

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA  
SHARING OUR TREASURE  
OCTOBER 15, 2023

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO  
SHARING OUR TREASURE  
OCTOBER 14 AND 15, 2023

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| Attendance at 11 a.m. on October 15 = 56             |                |
| Regular Collection                                   | \$ 730         |
| Mass Intention Stipends                              |                |
| Maintenance  | \$ 25          |
| Social Concern—Shepherds Center of Greenbrier Valley | \$ 380         |
| Mass Intentions                                      |                |
| <b>Total Collection</b>                              | <b>\$ 1135</b> |

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| Attendance at 4 p.m. on October 14 = 27<br>Attendance at 9 a.m. on October 15 = 50 |                |
| Regular Collection   | \$ 1159        |
| Mass Intention Stipends  | \$ 45          |
| Mount Loretto Donations for Cemetery Cleaning                                      | \$ 1220        |
| Roof Repair Fund   | \$ 10          |
| Spaghetti Dinner and Raffle  | \$ 5323        |
| Poor Box Donations   | \$ 343         |
| <b>Total Collection</b>  | <b>\$ 8100</b> |

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| Financial Summary for St. Catherine of Siena<br>September 2023 |            |
| Offerings received   | \$ 2,888   |
| Property Insurance Bill  | \$ 9,223   |
| Expenses for September   | \$ 3,844   |
| Net  | \$ -10,179 |

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| Financial Summary for St. Charles Borromeo<br>September 2023 |            |
| Offerings received   | \$ 4,390   |
| Property Insurance Bill                                      | \$ 13,022  |
| Expenses for September                                       | \$ 7,985   |
| Net  | \$ -16,590 |



THE ST. CHARLES  
CONCERT SERIES

The following concerts are scheduled:

**Sunday November 12, 2023 at 3 p.m.**  
Sacred Music  
featuring  
Tim Holbrook, Tenor  
Stephanie Bachman, Recorder  
Joyce Perlove, Recorder  
Leah Trent, Harp and Harpsichord

**Sunday December 3, 2023 at 3 p.m.**  
Music for Advent and Christmas  
featuring  
Hunter Hensley, Gregorian chant  
Leah Trent, Harp and Clavicytherium  
Rodger Trent, Harp and Organetto

All concerts are free and open to the public.  
Concerts will be held in St. Charles Church.

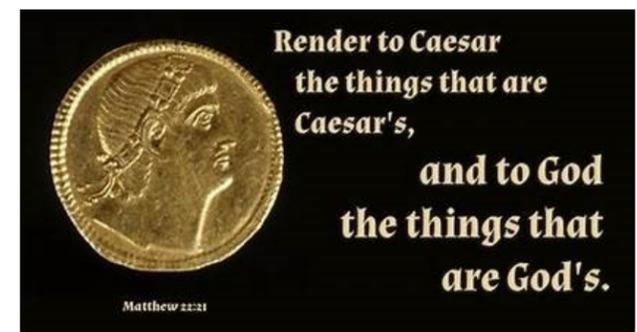
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Established 1903  
40798 Midland Trail E.  
White Sulphur Springs, WV 24986  
www.stcharlesborromeowv.org



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**

OCTOBER 22,  
2023

THE 29TH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME



St. Catherine's will host an **Oktoberfest** today October 22nd at noon. The German lunch will feature bratwurst and sauerkraut. Thanks to the Altar Rosary Society of St. Catherine's for sponsoring this event.

This celebration will be in honor of the "O" school students, who attend the WV School of Osteopathic Medicine. Everyone from both churches is invited. Visitors and friends are welcome too!

Donations to the Altar Rosary Society are welcome at the lunch.



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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.**



Diocesan Collection this weekend is for World Mission Sunday

Pope Francis, in his message for World Mission Sunday 2023, reflects on the theme "Hearts on fire, feet on the move," based on the story of the disciples who encounter Jesus on their way to Emmaus (cf. Lk 24:13-35). He invites all of us to "set out once more, illumined by our encounter with the risen Lord and prompted by his Spirit. Let us set out again with burning hearts, with our eyes open and our feet in motion. Let us set out to make other hearts burn with the word of God, to open the eyes of others to Jesus in the Eucharist, and to invite everyone to walk together on the path of peace and salvation that God, in Christ, has bestowed upon all humanity."



On World Mission Sunday, we join our Holy Father in supporting his missions. As we pray and respond here at home, we share in those celebrations taking place in every parish and school throughout the world. Together, through our prayers and financial support, we bring the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. In a world where so much divides us, World Mission Sunday rejoices in our unity as missionaries by our Baptism, as it offers each one of us an opportunity to support the life-giving presence of the Church among the poor and marginalized in more than 1,111 mission dioceses.

You can find the resources as part of this newly-launched microsite for World Mission Month:  
<https://onefamilyinmission.org/>

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**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 Tuesday Oct 24, Thursday Oct 26 and Friday Oct 27 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](http://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.

Dear Family,

The word “**recollection**” is a simple word, most likely known by most native English speakers. It typically means to recall or remember. However, it has a different meaning when we use the word in Catholic spirituality. In that regard, it means the following: “**Recollection**, as understood in respect to the spiritual life, means attention to the presence of God in the soul. It includes the withdrawal of the mind from external and earthly affairs in order to attend to God and Divine things. It is the same as interior solitude in which the soul is alone with God” (Catholic Encyclopedia).

We speak of being in the state of **recollection** when we are focused on God in our soul, or we could say we are recollected. It is a very important state to be in when we pray. St. Teresa of Avila emphasized the “Prayer of Recollection,” beginning by turning our mind toward the presence of God with us. As we turn our attention to God, his grace will help us to become more deeply aware of his presence.

In the Mass, we begin the Eucharistic Prayer with the so-called Preface Dialogue, which is not so much a dialogue between the priest and the faithful as it is a prayer to God the Father that he may be with us:

*The Lord be with you.  
And with your spirit.*

Then follows the prayer for **recollection**:

*Lift up your hearts.  
We lift them up to the Lord.*

These phrases have to do with our will to be open to the presence of God. In other words, the priest prays that you will be open to God, and the faithful respond by a willingness to open their hearts to God. This is how we begin this very important prayer together.

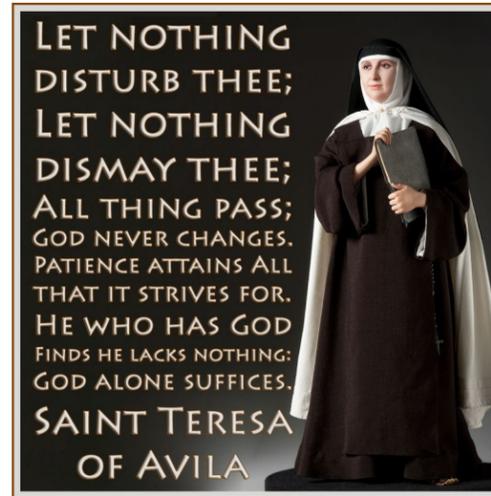
It is often very difficult to open our minds and hearts to the presence of God, especially when we are gathered together for Mass. A component of **recollection** is to be forgetful of ourselves as we focus on God.

As we approach Jesus in Holy Communion in a state of **recollection**, we are prepared to receive him as part of our soul and our body. Here we find the perfect completion of the recollected state, and you return to your pew and kneel for a time of prayer as part of a holy and eternal conversation of selfless love of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit. It is then that we participate in the highest expression of prayer.

May God richly bless you today,

Fr. Jim Conyers

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| CHURCH CALENDAR   | OTHER EVENTS               | ST. CHARLES BORROMEEO IN WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS SCHEDULE  | ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA IN RONCEVERTE SCHEDULE  |
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| Saturday Oct. 21  |                            | 3:30 p.m.—Confession<br>4 p.m. Mass for <b>Grace Persuda (D)</b><br>Reader: <i>Alicia McIntire</i>   |  |
| Sunday Oct. 22    |                            | 8:30 a.m.—Confession<br>9:00 a.m.— Mass for <b>Nadine O’Neil (D)</b><br>Reader: <i>Cheryl Hoover</i><br>6 p.m. <b>Knights of Columbus Dinner</b> — anyone interested in learning about the Knights is welcome to attend. | 11 a.m.— Mass for <b>Sue Richter(D)</b><br>Reader: <i>Jack Lampton</i><br>12 noon — <b>Oktoberfest</b> |
| Monday Oct. 23    | Office Closed              | No Mass  | No Mass  |
| Tuesday Oct. 24   | Office open 9 a.m.– 2 p.m. | No Mass  | No Mass  |
| Wednesday Oct. 25 | Office Closed              | 11 a.m. Adoration / Confession<br>12 noon Mass for <b>John Kennedy (D)</b>   |  |
| Thursday Oct. 26  | Office open 9 a.m.– 2 p.m. |  | 5:30 p.m. Adoration / Confession<br>6:30 p.m. Mass for <b>Michael DeBriae (L)</b>                      |
| Friday Oct. 27    | Office open 9 a.m.– 2 p.m. | 8:30 a.m. Mass for <b>Kyle Yoder (D)</b><br>9:15 a.m. Adoration / Confession   |  |
| Saturday Oct. 28  |                            | 3:30 p.m.—Confession<br>4 p.m. Mass for <b>Souls in Purgatory (D)</b><br>Reader: <i>Mikki Dixon</i>  |  |
| Sunday Oct. 29    |                            | 8:30 a.m.—Confession<br>9:00 a.m.— Mass for <b>Alice Kennedy (D)</b><br>Reader: <i>Russell Forren</i>  | 11 a.m.— Mass for <b>Richard Razzano (D)</b><br>Reader: <i>Ken Miller</i><br>12:15 p.m.—Confession     |

## ROOF REPLACEMENT FUND 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 **\$ 78,857**

We welcome cash 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.

Thank you for helping keep our roof in good shape!



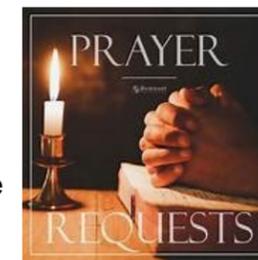
The **Greenbrier Chapter of West Virginians for Life** meets on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Emmanuel Community Church, located on Route 60 in Harts Run. For their fall fundraiser they will be selling quarts of **Brunswick Stew or Vegetable Soup**. Cost is only \$10 a quart. To order email: [greenbrierwv4life@gmail.com](mailto:greenbrierwv4life@gmail.com) or call Paula at 304-661-9866, or Carolyn at 304-992-2619. Orders will be available for pick up on Saturday Oct. 28th between 3 and 5 p.m. at Emmanuel Community Church in Caldwell. An additional regular meeting will take place **Thursday October 26 at 6:30 p.m.**

This weekend’s Diocesan collection will be for **World Mission Sunday**

The next Social Concern Collection at St. Catherine of Siena will be on November 19th for the Greenbrier Valley Committee on Aging

## Please pray for the following people:

Mike Williams, 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** Gertrude Worsham  
**Serving in our Military** Paul Roshau

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

## Isaiah 45:5-6

I am the **Lord**, and there is no other,  
besides me there is no God;  
I equip you, though you do not know me,  
that people may know.  
from the *rising of the sun* and from the west,  
that there is none besides me;  
I am the **Lord**, and there is no other.

## Readings for October 22, 2023

Isaiah 45: 1-6  
Psalm 96: 1-10  
1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5  
Matthew 22: 15-21