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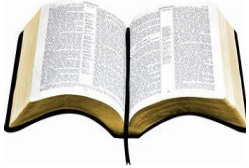
May 16 & 17, 2026

Seventh Sunday of Easter Ascension of the Lord

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 841



<u>First Reading:</u>	Acts 1: 1-11
<u>Responsorial:</u>	Psalm 47: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9
<u>Second Reading:</u>	Ephesians 1: 17-23
<u>Gospel:</u>	Matthew 28: 16-20

Livestream Mass on YouTube or Facebook 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, May 16th 4 pm + Skip Tortorello
requested by Jerry & Barb Wishall

Sunday, May 17th 11 am + Richard & Helen
Balogh requested by the Balogh Family

Wednesday, May 20th 9 am + Charlie
Wrobel requested by Schmidt Family and +
Norbert Deary requested by Gary & Dae Probst

Friday, May 22nd 9 am + Bud Webster and +
Dorothy Ficelli requested by the Schmidt Family

Saturday, May 23rd 4 pm + Daniel
Harrington requested by Kathy & Neil Porath

Sunday, May 24th 11 am + Judy Behr
+ Charles Wrobel requested by the Schmidt
Family and + Joyce and Laurie Chemelewski
requested by Ken Chemelewski

Jesus, having completed the work of his Father, speaks of returning to him and of being glorified. As we share in his glory, so too do we share in Christ's suffering. We have nothing to fear, however, since the Lord is our refuge. In his name do we gather attentive to the Spirit.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 21 GreenJackets Baseball game
May 24 Pentecost

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	Cassie Newkirk
Noah Neuman	Kaylin Neuman
Declan Pemberton	Aspen Quam
Timothy Shively	Daniel O'Donnell
Daniel & Brandi Stricker	Jonathon Taylor
Cody Tiller	Ashley Wulforst
Thomas Wulforst	Glory Mathews



Pray for our Sick & Home Bound

John Atwell, Ron Beech, Don Durham, Mary James.
Lana Kritenbrink, Gary Manuse, Dick Obermeyer,
Bobby Passafaro, and John Scardace.

....and those intentions written in our Community Book of Prayer. The recipient or family must clear all requests if possible.

Collection Report

Weekend of May 9 & 10, 2026

<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
\$5,822.00	\$6,031.00	-\$209.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR REGULAR CONTRIBUTIONS.

You can mail your contributions to Good Shepherd Church, P. O. Box 1468, McCormick, SC 29835

Second collection this weekend for Catholic Charities of South Carolina.

Grandmother Ministry

The following items are needed for this ministry: fruit cups, canned 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.

BISHOP'S APPEAL

Updated figures show that Good Shepherd's Catholic Appeal total has reached \$22,617, which is \$1,638, ahead of our goal. The diocese will return to us half of the amount we raise over our goal for parish expenses. That total will continue to grow as gifts are received between now and the end of the Appeal. There is still time to donate by mail, using the donor card and self-addressed envelope from the diocese, or drop the envelope in an offertory basket at Mass. You can also donate online at www.charlestdiocese.org/catholic-appeal using a credit card or draft from your bank account. Remember, your support of the Catholic Appeal helps the diocese provide for the needs of people across the state. Thanks for your generosity and "Let's Be Together."

Dave Lorenzatti, Coordinator
Good Shepherd Catholic Appeal

Rosary intentions



- May 16 & 17* *For those married in the church, that they uphold the sacred covenant they made before God and increase their love and respect for each other.*
- May 23 & 24* *For caregivers, that they may grow in strength, love, patience and compassion for those they serve.*
- May 30 & 31* *For individual intentions in the Rosary Box.*

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLE IN POLAND

During the Holy Mass celebrated at the parish church of St. Anthony in Sokolka, at 8:30 a.m., a consecrated host fell from the hands of one of the priests during the distribution of Communion, next to the altar. The priest interrupted the distribution of Communion and picked up the host, and, in accordance with liturgical norms, placed it in a small container of water—in this case, one found in some churches beside the tabernacle, where the priest may wash his fingers after distributing Communion. The host was expected to dissolve in the water, which would later be disposed of properly.

Sr. Julia Dubowska, of the Congregation of the Eucharistic Sisters, was the parish sacristan. At the end of the Mass, at the request of the pastor, Fr. Stanislaw Gniedziejko, she poured the water and the host into another container. Knowing that the consecrated host would take some time to dissolve, she placed the new container in the safe located in the parish sacristy. Only she and the pastor had the keys to the safe.

A week later, on October 19, Mission Sunday, when the pastor asked her about the condition of the host, Sister Julia went to the safe. When she opened the door, she noticed a delicate aroma of unleavened bread. **When she opened the container, she saw, in the middle of the host—which was still largely intact curved, bright red stain, like a blood stain: a living particle of a body. The water was untainted by the color.**

The sister immediately informed the priest, who brought in the other priests at the parish and the visiting missionary, Fr. Ryszard Gorowski. They were all amazed and left speechless by what they saw.

They kept a discreet and prudent silence about the event, considering its importance; this was a consecrated host which, by the power of the words of Christ at the Last Supper, was truly His Body. From a human point of view, it was difficult at that point to define if the altered form of the remainder of the host was the result of an organic growth, a chemical reaction, or some other cause. **They immediately notified the metropolitan archbishop of Bialystok, Edward Ozorowski, who went to Sokolka with the chancellor of the Curia and other diocesan officials.** They were all deeply moved by what they saw. The archbishop ordered that the host be protected while they waited to see what would happen.

On October 29, the container with the host was transferred to the Divine Mercy Chapel in the rectory and placed in the tabernacle. The next day, by decision of the archbishop, the stained host was taken out of the water and placed on a small corporal, which was then put back in the tabernacle. The host was kept this way for three years, until it was solemnly brought to the church on October 2, 2011. During the first year, it was kept secret. During that time, the Church authorities reflected on what to do, since they were dealing with a sign from God which needed to be interpreted.

By mid-January of 2009, the altered fragment of the host had dried out naturally and remained like a blood stain or clot; since then, its appearance has not changed.

That same month, the archbishop requested histopathological studies be done on the host. On March 30, he created an ecclesial commission to study the phenomenon.

Scientific studies

A piece of the altered host was taken and analyzed independently by two experts, Prof. Maria Sobaniec-Lotowska, MD, and Prof. Stanislaw Sulkowski, MD, in order to ensure the credibility of the results. Both are histopathologists at the Medical University of Bialystok. The studies were carried out at the university's Department of Pathomorphology.

The specialists' work was governed by the scientific norms and obligations for analyzing any scientific problem in accordance with the directives of the Scientific Ethics Committee of the Polish Academy of Sciences. The studies were exhaustively described and photographed. The complete documentation was given to the Metropolitan Curia of Bialystok.

When the samples were taken for analysis, the undissolved part of the consecrated host had become embedded in the cloth. However, the red blood clot was as clear as ever. This transformed part of the host was dry and fragile, inextricably interwoven with the rest of the fragment, which had kept the form of bread. The sample that was taken was large enough to carry out all the necessary studies.

The results of both independent studies were in perfect agreement. They concluded that the structure of the transformed fragment of the host is identical to the myocardial (heart) tissue of a living person who is nearing death. The structure of the heart muscle fibers is deeply intertwined with that of the bread, in a way impossible to achieve with human means, according to the declaration of Prof. Maria Sobaniec-Lotowska.

The studies proved that no foreign substance was added to the consecrated host; rather, part of the host took the form of heart muscle of a person near death. This kind of phenomenon is inexplicable by the natural sciences. At the same time, the Church teaches us that the consecrated host becomes the Body of Christ, by the power of His own words at the Last Supper, repeated by priests during the consecration of the Mass.

The results of the histopathological studies, dated January 21, 2009, were included in the dossier given to the Metropolitan Curia of Bialystok. In its official communiqué, the Metropolitan Curia of Bialystok stated:

"The Sokolka event is not opposed to the faith of the Church; rather, it confirms it. The Church professes that, after the words of consecration, by the power of the Holy Spirit, the bread is transformed into the Body of Christ, and the wine into His Blood. Additionally, this is an invitation for all ministers of the Eucharist to distribute the Body of the Lord with faith and care, and for the faithful to receive Him with adoration."





LOBSTAH FEST WAS A FEAST!



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Thank you to all who made the Lobster Fest such a wonderful and delicious event. Nothing could be finer than to be in Carolina (at Good Shepherd) eating fresh Maine lobster!





TICKETS FOR THE MEN'S CLUB ANNUAL OUTING TO THE AUGUSTA GREENJACKETS BASEBALL GAME ARE ON SALE MAY 16 & 17. GAME DATE IS MAY 21ST 7 PM TICKET PRICE IS \$42.00 EACH AND INCLUDES HOT DOGS, HAMBURGERS, CHIPS, SOFT DRINKS, AND COOKIES. "TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME"



Thank you to all the volunteers of the Backpack Ministry. Enjoy your summer off!

EXPANSION PLEDGE UPDATE
as of May 10, 2026

Please remember to return your pledge cards to the Church either by dropping them in the collection basket or mailing them to the office. We need everyone's help in funding this expansion of the Life Center as a parish family continues to grow. If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact Ken Woodburn, Greg Walker, Jeff Schmidt or Don Demmers. (their contact info is in the new directory!)

Pledges received	Target for expansion	\$ Total of Pledges	\$ Variance
Pledges received	475,000.00	270,470.00	-204,530 .00
# of pledges received 61 of 212		232,470.00	
Men's Club donation		23,000.00	
Women's Club donation		15,000.00	



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