



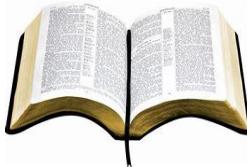
GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC CHURCH

January 24 & 25, 2026
THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday	9 am	Confession at 8:30 am
Friday	9 am	Confession at 8:30 am
Saturday	4 pm	Confession at 3:30 pm
Sunday	11 am	

Glory & Praise Book Cycle A 859



<u>First Reading:</u>	Isaiah 8: 23 – 9:3
<u>Responsorial:</u>	Psalm 27: 1,4,13-14
<u>Second Reading:</u>	First Corinthians 1:10-13, 17
<u>Gospel:</u>	Matthew 4: 12-23

Livestream Mass on YouTube or Facebook at Good Shepherd Catholic Church McCormick

Welcome

We welcome all visitors and invite you to join us again for worship. Please sign our guest book and feel free to write your prayer intentions in our Community Book of Prayer. If you would like to help us with the support of our Church campus, please place an offering in the "Welcome" envelopes located on the back of the pews and drop it in the offertory basket.

Mission Statement

Good Shepherd Catholic Church is passionately committed to service, in accordance with the pastoral vision of the Diocese of Charleston, to being servants of God and good stewards of the Sacred Mysteries. We strive to be a holy and God-centered community growing in joyful righteousness and living without fear by the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Empowered by the Spirit, we will help inspire, educate, and support our community and work for unity among the Churches.

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MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday, Jan 24th 4 pm + Charlie Wrobel
requested by the Schmidt family.**

**Sunday, Jan 25th 11 am + Norbert Wrobel
requested by the Schmidt family.**

50th Wedding anniversary celebration for Tom & Judy Costarino

**Wednesday, Jan. 28th + Helen Balogh
requested by the Balogh family**

**Friday, Jan 30th – 9 am + Nancy McGarry
requested by Joan Morgan and + Fr. Robert Sawyer requested by Teresa Leszczynski**

**Saturday, Jan. 31st 4 pm + Paula Wrobel
requested by the Schmidt family.**

**Sunday, Feb 1st 11 am + Tom Morgan
requested by Joan Morgan and + Grayson La Hatte requested by the McManus family**

We have seen a great light. Jesus, the Messiah, who heals us of our sin and who is our unity and peace.

UPCOMING EVENT

Feb 06	First Friday
Feb 09	Joyful Journey
Feb 11	Women's Club/Men's club meeting
Feb 18	Ash Wednesday No Bible Study
Feb 20	Fish Fry

Pray for our Military Members

Sophie Augustine	Sean Avery
Brianna & Stephen Balogh	Christopher R. Balogh
Sarah Balogh	Aaron T. Bird
Andrew Brandon	Eric Brandon
Drew Chadwick	Ryan Chemelewski
Tyler Clark	Paul Cross
Nate Dreslinski	Jake Ivey
Connor Joyce	Ian Leszczynski
Michael Mathews	Cassie Newkirk
Noah Neuman	Kaylin Neuman
Stockton Obermeyer	Savanna Obermeyer
Declan Pemberton	Aspen Quam
Timothy Shively	Daniel O'Donnell
Daniel & Brandi Stricker	Jonathon Taylor
Cody Tiller	Ashley Wulforst
Thomas Wulforst	Glory Mathews



Pray for our Sick & Home Bound

John Atwell, Ron Beech, Bill Cone, Don Durham, Lana Kritenbrink, Bobby Passafaro, John Scardace, Lee Stickdorn, John Stoddard, Bud Webster, Dave Williams and Linda Wutz.

....and those intentions written in our Community Book of Prayer. The recipient or family must clear all requests if possible.

Collection Report

Weekend of January 17 & 18, 2025

<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
\$8,138.00	\$6,031.00	+\$2,107.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR REGULAR CONTRIBUTIONS.
You can mail your contributions to Good Shepherd
Church, P. O. Box 1468, McCormick, SC 298

Grandmother Ministry

The following items are needed for this ministry: fruit cups, canned or microwave spaghetti, mac & cheese, cereal, soup, regular grits, peanut butter/jelly or any non perishable items that you know kids will enjoy. Please also consider toilet paper, cleaning products, cash and/or gift cards from Food Lion or the Dollar stores. Put your items in a bag labeled "Billie" and drop them off in the Life Center. Thank you for your continued generosity and support. Billie Tarnosky 864 391 8640.



McCormick Food Pantry Items needed; canned tuna, salmon or chicken – 7-12 oz only. Regular sized box of cereal, crackers, mac & cheese, rice, pasta. Toilet tissue, individually wrapped, bars of soap. Please drop off your items in the parish life center.

If you have had to change your email address, kindly advise the church office so that you can continue to receive emails from Good Shepherd.

We have also had to change the email for Good Shepherd. The new email address is gsmccormick1964@yahoo.com Please make a note of this change in your email contacts.

In today's Mass all the readings are about discipleship. Discipleship is costly and challenging. It is a journey from darkness to light; it is fully accepting Christ as the center of our life; trusting and hoping in him for everything, leaving everything and following him all the days of our life.

Isaiah says, "The people who walked in the darkness have seen a great light." Matthew sees this prophecy is fulfilled in Jesus' preaching and ministry in Galilee. What is this darkness of which they speak? We can all look back on times when we lost our way, maybe did things we are now ashamed of. We regret lost opportunities. And now we wonder, "How could I have been so blind? I was really in darkness then." All the bad things that make the evening news and the next day's headlines make it painfully clear that there is great darkness hovering over our world today. We live in the midst of war, terrorism, genocide and civil strife. Into this darkness comes the Gospel, the message of Jesus Christ. At Christmas we celebrated the coming of him who is the light of the world. How could his coming pierce the darkness. What will dispel the darkness that hangs over today's world? It starts small... with one person refusing to hate, resolving to love... with one person refusing to be selfish, resolving to reach out... with one person refusing to despair, resolving to hope. It starts with us. Jesus calls us to be fishers of people in our families, where we work, where we play. Everybody is not called for priesthood or religious life, but all are called to love, to hope in Jesus.

At this moment in history, as it was always, we are people who live under a cloud of uncertainty, under threat from those who hate us. But we say with the psalmist: "The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom should I fear? The Lord is my life's refuge, whom should I be afraid? Wait for the Lord with courage, be stouthearted and wait for the Lord.

St. Paul is insistent in today's reading on Jesus as the focus of Christian discipleship. Jesus is the great light, and no one, however exalted, can take his place. Paul confronts the dissensions in the Christian community at Corinth because they are making lesser lights to the greater light. The Church is divided into factions – not over doctrinal differences but over personalities. Some are following Apollos, an eloquent and enthusiastic teacher who attracts the well-educated to Christianity. Some, mainly Jewish Christians, rally to the name of Peter, some stay loyal to the memory of Paul, preferring his passion and bluntness. This division of the Church is destructive, and Paul argues for unity under Christ. Christianity is Christ. It was Christ who died for the sins of others and all Christians are baptized in his name. Paul wants the community at Corinth to be a Christian community, not a collection of factions and not slaves of personality cults. No leader is important, can attach disciples to himself.

Paul resists any attempt to make Christian discipleship a matter of following this or that leader. Religious authority does not lead others to itself. It points to Christ. For Paul there is only one answer to the question, "Who are you for?" The Christian must answer, "I am for Christ."

A third aspect of the discipleship we see in today's Gospel is leaving everything and following Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Come after me and I will make you fishers of men, and at once they left their nets and followed him." Here there are no thinking, analysis or discussion. But only decisions that take courage and strength. Our life is shaped not by our discussions but by our decisions.

We want to know the rule of God in our life, forgiveness and growth in grace, the sense of belonging to a spiritual community, the peace of being united to God's will – but we don't want to give up our nets, the entanglements that trap us, that hold us back. These entanglements are not the responsibilities we have in our life but are the people and relationships that distance us and separate us from Christ.

We don't want to give up gossiping, cutting corners, wrong relationships, rash judgements or addictions. So, we try to find ways of having it both ways and we can't. These nets weigh us down and hold us tight. To know the kingdom of God in our life we must be willing to leave behind the nets, the distorting entanglements of soul, heart and mind. They left their nets followed the Lord. So, can we?



GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH BABYLESS BABY SHOWER FOR CROSSROADS PREGNANCY CENTER

A baby is God's message that life should go on. During the whole month of January, we will be collecting baby shower gifts for Crossroads Pregnancy Center. Please consider donating any of the following items/ baby wipes, disposal diapers (all brands and sizes up to size 5) baby lotion, powder, shampoo and conditioner, Aveeno baby wash and lotion, diaper rash cream, baby oil, breast pump, comb & brushes, thermometer, pacifiers (numbs)receiving blankets, onesies (all sizes) sleepers, hooded towels and wash cloths, crib and bassinet sheets. Mothers also need some pampering and would enjoy calming body wash, shampoo and conditioner and body lotion. There will be a deposit box in the Narthex for you to drop off your donations. If you would rather, there will be empty baby bottles also in the Narthex for your monetary donations. If you have any questions, contact Judy Bowyer at 205-267-7097. Thank you for your support

ROSARY INTENTIONS

January 24th & 25th

Individual intentions from the Rosary Box

January 31 & Feb 1

For those contemplating suicide, that they find God and choose life.

February 7 & 8

To end all sex trafficking of women and children.

February 14 & 15

For unity in our country.

February 21 & 22

Individual intentions placed in Rosary Box



Mary's Window to the Rosary

Do you know how to pray the rosary? Do you have rosary beads? Does someone you know need them?

The Spirituality Ministry is providing rosaries and prayer instructions for anyone who desires to pray the rosary or

would like to share this prayer experience with someone in your life. This is a great way to re-visit this prayer, or to learn a powerful new way to pray. The display is located on the windowsill of the Blessed Mother stain glass window in the Narthex of our church. The rosaries and instructions are there for you to keep, or share.

MEN'S CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST



**Men's Club first 2026 Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, January 25th
HAS BEEN CANCELLED TO DUE SEVERE WEATHER.**

CANCELLED



The first Fish Fry for the Men's Club will be on February 20th. Mark your calendar. Come and enjoy their delicious fried fish, French fries and coleslaw followed by a sweet dessert.



What are your priorities in life right now? Lent is an invitation to rearrange your priorities—to focus on what matters most and leave behind what matters least.

Lent is the season where the Church prepares for Easter. Starting with Ash Wednesday on February 18th Lent spans 40+ days until Holy Thursday. In the fourth chapter of Matthew, Jesus spends 40 days in the desert, fasting, praying, and preparing for his mission. Lent is your opportunity for that same focus.

Lent is your invitation to take your spiritual life seriously.

Lent is the perfect time to form life-giving habits and abandon self-destructive habits.

Lent is your chance to discover the abundant life Jesus invites us to at Easter.

Take these 40 days to explore God's dream for your life and it will change everything. Are you ready?



January 25th Feast Day of the conversion of St. Paul, the Apostle

Paul was born at Tarsus, Cilicia, of Jewish parents who were descended from the tribe of Benjamin. He was a Roman citizen from birth. For his schooling he was sent to Jerusalem, where he sat at the feet of the learned Gamaliel and was educated in the strict observance of the ancestral Law. Here he also acquired a good knowledge of exegesis (interpretation of scripture) and was trained in the practice of disputation. As a convinced and zealous Pharisee, he returned to Tarsus before the public life of Christ opened in Palestine.

Sometime after the death of Our Lord, St. Paul returned to Palestine. His profound conviction and emotional character made his zeal develop into a religious fanaticism against the infant Church. He took part in the stoning of the first martyr, St. Stephen, and in the fierce persecution of the Christians that followed. He was sent to Damascus to arrest Christians. As he was nearing Damascus, a light from heaven suddenly blazed round him. Jesus with His glorified body appeared to him and addressed him, turning him away from his apparently successful career of persecuting Christians to converting to the Christian Faith and became an Apostle.

Prayer: Lord, God, You taught the whole world through the preaching of the Apostle St. Paul. As we celebrate his conversion, grant that, following his example, we may be witnesses to Your truth in this world. Amen

Prayer Shawl Ministry Gathering



**Monday, February 2, 2026 1:00 PM. Parish Life Center
Please join us!**

**We'll gather to meet each other, show the progress of our projects
and share ideas for the Ministry.**

Everyone is welcome. Please come and see what we're doing and decide if this might be something that you would like to do. All projects can be completed in your home at your leisure.

For more information, or if you would like to attend the gathering on Monday, February 2nd at 1:30 PM, please contact: Cathy Osterman osterman@wctel.net (864) 391-5312



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