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Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Times

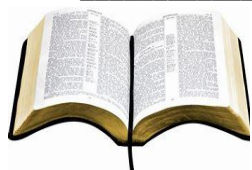
August 30 & 31, 2025

Mass Schedule:

Wednesday 9 am
Friday 9 am
Saturday 4 pm
Sunday 11 am

Confession 8:15 – 8:45 am
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Confession 3:00 – 3:45 pm

Glory & Praise Book Cycle C 918



First Reading:

Sirach 3: 17-18, 20, 28-29

Responsorial:

Psalms 68: 4-5, 6-7, 10-11

Second Reading:

Hebrews 12: 18-19, 22-24a

Gospel:

Luke 14: 1, 7-14

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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Parish Office Hours: Tues-Fri 9 am-Noon

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Aug. 30th 4 pm + Helen Balogh requested by the Balogh family

Lector: Tom Popejoy

EM of HC: David Lorenzatti

Ushers: Gary & Dae Probst

Sunday, Aug. 31st 11 am + Mary Tucker requested by Pat & Lee Stickdorn

Lector: William Keneson

EM of HC: Gretchen Keneson

Ushers: Dave & Carol McKloskey

Monday, Sept. 1st... Labor Day 9 am Mass

Wednesday, Sept 3rd 9 am + Dot & Ed Velky
+ Tom Fortunato requested by Mike & Debby Dill

Friday, Sept 5th 9 am + Tom Morgan and special intention for Kyle Morgan requested by Joan Morgan

Saturday, Sept. 6th 4 pm + James E. Smith requested by Ted & Linda Hansen

Lector: Jackie Novak

EM of HC: Bernadette Tarrant

Ushers: Karen Faaborg & Linda Bumber

Sunday, Sept. 7th 11 am + deceased members of Good Shepherd's Men's Club

Lector: Rick Ring

EM of HC: Marie Ring

Ushers: Jeff & Kathy Schmidt

UPCOMING EVENT

Sep 03	Bible Study following Mass
Sep 08	Bible Study 6:30 pm
Sep 8 -12	Father out of town
Sep 10	NO MASS
Sep 10	Women's Club mtg. 12 noon
Sep 10	Men's Club mtg. 5:30 pm
Sep 12	NO MASS
Sep 15	Joyful Journey Road Trip
Sep. 24	Ministries Mtg. after 9 am Mass
	No Bible Study Session



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
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



Pray for our Sick & Home Bound

John Atwell, Dick Balogh, Don Durham, Lana Kittenbrink, Bobby Passafaro, John & Diane Scardace, Lee Stickdorn, Mike Thompson, and Bud Webster

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

Collection Report

Weekend of August 23 & 24, 2025

<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
\$4,200.00	\$6,031.00	-\$1,831.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR REGULAR CONTRIBUTIONS.

You can mail your contributions to Good Shepherd Church, P. O. Box 1468, McCormick, SC 2983

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 crds 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 supprt. 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.



new parishioners William & Christie Herbert

We all care about what other people think of us. We want to be respected and to be taken seriously. Our reputation is important to us. And that is the way it should be. On the other hand, we would all agree that what other people think is not the last word about us, that we shouldn't take ourselves too seriously, and that these are times when our integrity and self-respect are more important than our reputation among others. Jesus has some interesting things to say about all these in today's gospel. Instead of looking at the peripheral meaning let us go a little deeper to find the true message. A seat, chair, position in a group or power will not make one great or important. All authorities, power or position are coming from God and formed to serve others. Being in a higher position or in an honorable chair, people think they become great. One should not say about oneself that I am great, but others should say that you are great. For example, being a pope is great. But in the history of the Church, we know all popes are not honored well. Some may be a shame for the chair of papacy. In the mind of God all authority and power are for serving others. By serving others, one makes a position or seat great and thus become honored in society. Jesus says, "Son of Man has come not to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Matt. 20:28).

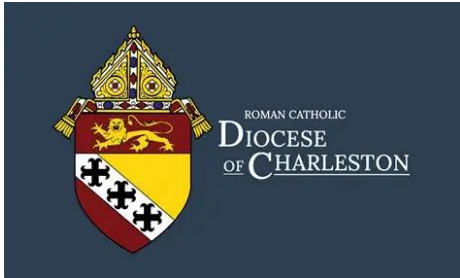
When Jesus addresses his host, he advocates a more radical style of learning humility not so much by playing musical chairs at banquet; but by associating with the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind. The guest list of Jesus is a parable of the kingdom. God is the eccentric host whose delight is to feast those who are always overlooked in a society that scrambles for honor. In the upside-down of this world there is a wisdom of reversal in the gospel; behind what appears to be ugliness there is beauty; behind what appears to be foolishness there is wisdom; behind the faces of the scared and the broken there is great dignity. And this can be said about the other way also; we see that in the first part of the gospel. Behind the behavior of the honorable invited guests looking for the honorable sets, Jesus noticed an ugliness. Behind the acts of these supposed to be learned and wise people there is foolishness. Behind the acts of these undignified acts of people there is fearful shame.

To them and to those who are looking always for the honor of this world Jesus says, "those who exalt themselves will be humbled and those who humble themselves will be exalted". This will take us to the true virtue of humility, which is clarity and honesty about ourselves, the gifts and talents we have and more importantly, about the gifts we do not have, about our limitations. The first reading from the Old Testament Book of Sirach teaches us to live our life with humility, that is, without pretense, neither inflating nor deflating our achievements. He calls us to be honest with ourselves and writes, "conduct your affairs with humility and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts". It is wisdom to recognize what we can do and to realize what we cannot do. There is a deeper humility about our soul that comes from the cross. The crucifix is a great teacher of humility. The crucifix is a greater teacher of humility. When we compare ourselves to people around us and begin to feel self-righteous, we should always look at the love we see on the cross. It shows all of us the distance we have yet to go to be like the Lord we follow.

Humility is not just truth about us or the state of our soul but also about our need of God's grace. True humility will help us to understand the meaning of the Kingdom of God. In the kingdom of God, the principles, the laws and the norms of judgment are different from that of this world. In his revelation about the kingdom of God he reversed the norms of this world. We can say it as the messianic inversion. For example, "the first will be the last and the last will be the first." "The man who loves his life loses it while the man who hates his life in this world preserves it to life eternal." The power we have here on earth or the position we hold here on earth will not be counted before God. A humble heart will be counted. We know the effects of pride. Jesus keeps God's preferences for the little people at the forefront of his teaching. He has a love that sees beyond appearances, the kind of love that pierces disguises, the kind of love that calls people out of imprisonment. His love dignifies people. He asks us that our love does too. Only humble people can see it.

Fr. Jacob Joseph

Catholic Appeal Update



Good Shepherd Catholic Appeal Update
Aug. 22, 2025

Cash	\$20,592
Pledge balance	1,608
total	22,200
Goal	20,081

Excess over goal \$ 2,119

Half of the final amount over goal will be returned to Good Shepherd for Parish expenses. If you haven't made a gift yet, mail it in the envelope that was sent by the Diocese or placed the envelope in a collection basket at Mass. You may also donate online using a credit card or from your bank account at www.charlestondiocese.org/donate. "Let's Be Together."

Dave Lorenzatti, Catholic Appeal Parish Coordinator



Bible Study sessions will begin in September. Join us either on Monday or Wednesday as we learn more about the Bible and the History of the Catholic Church. Monday evening classes begin on September 9th at 6:30 pm . Learn about the major people, places, and events of the two thousand years of Church history.

Wednesday morning sessions will begin on September 3rd following the 9 am Mass. Take a journey through salvation history. Studying the biblical story gives you the keys to understanding the amazing story woven throughout scripture.

No need to register. Sessions are open to everyone.

Office Manager opening at Sacred Heart - this part-time office position will be available at the end of the year at Sacred Heart. If you are interested in this position, please call the Sacred Heart office at 864- 366- 5150 for more details. Current working days are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 3-4 hours per day

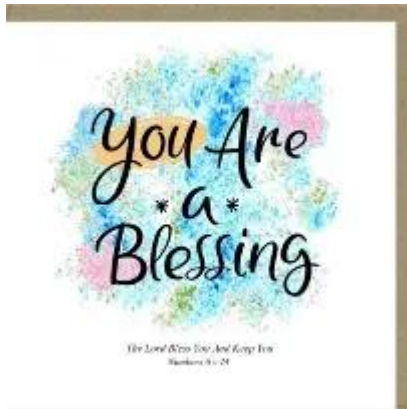
SAVE THE DATE

Ever wonder who that good looking person or couple is sitting next to you at Mass? Or how about that group of women who gather after Saturday evening Mass while choosing a restaurant? These and more answers could be available to you in our all-new Good Shepherd Church Directory.

We're planning to take parishioner pictures on Sunday, October 19th at Oktoberfest, our Parish Picnic. Parishioners who will not be attending are able to have a make-up date for picture taking or send in a jpeg picture.

Emails have been sent out to all parishioners asking for responses to your information, interest in pictorial directory, digital copy email or hardcopy. Please be sure to respond so the directory committee can decide if we have enough interest to create a new directory.

Any questions, please call, text or email Ginny Vose (617)584-6900, bobginvose@yahoo.com.



In recognition and appreciation of the volunteers in all the ministries of our parish, Father would like to bless and celebrate your efforts with a Mass on Wednesday, September 24th followed by a presentation by Father Emanuel Adidomon on spiritual enlightenment of serving. After Mass we will gather in the Parish Life Center with coffee and pastries. please either email the office to confirm your attendance or sign the form in the Narthex. Further details will be made available as they are confirmed.



Please **mark your calendar for Sunday, October 19th** and join us for our parish picnic. This year we will gather outside in a large tent with music, free food, games and prizes. The committee is working very hard to make this a fun celebration of fellowship. Come dressed in your lederhosen or your Polka skirt but come and meet some of the new parishioners that have joined our parish family.

*Father Jacob will be out of town from Sept 8 – 12. There will **NOT** be Mass on Wednesday, Sept 10 or Sept 12.*

MEN'S CLUB GOLF OUTING FUN

Pictures – taken by Ellen Jankowski



First place

Dennis Cooper
Lenny Rubino
Charlene Rubino
Patty Cooper

Net score 55.4

Second place

Doug Grimes
Joe Burns
Rick Clegg
R. Clegg

Net score 55.5

Third place

Chris Pate
Butch Holmes
Terry Greenfield
Mark Kohen

Net score 55.7

Fourth place

Steve Longtin
Bob McDonald
Ron Schulhofer
Mike Dunlavy

Net score 56.2

Fifth place

Jimmy Wilkes
Pat Ouellette
John Coccaro
Jeff DFrehn

Net score 56.9

WOMEN'S CLUB "UNBIRTHDAY" PARTY



A very merry "unbirthday" to all that attended the Women's Club "unbirthday" party on Wednesday, August 27th. The characters came dressed in their best Alice in Wonderland attire and enjoyed games, prizes and lots of food



Women's Club meetings will resume on Wednesday, September 10th. There will be lots to discuss and planning to take place for the end of the year activities. Please plan on attending. All are welcome.



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