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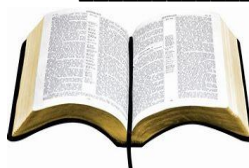
October 10 & 11, 2026

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 934



First Reading:

Isaiah 25: 6-10a

Responsorial:

Psalm: 23: 1-3a, 3b-6

Second Reading:

Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20

Gospel:

Matthew 22: 1-14

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. 10th 4 pm + Phil Stirtzinger
requested by Stirtzinger Family**

**Sunday, Oct. 11th 11am + Richard Castle and
+ Thomas Sullivan requested by Castle Family.**

**Wednesday, Oct. 14th 9 am + Tom Morgan and
special Intention for Kyle Morgan
+ Bryan Gillern requested by Mike & Debby Dill**

**Friday Oct. 16th 9 am + Dolores Hoffman and
Helen Michon requested by Tom & Deb Popejoy**

**Saturday, Oct. 17th 4 pm + Delicia McEvilly
requested by Peter & Christine Benedetto**

**Sunday, Oct. 18th 11 am + Alfred Capitani
requested by Joan Capitani**

The Lord invites us to a banquet, one of the favorite images of messianic times. This banquet is spread before us and can fully satisfy our needs, yet how often have we refused the Lord's invitation to share in the riches prepared for us?

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 12 Joyful Journey
Oct. 14 Women's Club @ River Grille
Oct. 28 Parish Dinner
Nov.02 All Soul's Mass

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
Tyler Clark	Paul Cross
Nate Dreslinski	Jake Ivey
Connor Joyce	Ian Leszczynski
Michael Mathews	Glory Mathews
Cassie Newkirk	Noah Neuman
Kaylin Neuman	Declan Pemberton
Aspen Quam	Timothy Shively
Lars Swanson	
Daniel & Brandi Stricker	Jonathon Taylor
Cody Tiller	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 3 & 4. 2026

<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
\$6,814.00	\$5,358.00	+\$1,456.00

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: Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5b
Gospel: Matthew:22: 15-21

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

<i>Oct. 10 & 11</i>	<i>For those contemplating abortion that they choose life.</i>
<i>Oct. 17 & 18</i>	<i>For women and children that are victims of domestic violence.</i>
<i>Oct. 24 & 25</i>	<i>For mental health throughout the Church to help overcome the stigma and discrimination of people with mental illness.</i>
<i>Oct. 31 & Nov. 01</i>	<i>For individual intentions placed in the Rosary Box</i>

Special All Soul's Mass

Monday, Nov. 2, 4pm.

Monday, November 2, is All Souls Day, the commemoration of all the faithful departed, when the church especially emphasizes the need for prayers and good works for the dead.

Father Jacob will celebrate a special All Soul's Mass on Monday, Nov. 2 at 4pm to honor Good Shepherd parishioner's deceased family members.

There will be a candle procession for those who have lost family members /friends since last November 2, or who are having a 'special' memorial anniversary, i.e. ,5, 10, 15, 20 years etc.

If you wish to participate, please email Linda DeShano ldeshano@yahoo.com with the following information by Oct. 28:

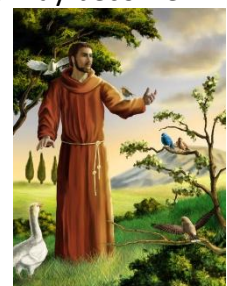
<i>Parishioner's Name</i>	<i>Relationship to deceased</i>	<i>A photo of the deceased</i>
<i>Deceased's Name</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>	

All parishioners are welcome to come and pray for their deceased loved ones whether you are in the candle procession or not. It is a perfect opportunity to remember them with your prayers, as well as support our recently grieving parishioners and friends.

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)



When we think of our Christian faith, does it seem like an invitation to a happy celebration? For many people, when they think of religion, that's the last thing comes to mind. Those outside our faith often feel sorry for us. They see us as linked by all kinds of rules, weighed down by all those commandments, all those "thou-shalt" and all those "thou shalt-nots."

Even on the inside, within our faith, some of the fellow Christians are afraid to enjoy life. They are very serious about being saved and they are afraid to lighten up and laugh a bit on the way to heaven. God's plan is to take us all to that kingdom of God which will be a fellowship of all nations in peace, unity and joy with God. Mount Sion, seen by Isaiah in a vision, is a symbol of this kingdom to come. It symbolizes God's lavish generosity with the prospect of total absence of hunger, mourning, death and shame, when "God himself will wipe away the tears of his people as the mother wipes away the tears of her child" (Is. 25: 8). Love, unity and harmony are the signs of God's kingdom in prophet Isaiah. He says, "The wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with kid; the cow and the bear shall be neighbors... the baby shall lay by the cobra's den... There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain..." (Is. 11: 6-9).

Does this vision have any connection with the reality of our life? According to his original plan, as we see in the Book of Genesis, God placed our first parents in paradise where everything is in harmony and peace with each other and with human beings and even with nature too. After the fall, the harmony and peace are gone even with nature. The Lord said, "Cursed be the ground because of you! In toil you shall eat its yield all the days of your life. Thorns and thistles shall it bring forth to you, as you eat of the plants of the field" (Gen. 3: 17b-18).

When Jesus compared the kingdom of God to a wedding banquet, he too revealed that God is at work in the world in order to take us all to the final kingdom in which no one feels left over, or no one will go away hungry but live in harmony, peace and joy.

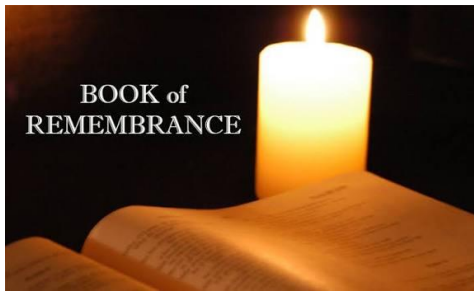
The hope of the redemption that God promised to the Jewish people will be fulfilled in the form of a great banquet – a wedding feast. The redemption of the world is inaugurated by the coming of Jesus Christ, and it is celebrated in the form of a wedding feast. In Jesus Christ and through the church all the spiritual riches are ready for everybody. The guests who accepted the invitation first – the Jews and the Pharisees in particular – rejected the invitation later. Therefore, the almighty God invited the Gentiles, poor, blind and the crippled to enter into the inheritance which his own chosen people refused.

The story of the garment tells us that receiving the invitation to the church and communion with Christ is one thing. Staying in union with him is something else. Accepting the invitation to the kingdom, to share God's life through Jesus Christ, means more than showing up in the church and letting supernatural things happen to us. We have to do our part.

The best description of the proper wardrobe for a Christian is given to us by the apostle St. Paul; "You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience...over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts" (Col. 3: 12-15).

The life of two saintly people gave light to this aspect of our redemption. St. Francis of Assisi who had a perfect harmony and peace with the nature. The animals and the birds come to him; they are at peace with him. Likewise, Thomas Merton, a mystic and a lover of nature, was always in touch with nature.

Again St. Paul Says, "The kingdom of God is not a matter of food and drink, but of righteousness, peace, and joy in the holy Spirit" (Rom. 14:17). This is God's vision of this world. For the Lord life is a celebration. People who are clothed in sincere compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience and love will enjoy the banquet or the celebration of life. First, they will enjoy that celebration with their families, then in church and in their community and with nature, and the good Lord blesses them with his peace.



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.



October 17 & 18 is **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY** – there will be a second collection.

Coordinated by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith (one of the Pontifical Mission Societies), it aids over 1,100 young, poor, or persecuted mission dioceses primarily across Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and remote regions of Latin America. Collections gathered at Masses worldwide go directly into a central solidarity fund to build churches, train seminarians, run schools, and support hospitals and religious communities.

We thank Cathy Quinn for leading the Evangelization Ministry for the past six years. She will step down at the end of this year, and we are seeking a volunteer to continue this ministry. The volunteer will coordinate with others meeting with new parishioners, sharing information about our church family and the McCormick area and serve on the Parish Council. This is a meaningful opportunity to help newcomers feel at home. If you are interested, please contact the parish office.

McCormick County 2026 Food Pantry Thanksgiving Food Drive



Thanksgiving is fast approaching, the McCormick Helping Hands Food Pantry is asking for your assistance in providing food items for needy families in McCormick County.

Please help by filling the provided grocery bags with the items listed on each bag. (Please DO NOT add or substitute items.)

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".

Bags will be available at the Church on October 10th and 11th.

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

PRAY THE ROSARY

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. According to an account by fifteenth-century Dominican, Alan de la Roch, Mary appeared to St. Dominic in 1206 after he had been praying and doing severe penances because of his lack of success in combating the Albigensian heresy. Mary praised him for

his valiant fight against the heretics and then gave him the Rosary as a mighty weapon, explained its uses and efficacy, and told him to preach it to others.

"Since the prayers of the Rosary come from such excellent sources — from Our Lord Himself, from inspired Scripture, and from the Church — it is not surprising that the Rosary is so dear to our Blessed Mother and so powerful with heaven.

"If we consider the power of the Rosary as seen in its effects, we find a great abundance of proofs of its wonderful value. Many are the favors granted to private individuals through its devout recitation: there are few devoted users of the Rosary who cannot testify to experiencing its power in their own lives.



If we turn to history, we see many great triumphs of the Rosary. Early tradition attributes the defeat of the Albigensians at the Battle of Muret in 1213 to the Rosary. But even those who do not accept this tradition will admit that St. Pius V attributed the great defeat of the Turkish fleet on the first Sunday of October 1571, to the fact that at the same time the Rosary confraternities at Rome and elsewhere were holding their processions. Accordingly, he ordered a commemoration of the Rosary to be made on that day. Two years later, Gregory XIII allowed the celebration of a feast of the Rosary in churches having an altar dedicated to the Rosary. In 1671, Clement X extended the feast to all Spain. A second great victory over the Turks, who once, like the Russians, threatened the ruin of Christian civilization, occurred on August 5, 1716, when Prince Eugene defeated them at Peterwardein in Hungary. Thereupon Clement XI extended the feast of the Rosary to the whole Church.

"Today, when dangers far greater than those of the ancient Turks threaten not only Christianity but all civilization, we are urged by our Blessed Mother to turn again to the Rosary for help. If men in sufficient numbers do this, and at the same time carry out the other conditions that she has laid down, we have the greater reason for confidence that we will be delivered from our dangers." --*Mary in our Life* by Fr. William G. Most

Please join in the praying of the Rosary before Mass on Saturday at 3:30 pm and Sunday at 10:30 am. If you would like to lead the Rosary, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. **On Friday, October 16th 9 am** Mass will be followed by Adoration, the reciting of the Rosary and Benediction.

Catholic Appeal of South Carolina

Good Shepherd has exceeded the amount we raised during the 2025 Catholic Appeal with nearly three months remaining in this year's campaign. So far this year, 75 parishioners have made cash contributions or pledges totaling \$27,222. You can donate online using a credit card or bank draft at www.charlerstondioocese.org/catholic-appeal. Keep in mind: half of the amount over Good Shepherd's goal will be returned to us to spend on parish needs and expenses. Thanks for your generous support. Dave Lorenzatti, Parish Coordinator

Welcome New Parishioners Ralph & Elizabeth Schueller from Somerset, Kentucky.

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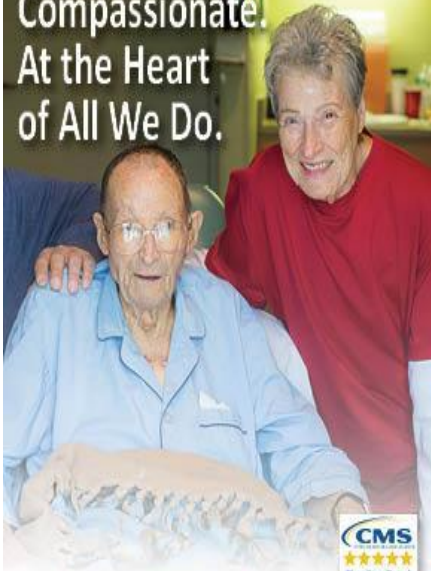
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