



Good Shepherd Catholic Church

November 25 & 26, 2023

Mass Schedule: Wednesday 9 AM Confession 8:15-8:45 AM
Friday 9 AM 8:15-8:45 AM
Saturday 4 PM 3:00-3:45 PM
Sunday 11 AM

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



34th Sunday in Ordinary Time Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

Responsorial: Psalm 23: 1-2, 2-3, 5-6

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Gospel: Mark 11:9, 10

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

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE FOR

THE MOST HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Saturday, November 25th 4 pm - + Patricia Ambrose
requested by Gloria Jankowiak

Lector: Jackie Novak

EM of HC: Dave Lorenzatti

Ushers/Greeters: Linda Bumber & Karen Faaborg

Sunday, November 26th 11 am - + Matthew Castle
requested by Jolyne Castle

Lector: William Keneson

EM of HC: Gretchen Keneson

Ushers/Greeters: Ken & Mary Jane Woodburn

Wednesday, November 29th 9 am - + Toni Dian requested
by Joan Morgan

Friday, December 1st 9 am - + Tom Morgan and special
intention for Sharon Galloway requested by Joan Morgan

Saturday, December 2nd 4 pm - + Phil Stirtzinger
requested by Stirtzinger family

Lector: Dave Lorenzatti

EM of HC: Ginny Vose

Ushers/Greeters: Gary & Dae Probst

Sunday, December 3rd 11 am - + Pat O'Haire requested
by Jerry & Barb Wishall

Lector: Mary James

EM of HC: Pat Tortorello

Ushers/Greeters: Dave & Carol McKloskey

UPCOMING EVENT

Nov 30	Drop off bake goods Parish Life Ctr.
Dec 01	First Friday – Benediction & Adoration
Dec 7 & 8	Feast Day of Immaculate Conception
Dec 11	Joyful Journey Group 3 pm
Dec 13	Women's Club Christmas Luncheon

Diocesan Update

The Diocese will soon close the books on the Bicentennial Campaign and the Catholic Appeal of S.C., with contributions and pledge payments due by Dec. 31. The Good Shepherd parish family has generously supported both projects.

Bicentennial Campaign gifts exceeded our goal of \$220,000 by \$48,000, and 50% of what we have collected so far paid for more than \$107,000 in improvements to the Church, the Rectory, Life Center and more. Outstanding pledges total \$25,000, and half of that amount, when collected, will come back to us for other Parish enhancements.

Your gifts to the Catholic Appeal total **\$21,695**, exceeding our goal by **\$6,282**, half of which will be returned to the parish. Pledges of **\$1,228** are still outstanding.

Checks for pledge payments may be mailed to the Diocese of Charleston, Office of Stewardship and Mission Advancement, PO Box 31257, Charleston, S.C. 29147. Please include a note stating that you are a Good Shepherd parishioner and that your check is either a Bicentennial Campaign or Catholic Appeal pledge payment or a donation to the Catholic Appeal. God's blessings for your ongoing generosity.

Dave Lorenzatti, Coordinator
Bicentennial Campaign and Catholic Appeal of S.C.

Pray for our Military Members

Sean Avery	Brianna & Stephen Balogh
Christopher R. Balogh	Sarah Balogh
Aaron T. Bird	David Bobier
Chris Brandon	Drew Chadwick
Ryan Chemelewski	Paul Cross
Nate Dreslinski	Jake Ivey
Connor Joyce	Ian Leszczynski
Cassie Newkirk	Noah Newman
Stockton Obermeyer	Savanna Obermeyer
Aspen Quam	Daniel O'Donnell
Daniel Stricker	Brandi Stricker
Jonathon Taylor	Cody Tiller
Ashley Wulforst	Thomas Wulforst



Pray for our Sick & Home Bound

Helen Balogh, Karen Boerner, Eddie Bryan, Joyce Chemelewski, Judy Chemelewski, Janice Crapse, Steve Delaney, Thomas Patrick Donohue, Ed Ford, Jim Furlong, Kate Gedeon, Ericka Hanners, Louise Hall, Veronica Kelly, Lana Kittenbrink, Kristen Meister, Mike Morrett, Maureen (Barr) Murphy, Moe Paquette, Wyatt Roe, Sara Roth, John & Diane Scardace, Eddie Sheppard, Jeanette Smith, Karen Spitler, Roseanne Toney, Dan Truite, Gary Vaughn, Shanna Wight, Rod Wurst

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

\$ Financial Report

Weekend of Nov. 18 & 19, 2023

<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
\$ 3236.00	\$4,337.00	- \$1,101.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR REGULAR CONTRIBUTIONS.
You can mail your contributions to Good Shepherd Church, P. O. Box 1468, McCormick, SC 29835



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

"The Institution of the Eucharist is found in the four Gospels and other books of the Bible: Matthew 26, Mark 14, Luke 22, John 6 and 1 Corinthians 11

It is not man that causes the things offered to become the Body and Blood of Christ, but he who was crucified for us, Christ himself. The priest, in the role of Christ, pronounces these words, but their power and grace are God's. This is my body, He says. This word transforms the things offered. St. John Chrysostom



Good Shepherd Parish will again sponsor 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 26 families this year.** Please consider adding one of the **23 children or 15 elderly individuals** to your Christmas list. You can also make a cash contribution that will be used to provide food gift cards for the family's Christmas dinner.

Angel Tree tags will be available in the Narthex the weekend of **November 25 & 26** as well as a collection basket for monetary donations after each mass during the Advent season. **(Make checks payable to Good Shepherd Women's Club.)** Questions or concerns can be directed to **Mary Jane Woodburn at 407-399-7569.**

May we transition into the Advent season with Hope, Love and Peace in our hearts.



GOOD SHEPHERD WOMEN'S CLUB

Invites **ALL** Women of the Parish to a

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

In the Parish Life Center

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

Gathering Time: **11:30 AM**

Lunch Served: **12 Noon**

Cost: **\$ 20 per person**

Tickets available after all Masses starting **November 11th**

Reservations deadline: **December 5th**

Make checks payable to:

Good Shepherd Women's Club

Any questions, call

Judeth Bowyer (205) 267-7097



GOOD SHEPHERD BENEVOLENT BAKE SALE

Friday, December 1st, 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Saturday, December 2nd, 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM

At the Dorn Mill Festival of Trees

OUR BIGGEST FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR!!

BAKERS AND WORKERS, WE NEED YOU!!

FUNDS RAISED WILL BENEFIT THE FOLLOWING CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS

McCormick Brownie Troop #6318

Backpack Ministry

Paul Dennis Youth Center

McCormick County First Steps

Meg's House

Crossroads Pregnancy Center

Hospice Care of the Piedmont

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 tightly secured are all acceptable.

Please **DO NOT** use tins or any container that doesn't have a window for the customer to see the product.

NO items requiring refrigeration. It is suggested that cookies be packaged by the dozen or individually.

Baked Goods should be taken to the Parish Life Center

on Thursday, November 30th between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM

In lieu of baking, monetary contributions are always welcome!

For questions call Pat Snow at 757-477-4431





November 26, 2023

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17 | 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28 | Mt 25:31-46

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

The paradoxical ways we have come to understand Jesus can give us spiritual whiplash. He is both a tender and caring shepherd of sheep and one who sends strong rams and goats to the eternal fire; the executed human and divine man who came into full resurrected glory. He is God incarnate into human history and born in a manger; the servant-leader; the one who is both God and man. This is the beauty of what we call the Paschal Mystery – that the Son of God came into the world and by his life, death, and resurrection he has reconciled us to the Father, and has redeemed us. He saves us from the death of sin. As Catholics we are comfortable with paradox: We are inhabitants of a kingdom of God that is already (here) but not yet (fully realized); we are both an Easter people and we live in a world of Good Fridays. So when Jesus says in today's Gospel that whatever we do to the least of people, we do to Christ himself and we will reap our actions in the fullness of that kingdom, we understand that he is a king unlike any other king. He cares not for pomp and circumstance, but wants to ensure that all – even the least among us – are given his gifts to share. The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe celebrates that we have a king who cares more for us than anyone on earth could ever care for us, and we are blessed to be able to love and serve him in return.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In the midst of our busy lives, it is no secret that our thoughts can easily be preoccupied with things other than prayer or our relationship with God. Perhaps we struggle with maintaining a daily prayer practice. So when we pause to take stock of our lives – where our attention is focused during the day-to-day – it's easy to see that God is sometimes "off to the side." Perhaps we take everything we have been given for granted, or maybe we are just not sure how to make him the most important aspect of our lives. Just like cultivating a friendship takes active effort, so does our relationship with God. Just as watering a plant near its center allows the water to spread throughout the surrounding area, to its roots and the soil – thus making it fruitful and full – putting Jesus Christ, our king, at the center of our lives means that his goodness flows into everything else we say and do. Our lives and our hearts will grow in goodness and bear rich fruit.

INVITATION Challenge yourself this week to subvert expectations and keep God first. Show Christ is Lord over your life by prioritizing your faith and building up your priorities around him. Make a daily appointment in your calendar for prayer and look for opportunities to put Christ at the center, or heart, of your daily life.

CHRIST THE KING A 2023

On the last Sunday of the Liturgical year, the Church celebrates the feast of Christ the King. It was Pius XI who introduced this feast in the Liturgy in 1925.

Both in the Old and New Testaments, several times Christ the Messiah, is presented as a King. In the book of the prophet Micah it is said, *"But you, O Bethlehem Ephrata, who are little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days"* (5:1). Daniel (7: 13-14), presents Christ as *"one coming like a human being ... to him was given dominion and glory and kingship that all peoples, nations and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed."*

In the Annunciation, the angel Gabriel said to Mary: *"The Lord God will make him a king, as his ancestor David was, and he will be the king of the descendants of Jacob forever and his kingdom will never end."* The magi from the Far East asked the question: *"Where is the baby born to be the king of the Jews?"* On Palm Sunday, the Jews shouted, *"God bless the king, who comes in the name of the Lord."* There was a board hung over Jesus' head on the cross read: *"Jesus the Nazarene, King of the Jews."* Today's gospel on the Last Judgment presents Christ the King coming in his heavenly glory to judge us.

This Sunday is dominated by the familiar parable of the sheep and the goats, the very last parable that Jesus told in Matthew's Gospel. It describes a moment when all nations will be gathered together and everyone will be divided into two groups, when Jesus appears as the king and judge of the universe.

Then all the human race gathers for the great judgement, that is, cave men and women, early American Indians, Eskimos, ancient peoples of Africa, Asia, aborigines of Australia, People in New York city, Paris, London, Mexico city, rock stars, lawyers, manual laborers, teachers, computer programmers everyone will appear before God. The Buddhists, the Hindus, the Jewish people and the Muslims, humanists as well as the atheists will have to appear before Jesus of Nazareth. Everyone who ever lived, in the end stands before Jesus Christ. His is the last face all will see before they enter their eternity.

What is the measure by which we will be tested? It is about our love and compassion. Have we cared for the least among us through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy? We will be judged not only for what we did, but as importantly for what we failed to do. In short God's kingdom is based on love and justice.

Many people tried to establish a kingdom based on different principles but they failed. Emperor Napoleon said, King Alexander tried to conquer the world and establish a kingdom; he failed and his kingdom is no more. Roman emperors tried to conquer the world and established a kingdom; they failed and the kingdom is no more. I also tried for the same and failed in my attempt. We all tried with power and sword. But Jesus Christ established a Kingdom founded on truth, justice and love. His Kingdom still present here on earth. Their sin was not only the atrocities and the execution of millions but the fact that they wished to enthrone themselves within the human hearts in the place which belongs to Christ alone. He alone deserves to receive a throne within our hearts. Powerful though he is, he does not win our hearts by force of conquest. Rather he invites us to be the people of his eternal and universal kingdom.

His is a Kingdom, not of deceit and destruction, but of truth and life. It is a Kingdom, not of evil and conceit, but of holiness and grace. It is a Kingdom, not of exploitation, hatred and violence, but of justice, love and peace. We are proud of being called to be the members of his Kingdom where we share his kingship, prophetic life and priestly service. With pride we proclaim to the world, Christ is our King and he is the only one who said to the world that do not be afraid I conquered the world.

History repeats. Even now some people think that they can conquer the world with money or power. People can buy something by their money or do something if they have power. Nobody can buy another person's heart with money or power. If we want to bring Christ's Kingdom to our parish or to our families the place where we work or to our community, take his golden law to that place. "Love one another as I loved you". Let us pray that Christ our King may rule our parish and our families with his love, forgiveness, justice, compassion and care.

Save the Date: January 12th & 13th, 2024 Church Mission

Stepping into a Larger World

All are invited to enhance their walk with Jesus and deepen their spiritual lives at our upcoming parish mission.

Stepping Into a Larger World: All are invited to enhance their walk with Jesus and deepen their spiritual lives at our upcoming parish mission. Deacon Bob Pierce, a permanent deacon at St. Mary Help of Christians in Aiken for over 21 years, will join us for a parish mission on Friday, January 12th, 6:00-8:30 pm, snacks provided, in the Parish Life Center and Saturday, January 13th, 9:00-11:30 am, coffee & pastries provided, in the Parish Life Center.

“Deacon Bob Pierce offers a very simple blueprint for deepening one’s relationship with the Lord.” – Bishop Emeritus Robert Guglielmone

“Fostering a ‘contemplative spirit’ should be the goal of all pastors for their parishioners. Deacon Bob Pierce, a chemical engineer, husband, and father of four, provides a solid pathway on how to achieve that goal.” – Bishop Emeritus Robert Baker

THE GOOD SHEPHERD CHRISTMAS SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 10TH HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

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