

Sacred Heart

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Confessions: Saturday 3:00 - 3:45 pm
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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(@shprinceton) • Instagram photos and videos

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

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.

Upcoming Events:

Tue	Dec 24	4:00 pm	Children's Christmas Mass
Tue/Wed	Dec 24	11:30 pm	Carols followed by Midnight Mass
Wed	Dec 25	11:00 am	Christmas Mass
Tue/Wed	Dec 24/25		Office Closed
Tue/Wed	Dec 31/Jan 1		Office Closed
Tue	Dec 31	6 pm	Solemnity of Mary Mass



Mass Intentions:

Tuesday	Dec 24	6 pm	✝	Nancy Oliver	by Church
Wednesday	Dec 25	Midnight	✝	Nancy Lucero	by Church
Wednesday	Dec 25	11:00 am		People of the Parish	by Church
Thursday	Dec 26	Noon		No Daily Mass	
Saturday	Dec 28	4 pm	✝	Charley Manley	by Virginia Manley
Sunday	Dec 29	11 am	✝	Dr. Julito Sultan	by Dr. Julito Sultan



CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF WV

Christmas Thank You

TENDER MERCIES

Sacred Heart extends a very warm **Thank you** to the members of our parish who work to support CCWV. Monica Mills, Paula Yurkovich, Mary Jane Albin, Rene Green, Lorin Albin, Sr. Paul Ude, Santina St. John, Kirt & Yvonne Suehs.

And especially all the parishioners who have donated 165 pound of food items, 30 pounds of hygiene items and through our Mommy Ministry more than 1,243 pounds of diapers, wipes and early childhood necessities.

This year we were proud to announce Monica Mills was awarded CCWV's "Charity in Action" award along with The Sacred Heart Mommy Ministry lead by Renee Green. We were honored to have Monica and this committee of Women recognized for their hard work!

As we reflect on the past year, we are filled with immense gratitude for the unwavering support and generosity our parish has shown towards Tender Mercies food pantry. Your contributions have made a significant impact in our community, helping provide essential nourishment to countless families and individuals in need. Sacred Heart Parishioners have donated, in addition to weekly food products, \$2,080.00 with an additional \$4,000 allotted by the Parish Finance Council. We also thank Bonnie Hickman for her continued service on the Tender Mercies board of directors.



Goal: \$25,000 to update our Hall

DONATE TODAY!

LAST CHANCE!
ALL DONATIONS MUST BE IN BY DECEMBER 31ST

\$18,020 CSA goal

To date, Coming back to our Parish: **\$8,720.**

Join us in reaching our goal. We need **\$16,305!**



\$9,010 Diocese portion
Mail your donation to:

Catholic Sharing Appeal
PO Box 230
Wheeling, WV 26003

Be sure to mark your check for Sacred Heart-PRINCETON
Envelopes available in the NARTHEX



NEXT YEAR

this could be you.

Ready to make it official? Join us for Becoming Catholic. To learn how to receive Communion or Confirmation as a baptized adult please contact :

Laura Wyatt - lw Wyatt@sacredheartprinceton.org
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Sacred Heart events.

2025

Every fourth Monday

Knights of Columbus

A Catholic family Fraternal Service Organization

Every other Thursday at 10:15 am

Men's group

A group of Christian men who meet to pray and encourage each other to be spiritual leaders in their families

Mondays at 5:30 pm

OCIA

A process that prepares adults to become full members of the Catholic Church

Thursdays at 6:30 pm

Walking with Purpose

Catholic Bible studies to reach adult women, young adult women, and girls.

Tuesdays before Mass

Evening prayer

Liturgy of the Hours

First Friday of Each month

First Friday

Devotion to Sacred Heart

Every last Wednesday of the month at 5:30 pm

Walking in Grief support group

Join the parish's grief support group and find comfort in community

Every other Friday

Silent Adoration

You show up in silence, spend some time in silence, then leave in silence.

3rd Wednesday every quarter at 3 pm

Altar Society

Help with other parish activities, and caring for linens, for the altars.

Sundays at 9:30 am

Faith Formation

Fun and engaging lessons about our Catholic Faith for the youngest learners

Thursdays at 10:15 am

Women's prayer group

Prayer
Read - Reflect - Discuss
Sunday scripture readings

Every other Sunday

Youth Ministry

Helps young people learn what it means to follow Jesus Christ and to live as his disciples today, empowering them to serve others.

December Ministry Schedule						
Date/Time	Lector	Extraordinary Minister	Greeter	Livesteam	Altar Server	Counter
DEC 24 4 pm	M. Reiger K. Carter	<u>K. Suehs</u> Y. Suehs K. Hickman	B.Fanning BJ Carter		A.Reiger	
DEC 24 11:30 pm	L. Albin	<u>D. Richardson</u> M. Albin G. Boggess	Blankenship's		T. Byron C. Pace	
DEC 25 11 am	J. Gaspersich	<u>W. Picknally</u> - J. Cosgrove G. Cosgrove	C. Prox	W. Picknally	L. Kessinger M. Shay	TBA
Dec 28 4 pm	M. Bacho	<u>M. Flanigan</u> - K. Bailey C. Pace	Bisaha's		T. Byron	
DEC 29 11 AM	D. LaMothe	<u>A. Heltzel</u> - M. Flanigan M. Albin	S. Neri	W. Picknally	TBA	
DEC 31 6 pm	M. Gaspersich	<u>M. Flanigan</u> - G. Boggess C. Pace	TBA		T. Byron	
Jan 4, 2025 4pm	G. Saffell	<u>K. Bailey</u> - V. Manley T. Byron	C. Prox		TBA	
Jan 5, 2025 11:00 am	C. Cofer	<u>H. Cofer</u> - Y. Suehs K. Suehs	Blankenship's	W. Picknally	TBA	S. Pace

Music for
December 24 & 25 , 2024
Mass of Christ the Savior

Mass Readings Year C
on pg. 544
Word & Eucharist

Entrance: G439
"O Come All Ye Faithful"
Responsorial Psalm Is 12
Forever I will Sing
Presentation of Gifts: G446
"O Little Town of Bethlahem"

Communion: G441
"Silent Night"
Closing Hymn: G437
"Joy to the World"

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(304) 425-3664

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(304) 327-5623

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.



Dear Beloved Sacred Heart Congregation,

As we gather to celebrate this joyous and festive season, I want to reflect on the profound meaning of Christmas and extend my warmest wishes to you and your families. The message of Christmas resonates deeply within our hearts and minds, reminding us of the love, hope, and joy that Jesus brings to our lives.

As we read in the Scriptures: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6). This proclamation of our Savior's birth brings light into our lives in a way that nothing else can. Just as the North Star lit up the dark skies for the wise men, guiding them to the birthplace of Jesus, He stands as the Light of the World, illuminating our paths in times of darkness and uncertainty.

This season gives our families the opportunity to come together, share love, and create cherished memories. As a church, we are reminded that we are a family united in faith, called to serve and uplift one another. Christmas represents hope not just for us as individuals but for the entire world. It is a time to reaffirm our commitment to be bearers of that hope and love in our community and beyond.

I also express my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your thoughtful cards and gifts. Your kindness and generosity lift my spirit and demonstrate our love in Christ.

As I prepare to travel to India from January 6th to 22nd, I will pray for each of you. I will surely share your Christmas greetings with my mother and family, who will be touched to know they are remembered in our church community. I kindly ask for your prayers during my time away so that both I and my family may feel the embrace of God's love and guidance.

This Christmas marks the beginning of a blessed Year of Jubilee for us, and our theme will be hope. How timely this is, as the birth of Jesus signifies hope reborn in our lives. Let us embrace this year's theme and carry that hope into the new year, reminding ourselves that God is continually working in our lives and community.

As we celebrate together, I pray that the light and love of Christ surround each of you and your families. May you experience peace and joy this Christmas, and may the coming year bring prosperity and blessings to your heart's desires.

Wishing you a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year filled with hope, love, and joy!

In Christ's love,

Father

Sebastian



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 Christmas with us! If you want a refresher on the Mass, you can follow along on page 548 of the mass book. But if you walk away with nothing else from this Mass, we pray it's this: Jesus loves 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 Christmas.

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. Leave it all in the manger with Him. Write it down if you want to and physically put it in the manger up on the altar.

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 Christmas, 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!