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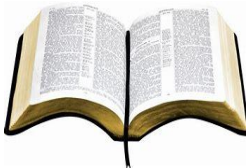
May 24 & 25, 2026
Pentecost Sunday



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 846



<u>First Reading:</u>	Acts 2: 1-22
<u>Responsorial:</u>	Psalm 104: 1, 24, 29-30, 31-34
<u>Second Reading:</u>	Corinthians 12: 3b -7, 12-13
<u>Gospel:</u>	John 20: 19-23

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, May 23rd 4 pm + Daniel Harrington requested by Kathy & Neil Porath

Sunday, May 24th 11 am + Judy Behr + Charles Wrobel requested by the Schmidt Family and + Joyce and Laurie Chemelewski requested by Ken Chemelewski

Wednesday, May 27th 9 am + Paula Wrobel and + Dolores Schmidt requested by the Schmidt family

Friday, May 29th 9 am + Norbert Wrobel and + Adolph Schmidt requested by the Schmidt family

Saturday, May 30th 4 pm + Jodi Blair requested by Ted & Linda Hansen and + Robert & Rose Macdonald requested by Bob & Colleen Macdonald

Sunday, May 31st 11 am + Paul Ruelle requested by Barb Ruelle

All of us have been baptized into one and the same Spirit. That same Spirit, the Advocate, was given as gift to the disciples to strengthen them to go forth in the name of the Lord "to renew the face of the earth"

UPCOMING EVENT

May 27 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	Cassie Newkirk
Noah Neuman	Kaylin Neuman
Declan Pemberton	Aspen Quam
Timothy Shively	Daniel O'Donnell
Daniel & Brandi Stricker	Jonathon Taylor
Cody Tiller	Ashley Wulforst
Thomas Wulforst	Glory Mathews



Pray for our Sick & Home Bound

John Atwell, Ron Beech, Tom Dreslinski, Don Durham, Mary James, Jenny Kiely, Lana Kritenbrink, Gary Manuse, Dick Obermeyer, Judith Osborn, Bobby Passafaro, and John Scardace.

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

Collection Report

Weekend of May 16 & 17, 2026

<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
\$4395.00	\$6,031.00	-\$1,636.00

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

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 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.

Catholic Appeal of South Carolina

The Diocese of Charleston has compiled a list of organizations across the state that receive funds from your generous response to the 2026 Catholic Appeal. Your donations help a broad spectrum of people, missions and programs serving people in need. Good Shepherd's totals as of the end of this week are nearly \$2,000 ahead of our goal thanks to the support of 68 parish families and individuals. If you've not made a gift yet, you still have time. Mail the donor card and envelope that came from the diocese or place the envelope in a collection basket at Mass. You can also donate online using your credit card or bank draft at www.charlestondiocese.org/catholic-appeal. Thanks for your outstanding generosity.

Dave Lorenzatti, Parish Coordinator
2026 Catholic Appeal of S.C.

Pentecost Cycle A 2026

Today we recall the powerful events in Jerusalem on that first Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost was a Jewish feast which celebrated the ancient covenant which God gave to his chosen people through Moses. There was a tradition that the covenant was given to the people on the fiftieth day after the exodus – that is why it was called Pentekoste from Greek word for fiftieth. What Luke does is to make Pentecost into a Christian feast when God renews his covenant with his people through the power of the Holy Spirit. For Luke it is the feast of the Holy Spirit, when all these people are offered a new opportunity to renew their relationship with God. It is a time for new beginning, a time for new creation. Through the Spirit a whole new life is possible. Before Pentecost, the disciples were frightened behind the locked doors. On the day of Pentecost, the doors were opened as they received the Holy Spirit in a drama of wind and flame and are suddenly unified by mission and purpose. They became confident and courageous. Only in the gift of the Spirit is fear changed into freedom. Only in the Spirit are the disciples empowered to understand the past a new and see the future with hope.

Through the disciples of Jesus Holy Spirit will reach to the people. For the disciples are commissioned to share this new Spirit with multitude of people. The working of the Holy Spirit in the Church as well as in individual Christians is well explained by Paul in his letters. Paul received his idea about the Holy Spirit not by reading or believing in already existing belief but by experiencing the Spirit in his life. Our second reading today from Paul reminds us that Holy Spirit is given to the Church and to individual Christians. The sequence of today's Mass explains how the Holy Spirit works in individuals. "Heal our wounds, our strength renew; on our dryness pour your dew; wash the stains of guilt away; bend the stubborn heart and will; melt the frozen, warm the chill; Guide the steps that go astray..."

There are also the ordinary gifts of the Holy Spirit that we easily overlook. These are the gifts that bring inner healing to the broken soul, the gifts of the spirit enable us to forgive, to have the power to be faithful to our promises and vows, the Spirit can bring us back to a living faith, a renewed trust in God, the gift of the Holy Spirit that enable us to pray sincerely, honestly, powerfully. According to Paul there are many blessings of the Spirit that we experience in our lives. The clearest indication of what Spirit brings about in human life are given in Romans chapter 8, which is called Paul's great Spirit chapter. Out of few blessings that Paul mentioned, one is liberty. In Romans 8:2, Paul says, "The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death" and in 2 Cor. 3:17, "where the Spirit of the Lord (is), (there is) freedom". For Paul Spirit was experienced as a liberating power. Paul, who had a devotion to law, after his conversion, experienced his newfound faith as a liberating force and attributed this powerful sense of liberation directly to the Spirit. People who are addicted to something can only be made free by the power of God – the Holy Spirit. Another astonishing feature of Paul's understanding of the Holy Spirit is that the Spirit experienced not in power, but in weakness; the Spirit experienced in not in articulated speech, but through "inarticulate groans. Rom. 8:27-28 says, "the Spirit too comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit itself intercedes with inexpressible groaning. And the one who searches the hearts knows what the intension of the Spirit is, because it intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will." Such a conceptuality could never have been derived from the theoretical or purely doctrinal concept of either Spirit or conversion. It can be explained only out of the depths of personal experience. At this point it is worth noting that Paul did not see his experience of physical weakness as a contradiction or denial of the Spirit's presence. On the contrary his weakness was the prior condition for the most effective operation of the Spirit. Faith in Paul's understanding, just that total reliance of human weakness on divine grace which allows the Spirit to operate most effectively within human condition.

Pentecost is not just about history. Deep inside us from Baptism and Confirmation is a gift from Jesus, the fulfillment and harvest of Easter. Whatever dark thing may be happening in our life or in the life of the Church, we need to remember that the Holy Spirit is there with "bright wings" – Christ's magnificent Easter gift to you and me.

Rosary intentions



<i>May 23 & 24</i>	<i>For caregivers, that they may grow in strength, love, patience and compassion for those they serve.</i>
<i>May 30 & 31</i>	<i>For individual intentions in the Rosary Box.</i>
<i>June 6 & 7</i>	<i>For guidance and protection of all First Responders</i>

Memorial Day

Memorial Day is an American holiday honoring service members who died in military service. Originally known as Decoration Day, it emerged after the Civil War when communities began decorating fallen soldiers' graves with flowers and flags. It became a federal holiday in 1971.



Wherever waves my country's flag on this Memorial Day, will loving hearts and willing hands their floral tributes lay.

In vale, on hill, in North or South, in isles beyond the sea, above each sleeping soldier's grave waves this flag of Liberty.

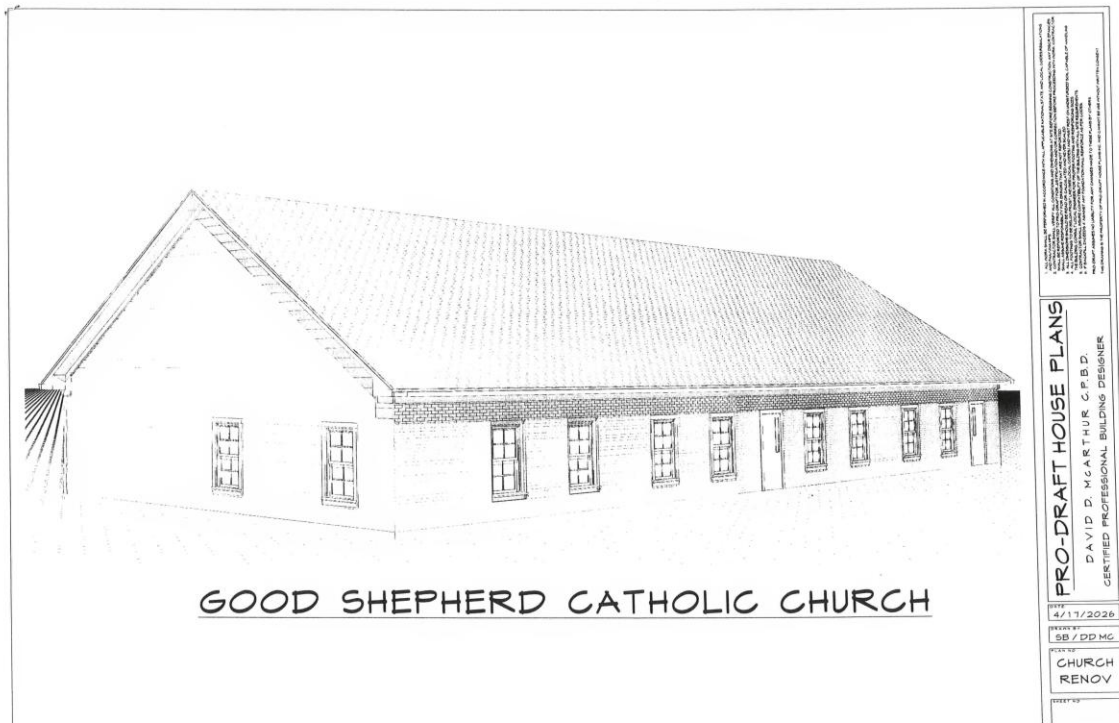
Mid nature's fairest blossoms strewn, its stars and stripes today, sing praises of those who fought and fell, both near and far away.

Ah! How they loved their country's flag, obeyed its every call. In battles and through hardships great, they loved it one and all.

Long, long shall sweetest flowers be brought in memory of the true, Long wave o'er land with Freedom blest, our own Red, White and Blue. (by A. M. K.)

Saint Francis Prayer

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)



EXPANSION PLEDGE UPDATE

as of May 23, 2026

Please remember to return your pledge cards to the Church either by dropping them in the collection basket or mailing them to the office. We need everyone’s help in funding this expansion of the Life Center as a parish family continues to grow. Please, we ask that everyone participate by giving whatever you can afford, **but for every dollar we are short, it will have to come from the reserve fund account.**

Pledges received	Target for expansion	\$ Total of Pledges	\$ Variance
Pledges received	475,000.00	303,470.00	-171,530 .00
# of pledges received 72 of 212		260,470.00	
Men’s Club donation		23,000.00	
Women’s Club donation		18,000.00	

MEN'S CLUB BASEBALL OUTING

Thursday evening at the SRP ballpark with our parish families was another success! Plus, the GreenJackets won 5-4!





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