



Good Shepherd Catholic Church

November 23 & 24, 2024

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Mass Schedule:

Wednesday 9 am

Friday 9 am

Saturday 4 pm

Sunday 11 am

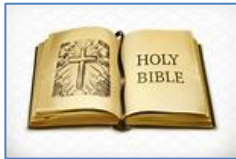
Confession 8:15 – 8:45 am

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Confession 3:00 – 3:45 pm

Livestream Mass on YouTube or Facebook at Good Shepherd Catholic Church McCormick

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE Glory & Praise Book # 953 Cycle B



First Reading:

Daniel 7: 13-14

Responsorial:

Psalm 93: 1, 1-2, 5

Second Reading:

Revelation 1: 5-8

Gospel:

John 18: 33b-37

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, Nov 23rd 4 pm + Brian Zust requested by Barb Zust

Lector: Jerry Wishall

EM of HC :Dave Lorenzatti

Ushers: Mark Boerner & Barb Zust

Sunday, Nov 24th 11 am + Lucy, Matthew Castle requested by Jolyne Castle

Lector: Mary James

EM of HC : Mark Leszczynski

Ushers: William & Gretchen Keneson

Wednesday, Nov. 27th 9 am + Charles Wrobel requested by Kathy Schmidt

Thursday THANKSGIVING, Nov. 28th 9 am Missa Pro Popula

Lector: Pat Stickdorn

EM of HC :Dick Obermeyer

Friday Nov 29 9 am + Collette McGiven requested by Joan Morgan

Saturday, Nov. 30th 4 pm + Frances DeRoller requested by Frank & Debbie DeRoller

Lector: Bernadette Tarrant

EM of HC : Ginny Vose

Ushers: Gary & Dae Probst

Sunday, Dec 1st 11 am + Tom Morgan requested by Joan Morgan

Lector :William Keneson

EM of HC : Gretchen Keneson

Ushers: Bill & Judy Bowyer

UPCOMING EVENT

Nov 24	Pancake Breakfast
Nov 28	Thanksgiving Day Mass 9 AM
Nov 30	Angel Tree tags available
Nov 30	Blessing of Advent Wreath
Dec 01	Blessing of Advent Wreath
Dec 06	First Friday Benediction & Adoration
Dec 06	Blood Drive



Pray for our Military Members

Sophie Augustine
Brianna & Stephen Balogh
Sarah Balogh
David Bobier
Eric Brandon
Ryan Chemelewski
Nate Dreslinski
Connor Joyce
Cassie Newkirk
Kaylin Neuman
Savanna Obermeyer
Aspen Quam
Daniel & Brandi Stricker
Cody Tiller
Thomas Wulforst

Sean Avery
Christopher R. Balogh
Aaron T. Bird
Chris Brandon
Drew Chadwick
Paul Cross
Jake Ivey
Ian Leszczynski
Noah Neuman
Stockton Obermeyer
Declan Pemberton
Daniel O'Donnell
Jonathon Taylor
Ashley Wulforst



Pray for our Sick & Home Bound

Matthew Dill, Lana Kittenbrink, Bobby Passafaro,
Paul Ruelle, John & Diane Scardace, Skip Tortorello
Bob Vose, Bud Webster, Linda Wyland.

....and those intentions written in our Community Book of Prayer. All requests must be cleared by the recipient or family if possible.

Collection Report

Weekend of November 16 & 17, 2024

<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
\$4,674.00	<u>\$5,319.00</u>	<u>-\$645.00</u>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR REGULAR CONTRIBUTIONS.
You can mail your contributions to Good Shepherd
Church, P. O. Box 1468, McCormick, SC 2983

GRANDMOTHER MINISTRY

The following items are needed for this ministry:
fruit cups, canned or microwave spaghetti, mac



& cheese, cereal, soup, regular grits, peanut butter and jelly or any other non-perishable items that kids will eat or drink.

Please also consider toilet paper, cleaning products, cash and gift cards from Food Lion or the Dollar stores. Please drop off your items in the Life Center marked "Billie".
Thank you for your generosity

FOOD PANTRY



Items for this month are canned vegetables and canned fruit. Please drop off items in the Life Center marked Food Pantry"

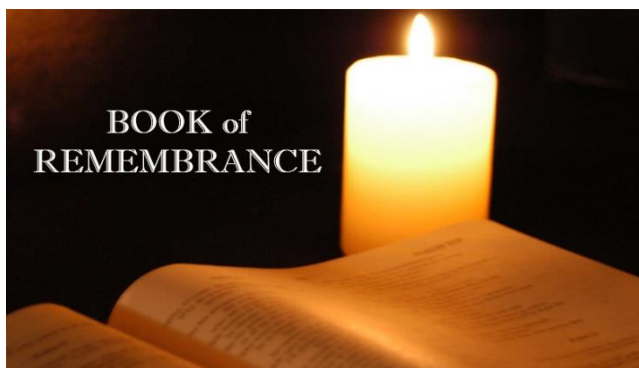


Hearing assistance devices are available for use during Mass.
The devices are on the ledge by the choir area in a basket.

Please return after using



SECOND COLLECTION TODAY FOR GUATEMALAN MISSION.



In the Catholic Church, November is traditionally a time to remember, and pray for, the dead. During the month of November, we will have a Book of Remembrance, located at the back of the church. Parishioners and visitors are invited to write the names of *departed loved ones they would like to be remembered during this month*. The Book of

Remembrance will be carried to the altar with the offertory gifts at all weekend masses. The book will be available through the month of November.



Our Good Shepherd Parish will once again be sponsoring families from McCormick County under the direction of the State of SC Department of Health and Human Services through our **Angel Tree Ministry**. There are 27 families this year; please consider adding one of the 24 children or 17 elderly individuals to your Christmas list and/or make a cash contribution that will be used to provide food gift cards for the families' Christmas dinners.

Angel Tree tags will be available in the Narthex next weekend, November 30th and December 1st as well as a collection basket for monetary donations after each mass during the Advent season. (If writing a check, please make it payable to Good Shepherd Women's Club.) May we transition into this Advent season with *Hope, Love and Peace* in our hearts!

Questions may be directed to **Mary Jane Woodburn** at [407-399-7569](tel:407-399-7569).

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS RON AND CINDY STEINKE.





GOOD SHEPHERD BENEVOLENT BAKE SALE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6TH NOON 7 pm
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH NOON 7 pm

BAKERS AND WORKERS ARE NEEDED!

Funds raised will benefit the following charitable organizations:

McCormick Brownie Troop #6318
Lutheran Church Prime Time Ministry
Meg's House
Hospice Care of the Piedmont

Backpack Ministry
McCormick County First Steps
Crossroads Pregnancy Center
Good Shepherd Angel Tree

Baked goods **MUST** be packaged by the baker ready for sale and **clearly labeled** with the contents. See-through boxes, plastic containers or bags, and plastic wrap that is secure are acceptable packaging. Please use only containers that have a window for the customer to see the product. Please no refrigerated items either. We suggest that cookies and/or brownies be packaged by the dozen, ½ dozen or individually.

BAKED GOODS CAN DELIVERED TO THE PARISH LIFE CENTER FOR PRICING ON THURSDAY,
DECEMBER 5TH FROM 9:00 AM – 4 PM

Volunteers are also needed to sell our baked goods during the festival on
Friday, December 6th and Saturday, December 7th in two-hour shifts.

Contact Debby Dill at debby.dill@yahoo.com or 612-387-9804

In lieu of baking you can make a monetary donation.



The Rosary is said prior to Mass on Saturday at 3:30 pm and Sunday at 10:30 am. Please join us as we pray to Mary for our parish, community and nation. There are many benefits of saying the Rosary. One of them is receiving Signal Graces. Signal graces help sanctify us in our state in life.



MASS WILL BE HELD ON THANKSGIVING DAY AT 9 AM AT GOOD SHEPHERD AND AT 6 PM AT SACRED HEART



ADVENT BEGINS DECEMBER 1ST. DAILY REFLECTION BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX FOR YOUR PERSONAL USE. PLEASE PICK ONE UP.

The St. Andrew Christmas Novena

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires, through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His Blessed Mother.
Amen.

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If the St. Andrew novena was prayed as a regular nine-day novena, it would end on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8th. However, this novena prayer is prayed much longer than nine days—it is prayed throughout all four weeks of Advent. **It is piously believed that whoever recites the St. Andrew Christmas Novena Prayer FIFTEEN times each day from the feast of St. Andrew (November 30th) until Christmas Eve will obtain the favor requested.**



Good Shepherd Men's Club will be holding a Fall Fish Fry on Friday, December 13th 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.

FEAST OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING OF THE UNIVERSE

With this feast of Christ the King, we come to the end of another church year. The picture of Christ as King we are given is a powerful and majestic one. We honor the Lord Jesus today as a King whose Kingdom is eternal in time, universal in scope, and very personal in its power. That is the teaching of our readings. In the synoptic gospels, the central message of Jesus' teaching is the kingdom of God but in John's gospel the focus is on the Kingship of Jesus Christ. In today's gospel several times we hear the references to His Kingship and about his Kingdom. In answer to Pilate's question, Jesus said to him, "My kingdom is not from this world". We can easily fall into the temptation of interpreting this statement as a reference to a kingdom on an exclusively religious and spiritual level, with little or no incidence in the temporal realm, in concrete history. Such an interpretation does not correspond to the gospel as a whole.

In his argument with the Pharisees Jesus said, as we read in John's gospel chapter 8 that "I am not of this world". This was the task of Jesus that to build a kingdom in this world and not of the world. He established a kingdom here on earth; it is a kingdom of love, peace, justice, truth, life, holiness and grace. Jesus received his authority or kingship in a unique way; it was not the way of the world. When he was tested before his ministry the devil took him up to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me". Before his ascension he said to his disciples, "All power in heaven and earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations" Jesus received his authority through his submission of his will to his heavenly Father. Jesus is the only King who shared his kingship with the citizens of his kingdom. In our baptism, as Christ is anointed as priest, prophet and king we are also anointed by the oil. The four unique characters of Christ's kingdom are then not from the world, not of the world, the authority came from God, and Kingship is shared.

The Lord's kingdom is not only enduring but also universal. It is wide enough, strong enough to embrace, heal and bring forgiveness to every human being however they may come to it. The kingdom of Jesus Christ is not only eternal but also universal. His kingdom is also personal. The kingdom of Jesus is not about castles, knights in armor, and grand military battles. It is about the liberation of our soul from sin and about setting us free to be the person God intends us to be. Jesus gives us the truth about our life, about ourselves, about our future. And His truth will always set us free.

The kingdom of Christ does not enslave us, but it sets us free. "My kingdom does not belong to this world," says Jesus to Pilate. Its power is not from this world, but from the grace and life of the Risen Christ. We are part of the kingdom of Christ. Jesus established his kingdom already here on earth. Using the grace and the power of the Risen Christ we need to live a life in the kingdom of God. We entered it through Baptism; were made stronger through Confirmation, sacrament of penance and communion, serve through Marriage and Holy Orders and healed through the Anointing of the Sick. When we have a life of love, forgiveness, joy and happiness we are enjoying the life of the kingdom of God.

The Lord wants us to make a kingdom of his; make our family a kingdom of his where people love each other, understand each other, help, forgive, tolerate, accept and recognize each other; a parish or a family of love, peace, justice, truth, life, holiness and grace. We live in the atmosphere of the kingdom of God, Christ is in our lives too. But many won't allow Christ to be part of their day-to-day actions. Many times, he is a stranger.

Earthly kingdoms will come and go. There were many kingdoms like Assyrian, Persian, Roman, British, Ottoman and it goes on. None of them exist now. None of these kingdoms or empires fell on a single day or a moment, it is a process. When people in the kingdom lose their faith in the kingdom it begins to fall. Only the kingdom of Christ is enduring and eternal. That is the teaching of the vision of Daniel. The celebration of this feast should help us to make our parish and families a kingdom of Christ where people love each other, forgive each other support and accept each other so that it may become a parish or a family of peace, love justice, truth, life holiness and grace.

Father Jacob Joseph



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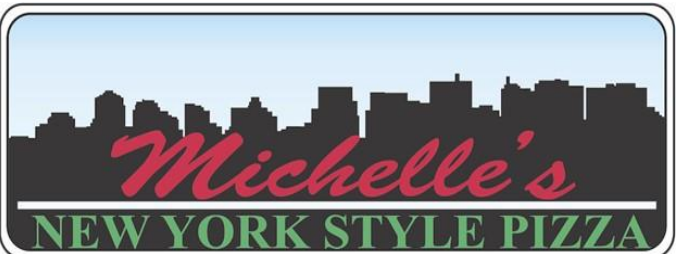
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