



3rd Sunday of Advent
GAUDETE SUNDAY



Sacred Heart Catholic Church

MASS TIMES

Sat: 4:00 pm
Sun: 11:00 am
Tue: Adoration 5:00 pm | Mass 6:00 pm
Thu: 12 Noon
First Fri: 12 Noon

Confession: Tue: 5 pm
Saturday: 30 min prior to Mass

Sacrament of Baptism:
Contact the church office 1 month prior to baptism
Sacrament of Marriage: Contact the church office 6 months prior to wedding
Funerals: Contact Kim Hickman:
304-920-2440

UPCOMING EVENTS

Christmas Eve

3:30 pm Children's program
4:00 pm Children's Christmas Mass

11:30 pm Carols
12:00 am Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

11:00 am Mass

- Dec 14 5:00 pm Youth Group 'Movie Night'
- Dec 14 4:00 pm Christmas Concert: *Bluefield*
- Dec 17 6:00 pm OCIA Christmas Party
- Dec 17 6:00 pm Baptismal Prep
- Dec 20 6:00 pm Baptismal Prep
- Dec 21 Fr. Joseph's 20th year of Ordination Anniversary
- Dec 24 4:00 pm 2nd Collection:
12:00 am *Catholic Charities:*
- Dec 25 11:00 am All 3 Christmas Masses



✠ MASS SCHEDULE ✠

Saturday, December 13 - ✠ David Prox
by Connie Prox

Sunday, December 14 - ✠ Joe Wheby
by William Bowling

Tuesday, December 16 - Pro Populo
by the Parish

Thursday, December 18 - Rick Wyatt (B-day)
by Wyatt Family

Saturday, December 20 - ✠ Mary & Willie Constantino
by Virginia Manley

Sunday, December 21 - ✠ John Cox
by Maria Cox

What is the snow policy for Mass?

First Fridays & Weekend Masses will not be canceled
Fr. Joseph will always celebrate these Masses.

Please be sure and watch for a Flocknote message or check Facebook for decisions about daily Masses.

Always be careful in inclement weather!

Second Collection for Retired Religious

This weekend
December 13 & 14

Please prayerfully consider giving generously!

Christmas Masses Bluefield

6:00 pm *Children's Mass*
8:00 pm *Christmas Eve Mass*
9:00 am *Christmas Day Mass*

Bluefield Mass times
Sat - 6:00 pm | Sun - 9:00 am | Wed - 6:00 pm |
Thu - 10:00 am | First Friday - 10:00 am
Confession: Wed 5:00 pm
Sat 5:45 pm | Sun 8:30 am

Angel Tree Gifts

We are missing needed information for: Angel #18.
Please call the parish office with:
'Name of Sponsor' & a phone number.
Thank you!

Angel Tree gifts are due this Sunday,
December 14th

Remember to attach the 'Angel tag'.

Second Collection - Christmas Donation
Please give generously to support our local Catholic Charities programs.
The 2nd collection will be taken at all three Christmas masses .
All monies collected fund local needs.



CONTACT US

304-425-3664
PO Box 1310,
507 Harrison St.
Princeton, WV 24740



Faith formation

You're invited to Family Catechesis Wednesday, December 17th! We'll explore the birth of Christ through a short lesson, then celebrate together at our Christmas Party. Everyone is welcome. This is our last meeting before the Christmas break. Parents, save the date: Our Christmas pageant takes place on Wednesday, December 24th at 3:30pm, followed by Children's Mass. We hope to see you there.

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

This process involves exploring the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church, with the option to become Catholic through the Sacraments of Initiation. If you're interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, or know someone who is, please join us on Mondays at 5:30 pm.

Religious ed schedule

Dec 14	YM: Foundations One Sunday at a Time	classroom conference room	9:00 am 9:30 am
Dec 15	OCIA	conference room	5:30 pm
Dec 17	Faith Formation	classrooms	6:00 pm
Dec 18	Women's prayer group Men's prayer group	conference room narthex	10:15 am 10:15 am
Dec 25 Jan 5	-HOLIDAYS- No meetings		
Holidays	Walking with Purpose Dec 18, Dec 25 & Jan	narthex -No meetings-	6:30 pm

Young Adult Ministry

Join us for our Young Adult (18-39) gatherings. Be on the lookout for our next meeting. We hope you can join us.

One Sunday at a Time

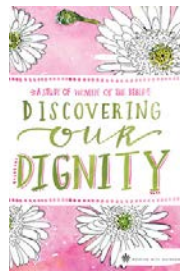
There is still time to join our 'Advent Journey'. We are using the book "Illuminate" as we journey together.



We invite you to join us any Sunday – whether it's once or every week. Everyone is welcome! Meet in the conference room at 9:30am.

Walking with Purpose

We're exploring "Discovering Our Dignity" in our Bible study group.



We'll take a Christmas break and resume on January 8th.

Want to learn more about WWP? Give us a call - we'd love to connect!

Woman's Prayer Group Thursday 10:15 am - December 11, 2025



Opening Prayer Experience

Read-Reflect-Discuss Readings, Reflections and Prayers

Third Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday

Reading 1 – Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10
Responsorial Psalm 14
"Lord, come and save us."
Reading 2- James 5:7-10
Gospel Reading – Matthew 11:2-11

Closing Prayer Experience "Turn Toward a New Light"



Youth Ministry

Join us for Foundations: Faith and Apologetics every Sunday morning at 9:00 am. Bring your bibles, journals and a friend!

We're also hosting a 'Movie Night' on Sunday evening, December 14th at 5:00pm. Please RSVP to KD with your headcount. We'd love to see you there!

CONTACT US

Dir. Religious Ed. - Laura Wyatt



Faith Formation - Laura Wyatt
OCIA - Laura Wyatt
Youth & Young Adult Ministry - KD Flanigan

Women's Prayer Group - Susie Pace
Men's Prayer Group - Jim Cosgrove | Bill Picknally
One Sunday at a Time - Ed Kerr



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, December 17 - Time: 6:00 pm

Saturday, December 20 - Time: 10:00 am

Location: Conference Room

PRAYER REQUEST

We would love to pray for you. Our parish now has a new and simple way to share your prayer intentions. Just press the button in parish communication emails or scan the QR code to submit your prayer request. By lifting each other in prayer, we are bound together as one family of faith, united in Christ's love.



COMMUNION FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

If you, or a family member, would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact Gina Boggess at 304-920-7047 or gina@sacredheartprinceton.org.

WALKING WITH GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Struggling with grief? Join our parish's grief support group and find comfort in community.

Please join us in the New Year.

Location: Church Narthex

NOTE: There will be no meeting in December.

Christmas Concert
December 14 ~ 4:00 pm
Sacred Heart Bluefield

Come join the fun and celebrate the Christmas season at Sacred Heart

- ~Enjoy music selections from our choir, under the direction of Mr. Dan Turner and Jack Holt.
- ~Our Handbell Choir will entertain us with our beautiful bells under the direction of Dr. Carol Asbury.
- ~We are so blessed to have members of our local community to join us with seasonal solos and duets.

Bring a friend or two and join us on Sunday, December 14th at 4:00 pm to ring and sing in the Christmas season.

Reception to follow in the lounge directly after concert



Feastday: December 13 Patron Saint of: of Blindness

Lucy's history has been lost and all we really know for certain is that this brave woman who lived in Syracuse lost her life during the persecution of Christians in the early fourth century.

Her veneration spread to Rome so that by the sixth century the whole Church recognized her courage in defense of the faith.

Lucy, whose name can mean "light" or "lucid," is the patron saint of the blind.

She is often seen with the emblem of eyes on a cup or plate. In paintings, she is often depicted with a golden plate holding her eyes and often holds a palm branch, which is a symbol of victory over evil.



REVISED: 12-7-2025

DECEMBER	Lector	Extraordinary Minister	Greeter	Altar Server	Counter
13	<i>B. Schumacher</i>	<u>J. Buckler</u> C. Pace L. Pendleton	<i>C. Prox</i>	<i>M. Flanigan</i> <i>A. Pysik</i>	<i>LaMothe's</i>
14	<i>D. LaMothe</i>	<u>R. Modena</u> <i>D. Richardson</i> <i>M. Shay</i>	<i>Blankenship's</i>	<i>E. Coleman</i> <i>A. Coleman</i>	
20	<i>C. Jones</i>	<u>V. Manley</u> <i>K. Bailey</i> <i>T. Byron</i>	<i>A. Bisaha</i>	<i>T. Byron</i> <i>C. Pace</i>	<i>J. Choate</i>
21	<i>G. Saffel</i> <i>C. Cofer</i>	<u>M. Flanigan</u> <i>H. Cofer</i> <i>Williams</i>	<i>B. Fanning</i>	<i>TBA</i>	
27	<i>M. Gaspersich</i>	<u>L. Pendleton</u> C. Pace <i>K. Bailey</i>	<i>J. Gaspersich</i>	<i>M. Flanigan</i> <i>L. Kessinger</i>	<i>LaMothe's</i>
28	<i>M. Flanigan</i>	<i>L. Wyatt</i> <i>L. Dumapit</i> <i>D. Williams</i>	<i>S. Neri</i> <i>D. Neri</i>		

CHRISTMAS	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Greeter	Altar Server	Counter
24th 4pm Children's Mass	<u>D. Richardson</u> C. Pace <i>L. Dumapit</i>	<i>M. Reiger</i>	<i>E. Coleman</i> <i>A. Coleman</i>	<i>BJ Carter</i>	
Mid-Night Mass 11:30 Carols	<u>M. Flanigan</u> <i>L. Pendleton</i> <i>R. Modena</i>	<i>C. Jones</i> <i>S. Kerr</i>	<i>Blankenship's</i>	<i>B. Fanning</i> <i>M. Flanigan</i> <i>L. Kessinger</i> <i>T. Byron</i>	
25th Christmas 11:00 am	<u>G. Cosgrove</u> <i>J. Cosgrove</i> <i>J. Buckler</i>	<i>K. Roberts</i>	<i>TBA</i>	<i>TBA</i>	<i>J. Choate</i> <i>S. Pace</i>
TUESDAY 6 pm	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER	LECTOR	ALTAR SERVER		GREETER
16	<i>TBA</i>	<i>S. Kerr</i>	<i>M. Shay M. Flanigan</i>		
23	<i>T. Byron</i>	<i>TBA</i>	<i>L. Kessinger M. Flanigan</i>		
30	<i>M. Flanigan</i>	<i>S. Kerr</i>	<i>L. Kessinger M. Shay</i>		
THURSDAY 12 noon	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER	LECTOR	ALTAR SERVER		GREETER
11	<i>C. Pace</i>	<i>TBA</i>	<i>M. Shay M. Kessinger</i>		
18	<i>TBA</i>	<i>D. LaMothe</i>	<i>C. Pace T. Byron</i>		

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



WEEKDAY MASS





IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

and a priest is needed, please Call:

Princeton Parish Office | 304-425-3664
Bluefield Parish Office | 304-327-5623
Fr. Joseph 304-327-7218
Kim Hickman | 304-920-2440

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. Joseph 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.

DAILY PRAYERS

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| Lorin Albin | MaryLu Geiger | Lincoln Owens |
| Bernadette Baer | Kyle Geiger | Lucy Owens |
| Margaret Bryan | Kylena Harless | Inez Palomares |
| Matthew Bowles | Johnathan Harding | Joshua Poorman |
| Sarah Bravo | Kenna Johnston | Sara Poorman |
| Pat Caccamo | Patricia Gupton | Teresa Settle |
| Vanessa Colon | Wylie Rae Henson | Lee Schrage |
| Teresa Derenge | Nancy Larkin | Thomas Sneed |
| Maria Franco | Jim Lintz | Agnes Tokarski |
| Peggy Friedrichson | Tanya Marx | Brenda Whorley |
| Dr. Billy Garcia | Lisa Mendoza | |

MUSIC - MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Mass Readings: **Year A** - Word & Eucharist Mass Book **PG. 173**
Third Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday
Mass Hymns & Songs: *Gather Hymnal*
Entrance: G395 - O Come, O Come Emmanuel (Verses 5 & 6)
Responsorial Psalm 35: *Lord, Come and Save Us*
Presentation of Gifts: G407 - People of the Night
Communion: G402 - Like A Shepherd
Meditation: G890 - Litany of Mary
Closing Hymn: G658 - Soon and Very Soon

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<https://sacredheartprinceton.flocknote.com/give>

OR SCAN THE QR CODE TO DONATE SECURELY FROM YOUR PHONE



	Weekend Dec 6-7	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	6,947.00	229,231.79	179,600.00
Loose Offertory	383.00	16,220.89	11,900.00
Flowers	950.00	2,140.00	2000.00
Total Contributions:	\$ 8,280.00	\$247,592.68	193,500.00
Abel Crisis Center	10.00	525.00	500.00
Tender Mercies	240.00	2,317.50	3,000.00
DWC: Catholic Charities WV	50.00	150.00	1,500.00
DWC: Religious Retirement	50.00	250.00	1,200.00
Attendance:	4pm: 55	11am: 123	

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