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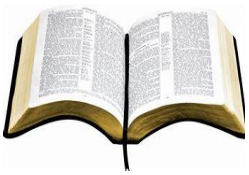
October 31 & November 1, 2026

ALL SAINTS DAY

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



First Reading:	Revelation 7: 2-4, 9-14
Responsorial:	Psalm: 24: 1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6
Second Reading:	1 John 3: 1-3
Gospel:	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. 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 Souls Day 4 pm

Wednesday, Nov. 4th 9 am + Pat & Gary Foerstel requested by Gary & Dae Probst

Friday Nov. 06 9 am + Tammy Schock, Jeremiah and Zachary Smith requested by Tom & Debbie Popejoy

Saturday, Nov. 7th 4 pm + Marlette Smith requested by Ted & Linda Hansen

Sunday, Nov. 8th 11am + Lucie Castle requested by Jolyne Castle.

Let us rejoice in all the men and women, blest in the eyes of the Lord who celebrate the heavenly liturgy. They stand in God's holy place and sing of the love the Father has bestowed upon them through the blood of the Lamb.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov.02	All Soul's Mass	4:00 pm
Nov.06	First Friday	9:00 am
Nov.11	Mass for all souls in the Columbarium	9:00 am
Nov.18	Healing Mass	9:00 am
Nov.26	Thanksgiving Day	9:00 am

Pray for our Military Members

Sophie Augustine
Brianna & Stephen Balogh
Sarah Balogh
Andrew Brandon
Drew Chadwick
Tyler Clark
Nate Dreslinski
Connor Joyce
Michael Mathews
Cassie Newkirk
Kaylin Neuman
Aspen Quam
Lars Swanson
Daniel & Brandi Stricker
Cody Tiller

Sean Avery
Christopher R. Balogh
Aaron T. Bird
Eric Brandon
Ryan Chemelewski
Paul Cross
Jake Ivey
Ian Leszczynski
Glory Mathews
Noah Neuman
Declan Pemberton
Timothy Shively

Jonathon Taylor
Ashley Wulforst
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 24 & 25, 2026

Offertory	***Budget***	***Variance***
$3,862.00	*$5,358.00*	*-$1,496.00*

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: Wisdom 6: 12-16
Second Reading:1 Thesalonians 4: 13-18
Gospel: Matthew: 25: 1-13

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



Rosary intentions

Oct. 31 & Nov. 01	*For individual intentions placed in the Rosary Box*
Nov. 7 & 8	*For veterans that suffer from PTSD, that God may heal them and give them peace.*

Starting in January 2027, the prayer-list names will stay listed for two months only because the parish office is not always notified when someone has recovered or no longer needs our prayers. To keep a name listed after December, contact the parish office. The current list will remain through December.

All Saints' Day Prayer

Dear holy saints of God,
we join our prayers of praise to yours this day.
With you, we sing of God's goodness,
rejoice in God's mercy,
and celebrate God's incredible love.
Teach us to live as you lived –
always thinking of others,
always recognizing your weaknesses,
always rejoicing in God's gifts,
always following Jesus.
Blessed are you, happy are you,
all holy saints of God.
Pray for us that we, too,
may someday be among God's holy ones.
Amen

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)



All Saints

Today we honor that vast group of men and women whom the Church calls saints. They are huge and diverse crowds. The Book of Revelation says that they come "from every nation, race, people and tongue." Some of them were rich, some poor, some were scholars, others had little, if any, education. Some moved in very high social circles; others were rough and rugged. Some were highly political; others were removed from the world of politics.

In today's gospel reading, the Lord shows us eight of many roads to holiness. Jesus says, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, the sorrowing, the lowly, those yearn for holiness, the merciful, the clean of heart, the peace makers and those who are persecuted for the sake of Gospel." The saints traveled one or more of these roads.

What did the saints think of themselves? They never thought that they are spiritual heroes. In their own eyes, they were ordinary people, not much better than others. But they saw themselves in a they all had in common. That they are sons and daughters of God was a conviction that burned deep within their souls. As they grow in holiness, they humbled themselves before God and others. For example, in his first letter to Timothy, one written late in Paul's career, nearly the end of his life, he says, "This saying is trustworthy and deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Of course I am the foremost" (1 Tim. 1: 14-15).

St. Augustine wrote: "We say of the proud people that they are 'swollen with pride' and 'puffed up.' By 'poor in spirit' then re understood 'the humble' those who have not a puffed-up spirit." Early writers love to dwell on the paradox that the way hell is pride, while the way to heaven is humility. "Up" and "down" are reversed. The way to go up is to go down. It began with the self-emptying of Christ. Paul described it very clearly when he said, "Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave… became obedient to death, even death on a cross… (Phil. 2: 5-8). This passage from Paul reminds us "the Christ mind" or "the Christ nature" With that "Christ mind and nature" within him Paul said, "I live now, not I, but Christ lives in me" (Gal. 2:20). Saints are the people who had the 'the mind of Christ' or 'the nature of Christ' in their lives. The Christ nature is our law within. The poor in spirit, the meek – all who lived by the Beatitudes – express it in countless different ways.

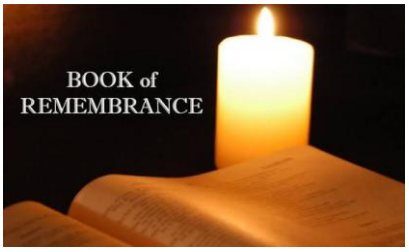
Another aspect of the lives of the saints is that they all saw themselves as belonging to a life far greater than their individual lives. They belonged to Jesus Christ. In fact, Jesus pronounces a blessing a blessing on those persecuted because of their loyalty to him. He says, "be glad and rejoice." All saints knew that experience. Christ was the center of their lives and they were ready to live and die for him. They belonged to Christ. They gave everything they did or that happened so that it may have a redemptive value.

Another truth uniting the saints is that they knew they had a destiny beyond the limits of this world. St. John looked beyond this earthly life and said, "what we shall be later on has not yet come to light. We know that when it comes to light, we shall be like him, for we shall see him, as he is." The saints knew that they had a magnificent future that this world cannot give, a future that is safe and assured by Christ.

The saints were not extraordinary people; they were not born as saints. On the contrary, they were ordinary people like us. They were people who lived their ordinary lives in an extraordinary way. The lives saints remind us that by imitating these saints and following in their footsteps, we too can find our way through darkness of this world into the brightness of God's presence. The saints are more than that. They are also intercessors, helpers in prayer, partners, patrons. They can help us to be heroic and faithful in our life.

All Saint Day teaches us that, by the grace of Christ, there have been many, many heroic holy ones in the past and by the same grace of Christ, there will be many, many more – and we can be one among them.

Fr. Jacob Joseph



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.

McCormick County 2026 Food Pantry Thanksgiving Food Drive



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.
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".

Any questions, please contact Christine Benedetto (864-391-5433).

A little Turkey Trivia: Did you know?

A baby turkey is called a poult, chick, or even turklette. An adult male turkey is a tom, an adolescent male is a jake, and a female is a hen. A domestic tom can weigh up to 50 pounds, a domestic hen up to 16 pounds. A wild tom can weigh up to 20 pounds and the wild hen up to 12 pounds. The average life span of a wild turkey is 3 to 4 years. The average life span of a domestic turkey, from birth to freezer is 26 weeks. During this period, it will eat 75 pounds of turkey feed.

Catholic Appeal Update
October 31, 2026

Contributions from Good Shepherd parishioners continue to increase as more donors open their hearts and wallets to help support the many diocesan programs and services helping people across all of South Carolina. Latest figures show donations totaling $27,509 or $6,530 over our goal. It's important to remember that Good Shepherd will receive half of the amount over our goal to pay for parish needs and expenses. You can donate online at www.charlestondiocese.org/catholic-appeal using a credit card or draft from your bank account. The diocese is grateful for your generosity.
Dave Lorenzatti, Good Shepherd Catholic Appeal Coordinator

PREPERATION FOR ADVENT

Advent Novena

One special way to celebrate Advent and prepare for Christmas is to say a novena, especially to a saint like Saint Andrew or Saint Nicholas. A novena is a nine-day prayer that you typically say to a specific saint for a special intention. Some novenas are said in one day, or over nine months, but typically you repeat them over nine consecutive days. Some people add on extra practices like fasting or acts of service to deepen their novena experience!

St. Andrews Novena

"Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires [state your intention here], through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen."

How to Pray the Novena

- **Start Date:** November 30 (Feast of St. Andrew)
- **End Date:** December 24 (Christmas Eve)
- **Daily Count:** Recite the prayer 15 times every day
- **Method:** You can say all 15 prayers at once or split them up throughout the day (such as five in the morning, five in the afternoon, and five in the evening.

St. Nicholas Novena Begin November 27th recite for Nine Days

Glorious Nicholas, my own protector! from that bright throne where you enjoy the vision of thy God, in pity turn thine eyes upon me; ask for me from God those graces and helps most seasonable in my present necessities, whether spiritual or temporal, and especially the grace of (mention request here…)
if such be expedient for my eternal welfare. Forget not, glorious and holy bishop, our true Sovereign Pontiff, the holy Church, and this pious city. Bring back to the right way of salvation those who live steeped in sin, or buried in the darkness of ignorance, error, and heresy. Comfort the sorrowing, provide for the needy, strengthen the weak-hearted, defend the oppressed, help the sick; let all know the effects of thy powerful patronage with Him Who is the supreme giver of all good. Amen
Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father.
V. Pray for us, blessed Nicholas.
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.
Let us pray:

God, Who has honored, and ceases not daily to honor, Thy high-priest and glorious confessor, blessed Nicholas, with innumerable miracles: grant, we beseech Thee, that, by his merits and prayers, we may be delivered from the fires of hell and from all other dangers. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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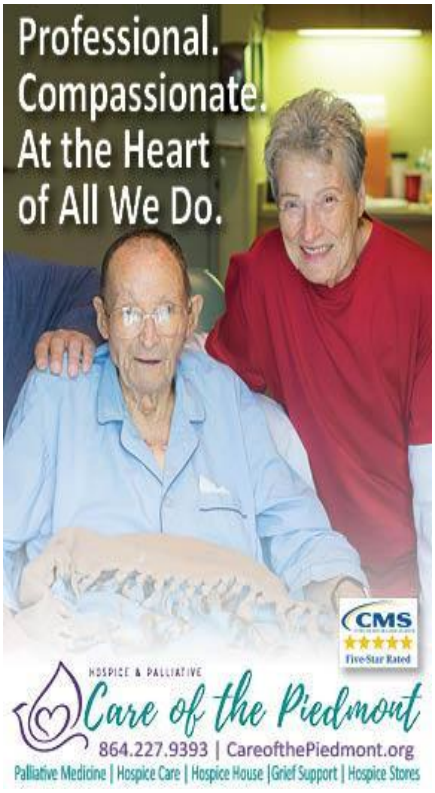
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