Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, November 30

CTR—8:30am "For the People" HTC—10:30am + Jerry Lambert

Monday, December 1 Tuesday, December 2 CTR—10:00am

Wednesday, December 3

HTC—8:00am + Jean Shirley

CTR—6:30pm

Thursday, December 4

HTC—5:00pm

Friday, December 5

HTC—3:00pm + Bruce McCarthy

Saturday, December 6

STC—4:00pm—Sunday Vigil Mass

Mass Intentions, please contact *Holy Trinity Hohenwald.*

Anointing of the Sick, please contact *Fr. Sony or Ingrid* directly.

Date	Reader	Gift Bearer	Money Counters
11/23	Randy Overton	Communicants	Cathy & Leann
11/30	Jeremy James	Communicants	Leann & Mary
12/7	Jessica Ruddle	Communicants	Mary & Maria
12/14	Leann Olejniczak	Communicants	Maria& Jeremy
12/21	Steve Sain	Communicants	Jeremy & Cathy
12/28	Randy Overton	Communicants	Cathy & Leann
1/4	Jeremy James	Communicants	Mary & Maria
1/11	Jessica Ruddle	Communicants	Mary & Jeremy
1/18	Leann Olejniczak	Communicants	Jeremy & Maria
1/25	Steve Sain	Communicants	Cathy & Leann

Readings for the Week

11/30—Is 2:1-5 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Rom 13:11-14 Matthew 24:37-44 12/01—Is 4:2-6 Matthew 8:5-11 12/02—Is 11:1-10 Luke 10:21-24 12/03—Is 25:6-10a Matthew 15:29-37 12/04—Is 26:1-6 Matthew 7:21, 24-27 12/05—Is 29:17-24 *Matthew 9:27-31* 12/06—Is 30:19-21. 23-26 Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Remember in your prayers:

Pope Leo XIV, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Bishop J. Mark Spalding, Fr John O'Neill, Fr Sony Mathew, Hiroki Hamasaka Day, our nation's leaders, all military and law enforcement personnel, and all persecuted Christians around the world.

Pravers for our sick:

Jeanie Anderson, Joseph Bell, Anthony Bennett, Adam Buckler, Leah Carroll, Faith Clark, Hiroko, Elizabeth Daney, Tina Daniels, David Dittlinger, Jeanie Ebert, Terry Engholm, Ken Gaylord, Diane Gibson, Patricia Greene, Peggy May, Charlotte McKinely, Rhonda Sihock, Jane Sparks, Helen St. Germain, Joseph Wakefield, and Barbara Wisherd.

Judy & Sal Varisco, Andrea Duncan, Tim Zaunbrecher, Diana Berry, Darla Helton, Susan Ezell, John Jorgenson, Elorine Harris, Ken Biedenkapp, Katalina Spencer, Mary Crane, David Flecher, Martha Williams, Toni Schneider, Blair Baker, Joe Bell II, Frank Procopio, Walter Nash, Paul Cooley, Carlyle McCarthy, Paul Cooley, Randy Crowley, Louise Volpe, Kay Parrish, Geno DeVandry, Mary Yantes, Todd Schneider, Reece Brown, Johnny Faye Skelton, Vanessa Ramos, LaVelle & Rocky Conner Sr., Tom Stanton, Cathi Gilliam, Rhonda Campell, Kathy Tiller, Chris Gilbert, Gabe Zaunbrecher, John Tobin, Linda Martel, Valerie Jorgenson, Steve Booz and Patty Chavez.

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Sunday - 8:30 am Tuesday - 10:00 am Wednesday - 6:30 pm

1st Saturday - 10:00am**

** Parish Council Meeting following

Rosary:

Tuesday - 9:30 am Wednesday - 6:00 pm

Confession:

Sunday - 8:00 am Tuesday - 9:30 am Wednesday - 6:00 PM

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Altar Guild—	Eileen & Joe Walker	

November 30, 2025 — First Sunday of Advent

Jesus exaggerates in today's Gospel when He claims not to know the day or the hour when He will come again. Christ occasionally makes such overstatements to drive home a point we might otherwise miss (see Matthew 5:34; 23:9; Luke 14:26).

His point here is that the exact "hour" is not important. What is crucial is that we not postpone our repentance, that we be ready for Him—spiritually and morally—when He come. For He will surely come, He tells us—like a thief in the night, like the flood in the time of Noah.

In today's Epistle, Paul too compares the present age to a time of advancing darkness and night.

Though we sit in the darkness, overshadowed by death, we have seen arise the great light o four Lord who has come into our midst (see Matthew 4:16; John 1:9; 8:12). He is the true light, the life of the world. And His light continues to shine in His Church, the new Jerusalem promised by Isaiah in today's First Reading.

In the Church, all nations stream to the God of Jacob, to worship and seek wisdom in the House of David. From the Church goes forth His word of instruction, the light of the Lord—that all might walk in His paths toward that eternal day when night will be no more (see Revelation 22:5).

By our Baptism we have been made children of the light and day (see Ephesians 5:8; 1 Thessalonians 5:5-7). It is time we start living like it: throwing off the fruitless works of darkness, rejecting the desires of the flesh, and walking by the light of His grace.

The hour is late as we begin a new Advent. Let us begin again in this Eucharist.

As we sing in today's Psalm, "let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord." Let us give thanks to His name, keeping watch for His coming, knowing that our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.

Scott Hahn

Pope's Prayer Intention for December 2025

For Christians in areas of conflict.

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

Amen.

Prayer Before the Blessed Sacrament in Honor of the Holy Family

Grant us, O Lord Jesus, faithfully to imitate the example of Thy Holy Family, so that in the hour of our death, in the company of Thy glorious Virgin Mother and St. Joseph, we may deserve to be received by Thee into eternal tabernacles.

Amen.

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

Prayer to Saint Michael

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen.

Hiroko Hamasaka Day, 93, passes away on November 24, 2025 in Waverly, Tennessee, following complications from a long battle with Parkinson's disease. She was born on August 1, 1932, in Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan. She is survived by her three daughters and four grandchildren. Hiroko also leaves behind cherished friends, including Father Kevin Dowling, whose presence and companionship provided comfort and support throughout her later years.

Father Sony would like everyone to know that he will be available to bless your home during the season of Advent.

Women's Christmas Party—Mark your calendars! The annual Women's Christmas Party will be held on December 14th @ 1:00pm in the church hall. Please bring an appetizer or finger food and a wrapped, unmarked gift for the White Elephant game. Please limit the gift to \$15—\$20.

Men's Breakfast—The men of the Parish meet each Friday at Homestead @ 8:30am. All men are welcome.

Community Grief Support—In the wake of the recent tragedy at the Accurate Energetic Systems in Bucksnort, Tenn., affecting both Hickman and Humphreys Counties, the St. Vincent de Paul Conference at St. Patrick Church in McEwen is creating a safe, faith-informed space for anyone grieving a loved one, friend, or otherwise impacted by the loss. The Community Grief Support Group offers comfort, connection, and hope through shared stories, prayer, and understanding. All are welcome. The support group meets from 6-7:30 p.m. every other Sunday, in the hospitality room upstairs from the parish office. Sessions are scheduled for Nov. 9, Nov. 23, Dec. 7, and Dec. 21. Sessions will continue into 2026 based on need.

Advent Concert—Matt Maher and Sarah Kroger will kick off their 11-city 2025 Cathedrals Tour this Advent season with a ticketed performance at **7pm on Thursday, Dec 4**, at Sagrado Corazon de Jesus Church in the Catholic pastoral Center (2800 McGavock Pike, Nashville). Tickets are on sale now at https://www.itickets.com/register/new/484241?referrer=EM484241

Proceeds from the concert will benefit the Advancement of Catholic Education (ACE) endowment fund, which was established in 1992 to support Catholic education in the Diocese of Nashville.

Cathedral Choir Christmas Concert—All are invited to "A Song in the Night: A Cathedral Choir Christmas" at *7pm December 8-9, at the Cathedral of the Incarnation*. The concert is free and open to the public.

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St. Catherine, Columbia at 10:30am. https://stcatherinecc.org/live-streaming
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Cathedral of the Incarnation, Nashville at 8:30am, 11:00am & 5:00pm. https://www.cathedralnashville.org/livestream

Please stay after Sunday Mass and enjoy a light breakfast and fellowship with your church family.

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