



Good Shepherd Catholic Church

Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday

April 26 & 27, 2025

Mass Schedule:

Wednesday	9 am	Confession	8:15 – 8:45 am
Friday	9 am	Confession	8:15 - 8:45 am
Saturday	4 pm	Confession	3:00 – 3:45 pm
Sunday	11 am		

Livestream Mass on YouTube or Facebook at Good Shepherd Catholic Church McCormick
Glory & Praise Book Cycle C 828

First Reading:
Responsorial:
Second Reading:
Gospel:

Acts of the Apostles 5: 12-16
Psalm 118: 2-4, 13-15, 22-24
Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19
John 20: 19 - 31

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, April 26th 4 pm **Good Shepherd Parishioners requested by the Castle Family**

Lector: Tom Popejoy
EM of HC: Bernadette Tarrant
Ushers: Jerry & Barb Wishall

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27th 11 am **+ Paula Wrobel requested by the Schmidt Family**

Lector: Blake Arias
EM of HC: Pat Tortorello
Ushers: Dave & Carol McKloskey

Wednesday, April 30th 9 am **Missa Pro Popula**

Friday, May 2nd First Friday 9 am **+ Pope Francis**

Saturday, May 3rd 4 pm **+ Tom Morgan and special intention for Kyle Morgan requested by Joan Morgan**

Lector: Jerry Wishall
EM of HC: Pat Kuech
Ushers: Karen Faaborg & Linda Bumber

Sunday, May 4th 11 am **+ Deceased members of the Good Shepherd's Men's Club**

Lector: Mark Leszczynski
EM of HC: Teresa Leszczynski
Ushers: Rick & Marie Ring

UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr 27	Pancake Breakfast
Apr 27	Divine Mercy Sunday 3pm
Apr 30	Parish Dinner
May 02	First Friday Adoration & Benediction
May 03	Spring Bake Sale at Cotton Gin
May 03	WC Kentucky Derby Party
May 03	Shredding day McCormick
May 11	Mother's Day /First Communion
	May Crowning
May 18	Pancake Breakfast



Pray for our Military Members

Sophie Augustine	Sean Avery
Brianna & Stephen Balogh	Christopher R. Balogh
Sarah Balogh	Aaron T. Bird
David Bobier	Chris Brandon
Eric Brandon	Drew Chadwick
Ryan Chemelewski	Paul Cross
Nate Dreslinski	Jake Ivey
Connor Joyce	Ian Leszczynski
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

Dick Balogh, Matthew Dill, Frank DeRoller, Lana Kittenbrink, Howard Milhoan, Dick Obermeyer, Bobby Passafaro, Paul Ruelle, John & Diane Scardace, Larry Slater, Mary Stirtzinger, 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 April 19 & 20, 2025

<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
\$6,574.00	\$5,319.00	+\$1,255.00
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 and jelly or any other non-perishable items that kids will eat or drink. Please also consider toilet paper, cleaning products, cash and gift cards from Food Lion or the Dollar stores. Please drop off your items in the Life Center marked "Billie". Thank you for your generosity.



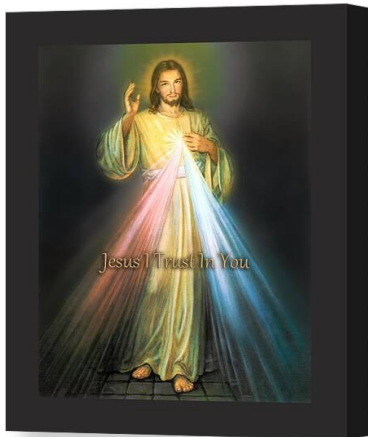
LET'S BE TOGETHER.

Catholic Appeal Update

Good Shepherd parishioners are taking seriously the 2025 Catholic Appeal of South Carolina theme, "Let's Be Together." The number families that have made cash contributions and pledges increases week-by-week. The latest report from the Diocese shows we have raised \$16,755, which is approaching our goal of \$20,081, and the Appeal is still accepting contributions and pledges. Gifts can be made by mail using the donor card and envelope that came from the Diocese or drop the envelope in a collection basket at Mass. You can also contribute online using your credit card or by draft from your checking account at www.charlestdiocese.org/donate. Keep in mind, your financial commitment supports the many diocesan programs and services, helping people in all of South Carolina. Plus, if we surpass our goal, half of the excess will be returned to Good Shepherd to use for parish projects. Thanks for your generosity.

Dave Lorenzatti, Catholic Appeal Coordinator

SECOND COLLECTION APRIL 27TH FOR CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL.



What is Divine Mercy Sunday

The Promise

Divine Mercy Sunday may be the greatest day of the year because of the immeasurable amount of grace Jesus promised to pour forth on this day. In the private revelation accepted publicly by the Church, Jesus made a specific promise to Saint Faustina about Divine Mercy Sunday: "On that day . . . The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." (*Diary*, 699)

Conditions

Christ wanted to draw our attention to the immense importance of these two sacraments of Confession and Holy Communion. So much so, that Christ's promise amounts to offering the graces of a complete pardon, or essentially a second baptism! Jesus reiterated these conditions and promise of a complete pardon at least two other times to her. (*Diary*, 300 & 1109) The "oceans of grace" available to us on Divine Mercy Sunday can make us anew and give us a fresh start again. We simply have to make a good Confession (such as the Saturday before) and stay in a state of grace up to receiving Holy Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday or the vigil Mass. Jesus requested we also do works of mercy whether deed, word, or prayer.

Opposition

But, the devotion was not always so. Initially, the Vatican had received erroneous and confusing translations of Sister Faustina's *Diary*, and in 1959, censured the devotion and banned her writing. The ban would last 20 years, seemingly fulfilling a prophetic writing in the *Diary* that her work would "be as though utterly undone."

In 1965, Karol Wojtyla, the Archbishop of Krakow at the time, commissioned one of Poland's leading theologians, Fr. Ignacy Rozycki, to prepare a critical analysis of the *Diary*. Then, on April 15, 1978, after receiving Fr. Rozycki's analysis and a better translation of the *Diary*, the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith lifted the ban.

In the Divine Mercy image, red and white light is issuing from Jesus' heart, symbolizing the blood and water of the sacraments for Holy Communion and Baptism. One of the main prayers Jesus taught Saint Faustina was "O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus, as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You." Jesus is asking us to trust in the sacraments of the Church. The power of the Holy Spirit can make us new creations in Christ, particularly if we partake regularly in Confession and Holy Communion. Why not take advantage of Christ's great promise this Divine Mercy Sunday?

Divine Mercy services will be held on Sunday, April 27th at 3 pm at
Good Shepherd Church



World Famous Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the Men's Club will be held on Sunday, April 27th in the Parish Life Center 9 am - Noon. All you can eat! Regular and blueberry pancakes, sausage, peaches, coffee and tea for \$8/per adult and \$5/per child under 12.



Join the Men's Club outing May 22 to watch the Augusta GreenJackets baseball game at 7:00 pm Tickets will be on sale May 3 & 4 after each Mass for \$40.00 which includes concourse seating , buffet food and non-alcoholic drinks. Limited to 24 seats.



Last chance this weekend to join the Women's Club for a fun evening of games, food and prizes along with a live TV presentation of the 151st running of the Kentucky Derby. Wear your Fascinator, or wide brim hats or dress as your favorite jockey but come out and enjoy the Derby without having to travel to Kentucky. There will be a prize for the most "creative" hat, silent auction, games and fun galore. Tickets are still available. Contact Jackie Novak at jackienovak17@gmail.com or call her at 410-322-8769. Don't wait! Only 100 tickets will be sold for this event



Please be sure to drop off your baked goods for the Benevolent Bake Sale on Friday, May 2nd between 9-2.at the parish life center. Items will be on sale at Cotton Gin from 9 am – 4 pm.



FOOD PANTRY DONATION GUIDELINES

14.5 oz cans of vegetables, soups and fruits, canned tuna, salmon or chicken – 7 – 12 oz. Standard size box of cereal, crackers, mac & cheese, rice, and pasta. Toilet Tissue – individually wrapped if possible. Bar of soap.
FYI soon you will be able to visit their wish list at Amazon, Walmart and Target to select items to be delivered for you.

APRIL 2025



A Saint for the 21st Century

Carlo Acutis

Can you picture a saint wearing tennis shoes, playing video games, and dressing up as Spiderman for Halloween? Meet Carlo Acutis, soon to be the first Millennial saint.

Acutis was born on May 3, 1991, in London,

England. When he was four months old, his family moved back to Milan, Italy. This is where he spent his short life.

Even as a child, Carlo had a great love for the Holy Eucharist, the Blessed Mother, and the saints. But this love for the Church didn't come from his parents. In fact, his mother, Antonia, had only been to Mass a few times before his birth. By her own admission, her son was the one who encouraged the family to attend Mass.

Carlo received his First Communion at age seven, and with love and perseverance, he led his family to a deeper faith even as a child. He went to Mass frequently and Confession weekly.

In many ways, Acutis was a normal child and teen. He had friends, attended school, and was very tech-savvy. He enjoyed playing video games, but he made sure to only play one hour each week. He wanted to keep himself in check and not become addicted.

Carlo had a deep love for the Most Holy Eucharist, saying, "The more we receive the Eucharist, the more we will become like Jesus, so that on earth we will have a foretaste of Heaven."

Therefore, he wanted to strengthen the faith of people around the world by promoting the miracles of the Eucharist. Since he had extensive knowledge of computers, he created a website with all the approved Eucharistic miracles. Carlo started this project when he was eleven, and he finished it the year before he died. Since this time, his website has become a traveling exhibition that has been to five continents.

In October 2006, Carlo was diagnosed with acute promyelocytic leukemia. Just before his death, he said, "Mom, don't be afraid. Since Jesus became a man, death has become the passage towards life, and we don't need to flee it. Let us prepare ourselves to experience something extraordinary in the eternal life."

Less than two weeks after he discovered he was sick, the young saint died at age 15.

In 2013 his Cause was opened, leading to his beatification in 2020.

Even though his life was short, he has left a legacy of love for the Eucharist, generosity to others, and the use of technology to promote the Faith. More than anything, he points us to our ultimate destination. He said, "Our goal must be infinite, not the finite. The infinite is our homeland. Heaven has been waiting for us forever."



Check the program highlights for shows on Carlo Acutis, including his canonization from Rome and the documentary *I Am With You*. To learn more about this soon-to-be saint, please visit ewtn.com/carloacutis.

Photos from EWTN's documentary on Carlo Acutis, *I Am With You*.



Welcome New Parishioners!

Dale & Patty Fanzo from Arizona

We are happy that you have chosen to walk with us on your faith journey.

COLUMBARIUM

There are plans in the works to add another columbarium of 48 niches soon in the Rosary Garden and the cost of all niches will increase January 1, 2026. Plans include a redesign of the area to make it more accessible for wheelchair and walker users.

We would like to remind everyone that the Parish **reserves the right to remove** without notice, all items added to a niche without its consent. All balloons, plastic markers, bird feeders, incendiary devices, candles, toys, Easter egg, planters, and any other decorative items which do not have prior approval will be removed. Every effort is being made to ensure that uniformity is maintained in this area.



We pray for the response of the soul of Pope Francis. May the perpetual light shine upon him.

April 29 feast day of Saint Catherine of Siena

Catherine was one of 23 children. When she was six, she saw a vision of Christ above the church. By the age of seven, she was resolved to become Christ's bride and remain unmarried. At sixteen, she joined the Third Order of St. Dominic. She offered her life for the good of the Church. She died at the age of 33, one of the Church's greatest mystics. What Catherine did in the Middle Ages was unheard of for a woman. She left home, advised popes, had visions, cared for the destitute, and composed books, even though she was uneducated. She shows us that the power of Christ working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.



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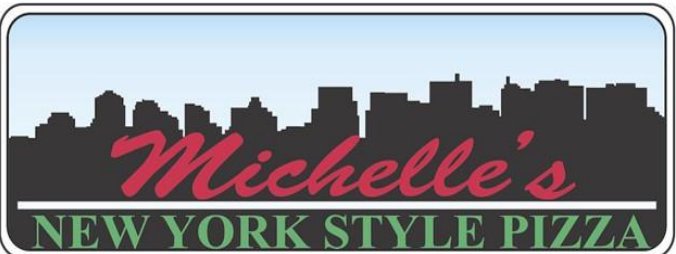
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