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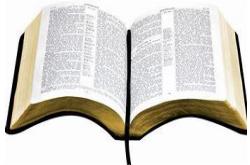
January 31 & February 1, 2026

FOURTH SUNDAY OF 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 862



First Reading:	Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13
Responsorial:	Psalm 146: 6-10
Second Reading:	First Corinthians 1: 26-31
Gospel:	Matthew 5: 1-12a

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, Jan. 31st 4 pm + Paula Wrobel
requested by the Schmidt family.

Sunday, Feb 1st 11 am + Tom Morgan
requested by Joan Morgan and + Grayson
La Hatte requested by the McManus family
And + deceased members of Men's Club.

Wednesday, Feb. 4th with Blessing of Throats
+ Helen Deary requested by Gary & Dae Probst.

Friday, Feb. 6th – 9 am + Paul Faaborg requested
by Tom & Debbie Popejoy.

Saturday, Feb. 7th 4 pm + Klaus Meissner
requested by Jerry & Barb Wishall and
+ deceased members of Women's Club and
+ Rod Wurst requested by Lois Wurst.

Sunday, Feb. 8th 11 am + Deceased members of
Gabree & Strange families requested by
Chris & Jane Strange
50th Wedding anniversary celebration for Bob &
Cathy Osterman.

Blessed are the humble of the earth. Blessed are the poor in spirit. Such are the ones God has chosen to confound the strong of this world.

UPCOMING EVENT

Feb. 01	Pancake Breakfast 9 – 12
Feb 04	Blessing of throats 9 am
Feb 06	First Friday
Feb 08	Catholic Appeal starts
Feb 09	Joyful Journey
Feb 11	Women's Club/Men's club meeting
Feb 18	Ash Wednesday No Bible Study
Feb 20	Fish Fry

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
Stockton Obermeyer	Savanna Obermeyer
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, Bill Cone, Don Durham, Lana Kritenbrink, Bobby Passafaro, John Scardace, Lee Stickdorn, John Stoddard, Bud Webster, Dave Williams and Linda Wutz.

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

Collection Report

Weekend of January 24 & 25, 2025

<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
\$2,814.00	\$6,031.00	-\$3,217.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR REGULAR CONTRIBUTIONS.
You can mail your contributions to Good Shepherd
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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.

If you have had to change your email address, kindly advise the church office so that you can continue to receive emails from Good Shepherd.

We have also had to change the email for Good Shepherd. The new email address is gsmccormick1964@yahoo.com Please make a note of this change in your email contacts.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle A 2026.

In today's three readings we hear of God's preference for the nobodies of this world. The prophet Zephaniah speaks of the humble and the lowly, those who find refuge and shelter in the Lord. Paul warns the Christians at Corinth not to become puffed up with their own wisdom because God has a habit of choosing what is weak and foolish by human standards. He uses "those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything." And Matthew gives us the great jewel of his Gospel – the beatitudes, which celebrate the little people whose lives illuminate the truth of the Gospel.

The beatitudes, at first sounds beautiful. On second thought it seems all wrong. And finally, it makes a lot of sense. The language that Jesus uses is eloquent, idealistic and inspiring. But if we listen carefully, we can see that it is opposed to several take-for-granted articles of commonly accepted, so-called wisdom. The way to be happy is to own as much as you can. Pain and suffering must be avoided at all costs from your life but don't worry about the pain of others. Always try to be in control of everything. Write off anyone who neglects you or doesn't appreciate you. Ignore anyone tries to insult you, don't get mad, get even.

Yes, it is true that for this world the beatitudes do not seem like blessings. The opposite of beatitudes is considered as blessings. Material benefits like wealth, power, position are considered blessings even though it is only for a short time and end with the grave; every joy from them finishes in body. It will not go beyond our body or grave. But the joy that comes from the beatitudes goes beyond body, it rests in much deeper level in one's life. Take the example of saints who accepted poverty in their life, suffering and received martyrdom, stood for the truth, faith and suffered – they all surprise us with their great inner joy. When people are controlled and moved by their emotions or needs of the flesh the beatitudes are meaningless. When we are guided by the inner spirit and soul the beatitudes are meaningful.

But taken another look at what Christ is saying and we realize, even from our own experience, how much sense He makes. Making money and owning stuff is nice but they don't guarantee contentment, conspicuous consumption can even eat us up. Pain and suffering are undesirable, but they are ultimately unavoidable; if we try too hard to avoid them, we may close ourselves off from all consolation.

Another fact that we need to consider is that these beatitudes are not merely ideas given by Jesus. They are the word of God empowered with the holy Spirit. Therefore, we could use it as great power in their life. We accept the beatitudes not as ideas given by Jesus but as power of God that can change our life and the life of the world. The best commentary on beatitudes is Jesus' own life. In His life, from nativity through public life and reaching at Calvary, especially, on the cross we see the full explanation of the beatitudes. From Bethlehem to Calvary, He was poor; we see poverty in its fullness on the cross where a naked man hanging on the cross in between heaven and earth. He is meek and peaceful and ready to show His mercy to the repentant thief offering forgiveness and paradise. He gave up power and prestige to follow powerlessness. Jesus has a habit of scandalizing the religious authorities with the readiness of His mercy and forgiveness. He is driven to make peace between God and humanity. In the end He is abused and persecuted in the cause of right and handed over to death. He ends up on another mount dying for what He believed in. But in all these Jesus is blessed: God raised Him on the third day.

From the mountain of beatitudes, Jesus calls us to look beyond the scandals to see the energy, the hope and the power of the kingdom are also at work in our world often in places and people we don't notice. These are the remnant of whom Zephaniah speaks in the first reading who are doing God's will and God's work every day. The beatitudes are not only important teaching, but it is the fullness of the life of Christ and life in Christ. They show the kingdom is not spiritual fantasy; but it is alive and growing around us and may be within us right now.

. To know the kingdom of God in our life we must be willing to leave behind the nets, the distorting entanglements of soul, heart and mind. They left their nets and followed the Lord. So, can we?



GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH BABYLESS BABY SHOWER FOR CROSSROADS PREGNANCY CENTER

A baby is God's message that life should go on. During the whole month of January, we will be collecting baby shower gifts for Crossroads Pregnancy Center. Please consider donating any of the following items/ baby wipes, disposal diapers (all brands and sizes up to size 5) baby lotion, powder, shampoo and conditioner, Aveeno baby wash and lotion, diaper rash cream, baby oil, breast pump, comb & brushes, thermometer, pacifiers (numbs) receiving blankets, onesies (all sizes) sleepers, hooded towels and wash cloths, crib and bassinet sheets. Mothers also need some pampering and would enjoy calming body wash, shampoo and conditioner and body lotion. There will be a deposit box in the Narthex for you to drop off your donations. If you would rather, there will be empty baby bottles also in the Narthex for your monetary donations. If you have any questions, contact Judy Bowyer at 205-267-7097. Thank you for your support

ROSARY INTENTIONS

January 31 & Feb 1

For those contemplating suicide, that they find God and choose life.

February 7 & 8

To end all sex trafficking of women and children.

February 14 & 15

For unity in our country.

February 21 & 22

Individual intentions placed in Rosary Box

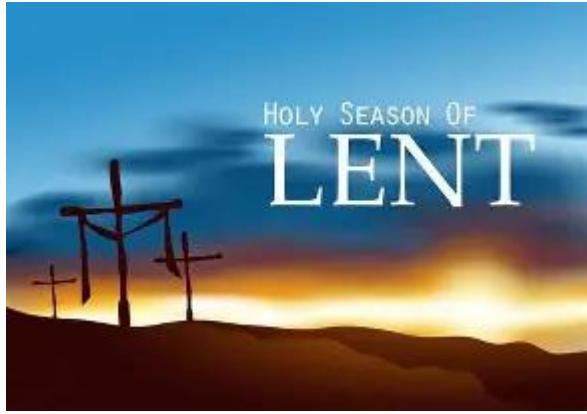


MEN'S CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST IS ON!

Men's Club Pancake Breakfast is Sunday, February 1st from 9 -noon in the Parish Life Center



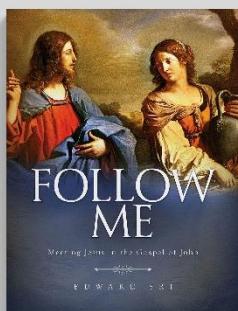
Good Shepherd Men's Club will be holding a Fish Fry on Friday, February 20th at 5:00 PM. Tickets for the menu of Deep-Fried Fish, French Fries, Cole Slaw, and Cookies will be available for the price of \$15 for adults and \$8 for children 12 and under are **available this weekend**.



WHAT SHOULD I DO DURING LENT?

1. *Give Something Up: Many Catholics "give up" something for the entire Lenten season. A classic example is giving up chocolate, but you don't have to stop there! You could give up negative thinking, speaking poorly about others, or procrastinating. You could also make a positive swap: like praying the Rosary instead of watching TV, or reading an amazing Catholic book instead of scrolling through social media.*
2. *Join a Spiritual Challenge: One of the simplest ways to transform your Lent is to join other Catholics for a spiritual challenge. You could create a small challenge with your friends, sign up for a Bible study group.*
3. *Deepen Your Prayer: Catholics often will say special Lenten prayers. One of the most popular spiritual practices during Lent is the Stations of the Cross. The Stations of the Cross is one of the most simple, yet powerful, ways to prayerfully walk alongside Jesus during his Passion...and encounter him like never before.*
4. *Attend a Fish Fry: One delicious Catholic tradition is hosting a fish fry. Since Catholics don't eat meat on Fridays during Lent, many parishes have a meal together on Fridays—often inviting the larger community to participate too. (Fish Fry is February 20th in Parish Life Center)*

Our God loves fresh starts. How is he inviting you to a fresh start this Lent?



Come and join the Wednesday Bible Study group as they begin a new session on Wednesday, February 4th at 9:30 am. The study will be Edward Sri's "Follow Me – Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John. No registration is necessary.

Following Christ takes more than simply believing in him or doing what he asks of us. Jesus wants you to be more than just a believer—he wants you to be his disciple and friend. Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John is your guide to a personal encounter with Christ. As the Good Shepherd, Jesus seeks us. He comes to meet us and beckons us to follow him. He calls us to be his disciples, to trust him, to open ourselves to his

merciful love, and to love others as he has loved us. Follow Me invites you to experience the joy of a renewed friendship with Christ. In this study you will learn what it takes to follow Christ and discover the joy of divine friendship. You will see how God, and only God, can satisfy the deepest desires of your heart.

Monday Bible Study session is on Mary, Mother of God. We are only starting the second lesson, so please join us at 6:30 pm on Monday evenings in the parish life center.



CANCELLED

Monday, February 2, 2026 1:00 PM.

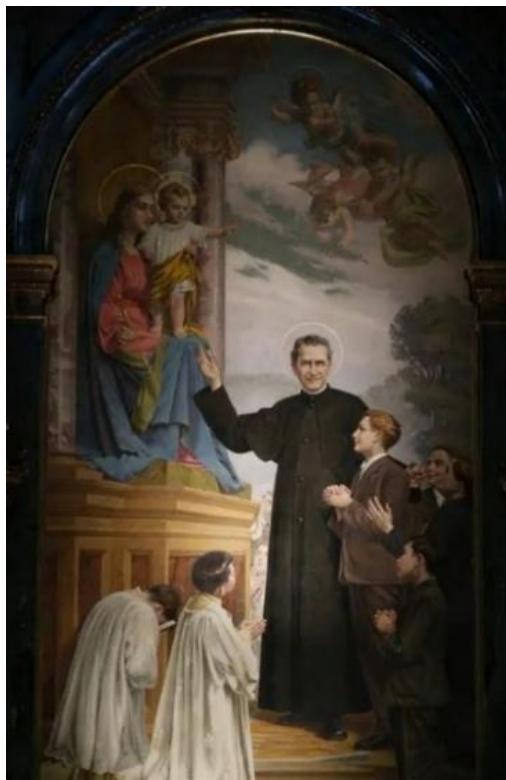
January 31 – Feast Day of St. John Bosco

St. John Bosco was born on a poor farm near Turin, Italy in 1815. At the age of nine, he expressed the desire to become a priest.

The day before he entered the seminary, his mother, laying her hands on his shoulders as he stood robed in his clerical dress said: "To see you dressed in this manner fills my heart with joy. But remember that it is not the dress that gives honor to the state, but the practice of virtue. If at any time you come to doubt your vocation, I beseech you, lay it aside at once. I would rather have a poor peasant for my son than a negligent priest. When you came into the world I consecrated you to Our Lady, when you began to study, I bade you honor her and have recourse to her in all your difficulties; now I beg you to take her for your Queen."

He founded the Salesian Society of St. Francis de Sales and the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians. His life's work was consecrated to the care of young boys and girls. He died in 1888 and was canonized by Pope Pius XI in 1934.

Prayer: God of mercy, You called St. John Bosco to be a father and teacher to the young. Grant that inspired by his ardent charity we may serve You alone and never tire of bringing others to Your kingdom.





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