



Good Shepherd Catholic Church

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Times

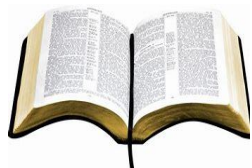
July 26 & 27, 2025

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 903



First Reading:

Genesis 18: 20-32

Responsorial:

Psalms 138: 1-3, 6-8

Second Reading:

Colossians 2: 12-14

Gospel:

Luke 11: 1-13

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, July 26th 4 pm +Phil Stirtzinger and
+ Ray Kvochick requested by the Stirtzinger Family.**

Lector: Jackie Novak

EM of HC: Karen Boerner

Ushers: Jerry & Barb Wishall

**Sunday, July 27th 11 am + Paul Ruelle requested by
Dave & Carol McKloskey.**

Lector: Jenny Walker

EM of HC: Pat Tortorello

Ushers: Bill & Judy Bowyer

**Wednesday, July 30th 9 am Special Int. for Eugene
Goll requested by Steve & Kathy Delaney.**

**Friday, Aug 1st 9 am pm Healing for Lisa Pozaryski I
requested by Vince & Dorothy Ficocelli.**

**Saturday, Aug. 2nd 4 pm + Yvonne Wishall requested
by Jerry & Barb Wishall.**

Lector: Dave Lorenzatti

EM of HC: Fabio Espinosa

Ushers: Karen Faaborg & Linda Bumber

**Sunday, Aug. 3rd 11 am + Tom Morgan and Special
Int. for Kyle Morgan requested by Joan Morgan.**

Lector: William Keneson

EM of HC: Gretchen Keneson

Ushers: Dave & Carol McKloskey

UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug 01	First Friday 9 am Adoration & Benediction
Aug 19	Blood Drive
Aug 06	Transfiguration of the Lord
Aug 15	Assumption of the Blessed Mother
Aug 18	Men's Club Golf Outing Tara course
Aug 27	Women's Club Unbirthday Party



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, Michael Daly,
Lana Kittenbrink, Bobby Passafaro,
John & Diane Scardace, Lee Stickdorn,
Mike Thompson, Skip Tortorello, 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 July 19 & 20, 2025

<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
\$4,140.69	\$6,031.00	-\$1,890.31
THANK YOU FOR YOUR REGULAR CONTRIBUTIONS.		
You can mail your contributions to Good Shepherd Church, P. O. Box 1468, McCormick, SC 2983		



WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Charles & Becky Smith who came to us from Florida and Jum and Mary Gagen from Ohio.

Since the first of the year we have added 25 new parishioners to our family.

Catholic Appeal of South Carolina Good Shepherd Parish Update, July 27th

Contributions and Pledges	\$21,880
2025 Goal	\$20,081
Excess over goal	\$ 1,719

66 participating parish families or 31%

Donations are still being accepted by mail using donor cards and envelopes that came from the Diocese, or you can place envelopes in the offertory basket at Mass. Gifts can also be made by credit card and bank draft online at; www.charlestdiocese.org/donate

There is little time left to make a contribution to this year's appeal and help the Diocese reach out to people and programs in need across the entire state of South Carolina. "Let's Be Together"

Dave Lorenzatti, Parish Coordinator

If you would like to arrange to have your financial institution send your weekly contribution directly to the church, please contact the office for assistance.

All the readings of today's Mass are about prayer. How does a person pray? Prayer is a natural and spontaneous activity. We pray for anything and everything. The disciples who might have prayed according to the Jewish faith and tradition once asked the Lord to teach them how to pray. He replied, when you pray say like this, and taught them the prayer "our Father", a universal prayer. Even though the story in the first reading presents before us a compassionate, loving and patient God, in general the Old Testament God is a tribal God, that is, He is the God of Israel. Several times He is referred to as God of Abraham, God of Isaac and God of Jacob. He is presented not as a universal God, even though there are few references as the universal God who seeks the salvation of all. Therefore, we see a God most of the time stands for the good of Israel, defending and protecting them. The exile from Egypt, capturing the Promised Land, destruction of Jericho, destroying and killing everything and everybody there are few examples. But when Jesus came, He taught that the God of Israel is the God of universe and everyone irrespective of Jews or Gentiles can call Him, Father. Therefore, the Lord gives us the prayer "our Father" calling God our Father. The Jews had the strongest sense of God's immensity: "the Most High" "the Holy One..." "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts" (Is. 55:8,9). Christianity appeared first as a "mystery religion." Christians did not speak about the inner mysteries to outsiders. Certain things were revealed to the initiate on the vigil of their baptism. The Our Father was one of those mysteries. Tertullian (born about 160 AD) prepared them for that moment when they would address God for the first time as Father. "You blessed ones, for whom the grace of God is waiting, when you come up from that washing of the new birth, and when for the first time you spread out your hands with your brothers and sisters in your mother's house (the Church), ask of your Father... for special graces...'Ask' Jesus says, 'and you shall receive.' So now, you have sought and have found. You have knocked, and it has been open to you. "The prayer 'Our Father' is itself a powerful prayer and it is also a model of all Christian prayers whatever the words might be. It is also a great prayer of unity, the one prayer that all Christians around the world have in common. A great deal can be said about the Lord's Prayer because it is both a prayer and a school of prayer. We can reflect on intimacy, the surrender and the trust it displays. There is, first of all, its intimacy. Jesus says that when we Christians pray, we should say "our Father". As Christians we have a special relationship with the Father through His Son. We can speak to the Father its all the familiarity that implies. He is also Father of us all. God is "our Father". St. Paul teaches us in today's second reading that we can speak to the Father as Jesus did because we share the very life of Jesus through Baptism. We become in Baptism what Jesus was by nature. Baptism has endowed us with a new, powerful relationship with Father that nothing else in creation has. Therefore, we can confidently and intimately call Him "our Father". Secondly, the Lord's Prayer teaches us to surrender. The first group of petitions acknowledge that God's name must be hallowed, His kingdom has priority and Matthew's Gospel adds that His will must be done. We give ourselves to the care and providence of the Father. We might not fully understand what is happening in our life or why, but we trust that God is also present. Ultimately, He is our peace. How many times have we surrendered our mind and soul to His will and received His peace. Finally, the Lord's Prayer concludes with a series of petitions through which we present all our needs to the Father with loving confidence. This prayer teaches us to trust God. The parable also says to us we must approach God our Father with the confidence of the children who know they are loved. Total trust in a loving Father, confidence in His providence and persistence in our prayer can open the door to our needs. This is the message that the parable gives us. We see these elements of intimacy, surrender and trust in the Abraham prayers in today's first reading. Therefore, , let us keep these words in our mind whenever we are ready to pray – intimacy, surrender and trust.



This season, we celebrate the fire of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church—a powerful reminder that God continues to breathe new life into His people today. Catholic in Recovery is a grace-filled community offering real hope and lasting healing for those struggling with addictions, compulsions, or unhealthy attachments. Rooted in the sacraments, guided by the 12 Steps, and strengthened through fellowship, the Holy Spirit is moving powerfully in hearts open to transformation.

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD'S MERCY

Enjoy three General Recovery meetings in the CSRA or visit catholicinrecovery.com to join one of 70 weekly virtual meetings.



Our Lady of the Valley in Gloverville, SC on Thursdays at 6PM



St. Teresa of Avila in Grovetown, GA on Saturdays at 9:30AM



St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Edgefield, SC on Sundays at 6PM

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**YOU ARE NOT TOO LATE FOR THIS IMPORTANT
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**You definitely don't want to miss the AWESOME
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August 27th at the PLC

Party starts at 11:30

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It's a birthday party celebration held any time 364 days a year!

What can you expect to see or do at this fun party?

Expect to be blown away while immersed in Wonderland!

Enjoy a lot of good food, drinks, and desserts.

Bring a gift to swap for another gift to keep and

(no one can take it away from you!)

Please bring a dish to share,

(such as a salad or finger foods for a light luncheon affair)

Expect to leave feeling like you've had one of the best times ever!

Email Marilyn Zuch at ubu2@wctel.net

Or call her at 864-378-7199 (leave a message if no answer)

**Marilyn will confirm all requests and too please let her know the dish
you'd like to bring to share.**



The Good Shepherd Golf Tournament

The Good Shepherd Men's Club will hold their annual golf tournament at the Tara Golf Course on Monday, August 18, 2025, at 12:00 noon. The proceeds of the tournament go to support the children charities in McCormick County. The meal and distribution of money and prizes will be in the Tara River Grille after the tournament.

The format will be a modified scramble as in previous years. Sign-up sheets will be available after every Mass on **Saturday and Sunday beginning on July 26/27**. You can also sign up by filling out an Entry Form located in each club house.

The cost is \$80.00 per player for golf, meal and prizes. Teams can be comprised of men and women. So, get your foursomes together.

If you can't play in the tournament, think about sponsoring a hole sign. The sponsor's cost is \$50 if we have a sign and \$75 if a new sign needs to be made. Again, all the proceeds support the children in McCormick County.

Pat Ouellette – chairman (391-8361)

BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

Want to know more about the Bible? Come out and join us in either or both of our two Bible Study Groups. We will resume sessions the week of September 3rd for the Wednesday group and September 8th for the Monday group.

Monday session at 6:30 pm will be continue with the History of the Catholic Church. The Wednesday session that follows the 9 am Mass, will continue with the Bible Timeline study.

All are welcome to attend, no registration necessary.

Triva: As Jesus ascended into heaven, he told his disciples not to leave Jerusalem. They were to stay and wait for something. What was it?
The Holy Spirit!



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