



Good Shepherd Catholic Church

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Times

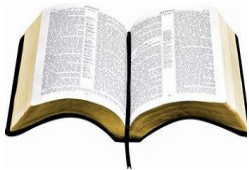
August 2 & 3, 2025

Mass Schedule:

Wednesday 9 am
Friday 9 am
Saturday 4 pm
Sunday 11 am

Confession 8:15 – 8:45 am
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Confession 3:00 – 3:45 pm

Glory & Praise Book Cycle C 906



First Reading:

Ecclesiastes 1: 2, 2:21-23

Responsorial:

Psalm 90: 3-6, 12-13, 14 & 17

Second Reading:

Colossians 3: 1-5, 9-11

Gospel:

Luke 12: 13-21

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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Parish Office Hours: Tues-Fri 9 am-Noon

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Aug. 2nd 4 pm + Yvonne Wishall requested by Jerry & Barb Wishall.

Lector: Dave Lorenzatti

EM of HC: Pat Stickdorn

Ushers: Karen Faaborg & Linda Bumber

Sunday, Aug. 3rd 11 am + Tom Morgan and Special Int. for Kyle Morgan requested by Joan Morgan.

Lector: Teresa Leszczynski

EM of HC: Mark Leszczynski

Ushers: Dave & Carol McKloskey

Wednesday, Aug. 6th 9 am Missa Pro Popula Transfiguration of the Lord

Friday, Aug 8th 9 am pm Missa Pro Popula

Saturday, Aug 9th 4 pm + Phil Stirtzinger requested by Stirtzinger Family and + Peter John Benedetto requested by Peter & Chris Benedetto

Lector: Bernadette Tarrant

EM of HC: Debby Dill

Ushers: Barb Zust & Carol Holben

Sunday, Aug. 10th 11 am + Steve Stempien requested by Marsha Stempien and + deceased members of Good Shepherd's Men's Club

Lector: Dave McKloskey

EM of HC: Carol McKloskey

Ushers: William & Gretchen Keneson

UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug 11	Joyful Journey 3 pm
Aug 19	Blood Drive
Aug 06	Transfiguration of the Lord
Aug 15	Assumption of the Blessed Mother
Aug 18	Men's Club Golf Outing Tara course
Aug 27	Women's Club Unbirthday Party



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
Paul Cross	Nate Dreslinski
Jake Ivey	Connor Joyce
Ian Leszczynski	Michael Mathews
Cassie Newkirk	Noah Neuman
Kaylin Neuman	Stockton Obermeyer
Savanna Obermeyer	Declan Pemberton
Aspen Quam	Timothy Shively
Daniel O'Donnell	Daniel & Brandi Stricker
Jonathon Taylor	Cody Tiller
Ashley Wulforst	Thomas Wulforst



Pray for our Sick & Home Bound

John Atwell, Dick Balogh, Michael Daly, Don Durham, Lana Kittenbrink, Bobby Passafaro, John & Diane Scardace, Lee Stickdorn, Mike Thompson, and Bud Webster

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

Collection Report

Weekend of July 26 & 27, 2025

<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
\$2,975.00	\$6,031.00	-\$3,056.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR REGULAR CONTRIBUTIONS.

You can mail your contributions to Good Shepherd Church, P. O. Box 1468, McCormick, SC 2983

Catholic Appeal of South Carolina Good Shepherd Parish Update, Aug. 3rd

Our parish's contributions to the Catholic Appeal of South Carolina are inching upwards, but if you've not made a donation yet, the time is not far off before the Diocese closes the books on 2025. The latest report shows Good Shepherd has recorded \$21,860 in cash donations and pledges, putting us over the parish goal for the third consecutive year. As has been stated, donations underwrite the many Diocesan programs and ministries that help people across all of South Carolina, plus half of the amount over our goal will be returned to us pay for parish projects and services. You can mail your donation in the envelope the Diocese sent to parish families or place the envelope in an offertory basket at Mass. Contributions are also accepted online at www.charlestandiocese.org/donate if you prefer to use a credit card or make your gift by draft from a bank account. Thanks for your generosity and "Let's Be Together."

"Dave Lorenzatti, Parish Coordinator



Second Collection August 10th for Disaster Relief. Please be generous.

If you would like to arrange to have your financial institution, send your weekly contribution directly to the church, please contact the office for assistance.

The vision of Qoheleth the preacher is a particularly bleak one. It still appeals greatly to people with a pessimistic turn to mind. "I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun, and see, all is vanity and a chasing of wind" (1: 14). Scholars say it represents an era of crisis in biblical history, a period of self-questioning; and that through it came a deepening of the spirit. If so, then we can hope that the same may be true of our own times.

No one can deny that there is truth in what Qoheleth says, especially when we look and see what is going on around us. We all give ourselves (and others) a lot of agony about words and thoughts, privileges and possessions and appearances... We are capable of ruining our health, our peace of mind and the peace of our homes for nothing. "Vanity of vanities," Jesus takes up this theme in the gospel reading expressing it typically as a story. But Qoheleth says the rich man is foolish because he "must leave all to someone who has not worked for it." In other words, he is foolish to have worked and cannot enjoy all the fruits of it himself. Jesus said the rich man is foolish because he does not "amass for God." Jesus said today's parable to those who store up treasures for themselves but not rich in what matters to God. The young man in today's gospel brings his request to Jesus since rabbis were expected to give judgment on the whole range of the law which included civil, criminal and religious questions. But Jesus said to him that I cannot be your judge, instead he communicates as the storyteller, inviting him to take Jesus' wisdom from the story, than his rights from the law. Instead of dividing the inheritance between the brothers, Jesus focuses on why the inheritance had divided the two brothers.

A rich farmer is blessed with an abundance of crops. His reaction is not to rejoice with others but to talk to himself until he has worked out a way to store all this abundance and keep it secure. His talk is directed to himself-his crops, his barns, his grains, his good. He thinks that he owns his soul and his own future. He does not care for anybody. He buried up in his grains.

Through this parable Jesus says that what counts in our life is not the wealth we acquired during life but the person we became in the process of living. Jesus is saying that our priority in life should be on becoming person, not on acquiring wealth.

What is our priority? Family or business. Wealth or good and personal relationship with others. Those who try to inherit and enjoy the things of this world and not care for others will never enjoy the life and gifts that God has placed within them.

Jesus spends his whole life sharing his talent for forgiveness, his insight, his love, his energy, his imagination, his prayers, his stories. This list is endless. All qualities create new life for others. Jesus keeps nothing to himself because he regards nothing as his: he says that everything he is and has comes from the Father. What he owns, he owes.

That way of living creatively is something Jesus hopes for in his own disciples. He doesn't want his followers buried up to their necks chattering away mindlessly while the real world goes by. As his disciples, the inheritance that Jesus has given us is not to divide brother from brother. The inheritance that we have received is one that we are pledged to give away. In Gospel terms, that makes us rich and smart.



Catholic in Recovery

This season, we celebrate the fire of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church—a powerful reminder that God continues to breathe new life into His people today. Catholic in Recovery is a grace-filled community offering real hope and lasting healing for those struggling with addictions, compulsions, or unhealthy attachments. Rooted in the sacraments, guided by the 12 Steps, and strengthened through fellowship, the Holy Spirit is moving powerfully in hearts open to transformation.

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD'S MERCY

Enjoy three General Recovery meetings in the CSRA or visit catholicinrecovery.com to join one of 70 weekly virtual meetings.



Our Lady of the Valley in Gloverville, SC on Thursdays at 6PM



St. Teresa of Avila in Grovetown, GA on Saturdays at 9:30AM



St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Edgefield, SC on Sundays at 6PM

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and you'll be very very happy that you went.**

**AUGUST 27TH
11:30 AT THE PLC**

**RSVP ASAP to Marilyn Zuch at ubu2@wctel.net or call and
leave a message at 864-378-7199. Either way to assure you have a
seat Marilyn will confirm with you. Please bring a dish to share
such as salads or finger foods for a light luncheon affair & let
Marilyn know your dish.**



The Good Shepherd Golf Tournament

The Good Shepherd Men's Club will hold their annual golf tournament at the Tara Golf Course on Monday, August 18, 2025, at 12:00 noon. The proceeds of the tournament go to support the children charities in McCormick County. The meal and distribution of money and prizes will be in the Tara River Grille after the tournament.

The format will be a modified scramble as in previous years. Sign-up sheets will be available after every Mass on **Saturday and Sunday**. . You can also sign up by filling out an Entry Form located in each club house.

The cost is \$80.00 per player for golf, meal and prizes. Teams can be comprised of men and women. So, get your foursomes together.

If you can't play in the tournament, think about sponsoring a hole sign. The sponsor's cost is \$50 if we have a sign and \$75 if a new sign needs to be made. Again, all the proceeds support the children in McCormick County.

Pat Ouellette – chairman (391-8361)

August 6th Feast Day of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Undoubtedly, the purpose of the transfiguration of Christ, into at least a part of His heavenly glory, was so that the "inner circle" of His disciples could gain a greater understanding of who Jesus was. Christ underwent a dramatic change in appearance in order that the disciples could behold Him in His glory. The disciples, who had only known Him in His human body, now had a greater realization of the deity of Christ, though they could not fully comprehend it. That gave them the reassurance they needed after hearing the shocking news of His coming death.

Symbolically, the appearance of Moses and Elijah represented the Law and the Prophets. But God's voice from heaven – "Listen to Him!" - clearly showed that the Law and the Prophets must give way to Jesus. The One who is the new and living way is replacing the old – He is the fulfillment of the Law and the countless prophecies in the Old Testament. Also, in His glorified form they saw a preview of His coming glorification and enthronement as King of kings and Lord of lords.





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