

Sacred Heart

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Princeton, WV 24740
304-425-3664

Confessions: Saturday 3:00 - 3:45 pm /
during Adoration
Sunday 10:30 - 11:00 am
and by appointment

Office Hours:
Mon - Thu 9 am - 2 pm

Pastor: Rev. Sebastian Devasya, V.E.

Sunday Mass is livestreamed



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Mass Times: Saturday - 4:00 pm | Sunday - 11:00 am | Tuesday - 6:00 pm | Thursday - Noon | First Friday - Noon



Hope in God's Timing

Bible Verse: *"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."* – Isaiah 40:31

God's timing is perfect, and those who trust in Him will experience renewal. When we feel weary, hope in God strengthens us for the journey ahead.

Question for Reflection: How can I trust in God's perfect timing today?

Upcoming Events:

Fri	Apr 11	Noon	Stations of the Cross followed by Lenten Lunches
Sun	Apr 13	11 am	Palm Sunday
		7 pm	Taize Prayer Service
Wed	Apr 16	6 pm	Baptismal Preparation class
Thu	Apr 17	4 pm	Holy Thursday
Fri	Apr 18	3 pm	Good Friday
Sat	Apr 19	8 pm	Easter Vigil
Sun	Apr 20	11 am	Easter
Tue	Apr 22	6 pm	No Mass
Thu	Apr 24	Noon	No Mass
Tue	Apr 29	6:30 pm	Finance Council
Wed	Apr 30	5:30 pm	Walking with Grief support group
Fri	May 2	Noon	First Friday Mass

Mass Intentions:

- Saturday, Apr 12 - 4 pm
- ✠ **Carrie Yurkovich** by Annette, Paula & Mary
- Sunday, Apr 13 - 11 am
- ✠ **Jeannie Woolwine** by Reddy & Roberts Family
- Tuesday, Apr 15 - 6 pm
- People of the Parish** by church
- Thursday, Apr 17 - Noon
- ✠ **Ruth Prinzbach** by Donna Richardson
- Saturday, Apr 19 - 4 pm
- OCIA Team (SI)** by Laura Wyatt
- Sunday, Apr 20 - 11 am
- ✠ **Ester Piconi** by Gina Boggess

To our non-Catholic friends, we extend a warm invitation to for you to come forward and receive a Blessing when our Catholic brothers and sisters come forward to receive Holy Communion. Please come up to the Priest or Eucharistic Minister with your hands folded across your chest, so we will know that you wish to receive a Blessing. We are grateful for your presence.

Welcome to Sacred Heart

Welcome to Sacred Heart Catholic Church! We are truly so happy to see you here.

We especially want to welcome you if this is your first time in church in a while. We're honored you're choosing to spend Holy Week with us!

We hope you know that Jesus loved you! So much that He — God — became human (a vulnerable, poor baby at that!) to save you and prove to you how much He loves you. Yes, you, the person reading this. Even if (especially if!) you're thinking to yourself, "Well that's nice, but there's no way He could love me."

Yes, He does. We promise. That's actually the whole point of Easter.

If you don't believe that, here's your challenge: Whatever it is that you've been carrying for these past weeks — the stress, the anxiety, the pain — just give it to Him today.

And then continue to bring them to Him every day. Your prayers don't have to be crazy long or elaborate. Just tell Him what's going on and ask Him for help.

It's not going to magically fix everything. But after a while, you'll start to notice, even if the circumstances don't change, you have a peace about it you just can't quite explain. (That's Jesus. And it's awesome.)

To help you do that, we'd love to invite you back to Mass on Sunday. We know — you're crazy busy, and adding one more thing to your weekend is daunting.

But we promise it's worth it. Because what we hear consistently from people is that going to Mass weekly not only gives them an opportunity to thank God and worship Him. They also leave refreshed. Renewed. Hopeful. Peaceful. Loved.

Because they've given their everything — even the messy parts — to the Lord, and He's transformed them with His love. And we want that for you too.

If you're here, you're part of our family. We want to walk with you on this journey. Trust us, we don't have it all figured out either. But we struggle and grapple together, and we pray for each other, help each other, and draw closer to Jesus together.

And we want to do that for you too, but we can only do that if we get to know you. So, will you join us again on Sunday? We pray that you have a blessed Easter, filled with knowledge of Christ's love for you, and that we get to see you again soon.

God bless you!

P.S. Maybe you have a lot of questions about faith. "Is that really Jesus in the Eucharist?" "Why do bad things happen to good people?" "Why does the Church teach _____?"

Seriously, that's one of the main reasons we exist, to answer questions! If that's you, start small. Come spend some time with Jesus alone in the church to ask Him your questions — we're open every day from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. Or sign up for our email bulletins for upcoming Bible studies, events, etc.; reach out to talk to our priest, who would be happy to meet with you and answer your questions. We mean it when we say that we want to walk with you, and that starts by answering your questions!



Holy Week Mass Times

You are invited to experience the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus through the Liturgy.

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Saturday, 12 April 2025

- 4:00 pm Palm Sunday Mass (will start in the Narthex)

Palm Sunday, 13 April 2025

- 11:00 am Palm Sunday (will start in the Prayer Garden weather permitting)
- 7:00 pm Taize Prayer Service

Tuesday, 15 April 2025

- 6:00 pm Daily Mass
- 6:30 pm Seder Meal, prior reservation required.

Holy Thursday, 17 April 2025

- 8:00 pm Thursday of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, 18 April 2025

- 3:00 pm Friday of the Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday, 19 April 2025

- 8:00 pm Easter Vigil in Holy Night

Easter Sunday, 21 April 2025

- 11:00 am Easter Mass



Sacred Heart
Catholic Church
Princeton, WV



Dear Beloved Sacred Herat Family,

As we approach the end of this blessed Lenten season, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt congratulations and gratitude to each of you for your dedication and faithfulness in observing the practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. As we move forward into the final week of Lent, I encourage you to continue your spiritual journey with hearts full of gratitude and anticipation for the joy that awaits us in the Easter season.

This Sixth Sunday of Lent, we hear the familiar and profound words of the Gospel, which call us to contemplate the nature of Jesus' love for us. The readings speak powerfully to the themes of sacrifice, humility, and divine mercy. In the Gospel, we encounter the story of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, a moment that begins the events of Holy Week. Jesus, who is adored by the crowds, will soon face betrayal, suffering, and death. Yet, knowing the cost, His willingness to enter Jerusalem reveals the depth of His love and obedience to the Father's will.

In our second reading, St. Paul's letter to the Philippians reminds us of Christ's humility. Though divine, He emptied Himself to take on human form, humbling Himself to the point of death on a cross. This passage highlights Christ's selfless love and calls us to follow His example of humility and service. The first reading, from the prophet Isaiah, also speaks of suffering and trust in God's faithfulness, pointing forward to Christ's own suffering for our salvation.

As we reflect on these readings, we see the common thread of sacrifice and love woven through each one. Jesus' sacrifice is not only a historical event but a living reminder of God's unwavering love for us and our call to live in that love every day. This week, as we enter Holy Week, we are invited to unite ourselves with Christ's passion and walk with Him on the road to the Cross.

Holy Week is a time of great significance, and I encourage you to fully immerse yourself in the sacred rituals that bring us closer to the Paschal Mystery.

Palm Sunday will mark the beginning of our celebration of Holy Week. We will gather to commemorate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem when the crowds shouted "Hosanna!" and laid palm branches before Him. This moment of joy contrasts with the sorrow that follows, reminding us of the fleeting nature of worldly acclaim and the path of suffering that Jesus chose for us.

Taize Prayer (April 13th @ 7 p.m. in Princeton Sacred Heart) is a meditative prayer characterized by its meditative, repetitive chants, simple melodies, and quiet reflection. The service includes chants, Scripture, short prayers, periods of silence, creating a peaceful and contemplative atmosphere. The repetitive nature of the chants allows participants to focus and connect with God on a deeper spiritual level.

Chrism Mass (Monday, April 14th, at 4 p.m. Charleston): We will gather for the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral, where the bishop will bless the oils that will be used in the sacraments throughout the coming year. The Mass is a beautiful celebration of unity in the diocese and an opportunity to reflect on our shared faith.

Holy Thursday (April 17th at 4 p.m. in Princeton and 6 p.m. in Bluefield) invites us to reflect on the Last Supper, at which Jesus instituted the Holy Eucharist and the priesthood. At the Lord's Supper Mass, we will remember His example of humble service as He washed the feet of His disciples. This moment calls us to serve one another with love and humility, just as Christ served us.

Good Friday (April 18th at 3 p.m. in Princeton and 6 p.m. in Bluefield) is a day of solemn reflection and reverence. We will commemorate Jesus' passion and death on the Cross. The solemn liturgy invites us to contemplate the immense sacrifice that Christ made for our salvation. We will participate in the Veneration of the Cross, acknowledging His suffering and death as the source of our redemption.

Easter Vigil (April 19th, 8 p.m. in Bluefield and Princeton) will be a night of celebration and new life. As we gather in darkness and await the light of Christ's Resurrection, we will listen to the sacred Scriptures, remembering God's saving acts throughout history. The Vigil will culminate in the joyous proclamation of the Resurrection and the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation, welcoming new members into the Church. This is a powerful reminder of our hope and new life in Christ.

As we enter this most sacred time of year, let us pray for one another and for the strength to fully embrace the mystery of Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection. May our hearts be filled with gratitude, and may our lives reflect the love of the Savior who gave His life for us.

*Prayerfully,
Father Sebastian Devasya*

*Happy Birthday
To You*

As you mark another year today, our deepest prayer for you is that you continue to serve the Lord wholeheartedly. We truly appreciate how you not only preach love but also exemplify it in your life. May God's love always be your comfort, and may His light guide your way. Wishing you a very happy birthday, reflecting on the incredible spiritual leader you are!

Your Sacred Heart Family

Thank You
FOR YOUR SUPPORT

The Prox family would like to extend thanks and gratitude to Father Sebastian and the people of the Parrish for their kindness, love and support for David. It was deeply appreciated.

Upcoming Baptismal Preparation Class:

This class is for all expecting parents and new parents preparing for the baptism of their child. Please contact church office at 304-425-3664 to inquire about scheduling your child's baptism.

Wednesday, **April 16** - Time: 6 pm

Saturday, **April 19** - Time: 10 am

Location: Conference Room

Evening Prayers
Tuesdays 5:30pm

Sacred Heart invites you to join us in reciting the Evening Prayer on Tuesdays at 5:30 PM, just before the 6:00 PM Mass. Together, we will provide a guide to help you connect and engage.

Please be aware that on days when there is no daily Mass, we will not hold evening prayer.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

April 11, Noon – Stations of the Cross followed by Holy Communion – led by Anchor Prayer Group.

Walking in Grief Support Group:

Struggling with grief? Join our parish's grief support group and find comfort in community. Join us on, Wednesday, **April 30** at 5:30 pm in the Narthex.

You are invited to attend

TAIZÉ
PRAYER SERVICE

Taizé Prayer is a meditative form of worship, calling us to dwell deeply on Christ's presence around and within us. Simple songs, chants, prayerful silence, short readings will guide us to foster a deeper connection with our Lord.

**Sunday, April 13, 2025 at
7:00 pm**

SACRED HEART CHURCH
507 HARRISON ST., PRINCETON, WV

Please pray for:

**LORI COMER
STEPHEN COMER
MATTHEW WILLIAMS**

as they continue their journey through the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults.



EASTER FLOWER OFFERING IN
MEMORY / HONOR OF.....

Editha Abillar
Aiello Family
Stella & Loring Albin
Rose & Albert Bachner
John Bailey
Jean Battlo
Anne Bailey
Abel Bravo
Sara & Juan Bravo
Mary & Andrew Bisaha
Evie & Paul Carlson
Cecilija & Anton Cepelnik
Martin & Hadwick Cepelnik
Mary Choate
Choate Family
Norma & Ed Ciaburri
Margaret & RV Clark
John Clark
Pearl & Harold Cofer
Frank & Patsy Constantino
Antonio Constantino
Fannie Constantino
Mary Constantino
Willie Constantino
Ethel Cox
John Cox
Elswick Family

Wayne & Jean Ferguson
Johanna & Mike Gaspersich
Mary & Sy Gaspersich
Rosemarie Giles
Versie Hamm
Kathryn Hamm
Rence Hartman
Mary & John Hickman
Horeluk Family
Mona Kerr
Krulatz Family
Kemp Lawrence
Kathleen Lawrence
Charlie & Jewell Larkin
Jeffrey Larkin
Rosal Mondragon Lecaros
Pelagio T. Lecaros Sr.
Nancy Lucero
Maddow Family
Charley Manley
Alma Cevendish McVey
Irene & Ron Metzger
Melkus Family
Sally Murray
Magdalena P. Neri
Florencio B. Neri Sr.
Pace Family

Frank Pope
Jane & John Pope
Prinzbach Family
Anne Prox
Frank Prox
David Prox
Mary Raya
Raymond Richards
Cordelia Richards
Allen Richards
Richardson Family
Randy Spangler
Stephanie Southern
Alma & Harry Tolley
Antonia Villamore Trinidad
Cipriano Trinidad
Victor Joel Trinidad
John Vance
Frank & Lucille Via
Charles & Ann Walchonski
Mame Walchonski
Melly & Lloyd Woolwine
Jeannie Woolwine
Virginia Wyatt
Matt & Carrie Yurkovich





Religious Education Schedule of Events

Apr 13	Faith Formation class Lenten Journey (Wilderness Within)	classroom conference room	9:30 am
Apr 14	OCIA	conference room	5:30 pm
Apr 17	Women's Prayer Group - No Meeting Men's Group	conference room Narthex	10:00 am 10:00 am
Apr 24	Women's Prayer Group WWP	conference room Narthex	10:00 am 6:30 pm
Apr 27	One Sunday at a Time	conference room	9:30 am

Faith Formation (K-5):

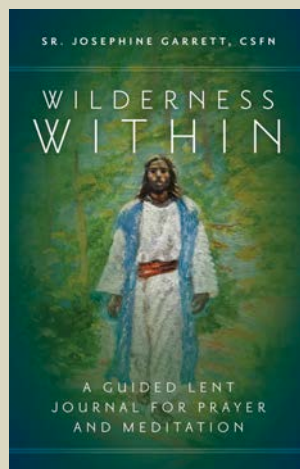
The week between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, Holy Week, is the most sacred time of year. During this special time, we enter into the passion of Christ — his crucifixion, death and resurrection — through liturgical celebration and personal conversion. While the season of Lent is a very important time in the Church, it is helpful to remember that our Lenten practices (prayer, fasting and almsgiving) are meant as preparation for the three days of the Triduum.

Youth Ministry (MS/HS):

Be on the lookout for our next Youth Ministry night more details to follow.

POINT OF CONTACT

Faith Formation	Laura Wyatt
Adult Education	Laura Wyatt
OCIA	Laura Wyatt
Youth Ministry	Lorin Albin
Women's Prayer Group	Susie Pace
Men's Group	Jim Cosgrove Bill Picknally
Walking with Purpose (WWP)	KD Coleman Laura Wyatt



“Wilderness Within”

During Lent we warmly invite you to join us every Sunday at 9:30 AM in the upstairs conference room, where we will explore the wilderness of your heart as a place to be explored.

Please feel free to come any Sunday that feels right for you, whether it's just one or all of them. We look forward to sharing the 40 days of Lent with you!

“Last meeting for Lent”

Woman's Prayer Group

Mantra for Holy Week
*“Wait for the Lord, whose
 Salvation draws near.”*
 ...from Praying with the Psalms

Triduum



Walking with Purpose:

Last week was our final lesson. Be sure to join us at our :

Bubbles & Blooms introduction on May 31 & Jun 1 after Mass. So if you want to learn more about our bible study please join us.

Summer Session: This is a 6 week bible study. We will dive into **Rooted and Radiant Bible Study.**

Order of Christian Initiation:

This week will will discuss: **“The Triduum”** Triduum is a Latin term meaning "three days." Usually, people think of it as Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. In actuality, it begins at sunset on Holy Thursday and ends at sundown on Easter Sunday..

“Easter” Easter Sunday follows the order of a typical Sunday Mass with an emphasis on joy and rejoicing that Christ has risen. The church is transformed into the Easter color of white.

For information please contact Laura Wyatt at 304-425-3664 or lwyatt@sacredheartprinceton.org



April Ministry Schedule						
Date/Time	Lector	Extraordinary Minister	Greeter	Livesteam	Altar Server	Counter
Apr 12 4 pm	M. Gaspersich B. Schumacher	<u>L. Dumapit</u> L. Pendleton L. Wyatt	Bisaha's	n/a	T. Byron L. Kessinger C. Pace	S. Pace
Apr 13 11 am Palm Sunday	A. Dumapit G. Saffell	<u>M. Flanigan</u> J. Cosgrove G. Cosgrove	Neri's	W. Picknally	Jo. Flanigan A. Reiger E. Martinez	
Apr 17 4 pm Holy Thursday	K. Roberts M. Flanigan	<u>D. Richardson</u> L. Pendleton L. Dumapit	J. Gaspersich	W. Picknally	T. Byron M. Shay C. Pace	
Apr 18 3 pm Good Friday	A. Dumapit D. LaMothe J. Gaspersich	<u>M. Flanigan</u>	L. Pendleton C. Prox	W. Picknally	C. Pace T. Byron M. Shay	
Apr 19 8 pm Easter Vigil	M. Flanigan A. Dumapit C. Jones J. Gaspersich M. Gaspersich	<u>L. Pendleton</u> L. Dumapit L. Wyatt	Blankenship's Neri		C. Pace T. Byron	
Apr 20 11 am Easter Sunday	D. LaMothe G. Saffell	<u>R. Modena</u> K. Suehs Y. Suehs	Wyatt's B. Fanning	W. Picknally	BJ Carter E. Coleman A. Coleman	
Apr 26 4 pm	M. Tinio M. Bacho	<u>V. Manley</u> K. Bailey C. Pace	J. Gaspersich M. Gaspersich		L. Kessinger	
Apr 27 11 am	D. LaMothe	<u>M. Cox</u> J. Cosgrove G. Cosgrove	Hillyer's	W. Picknally	Jo. Flanigan Ja. Flanigan	



Disciple Maker Index - Survey

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all those who participated in the Catholic Leadership Institute's Disciple Maker Index Survey. With an average of 198 people attending our weekend Masses, we had an incredible 149 participants, which is 81% of our parish community! This fantastic response provides invaluable insights, and we are excited to share the results with you each week, focusing on specific topics. This week, we begin by sharing the basic demographics of those who completed the survey. One particularly striking statistic is that 31% of the survey respondents have been members of our parish for less than 10 years—an inspiring reflection of the growth of our community over the past decade!

Additionally, the survey results show overwhelmingly positive feedback: 96% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that they would recommend our pastor, 95% would recommend our church, and 90% believe that the Eucharist is truly the Body and Blood of Christ. This last point is especially significant, as a Pew Research study reveals that only one-third of U.S. Catholics share this belief, meaning our parish is 59% above the national average in this area!

The CLI leadership team, in collaboration with Father Sebastian, the pastoral and finance councils, will continue to carefully review the survey results to help guide our parish's future. Your voice matters, and we are committed to using this feedback to shape the path ahead. Please continue to keep the leadership team in your prayers as we move forward together. Thank you again for your participation and your dedication to our parish's growth and mission.

CLI Team

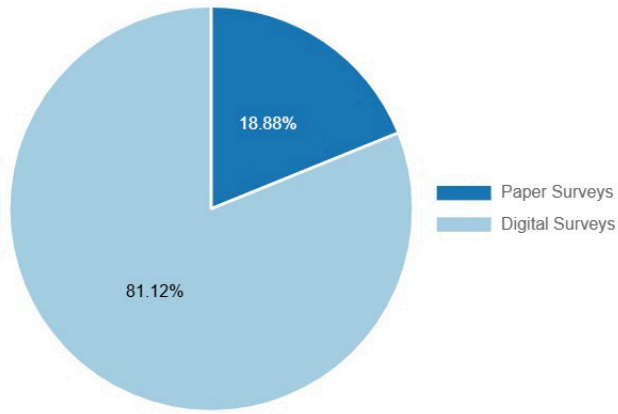
Father Sebastian

Gina Boggess

Debbie LaMothe

Susie Pace

143 Total Answered Surveys



Membership Duration

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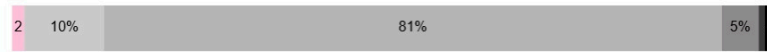


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- 11 - 20
- 6 - 10
- 3 - 5
- 1 - 2
- <1

Ethnicity/Race

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- Asian-American
- Caucasian
- Hispanic/Latino
- Native American
- Other

Sex

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Legend

- Male
- Female

Age

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Legend

- Under 18
- 18 - 25
- 26 - 35
- 36 - 45
- 46 - 55
- 56 - 65
- 66 - 75
- Over 75

Top 3 by Highest Percentage Strongly Agree

Recommend Pastor

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Recommend Parish

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Belief: Eucharist is body/blood of Christ



Legend

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neither Agree nor Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree
- I Do Not Know

Please include the following in your Daily Prayers

- Lorin Albin
- Bernadette Baer
- Margaret Bryan
- Ronnie Blankenship
- Matthew Bowles
- Pat Caccamo
- Maria Franco
- Peggy Friedrichson
- Dr. Billy Garcia
- MaryLu Geiger
- Kyle Geiger
- Scotty Hagerman
- Kylena Harless
- Johnathan Harding
- Kenna Johnston
- Patricia Gupton
- Wylie Rae Henson
- Nancy Larkin
- Jim Lintz
- Tanya Marx
- Lisa Mendoza
- Joshua Poorman
- Sara Poorman
- Teresa Settle
- Lee Schrage
- Agnes Tokarski

	weekend Apr 5-6	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	4,743.68	53,276.28	51,750.00
Loose Offertory	317.75	3,213.95	3,175.00
Easter Flowers	<u>50.00</u>	<u>1,080.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
Maintenance	500.00	1,119.55	500.00
Total Contributions	5,611.43	58,689.78	56,425.00
Attendance:	4pm: 75	9am: 174	

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

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 to the Diocese, please notify civil authorities first and then please contact the Diocese at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880.

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Music for
April 12 & 13, 2025
Mass of Remembrance

Mass Readings Year C
on pg. 596
Word & Eucharist

Entrance: G498
"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

Responsorial Psalm 22: G33
My God, My God

Presentation of Gifts: G642
"What Wondrous Love Is This "
Communion: G940
"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"
Closing Hymn: G881
"Lift High the Cross"

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(304) 425-3664

Bluefield Parish Office
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Kim Hickman
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In case of illness: Please call the parish office to let us know if you, a family member, or a parishioner is sick. We can place your name on the prayer list. If requested, Fr. Sebastian will arrange for distributing Holy Communion in the home.

Nursing homes, rehabilitation centers and anyone who is hospitalized are not permitted to contact the church. If someone you know is in the hospital, please call the church office.

In case of serious or life threatening sickness or the actively dying: The church should be contacted as soon as possible. People deserve the opportunity to confess their sins, profess their faith, be anointed, and receive Holy Communion – the foretaste and pledge of eternal life. PLEASE don't wait until after the person is unconscious or so sedated that he or she cannot communicate. It is imperative with current situations, that there be enough time for Fr. to go through the appropriate protocol to visit the actively dying.