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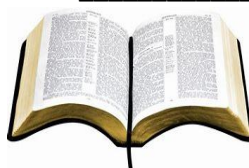
September 26 & 27, 2026

26th Sunday in 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 Number 928



<u>First Reading:</u>	Ezekiel 18: 25-28
<u>Responsorial:</u>	Psalm: 25: 4-9
<u>Second Reading:</u>	Philippians 2: 1-11
<u>Gospel:</u>	Matthew 21: 28-32

Livestream Mass on YouTube 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, Sept. 26th 4 pm + James Smith requested by Ted & Linda Hansen + Greg Holben requested by Carol Holben

Sunday, Sept 27th 11 am + Dolores & Adolf Schmidt requested by the Schmidt Family

Wednesday, Sept 30th 9 am + Charles Wrobel requested by the Schmidt Family

Friday Oct 2nd 9 am + Dorothy Ficocelli requested by the Schmidt Family

Saturday, Oct. 3rd 4 pm + Tom Morgan and special intention for Kyle Morgan requested by Joan Morgan

Sunday, Oct. 4th 11 am + Deceased members of GS Men's Club

Jesus was obedient to the Father, even to death on the cross. We need never fear if we turn away from the path of virtue, for the Lord is ever ready to forgive us, if we repent.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 01 Life Center Construction begins
Oct 12 Joyful Journey
Oct. 14 Women's Club @ River Grille
Oct. 28 Parish Dinner

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	Glory Mathews
Cassie Newkirk	Noah Neuman
Kaylin Neuman	Declan Pemberton
Aspen Quam	Timothy Shively
Lars Swanson	
Daniel & Brandi Stricker	Jonathon Taylor
Cody Tiller	Ashley Wulforst
	Thomas Wulforst



Pray for our Sick & Home Bound

Debby Arlt, John Atwell, Erlinda Baloy, Ron Beech, Don Durham, Mary James, Jenny Kiely, Lana Kritenbrink, Ann Martin, Linda Murphy, Dick & Ruth Obermeyer, Anita & Bobby Passafaro, Steve Portaro, John Scardace and Christine Whatley

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

Collection Report

Weekend of September 19 & 20, 2026

<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
2,597.00	\$5,358.00	-\$2,761.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR REGULAR CONTRIBUTIONS.

You can mail your contributions to Good Shepherd Church, P. O. Box 1468, McCormick, SC 29835

Next weeks readings:

First Reading: Isaiah 5: 1-7
Second Reading: Philippians 4: 6-9
Gospel: Matthew: 21: 22-43

Grandmother Ministry Needs HELP

The Grandmother Ministry is in need of fruit cups, canned meats 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.

ACH/EFT electronic funds transfer

If you are interested in having the Church draw your offertory or building fund pledge from your checking account, please provide the office with your bank routing number and account number with the amount of your contribution. Deductions are made on the first of the month. Contact the office for more information



Rosary intentions

Sep 26 & 27	<i>For individual intentions placed in the Rosary Box.</i>
Oct. 03 & 04	<i>For our children and grandchildren to follow Jesus and attend Mass.</i>
Oct. 10 & 11	<i>For those contemplating abortion that they choose life</i>
Oct. 17 & 18	<i>For women and children that are victims of domestic violence.</i>



The Respect Life Committee of Good Shepherd Church invites all parishioners to participate in the National Life Chain in Mc Cormick on Sunday, October 4th from 2:00 to 3:00 pm. The National Life Chain is a public witness for ALL life. Mc Cormick is one of over 1,500 cities and towns participating across the United States and Canada. This will be our 20th year of participation. 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 prayers. The Mc Cormick 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. Bring water, lawn chairs and umbrellas for personal use. Please join us.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Formerly known as RCIA program. OCIA will begin on Thursday October 8th from 7 – 8:15 pm and run till March 18, 2027, with time off Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years.

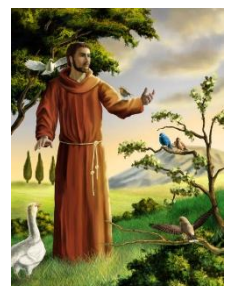
All are welcome to attend these classes – not just those who are considering joining the Catholic Faith. Sessions are informal with ample time for questions and discussion. We will tackle the difficult issues: “real Presence”, Holy Trinity, marriage, annulments, confession and more.

On October 15th the class will tour the church building and hear what all the “stuff” is and why we, and the celebrant, do what we do during Mass. Everyone is invited to join the tour on Thursday, October 15th at 7:00 pm. If you are interested in participating or have questions about OCIA program, please contact Dick Obermeyer at 864-391-3321 or email r.obermeyer@icloud.com

Saint Francis Prayer

Saint Francis, our brother, you who eight hundred years ago went to meet Sister Death as a man at peace, intercede for us before the Lord. You recognized true peace in the Crucifix of San Damiano, teach us to seek in Him the source of all reconciliation that breaks down every wall. You who, unarmed, crossed the lines of war and misunderstanding, give us the courage to build bridges where the world raises up boundaries. In this time afflicted by conflict and division, intercede for us so that we may become peacemakers: unarmed and disarming witnesses of the peace that comes from Christ. Amen.

(Pope Leo XIV)



Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle A 2026

Once Jesus asked his disciples, “who do say that I am?” After the resurrection and ascension of our Lord the disciples and apostles were trying to get an answer for that. When we collect all those answers it is called Christology – the science about Christ. Today’s second reading is one of the most important passages of Christology of St. Paul – Phil. 2: 6-11. Scholars regarded it as primary evidence that the most significant development in Christology had already taken place within the first twenty years of the Christianity’s beginning.

As usual, the context is important. In making his appeal to the Philippians for harmony and active concern for another (2: 1-4) Paul calls on his readers to cultivate a habit of the mind “which (was) also in Christ Jesus.” “He was in the form of God”; He was preexistent with God. Before the creation of anything, the universe He was with God. The second point is more important that, “did not regard equality with God something to be grasped.” This goes back to the beginning of the Book of Genesis where the attitude Adam is just opposite that he wanted to be like God. Eat this fruit, you will be like God, knowing good and evil. Every sin is an attempt to be like God. Refusal to grasp equality with God helped him to empty himself “taking the form of a slave” and becoming like humankind. The act of “obedience to death” is presumably set in contrast to the disobedience in Genesis which brought sin and death. In Rom. 5: 19 Paul explains this and says, “For just as through the disobedience of one person the many are made sinners, so through the obedience of one the many will be made righteous.”

This background may help to understand this parable in a better way. The Lord addresses the parable to the scribes and Pharisees who were so precise about the Law but in daily life did not show mercy and compassion God wanted. The beliefs they professed didn’t have much impact on the way they treated their neighbors. They were living contradictions. Their words said “Yes” but their lives said “no”. There are other groups in Jesus’ time who hardly ever prayed, rarely showed up in the Temple, yet have good in their lives. Jesus offers two examples; they are tax collectors and sinners. Jesus says through these parables, that when you add up the lives of some of these social outcasts, they measure up, in God’s sight, better than those of some religious leaders.

We can apply this parable in few ways. First, our actions, more truly than our words, show what we really believe and to what we are really faithful to. A person may be able to articulate perfectly the orthodox faith yet may live as a functional atheist. Spouses show love not by words but by actions. We show patriotism not by Fourth of July sentiments but by fulfilling all the responsibilities of citizenship such as voting, paying taxes and community involvement. We show our loyalty to our friends not by words but by standing by them in good times and bad times. Our lives, more than our words, show what we really believe.

Secondly, in all of us there is a gap between what we profess and how we live. We can say with St. Paul as in the second reading Jesus Christ is our Lord. Is he really the Lord of our life, of our financial life, our sexual life, our work life, our private life and our family life?

Thirdly, this brief parable of the Lord about the father and his two sons is a parable of high consolation and of deep challenge to us. The example of the son who said no and then went and did the work in the vineyard teaches us that a person’s “no” can become “yes”. Sometimes with all kinds of reasons people distance themselves from the Lord and from the church. Then at certain junctures of their life, they gradually find themselves working in the vineyard, doing the work of the Lord. Their “no” becomes “yes”. Our Christmas and Easter resolutions can be very good “yes” to the Lord but after some time it may become “no” in our life. The meaning of the parable is very clear to us. The distance between the Lord and us is not outside but inside; it is not the distance between the tabernacle and us or between the cross and us but a distance inside. We can make the distance shorter and shorter by changing our inner attitude. The good Lord will inspire and strengthen us in making our “no” to “yes” in each one of us.

Time for another finger lickin' good time!

Wednesday, October 28

Gather at 4:30

Buffet Service begins at 5:15

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St. Francis of Assisi Feast day is October 4th.

He was an Italian mystic, poet and Catholic Friar who founded the religious of the Franciscans. Declared the patron saint of ecologists, by Pope John Paul II in 1979, due to his reverence for creation.

Bring your pets on Saturday, October 3rd at 10:00 am and in honor of St. Francis,
Father Jacob will bless them.

Catholic prison ministry involves providing spiritual care, pastoral support, and faith formation to inmates. This ministry aims to ensure that incarcerated individuals maintain their connection to the Catholic Church and receive the sacraments, companionship, and spiritual guidance during their time in prison.

☞ According to a [Pew Research Center](#) survey, about 75% of state prison chaplains report that religious switching happens among inmates. Protestants and other Christian groups are among those seeing reported growth.

☞ **Overall Population:** About two-thirds of all people in state prisons identify as Christian, with Protestants making up about 51% and Catholics making up about 15%.

Overwhelmingly, state prison chaplains consider religious counseling and other religion-based programming an important aspect of rehabilitating prisoners. Nearly three-quarters of the chaplains (73%), for example, say they consider access to religion-related programs in prison to be “absolutely critical” to successful rehabilitation of inmates.

Our Catholic Prison Ministry will begin again soon. Started by Dick Obermeyer in January 2001, this ministry visits the prison on a weekly basis. We need volunteers to accompany Father Jacob to the prison. If you feel that you would like to participate, please contact the Church office.



Sacred Heart Church will host a Fish Fry on Oct 9th from 4:30 to 7:00 pm. They have all you can eat fish, baked potatoes, coleslaw, hush puppies, dessert and a drink for \$15. (adults) and \$10 for children under 12. Tickets are available at the door.

Catholic Appeal of South Carolina
Sept. 26, 2026

Good Shepherd Parish is ending the third quarter of this year's Appeal with an outstanding total of \$27,222 in contributions to help the Diocese pay for programs and services helping people across the entire state. That amount is \$6,243 over this year's Good Shepherd goal. Half of the excess, or \$3,121, will be returned to the parish for our use. All donations between now and the end of the Appeal in December will nudge both the excess over goal and our share higher. If you're not one of the 75 parishioners who have donated, there is still time. You can contribute by mail using the envelope that came from the Diocese or online with your credit card or draft from a bank account at

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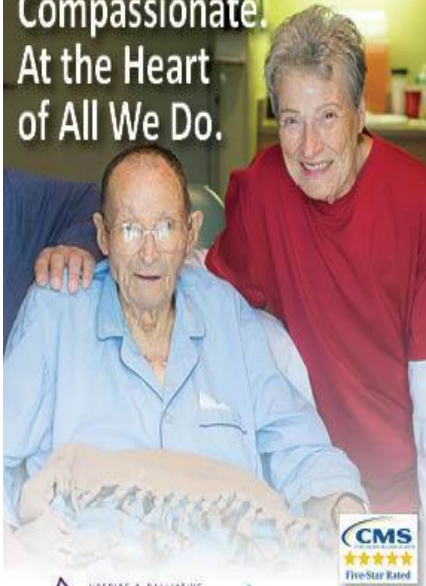
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