



## Good Shepherd Catholic Church

### Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Times

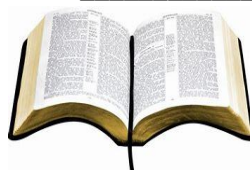
### September 6 & 7, 2025

#### 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 921



First Reading:

Wisdom 9:13-18b

Responsorial:

Psalms 90 3-6, 12-14, 17

Second Reading:

Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Gospel:

Luke 14: 25-33

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, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> 4 pm + James E. Smith requested by Ted & Linda Hansen**

Lector: Jackie Novak

EM of HC: Bernadette Tarrant

Ushers: Karen Faaborg & Linda Bumber

**Sunday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> 11 am + deceased members of Good Shepherd's Men's Club**

Lector: Rick Ring

EM of HC: Marie Ring

Ushers: Jeff & Kathy Schmidt

**Wednesday, Sept 10th NO MASS**

**Friday, Sept 12<sup>th</sup> NO MASS**

**Saturday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> 4 pm + Stella Dreslinski requested by Tom & Debbie Popejoy and + Paula & Norbert Wrobel requested by Jeff & Kathy Schmidt**

Lector: Jackie Novak

EM of HC: Ginny Vose

Ushers: Mark Boerner & Barb Zust

**Sunday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> 11 am Special Intention for Lorie Orban & Jim Morgan requested by Joan Morgan**

Lector: Steve LaPonte

EM of HC: Carol LaPonte

Ushers: Bill & Judy Bowyer

### UPCOMING EVENT

Sep 08 Bible Study 6:30 pm  
Sep 8 -12 Father out of town  
**Sep 10 NO MASS**  
**Sep 10 Bible Study at 9:30 am**  
Sep 10 Women's Club mtg. 12 noon  
Sep 10 Men's Club mtg. 5:30 pm  
**Sep 12 NO MASS**  
Sep 15 Joyful Journey Road Trip  
Sep. 24 Ministries Mtg. after 9 am Mass  
**No Bible Study Session**



### 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, Don Durham, Lana Kittenbrink, Bobby Passafaro, John & Diane Scardace, Lee Stickdorn, Mike Thompson, Bud Webster, Barb Wishall and Dave Williams.

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

### Collection Report

Weekend of August 30 & 31, 2025

<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
\$2,946.00	\$6,031.00	-\$3,085.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR REGULAR CONTRIBUTIONS.**

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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 crds 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 supprt. 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.

**SECOND COLLECTION SEPT 13 & 14 FOR THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA. Please be generous.**



## Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle C

In today's gospel Jesus reminds his followers about the discipleship. Those who follow him are his disciples. Jesus says that anyone who wants to follow him must be ready to turn his back on family, on possessions, and even his own life. Let us be honest; Even people who go to the church don't usually think of our religion as calling for these kinds of sacrifices. In special situations some people may be called for martyrdom and great sacrifices. Even then the discipleship, following Christ is something serious. It touches us at a deeper level. It affects our values, our priorities and our loyalties, our whole way of looking at the world, at our work, at our lives and the lives of those close to us. There is a simple practical realism in Jesus' advice in today's gospel. He doesn't want people rushing headlong into instant commitment while ignoring the cost and their own capabilities. Discipleship involves having no security other than total commitment to Jesus. Out of many, two important aspects of following Jesus are mentioned in today's gospel: First, total renunciation and second, taking up the cross. First, "Ready to give up your love for your father and mother". We need to look at this difficult verse. Many English translations still say, "hate your father and mother". This is even more challenging. Jesus criticized the Pharisees for setting aside the law of God, which said, "Honor your father and mother" for the sake of their customs (Matt. 7:10-13). He could hardly be telling us now to hate them or give up our love for them. The problem is a too literal translation from another language. In Jesus' time the use of the verb "hate" would have been equivalent to "postponing" or putting in second place. In this sense we are not asked to cultivate hatred toward our loved ones. What this verse is saying is that discipleship is to come before all other relationships. Jesus said all these to the crowd who was following him that they must figure out the cost of discipleship, then consider whether they have the resources to meet that cost. So, what do these extraordinary demands of Jesus mean for ordinary people like us in our ordinary lives? Jesus says when it comes to following him, every other value or loyalty is subordinate. He compares it to being ready to carry a cross.

Second taking up the cross: People could follow Jesus but without a cross, without a personal cost, without a sacrifice. The cross is the proving ground of our discipleship. It is where we show our fidelity, our loyalty to Christ. We all have cross. It is not a wooden cross. It can be the cross of a family problem, an illness, a troubling or troubled person at work. It can be a personality burden of our own that we have. It can be responsibilities we have or the cross of trying to be a family. Every cross is unique. Our cross is like our fingerprint. People may have the same illness, but the pain is experienced differently, uniquely, personally. Carrying cross is our way, our unique and very personal way of showing our fidelity to our Lord. There are other crosses we carry besides our personal crosses. These are crosses generated from the world in which we live. The past century has produced many crosses people had to endure. The world War1, the great depression, World War II, followed by Korean and Vietnam Wars and the threat of atheistic communism...9/11... constant threat from outside and for few years we are struggling with Covid-19.

There is another kind of cross we carry as faithful members of the Church. That is the cross of handing on the faith to the next generation. It is never easy. The culture around has never made it easy. We carry all these crosses. We can either stare at the cross, complain about it, curse it, ignore it, deny it or follow Jesus by carrying it as faithfully as we can. We carry them not on our shoulders but in our heart near to the seat of the Lord. We are aware of the presence of the Lord and the cross at the same time. When we pray, we see both. The Lord is the strength and power to carry the cross. Because of his power we smile, laugh, do our responsibilities as if nothing is going on. Carrying the cross and following him make us his disciples. This is what St. Paul says in his letter to the Second Corinthians 6/ 8-11; "We are treated as dying and behold we live; as chastised and yet not put to death; as sorrowful yet always rejoicing; as poor yet enriching many; as having nothing and yet possessing all things."

The cross we have can change us in a very personal way from a fan of Christ into a disciple.

Fr. Jacob Joseph



The Respect Life Committee of Good Shepherd Church invites all parishioners of Good Shepherd to participate in THE NATIONAL LIFE CHAIN OF MCCORMICK on Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 3:00pm. The National Life Chain is a public witness for ALL LIFE. McCormick is one of over 1,500 cities and towns participating across the United States and Canada. This will be our nineteenth year of participation in the National Life Chain.

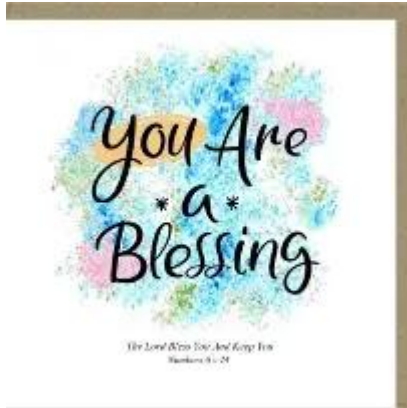
The goal of the LIFE CHAIN is to show respect for the sanctity of human life by standing for one hour in silent, peaceful witness and prayer. The McCormick LIFE CHAIN will line the sidewalks at the intersection of Hwy 378 and 28. Approved NATIONAL PRO-LIFE signs will be provided with prayer suggestions on the back. Water, lawn chairs and umbrellas are welcome. Please join the LIFE CHAIN on October 5th at 2:00pm.



***Do you knit, crochet or sew?*** Here's an opportunity to use your time and talents and to be part of the Prayer Shawl Ministry. This Ministry is being formed to create Prayer Shawls for members of our Parish Family who are in need of our love, comfort, support and prayers. We'll meet once a month to go over projects and ideas. Complete your projects in the comfort of your home or at monthly gatherings.

If interested please contact  
Cathy Osterman [osterman@wctel.net](mailto:osterman@wctel.net)  
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In recognition and appreciation of the volunteers in all the ministries of our parish, Father would like to bless and celebrate your efforts with a Mass on Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> followed by a presentation by Father Emanuel Adidomon on spiritual enlightenment of serving. After Mass we will gather in the Parish Life Center with coffee and pastries. please either email the office to confirm your attendance or sign the form in the Narthex. Further details will be made available as they are confirmed.

All parishioners are welcome to attend and learn about the ministries of this parish and determine where you can contribute your time and talents.



Please **mark your calendar for Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>** and join us for our parish picnic. This year we will gather outside in a large tent with music, free food, games and prizes. The committee is working very hard to make this a fun celebration of fellowship. Come dressed in your Lederhosen or your Polka skirt but come and meet some of the new parishioners that have joined our parish family.

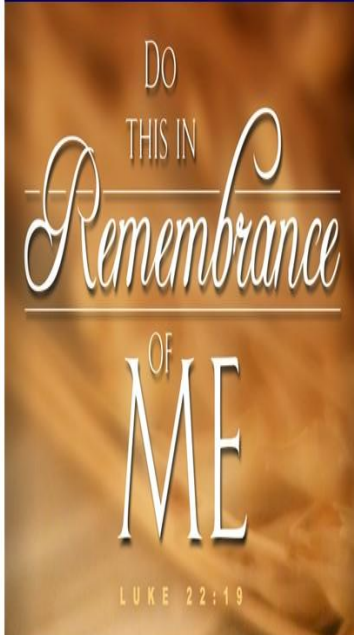
*Father Jacob will be out of town from Sept 8 – 12. There will **NOT** be Mass on Wednesday, Sept 10 or Friday, Sept 12.*

**September 8<sup>th</sup> is the celebration of the birth of Mary.** God chose Mary to be the Mother of Jesus. So open was she to God's action in her life that she was chosen to bring Christ to the waiting world. The Gospels are silent about her actual birth, but from the part she was to play in Christ's life, we know how special it was – even though the world did not know it at the time.

**September 13 is the feast day of St. John Chrysostom.** John was born around the year 347 in Antioch. His father died when he was a child, and so his mother guided his education. A gifted student, John studied under Libanius, a famous orator of his time. John considered himself too involved in the evils of the world. At eighteen, he experienced some type of religious conversion and began to study the Bible. Three years later, after the death of his mother, John went to join a group of monks living in the mountains. In 397 John was made the bishop-patriarch of Constantinople. A champion of charity and justice was not long before he stirred up the anger of empress Eudoxia and the jealousy of Theophilus ,patriarch of Alexandria. With such enemies mounting an attack against him, John was impeached and exiled. John was a powerful prophet of his day, he was not afraid to speak out against wrong, no matter who was involved..



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