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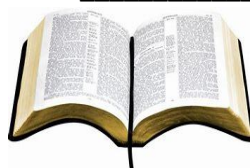
October 24 & 25, 2026

Sunday in 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 Number 967



<u>First Reading:</u>	Revelation 7: 2-4, 9-14
<u>Responsorial:</u>	Psalms: 24: 1b-2, 4b, 5-6
<u>Second Reading:</u>	1 John 3: 1-3
<u>Gospel:</u>	Matthew 5: 1-12a

Livestream Mass on YouTube 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, Oct. 24th 4 pm + deceased members of GS Women's Club

Sunday, Oct. 25th 11am + Paul Ruelle requested by Peter & Christine Benedetto + Laurie Chemelewski requested by Ken Chemelewski

Wednesday, Oct. 28th NO MASS

Friday Oct. 30th 9 am + Paul Ruelle requested by Barbara Ruelle

Saturday, Oct. 31st 4 pm + Wally Zust requested by Barb Zust

Sunday, Nov 1st All Saints Day 11 am + Margueritte Hansen requested by Ted & Linda Hansen and + deceased members of GS Men's Club

Monday, Nov 2nd All Soul's Day 4pm

We are to love the Lord with our whole heart and our neighbor as ourselves. By thus fulfilling these two great commandments, we hope to become models of faith and imitators of the Lord who gave himself totally for our sakes.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 28	Parish Dinner	4:30 pm @ River Grille
Nov 01	All Saints Day	
Nov.02	All Soul's Mass	4:00 pm
Nov. 06	First Friday	9:00 am

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	Glory Mathews
Cassie Newkirk	Noah Neuman
Kaylin Neuman	Declan Pemberton
Aspen Quam	Timothy Shively
Lars Swanson	
Daniel & Brandi Stricker	Jonathon Taylor
Cody Tiller	Ashley Wulfors
	Thomas Wulforst



Pray for our Sick & Home Bound

Lynda Alagna, Debby Arlt, John Atwell, Erlinda Baloy, Ron Beech, Don Durham, Mary James, Jenny Kiely, Lana Kritenbrink, Ann Martin, Linda Murphy, Dick & Ruth Obermeyer, Anita Passofaro, Steve Portaro, John Scardace and Christine Whatley

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

Collection Report

Weekend of October 17 & 18, 2026

<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
\$4257.00	\$5,358.00	-\$1,101.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR REGULAR CONTRIBUTIONS.
You can mail your contributions to Good Shepherd
Church, P. O. Box 1468, McCormick, SC 29835

Next weeks readings:

First Reading: Revelation 7: 2-4, 9-14
Second Reading: 1 John 3: 1-3
Gospel: Matthew 5: 1-12a

Grandmother Ministry Needs HELP

The Grandmother Ministry is in need of fruit cups, canned meats 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.

ACH/EFT electronic funds transfer

If you are interested in having the Church draw your offertory or building fund pledge from your checking account, please provide the office with your bank routing number and account number with the amount of your contribution. Deductions are made on the first of the month. Contact the office for more information

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle A 2026

In answering the question of a scholar of the law Jesus combined both the laws of love for God and love for neighbor given in two books of the Old Testament. In the book of Deuteronomy it says, "Hear O Israel, the Lord is our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and your might." (Dt. 6:5) Jesus quotes from the book of Leviticus, saying, "Love your neighbor as yourself." (Lv. 19: 18) Here Jesus is describing the two legs of a healthy Christian life.

In the practice of love, one can be at various levels. That means love has various levels. The first level of love is the minimal love. The various elements of love like sacrifice, forgiveness, compassion and care may not be seen here. For example, to fulfill the love of God people may go to the church just as they fulfill the Sunday obligation or giving some donation to the poor or food to the hungry. Our intellect is involved in the process much more than the heart.

In the second level the involvement of the heart is much higher than the first. Heart is not satisfied with the bare minimum. Let us look for some examples. Why do we come to the Mass on Sundays? It is not because of the fear of God, but we feel that we miss something. We miss the presence of the Lord in a special way. That feeling comes from the heart. It is our love for God or hunger and thirst for God. The love between the parents and the children demands more involvement of heart. Here, according to the special need, our love will be colored beautifully with sacrifice, forgiveness, compassion and care.

The third level of love is called the folly of love. It is the most perfect love. At this level the lover does what other people consider madness. At this level the lover does what ordinary people cannot understand. Love of God is perfect love. The core of Christianity is love because God is love. When the love of God is translated into human words and person we have our Lord Jesus Christ. For him love is a decision rather than an emotion. He said, "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." This is the highest form of love that He did for each one of us. For Jesus love has many aspects and dimensions. His love is sacrificial love, compassionate love, forgiving love, healing love and conquering love. St. Paul describes love this way, "Love is patient, love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude.... It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things" (1Cor.13: 4-5,7...). Final judgement is based on our love relationship with others, according to Matthew 25: 31-46.

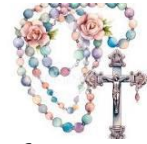
How many times God has to forgive a sinner for the same repeated sin? 100 times... thousand times... ten thousand times... fifty or hundred thousand times... Yes, if one sins hundred thousand times and repents all the time God will forgive. Is there any difference between the first and the last forgiveness? No difference... It is mad love or perfect love. Jesus' love for his Father and us is the perfect love. Here only heart is involved and the intellect is passive.

The commandment to love our neighbor as a proof of our love of God was already implicit in the Old Testament. "You must not be harsh with the widow or with the orphan: if you are, they should surely cry out to me and surely I shall hear their cry" said the Lord to Israel (Ex. 22: 22-23). But Jesus made a link between the two commandments more explicit adding both are of equal importance. Therefore, the law of love which is the basis of Christian morality requires of us that we love God by helping those who are marginalized who are liable to exploitation, injustice, oppression and prejudice. In this context the real stranger is not the person we don't know, but the person we refuse to love. The person could be a neighbor or a member of our own family or a person at workplace. We can all have strangers in our own house, still waiting to be welcomed and loved.

One thing we firmly believe and understand is that in Jesus these two commandments are combined or united. The love of God and love for others perfectly united as one in the person of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, he can help us in the journey of love-to-love God and our neighbors.

Our life is a life of love. Our life of love is a movement or journey from minimum way to perfect way of love, with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind. It is a project, to be fulfilled through the process of purification and trials. The purified love is capable of transforming not only those we love but also ourselves and the world we live in.

Rosary intentions



Oct. 24 & 25	<i>For mental health throughout the Church to help overcome the stigma and discrimination of people with mental illness.</i>
Oct. 31 & Nov. 01	<i>For individual intentions placed in the Rosary Box</i>
Nov. 7 & 8	<i>For veterans that suffer from PTSD, that God may heal them and grant them peace.</i>

Special All Soul's Mass

Monday, Nov. 2, 4pm.

Monday, November 2, is All Souls Day, the commemoration of all the faithful departed, when the church especially emphasizes the need for prayers and good works for the dead.

Father Jacob will celebrate a special All Soul's Mass on Monday, Nov. 2 at 4pm to honor Good Shepherd parishioner's deceased family members.

There will be a candle procession for those who have lost family members /friends since last November 2, or who are having a 'special' memorial anniversary, i.e. ,5, 10, 15, 20 years etc.

If you wish to participate, please email Linda DeShano ldeshano@yahoo.com with the following information by Oct. 28:

<i>Parishioner's Name</i>	<i>Relationship to deceased</i>	<i>A photo of the deceased</i>
<i>Deceased's Name</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>	

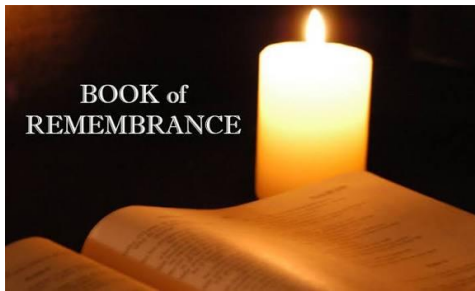
All parishioners are welcome to come and pray for their deceased loved ones whether you are in the candle procession or not. It is a perfect opportunity to remember them with your prayers, as well as support our recently grieving parishioners and friends.

Saint Francis Prayer

Saint Francis, our brother, you who eight hundred years ago went to meet Sister Death as a man at peace, intercede for us before the Lord. You recognized true peace in the Crucifix of San Damiano, teach us to seek in Him the source of all reconciliation that breaks down every wall. You who, unarmed, crossed the lines of war and misunderstanding, give us the courage to build bridges where the world raises up boundaries. In this time afflicted by conflict and division, intercede for us so that we may become peacemakers: unarmed and disarming witnesses of the peace that comes from Christ. Amen.

(Pope Leo XIV)





November is traditionally a time in the Catholic Church to remember and pray for the dead. Throughout the month, a Book of Remembrance will be available at the back of the church for parishioners and visitors to enter the names of departed loved ones. Each weekend Mass, the book will be carried to the altar with the offertory gifts.

Our Small Groups are in progress and going well. It is never too late to join a group. All are welcome! There is still room in the Thursday & Wednesday evening Groups. Tuesday evening is full.

If you would like to participate, please contact the following facilitators:

Wednesday Evening @ 6:30 – Charlene Rubino crubino6@gmail.com

Thursday Evening @ 6:00 – Dolores (Cookie) Fernandez cookie0628@hotmail.com

McCormick County 2026 Food Pantry Thanksgiving Food Drive



Please return grocery bags with the items listed on each bag. (Please DO NOT add or substitute items.)

Monetary donations are always appreciated and will be used to purchase a ham or turkey product to supplement the filled bags. Checks can be made out to "HELPING HANDS UNITED INC." with a note made on the check "Thanksgiving Bags".

Please return your filled bag to the Parish Life Center NO LATER THAN SUNDAY NOVEMBER 8, 2026.

As always, THANK YOU for your generosity in providing a Thanksgiving meal to families in our community. Any questions, please contact Christine Benedetto (864-391-5433).



Fall Back – Daylight savings time ends November 1st Turn your clocks back 1 hour or be late in starting your day.



Father Jacob will be out of town from Monday, October 26th to Thursday, October 29th. **Mass will not** be held on Wednesday, October 28th at 9 am. There will be Mass on Friday, October 30th.

ALL SOULS DAY



All Souls' Day is a solemn Catholic observance on November 2 dedicated to remembering and praying for all the faithful departed who have died in God's grace but are still undergoing purification in Purgatory.

Core Beliefs and Meaning

- **Purgatory:** Catholics believe that most people die with minor or unpunished sins and go through a final cleansing process called Purgatory to achieve the holiness needed for Heaven.
- **Prayer for the Dead:** Living family members and the Church offer prayers, sacrifices, and the Mass to help speed up this purification process for the "Holy Souls".
- **Communion of Saints:** The day highlights the spiritual connection between the Church Triumphant (saints in Heaven), the Church Militant (the living on Earth), and the Church Suffering (souls in Purgatory).
- **Not a Holy Day of Obligation:** Unlike All Saints' Day, All Souls' Day is **not** a holy day of obligation, meaning attendance at Mass is encouraged but not strictly required by Church law.

Perform the Indulged Act

You can choose one of two primary actions during the All Souls season:

- **Visit a Church (Exclusive to November 2):** Devoutly visit a parish church or public oratory. While there, you must recite **one Our Father** and **the Apostles' Creed**.
- **Visit a Cemetery (November 1–8):** Devoutly visit any cemetery (it does not have to be strictly Catholic) and pray—even if only mentally or silently—for the deceased.

Difference from All Saints' Day

- **All Saints' Day (November 1):** Honors all people who have entered Heaven, including canonized saints and ordinary believers.

Common Traditions

- **Attending Mass:** Catholics go to Mass to offer intentions and prayers for deceased loved ones.
- **Visiting Cemeteries:** Families visit the graves of relatives, clean headstones, place flowers, and light candles or pray the Rosary.
- **Gaining Indulgences:** Catholics can gain partial or plenary indulgences for the souls in Purgatory by visiting a church or cemetery and meeting specific prayers and sacramental requirements (such as confession and Communion).

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."



Advent is coming!

Advent is a season of waiting and expectation for Christmas – the birth of Christ, the Nativity of Our Lord. We prepare our homes and hearts for four weeks before Christmas. Advent is also the beginning of a new liturgical season – it concludes a long period of

Ordinary Time and leads us into the new church year with hope and patience in preparation for Christmas. This season was likely first celebrated in the fifth century, originating from the tradition of fasting several times a week, beginning on St. Martin de Tours' Feast Day (November 11) and concluding on Christmas Day. Nowadays, Advent always starts about four weeks before Christmas, on the Sunday closest to St. Andrew's Feast Day (November 30).

The first Sunday of Advent is November 29, 2026. On the first Sunday of Advent, we'll transition from cycle A to cycle B in our scripture readings.

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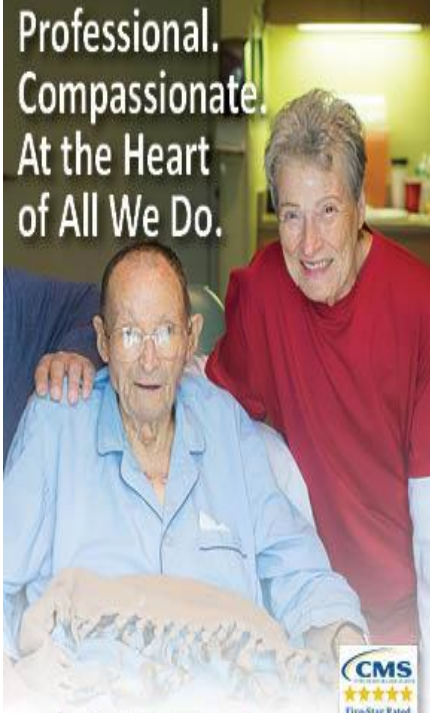
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