



Good Shepherd Catholic Church

Twenty-Eighth Sunday

October 11 & 12, 2025

Mass Schedule:

Wednesday 9 am

Friday 9 am

Saturday 4 pm

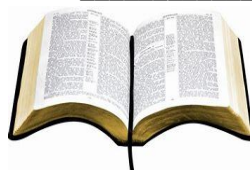
Sunday 11 am

Confession 8:15 – 8:45 am

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Confession 3:00 – 3:45 pm

Glory & Praise Book Cycle C 936



First Reading:

2 Kings 5:14-17

Responsorial:

Psalms 98, 1-4

Second Reading:

2 Timothy 2: 8-13

Gospel:

Luke 17: 11-19

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, 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

Wednesday, Oct. 15th 9 am + Katie Everwine

requested by Barbara Zust

Friday, Oct. 17th 9 am Mass for all prisoners

requested by Father Jacob

+ Pauline Babineau requested by Bobbie & Anita Passafaro

Saturday, Oct 18th 4 pm + Jim Giles requested

by Mary Stirtzinger

Sunday, Oct. 19th 11 am + Richard Castle

requested by the Castle Family and + Delicia

McEvilly requested by Peter & Chris Benedetto

+ Alfred Capitani requested by Joan Capitanti

The Lord has revealed his saving power to all the nations. Naaman, a Syrian is healed, and lepers are made whole, but only the Samaritan returns to give thanks. Let us remain steadfast in faith and thankful for the Lord's blessings.

UPCOMING EVENT

Oct 13	Joyful Journey 3 pm
Oct 19	Parish Picnic
Nov 01	All Souls Day 4 pm
Nov 7 & 8	WC Dickens sale
Nov 09	Parish Town Hall
Dec 05	Men's Club Fish Fry
Dec 11	Christmas Concert



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 October 4 & 5 2025

<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
\$4,729.00	\$6,031.00	- \$1,302.00
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.



It is never too early to think about our annual Angel Tree Ministry in December! Please continue to collect new items that we can

include in our families' gift baskets. Items in the past have included calendars, prayer cards, medals, notebooks, pens, toothbrushes, etc. You can hold the items until collections begin in December or contact me at mjwoodburn2@gmail.com and I will be happy to store them until December. Blessings to all for your continued support.

Twenty Eighth Sunday in OT C 2025

The word "Leprosy" terrified people in biblical times. Even today the word strikes our minds with fear. Shared misery had brought Jewish and Samaritan lepers together. Had they not been lepers they would never have been found in one another's company. The Samaritans and Jews despised each other but evidently this illness united these ten helpless and lonely individuals. It is said that in a flood, animals who are natural enemies of each other will stand side by side on dry ground as the water level rises. Crisis makes them allies. The same thing happened with these Jewish people and the Samaritan. There was a deep religious hatred between the Jews and the Samaritans. And the only leper who came back to give thanks to God was a Samaritan, a heretic.

Jews despised Samaria as a blot in their country. It was very inconveniently situated right in the middle of the country. So, when Jews wanted to travel between Galilee in the north and Judea in the south they had either pass through Samaritan country or go around it. Things could be unpleasant for them if they pass through, but journey was twice as long if they went around.

People may have a Samaritan territory in the middle of their life. It is part of your life that is a mess: where you are at your very weakest and worst, where your thoughts and motives are all mixed up and unclear, where you have no peace and hardly dare to hope for it. It can be a place that we do not want to go to, a person or a group of people or a family, we do not want to see or an incident that we do not want to remember.

But many of the heroes and heroines of Jesus' stories are Samaritans. The leper in today's reading, the good Samaritan, the Samaritan woman, Zacchaeus the tax collector from Jericho. This gives hope for all in His plan of salvation.

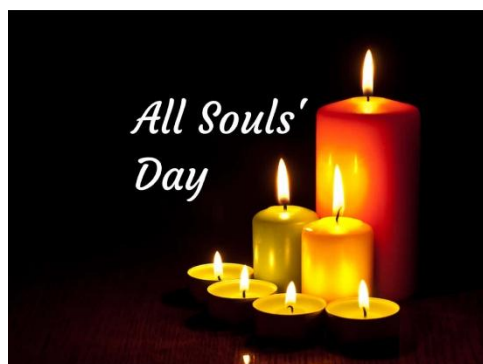
Another aspect of today's reading is to have a mind, full of thanks. All ten had their skin cured by Jesus. But only one of them, the Samaritan, was cured in his soul because the gift of healing and his gratitude for it brought him back to Jesus to express thanks. He then came to know Jesus not only as healer but as Savior. There is a very interesting fact about Naaman the Syrian in the first reading and the Samaritan leper. Both thank not only the prophet and Jesus; they thank God as well. They remind us to be grateful not only to other people who have been kind to us but also to God, who is the most generous of all. Today we are reminded how much we owe to a wonderfully kind and generous God who has poured down on us so many blessings.

There are so many good things in our lives that we tend to take for granted; many without thinking about it, we feel entitled. May be because of the prosperity that we have or had; we may feel that we have a right to all kinds of blessings. "Don't I have a right to be happy, a right to a long life, a right to good health, a right to some peace?" Are these rights or are they gifts and blessings. As long as we feel that these are blessings, not rights, the attitude of thanksgiving and praise will come from our mind. We can easily lose a sense of gratitude for the blessings we have been given.

The prayer of gratitude, of thanksgiving, widens our vision of God in our everyday life. It enables us to see the presence of God in every event in our life. One way that is the best way to give thanks to the Lord, is the celebration of the "Eucharist" which means thanksgiving. Whatever else we do at Mass, let us never forget to give thanks to the Lord. Ultimately, the prayer of thanksgiving doesn't benefit God, but benefits us.



The Respect Life Committee of Good Shepherd Church and volunteers were out in the rain in support of **THE NATIONAL LIFE CHAIN OF MCCORMICK** on Sunday, October 5th from 2:00 to 3:00pm at the intersection of Hwy 378 and 28. . 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.



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.



ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF Adults Formerly Know 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 29 at 7:00pm. contact Dick Obermeyer [864-391-3321](tel:864-391-3321) or obob@wctel.net

Good Shepherd Men's Club will be holding its first fall Fish Fry on Friday, October 24th 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 after Mass or contact Dave McKloskey at 240-426-2357





God bless our furry family members.

Deacon Jeff blessed all the animals of our parish on the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Oct 4th. It is a popular practice on Francis' feast day for people to bring their pets and other animals to church for a blessing. [\[70\]](#)

The anonymous 20th-century prayer "[Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace](#)" is widely attributed to Francis, but there is no evidence for it.



This weekend is the last opportunity you have to sign up for the Parish Picnic. Please join your fellow parishioners in this festive event on Sunday, October 19th following the 11 am Mass. Food, drinks, entertainment, games and fun will be the priority of the day. This event will be catered by Vision & Dreams.



A Parish town hall meeting will be held on Sunday, **November 9th** immediately after the 11 am Mass. The meeting will take place in the Parish Life Center beginning with brunch, followed by a slide presentation of the highlights made in the last 3 years, along with the projected updates needed for this parish. Please use the sign up sheet in the Narthex to confirm your attendance as this is a catered event and requires a headcount for the caterer.



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