

Good Shepherd Catholic Church

April 20 & 21, 2024



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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN EASTER

Glory & Praise Book #833



<u>First Reading:</u>	Acts of the Apostles 4: 8-12
<u>Responsorial:</u>	Psalms 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29
<u>Second Reading:</u>	1 John 3: 1-2
<u>Gospel:</u>	John 10: 11-18

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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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE FOR THE MOST HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Saturday, April 20th 4 pm - + Kris Adden requested by Jerry & Barb Wishall

+ Gary Mudd requested by Kenneson Family

Lector: Tom Popejoy
EM of HC: Bernadette Tarrant
Ushers: Ray Gary & Dae Probst

Sunday, April 21st 11 am + Lise Raynor requested by Paul & Ann Bourbonnais

+ Doug Anderson requested by Kenneson Family

Lector: Teresa Leszczynski
EM of HC: Mark Leszczynski
Ushers/Greeters: Ken & Mary Jane Woodburn

Wednesday, April 24th 9 am + Kris Adden requested by Don & Michele Raaen

Friday, April 26th 9 am Private Intention

Saturday, April 27th 4 pm + Eddie Bryan requested by Jerry & Barb Wishall

+ Rod Wurst requested by Gary & Dae Probst

Lector: Bernadette Tarrant
EM of HC: Pat Kuech
Ushers: Karen Faaborg & Linda Bumber

Sunday, April 28th 11 am + Eddie Bryan requested by Paul & Anne Bourbonnais

Lector: Steve LaPonte
EM of HC: Carol LaPonte
Ushers: Jack Nickol & Pat Ouellette

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 21 Parish Picnic following 11 am Mass
April 28 Pancake Breakfast 9 am – 1 pm
May 03 First Friday
May 06 Blood Drive 12-5

Pray for our Military Members

Sean Avery	Brianna & Stephen Balogh
Christopher R. Balogh	Sarah Balogh
Aaron T. Bird	David Bobier
Chris 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	Aspen Quam
Daniel O'Donnell	Daniel Stricker
Brandi Stricker	Jonathon Taylor
Cody Tiller	Ashley Wulforst
Thomas Wulforst	



Pray for our Sick & Home Bound

Helen Balogh, Karen Boerner, Joyce & Ken Chemelewski, Judy Chemelewski, , Ericka Hanners, Lana Kittenbrink, Bobby Passofaro, John & Diane Scardace, Skip Tortorello, and Bud Webster.

....and those intentions written in our Community Book of Prayer. All requests must be cleared by the recipient or family if possible.

Report

Weekend of April 13 & 14, 2024

<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
\$4,668.00	\$4,337.00	- + \$331.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR REGULAR CONTRIBUTIONS.
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“The Institution of the Eucharist is found in the four Gospels and other books of the Bible: Matthew 26, Mark 14, Luke 22, John 6 and 1 Corinthians 11

The small offering of bread, wine and water are brought forward so the priest can offer them to God. These tiny gifts are symbolic of the entire creation. Taking these gifts in hand the priest speaks the “Berakah” prayer, “Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness, we have received the bread and wine we offer you”. Thereby giving back to the Giver and establishing the “loop” of grace. The bread the wine, offered to God who doesn’t need them, will return to the offeror’s immeasurably elevated as the Body and Blood of Jesus Catholicism Bishop Robert Baron



There will be a second collection the weekend of April 27 & 28 for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal.



Red Cross Blood Drive May 6

Good Shepherd and the Upstate Red Cross Chapter will conduct a blood drive in the Parish Life Center on Mon., May 6, from Noon to 5 p.m. All blood types are needed to help ease a serious shortage.

Sign up online at www.redcrossblood.org; choose Good Shepherd Church and, on the drop-down schedule, select a time to donate. Your donation is urgently needed. Thank you.

Good Shepherd Catholic Appeal at 98% of goal!

Good Shepherd's total of cash contributions and pledges has reached \$16,940, and we're inching ever closer to our goal of \$17,298. When we exceed the goal, half of the excess will be returned to the parish for its use. Gifts can be mailed in the envelope you received from the Diocese or place it in an offertory basket at Mass. Donations can also be made by draft from your checking account or by credit card at www.charlestandiocese.org/donate. Pledges can be paid over a ten-month period. Thank you for your continuing generosity.

Dave Lorenzatti, Good Shepherd CASC Coordinator

pancake



breakfast

Mark your calendar and enjoy the next MEN'S CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST APRIL 28th from 9 am to 1 pm in the Parish Life Center. Still low price of \$7.00/adult and \$4.00/children for all you can eat.



Pilgrimage to Poland - See the Catholic Treasure of Poland!

Please join us on a pilgrimage to Poland! Highlights include Jasna Gora Monastery, home of Our Lady of Czestochowa, the Sanctuary of Divine Mercy and the Divine Mercy Image, the Museum and Chapel of St. Maximilian Kolbe, the cell where he was martyred in Auschwitz, the birthplace and baptismal Church of St. John Paul, Wawel Cathedral where he was ordained a Bishop and so much more! Daily Mass. October 3-12, 2024. \$3695/per person based on

double occupancy. \$150 discount if you enter coupon code Bulletin150 on the registration form. For more information, please visit www.QoHTours.com or call us at 1-800-213-4295



Sidewalk Advocates for Life will offer a basic training workshop on Saturday, **May 11th** at the Camelia House on Christ Our King campus, Mount Pleasant, SC. Training is from 8am-3 pm. We'll provide workbooks, continental breakfast, and light lunch. Cost is \$10. As a sidewalk advocate, we are standing up for life itself, bringing hope to women that need it. As an advocate, we pray for those who believe that abortion is the only solution to a crisis pregnancy. As a sidewalk advocate, you'll have an opportunity to pray and encourage hurting girls/women, provide them with information, local resources and support that includes life-giving, holy options. They are not alone. Please seriously consider joining us, as we train to advocate for the sanctity of life, beginning with the mother's physical, emotional, and spiritual health, and that of her baby. You will be so glad that you did! To register at: safcharleston@gmail.com or contact Stasi: [843 346 2769](tel:8433462769)



Dignitas Infinita: The Key Takeaways

The dignity of all human life is reaffirmed in a new declaration from the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights* (1948). *Dignitas Infinita*, or infinite dignity, addresses many issues that the modern world faces such as gender theory, transgenderism, abortion, euthanasia and assisted suicide, surrogacy, human trafficking, war, digital violence, poverty, immigration, and many others. The document explains how each of these violates the inherent dignity of human persons.

Human dignity is also reiterated, and it is emphasized that all people are made in the image and likeness of God — thus human dignity is inalienable. *Dignitas Infinita* details key violators of our dignity:

- Abortion
 - The evil of abortion is highlighted once again, explaining in no uncertain terms that abortion is the killing of an innocent human being.
- Euthanasia and assisted suicide
 - The dying must be treated with the utmost love and compassion. They may be given medication to relieve their pain and they should be given the sacraments. However, we do not have a right to death — only to life.
- Surrogacy
 - Surrogacy separates the sexual act from procreation. It treats women and children as commodities.
- Gender ideology and transgender surgeries
 - Gender theory attempts to eliminate sexual difference and separate gender from sex, representing grave error in denying the identity given to each person by the Creator.
 - Sex change procedures “as a rule, risks threatening the unique dignity the person has received from the moment of conception” (60).
- Human trafficking
 - Human trafficking is a crime against humanity and dehumanizing to both victim and perpetrator. It includes labor and sex trafficking, and organ harvesting.
- Marginalization of people with disabilities
 - We live in a “throwaway culture” (53-54) that determines people’s value based on ability and utility. The Gospel makes it clear that the vulnerable have inalienable dignity in the eyes of God and deserve a place in society and the Church.
- War
 - Wars do not solve problems and create peace; rather, they cause significant loss of life for no perceivable good end. The declaration states “no war is worth the loss of the life of even one human being, a sacred being created in the image and likeness of the Creator” (38).
- Poverty
 - New forms of poverty are emerging because of the “obsession with reducing labor costs with no concern for its grave consequences,” (36). Laborers are not tools or objects, but human persons worthy of respect.
- The travail of migrants
 - It is essential that the inherent dignity of migrants is respected and that we remember that we are all equally loved by God. The declaration states “the inalienable dignity of each human person regardless of origin, race or religion” (40).
- Violence against women and sexual abuse
 - We must protect the dignity of women. We must also work to stop sexual abuse that primarily affects women.
 - Sexual abuse leaves lasting scars on the victims. We must do everything to stop these acts from being committed and provide for victims to heal.
- The danger of the digital world and loneliness
 - The digital world offers more connectivity around the world but has created new challenges. People struggle with feeling disconnected from reality; we are facing an epidemic of loneliness and isolation.
 - The digital world is also a place for pornographic content and cyberbullying. The declaration states that paradoxically, the more opportunities grow for making connections, the more people find themselves isolated and impoverished in interpersonal relationships (61).

Dignitas Infinita makes it clear that we face many challenges that threaten or violate the dignity granted to each person by God.

The South Carolina Catholic Conference thanks the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith for this guidance on important issues and for reminding the world that all people have dignity despite their circumstances.
Our Lady, Seat of Wisdom, pray for us!

Fourth Sunday of Easter B 2024

At the time of Jesus and today as well, raising sheep was a big business. People used sheep for food, clothing, and religious sacrifice. The number of sheep he had measured a person's wealth. In Jesus' time, herds could be number in thousands. Clearly, a good shepherd was highly valued because he could make or break the owner of the flock.

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus says He is the Good Shepherd. He gives three characteristics of a good shepherd. First, a good shepherd cares so much for the flock that he is willing to risk his life to protect them. Secondly, he knows each of the sheep well "by name," Thirdly, he cares about all of them, even those who go astray. We can apply each of these to our Lord.

A good shepherd is willing to give his life for the sheep and cares for them. In his life and in his death, Jesus sought out the lost and the least and the last. When he wanted to speak of a tender God, he told the people about a shepherd who, when he loses one of his sheep, leaves the other sheep and goes off in search of the lost one. The shepherd refuses to accept the loss of one sheep as "just one of those things". That is Jesus' image of pastoral care, a search that continues until a find can be made. We know, of course, that a search is not automatic after a loss. Many losses are not even registered. Where there is no love, there is no loss. Some people are regarded as "no great loss". Other people are encouraged to "get lost". But all of us hope that when we are lost someone, somewhere, will be looking for us, like the good shepherd. "I have come to seek out and save the lost" says the good shepherd. The good shepherd challenges our own way of leaving the people for loss.

The Lord says at the end of today's Gospel reading that nobody took His life from Him. He Himself give it up voluntarily and willingly for us. His death was not something happened to Him. It is something He did for us. Other leaders in our life will disappoint. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who gave His life for us.

Secondly, a good shepherd knows his sheep. To a stranger, they all look alike. A good shepherd knows the temperament of each and knows each one's name. Usually, there is a gap between what people see and what is going on inside. Jesus knows our inner person. That is the person He loves and for whom He died. That is the person He wants to fill with His grace. Jesus knows our true name in a way that nobody else ever will. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who knows His sheep.

Finally, a good shepherd gathers his scattered flock. A sheep that is missing is never far from his mind. In a world of so much fragmentation where business is devoted to creating and catering divisions, Jesus is a point around which we all can gather. His flock embraces all nationalities. His flock is a place every human being can call home.

If we drift from the flock, the Lord sends instruments of His grace to bring us back if we are willing to come. To those who have never belonged to His flock, the Lord brings a light into their life to guide them into His flock. Every hour, every day in every part of the world the Lord is sending His grace to bring back the lost and to widen the embrace of His flock.

Where the flock is, there is the shepherd. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, has bound Himself to His flock forever. The only power he wielded was over minds and hearts, and he never abused it or used it to serve his own ends. He was utterly selfless and totally committed to us, and he proved it by his ultimate act of devotion - laying down his life for us. Join the flock and the Shepherd will embrace you. Embrace the Shepherd and you will join the flock. The flock and the shepherd, the Lord and His Church are one for good.

Jesus is indeed the Good Shepherd. Who gave His life for us, knows each of us by name, and gathers the lost even as He brings new members into His flock.

Father Jacob Joseph

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A box labeled Hospice House will be in the Narthex for the month of April. All donations are greatly appreciated!

If you have any questions, contact Ginny Vose [\(617\) 584-6900](tel:6175846900) or email bobginvose@yahoo.com.

OH, WHAT A TEA PARTY!

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A good time was had by all.



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