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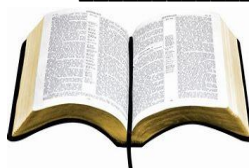
October 17 & 18, 2026

29th 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 937



First Reading:

Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6

Responsorial:

Psalm: 96: 1,3, 4-5, 7-10

Second Reading:

1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5b

Gospel:

Matthew 22: 15-21

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

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

**Wednesday, Oct. 21st 9 am + Anthony Schreck
requested by Scott & Marianne Wharram**

**Friday Oct. 23rd 9 am + Dorothy Ficocelli
requested by Vince Ficocelli**

**Saturday, Oct. 24th 4 pm + deceased
members of GS Women's Club**

**Sunday, Oct. 25th 11am + Paul Ruelle requested
by Peter & Christine Benedetto
+ Laurie Chemelewski requested by Ken
Chemelewski**

**The Lord is king and there is no other. We are to
render to God, therefore, fitting praise and service, as
is God's due. God's word to us, in turn, is a matter of
power and strength, to be lived with conviction of
heart.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 28	Parish Dinner	4:30 pm
Nov.02	All Soul's Mass	4:00 pm
Nov. 06	First Friday	9:00 am

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 10 & 11, 2026

<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
\$4257.00	\$5,358.00	-\$1,101.00

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: Exodus 22: 20-26
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1: 5c-10
Gospel: Matthew: Matthew 22: 34-40

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. 17 & 18	<i>For women and children that are victims of domestic violence.</i>
Oct. 24 & 25	<i>For mental health throughout the Church to help overcome the stigma and discrimination of people with mental illness.</i>
Oct. 31 & Nov. 01	<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:

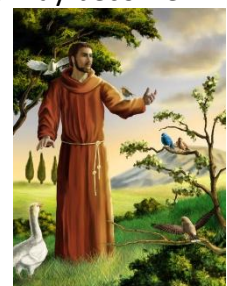
<i>Parishioner's Name</i>	<i>Relationship to deceased</i>	<i>A photo of the deceased</i>
<i>Deceased's Name</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>	

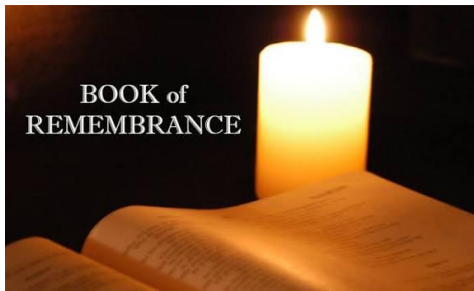
All parishioners are welcome to come and pray for their deceased loved ones whether you are in the candle procession or not. It is a perfect opportunity to remember them with your prayers, as well as support our recently grieving parishioners and friends.

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)





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.

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).

Catholic Appeal Update Oct. 17, 2026

The Diocese has expressed gratitude for the overwhelming response from its faithful community to this year's Catholic Appeal of South Carolina. Good Shepherd and Sacred Heart Church, Father Jacob's second parish in Abbeville, are among the leaders at this stage of the Appeal, ranking in the top half of the 116 parishes and missions in the diocese that have raised and collected more than 100 percent of their goals. Good Shepherd parishioners have made contributions totaling \$27,437, which is \$6,500 over our goal. There is still time to make your gift and the quickest way is online at www.charlestdiocese.org/catholic-appeal, using a credit card or bank draft. Thanks for your generosity.

Dave Lorenzatti, Parish Coordinator



The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* maintains clear boundaries regarding what angels are and how faithful believers should interact with them. With their whole beings the angels are *servants* and messengers of God. Because they “always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven” they are the “mighty ones who do his work, hearkening to the voice of his word”. As purely *spiritual* creatures’ angels have intelligence and will: they are personal and immortal creatures, surpassing in perfection all visible creatures, as the splendor of their glory bears witness.” –CCC 328-330

Nature and Purpose

- Pure Spirit: Angels do not have physical bodies, flesh, or blood. While they can manifest in human forms to deliver messages, they are entirely incorporeal.
- Office vs. Nature: St. Augustine famously noted that “*Angel is the name of their office, not of their nature. If you seek the name of their nature, it is spirit; if you seek the name of their office, it is angel*”. The word itself originates from the Greek *angelos*, meaning messenger.
- Intellect and Free Will: Angels possess an intellect vastly superior to humans. At their creation, they were given a singular choice to serve God or rebel. Those who rebelled became fallen angels, or demons.
- The "Unique Species" Theory: Prominent Church theologian St. Thomas Aquinas (known as the *Angelic Doctor*) theorized that because angels do not have physical matter to differentiate them, each individual angel is its own distinct species, uniquely created by God for a specific purpose.

Guardian Angels and Archangels

Catholic tradition affirms that every human being is assigned a Guardian Angel from the moment of conception (or birth) to act as a protector, shepherd, and guide toward salvation.

While there are billions of celestial beings traditionally organized into Nine Choirs (ranging from Seraphim to Guardian Angels), Scripture only names three specific Archangels: [St. Michael](#): The prince of the heavenly host and spiritual warrior. [St. Gabriel](#): The ultimate messenger, famous for the Annunciation to the Virgin Mary. [St. Raphael](#): The angel of healing and companion to Tobias in the Book of Tobit.

⚠ Catholic Boundaries on Angelic Devotion

The Church issues specific warnings regarding "New Age" or superstitious practices involving angels:

- Intercession, Not Worship: Catholics pray to angels for their *intercession* (asking them to pray to God on our behalf). Worship (*latria*) is strictly reserved for God alone.
- Do Not Name Your Angel: The Vatican's *Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy* explicitly prohibits naming guardian angels. Assigning a name implies authority over the entity, but authority over angels belongs to God alone. The Church recognizes no angelic names beyond [Michael](#), [Gabriel](#), and [Raphael](#).



Welcome New Parishioners Russell & Suzanne Walters and
JR & Genevieve Vartola .

MONTHLY UPDATE ON EXPANSION OF LIFE CENTER



Here are a few pictures of the work that was done since our last update.

We are deeply grateful to everyone whose generosity is helping make the Life Center expansion possible. To date, we have received **\$154,953** toward our goal of \$450,000 , with an additional \$211,509 pledged over the next two years. We are now just **\$83,548** away from fully funding this important project. Every gift—large or small—will help close the gap and create a welcoming space that will serve our parish community for years to come. Please prayerfully consider making a contribution and helping us bring this shared vision to completion.

If you have not yet had an opportunity to participate, Building Fund envelopes are available in each pew and in the Narthex for your convenience. For our newer parishioners, this campaign began in November 2025, with a suggested commitment of \$3,000 over three years. Some parishioners have exceeded that commitment, and we sincerely thank you for your extraordinary generosity.



Respect Life Committee would like to thank Ruth and Dick Obermyer for coordinating the McCormick Life Chain for the past 20 years! We appreciate them and many other parishioners from Good Shepherd Catholic Church who consistently support the McCormick Life Chain each year.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR DEDICATION.

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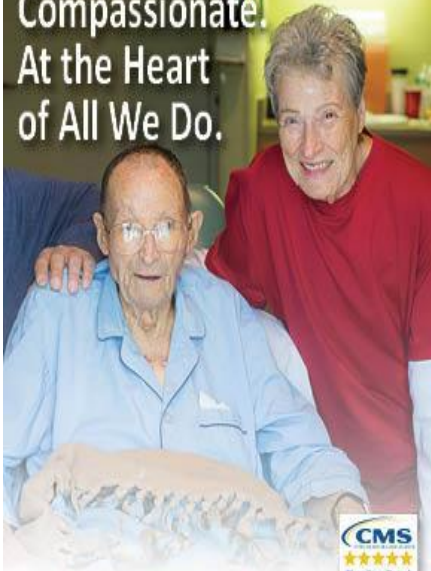
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