



Good Shepherd Catholic Church

Twenty-Seventh Sunday

October 4 & 5, 2025

Mass Schedule:

Wednesday 9 am

Friday 9 am

Saturday 4 pm

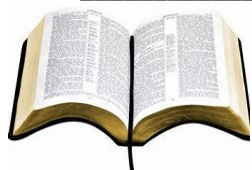
Sunday 11 am

Confession 8:15 – 8:45 am

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Confession 3:00 – 3:45 pm

Glory & Praise Book Cycle C 933



First Reading:

Responsorial:

Second Reading:

Gospel:

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

Psalms 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9

2 Timothy 1: 6-8, 13-14

Luke 17: 5-10

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, Oct 4th 4 pm + Rod Wurst requested by Lois Wurst

Sunday, Oct. 5th 11 am Thanksgiving & celebration of Lee & Pat Stickdorn marriage

Wednesday, Oct. 8th 9 am + Jim Giles requested by Dave & Carol McKloskey

Friday, Oct. 10th 9 am + Helen Balogh requested by Renee Strunk

Saturday, Oct 11th 4 pm + Phil Stirtzinger requested by the Stirtzinger Family + Jane Beller requested by Carol Holben + Kris Adden requested by Carol Holben

Sunday, Oct. 12th 11 am + Peter & Bertha Stickdorn requested by Lee & Pat Stickdorn

Faith is a gracious gift from God. It can neither be earned nor bought, only responded to with works of love and service. A vibrant faith can make us strong, loving and wise, confident that God will guard us from all harm. God is the Rock of our salvation.

UPCOMING EVENT

Oct 08 Women's club meeting 12:30 pm
Oct 08 Men's club meeting 5:30 pm
Oct 13 Joyful Journey 3 pm
Oct 19 Parish Picnic
Nov 01 All Souls Day 4 pm
Nov 09 Parish Town Hall



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, Don Durham, Dorothy Ficocelli, Lana Kittenbrink, Bobby Passafaro, John & Diane Scardace, Lee Stickdorn, Mike Thompson, Bud Webster, 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 September 27 & 28, 2025

<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
\$4,041.00	\$6,031.00	- \$1,990.00

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/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.



Dear Parishioners:
We have entered the final 3 months of 2025 Catholic Appeal. This year, our parishioners have responded

generously by donating \$22,564.00, which is \$2,500 over our goal. I thank all those who have contributed currently. There is still time to donate by going online to www.charlestdioces.org/donate and follow the instructions. May God continue to bless our parish.

Fr. Jacob

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle C 2025

Today's readings are all about faith and fidelity which is faith put into action. In the first reading the prophet Habakkuk, writing around 600 BC challenges God and calls him to account. The king of Babylon was plundering Israel. No human power was able to stop him. For centuries the prophets had been proclaiming God's justice. So why was the Lord allowing injustice to triumph? Even after centuries people ask the same question. Because the world faces the same situation as the violence of terrorism, attacks on human life, injustice from political powers, destruction from natural calamities. The Lord said three things to the prophet. First, the vision, the kingdom, still has its time. If it is delayed, wait for it. It will surely come. Second, write it down for all to read. Third, the just man because his faith in that vision, in the kingdom will be saved. These are the three steps in the Lord's words to Habakkuk that are so important for our time and our life: having the vision in our life, planting the vision in our life, and trusting the vision to give us life.

First, there is having the vision. Whatever is going on in our world, we don't have to settle it as such. The violence of terrorism, war and attacks on human life that we see around us is not the way the world has to be. This may be the way it is but not the way it has to be.

Most of the great changes that have occurred in human history didn't simply happen. They happened through vision when people didn't settle for status as it is but looked beyond it. All the great changes that have occurred in individual lives have happened through vision where people didn't settle for anything as it is saying, "This is disability, this problem is mine, this sin of mine is there. This is nothing more than I can do about it." They looked beyond what they were to what they could become in Christ. Vision can change our world. Vision has changed our world.

Of course, there are good visions and bad ones. Hitler had a vision, our founder fathers had another. Islam has a vision; Hollywood has a vision. Christianity has a vision which is peace and respect for human life. The question is: will the Christian faith of peace and respect for human life shape the future?

If we approach a thing saying 'it can't be done, it won't be. If we approach it saying it must be done, the chances are it will. That is the power of faith. And these are just human accomplishments. Imagine what is possible when God is involved.

In the second reading Paul is writing from prison. He sees his execution coming and this looks like a farewell letter to Timothy. He trusts in the Lord against all odds and tries to pass on that spirit to Timothy. He tells him to stand fast and not to abandon the faith. There can be many fears, anxieties and worries connected with life and Paul says that we must hold on to the faith that we received.

In the gospel the disciples asked the Lord, "Increase our faith." The context in which they ask to increase their faith is important. Before this request the Lord was talking about forgiveness. If your brother sins against you and comes back repenting, you must forgive him. Even if he sins seven times a day and comes back seven times repenting, you forgive him. Then the disciples said to the Lord "increase our faith." To forgive unconditionally everybody needs an increase in faith.

Faith strengthens us to go against the tide. It gives us power in moral weakness. Faith makes us love, not self-absorbed so that we take the future of our country, family, community and Church into account in our decisions. When so many people are weak, self-absorbed and short-sighted, our faith gives us power, love and self-control. In short, the theme of today's liturgy is faith. Faith is a light only for people who are searching. The moment we stop searching we no longer need the light. The end of the Gospel passage is a warning. We are capable of turning our faith into a crusade, an ego plan. But if after all our efforts we can still call ourselves unprofitable servants, the ego has nothing to cling to. The best example is the conclusion of the book of the prophet Habakkuk.

"For though the fig tree blossom not; No fruits be on the vines; though the yield of the olive fail; and the terraces produce no nourishment; though the flocks disappear from the fold; and there be no herd in the stalls; yet I will rejoice in the Lord; and exult in my saving God. God, my Lord, is my strength..." (Habakkuk 3: 17,18).

Fr. Jacob Joseph

Spiritual Committee



A year ago, the Spiritual Committee, organized with several volunteers, began leading the rosary half an hour before the 4 pm Mass on Saturday and 11 am Mass on Sunday.

Some parishioners have asked for more personal prayer time before Mass. To accommodate them, our Spiritual Committee and volunteers will begin the rosary 40 minutes before Mass to allow 20 minutes for personal prayer time.

There will be a container placed at the foot of the Blessed Mother statue so you may place your personal intentions for the rosary being prayed. These intentions will not be looked at or read aloud and after the 11 am Mass on Sunday each weekend, Fr. Jacob will dispose of all the written intentions.

Praying the rosary is a cherished practice in the Catholic faith that fosters spiritual growth, deepens one's relationship with God and serves as a powerful tool for meditation and reflection.

Spiritual Significance

1. **Meditation on the Life of Christ:** The rosary is often described as a compendium of the Gospel each set of mysteries—Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious, and Luminous invites the faithful to reflect on key moments in the lives of Jesus and Mary. This contemplative practice helps deepen understanding of Christ's love and sacrifice.
2. **Connection to Mary:** The rosary is a way to honor the Virgin Mary and seek her intercession. By praying the rosary, Catholics believe they draw closer to Jesus through Mary, who is seen as a spiritual mother.
3. **Spiritual Protection and Strength:** Many believe that the rosary serves as a powerful weapon against evil and temptation. It is often described as a source of peace and comfort, helping to calm anxiety and strengthen faith during difficult times.

October 19th is World Mission Sunday. There will be a second collection that weekend.

World Mission Sunday stands as a powerful testament to our shared Catholic identity. As Pope Leo says, “Even today, there are many settings in which the Christian faith is considered absurd, meant for the weak and unintelligent. Settings where other securities are preferred, like technology, money, success, power, or pleasure. These are contexts where it is not easy to preach the Gospel and bear witness to its truth, where believers are mocked, opposed, despised or at best tolerated and pitied. Yet, precisely for this reason, they are the places where our missionary outreach is desperately needed. A lack of faith is often tragically accompanied by the loss of meaning in life, the neglect of mercy, appalling violations of human dignity, the crisis of the family and so many other wounds that afflict our society.”

Pope Leo XIV, May 9, 2025.

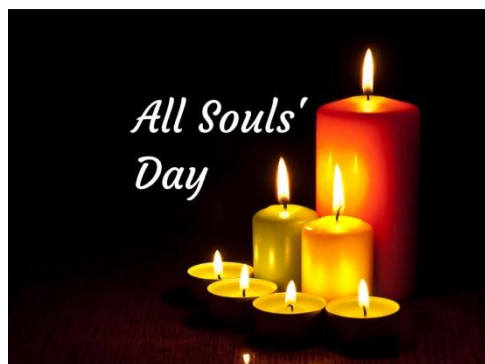
There are envelopes in the Narthex for your use for World Mission Sunday donations.



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 5th 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



All Souls Day is a day set aside by the church to remember and honor the faithful departed. This year Father Jacob will celebrate our special All Souls Mass on Saturday, November 1st at 4pm Mass. This Mass is meant to honor Good Shepherd parishioners' deceased family members. There will be a candle procession for those who have lost family members since last November 2nd, or who are having a 'special' memorial anniversary, i.e. 5, 10, 15, 20 years etc. If you wish to participate, please email Linda DeShano ldeshano@yahoo.com with the following information by Oct. 28:

Parishioner's Name	Relationship to deceased	A photo of the deceased	Deceased's Name	Date of Death
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All are encouraged to attend. This is a perfect opportunity to remember our deceased loved ones in a special way, as well as support our recently grieving parishioners and friends.



Please **sign up Parish Picnic on Sunday, October 19th** Since this is a catered event we ask that you confirm your attendance by **signing the sheet in the Narthex so that we can give the caterer an approximate number of attendees.** We will start with appetizers of soft pretzels with warm cheese and/or mustard, cheese and crackers and pickles. The main meal will be: brauts & sauerkraut, roasted chicken, schnitzel, red cabbage and apples, German potato salad, cucumber salad with

German Chocolate cake or Apple Strudel for dessert.

We will be taking photos for our new church directory during Oktoberfest in the Parish Life Center. Be sure to stop by and have your picture made—**we want every family included.**



ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF Adults Formerly Known as RCIA Program

Do you have questions? Now would be a great time to get answers to all those questions that bug you about the Catholic Faith. **All are welcome** to attend these classes – not just those who are considering joining the faith. The sessions are informal with ample time for questions and discussion. We will tackle the difficult issues: “Real Presence”, Holy Trinity, marriage, annulments, confession, etc.

October 23rd the class will tour the church building and hear what all the “stuff” is and why we as the congregation and the celebrant do what we do at Mass. Everyone is welcome to join the tour.

The beginning of the program will start on October 16th, Thursday from 7:00 -8:15 pm. and will conclude on March 26, 2026. There will be time off for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years. If you are interested in participating or have further questions about OCIA, please contact Dick Obermeyer at 864-391-3321 or email at obob@wctel.net.



Lectors, E. M. of H. C. and Sacristan Training

Training for EXISTING AND INCOMING (those desiring to become Lectors and/or Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and/or Sacristans) will be held on Wednesday, October 8 after the 9:00am Mass and on Wednesday, October 29 at 7:00pm. Please choose ONE of these dates to attend. Dick Obermeyer [864-391-3321](tel:864-391-3321) or obob@wctel.net

Prayer Shawl



The Prayer Shawl Ministry is underway!

Our Enthusiastic volunteers have been busy knitting, crocheting and sewing shawls and quilts. Please join us for the first meeting of the Good Shepherd Prayer Shawl Ministry on Monday, October 6th at 1: 00 pm in the Parish Life Center. A light dessert will be served.

We will gather to meet each other, show the progress of our projects and share ideas for the ministry as we go forth. Everyone is welcome. Please come and see what we are doing and decide if this might be something you would like to do. All projects can be completed at home in your leisure. For more information, or if you would like to attend ,

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