set aside for these fundamental practices; **Prayer** for the protection of ourselves and for those we love; **Fasting** to bring into control through self-mortification of those desires that lead us away from Christ. **Almsgiving** for the good of others in a world that tempts us to be concerned only with ourselves and to hold all we have for our own good.

Let this Lent be a time to practice fully the way of Christ, to use the

weapons our faith. So, when Easter comes we can know that we have spent this time well, and we have opened ourselves to the grace offered to us by Jesus, Our Lord, and we are able to love others more completely, more deeply, more selflessly.

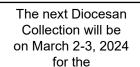
God bless you all,

Fr. Jim Conyers

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

DATES FOR LENTEN FISH DINNERS: Friday February 16, 2024 Friday February 23, 2024 Friday March 1, 2024 Friday March 8, 2024 Friday March 15, 2024 Friday March 22, 2024

Lenten Fish Dinners from 4:30—7:00 p.m. at Emmanuel Methodist Church in White Sulphur Spgs Price: \$15 per plate; \$5 for extra piece of fish Children under 5 years of age: free!



Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund The next Social Concern Collection on March 17th at St. Catherine's will be collected for the Lewisburg Food Pantry

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, March 21, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. All those interested in attending are welcome.

For more info, contact Paula McLaughlin Phone: 304-661-9866 Email: greenbrierwv4life@gmail.com



CHURCH CALENDAR OTHER EVENTS		ST. CHARLES BORROMEO IN WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS SCHEDULE	ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA IN RONCEVERTE SCHEDULE	
Saturday Feb. 24		3:30 p.m.—Confession & Rosary 4 p.m. Mass for <b>Msgr. Edward Sadie (D)</b> <i>Reader: Alicia McIntire</i>		
Sunday Feb. 25		8:30 a.m.—Confession & Rosary 9:00 a.m.— Mass for <b>Marilyn Fabry</b> <b>Graham (D)</b> <i>Reader: Jennifer King</i>	11 a.m.— Mass for <b>Deacon</b> Gary Waple (D) <i>Reader: Jack Lampton</i> 12:15 p.m.—Confession	
Monday Feb. 26	Office open 9 a.m.– 2 p.m.	No Mass	No Mass	
Tuesday Feb. 27	Office Closed	No Mass	No Mass	
Wednesday Feb. 28	Office open 9 a.m.– 2 p.m.	No Mass 7—8 p.m. Lenten Book Study	No Mass	
Thursday Feb. 29	Office Closed		6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross 6:30 p.m. Mass	
Friday March 1	Office open 9 a.m.– 2 p.m.	8:30 a.m. Mass for <b>Roy &amp; Eunice Fabry (D)</b> 9:05 a.m. Stations of the Cross		
Saturday March 2		3:30 p.m.—Confession & Rosary 4 p.m. Mass for <b>Elizabeth Fabry (Living)</b> <i>Reader: Mikki Dixon</i>		
Sunday March 3		8:30 a.m.—Confession & Rosary 9:00 a.m.— Mass for Leo O'Neil (D) and Chris DeViney (D) Reader: Paul Grist	11 a.m.— Mass for <b>The Foley Family</b> (D) <i>Reader: Ken Miller</i> 12:15 p.m.—Confession	



### 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

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









