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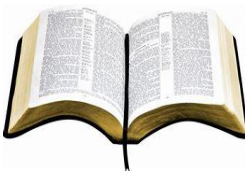
November 7 & 8 , 2026

Thirty Second 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 946



First Reading:	Wisdom 6: 12-16
Responsorial:	Psalm: 63: 2-8
Second Reading:	1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18
Gospel:	Matthew 25: 1-13

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, Nov. 7th 4 pm + Marlette Smith requested by Ted & Linda Hansen

Sunday, Nov. 8th 11am + Lucy Castle requested by Jolyne Castle.

Wednesday, Nov. 11th Veterans' Day 9 am + Tom Morgan and special intention for Kyle Morgan requested by Joan Morgan
+ Bernard Wenners requested by Bob & Ginny Vose

Friday Nov. 13th 9 am + Maureen Carlson requested by Schmidt Family
+ Dennis Bailey requested by Bob & Ginny Vose

Saturday, Nov 14th 4 pm + Virginia Castle requested by Castle Family
+ Bud Webster requested by Schmidt Family
+Rod Wurst requested by Lois Wurst

Sunday, Nov 15th 11 am
+ Dorothy Ficocelli requested by Vince Ficocelli

We seek many things in this life, but we should seek first the Lord and his wisdom. By so living, we will keep vigil for the Lord as we await his return in glory.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov.11	Mass for all souls in the Columbarium	9:00 am
Nov.18	Healing Mass	9:00 am
Nov.26	Thanksgiving Day Mass	9:00 am

Pray for our Military Members

Sophie Augustine
Brianna & Stephen Balogh
Sarah Balogh
Andrew Brandon
Drew Chadwick
Tyler Clark
Nate Dreslinski
Connor Joyce
Michael Mathews
Cassie Newkirk
Kaylin Neuman
Aspen Quam
Lars Swanson
Daniel & Brandi Stricker
Cody Tiller

Sean Avery
Christopher R. Balogh
Aaron T. Bird
Eric Brandon
Ryan Chemelewski
Paul Cross
Jake Ivey
Ian Leszczynski
Glory Mathews
Noah Neuman
Declan Pemberton
Timothy Shively

Jonathon Taylor
Ashley Wulforst
Thomas Wulforst

Pray for our Sick & Home Bound

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

….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 31 & November 1, 2026

Offertory	***Budget***	***Variance***
$5,891.00	*$5,358.00*	*+$533.00*

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:Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31
Second Reading:1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6
Gospel: Matthew: 25: 14-30

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

Nov. 7 & 8	*For veterans that suffer from PTSD, that God may heal them and give them peace.*
Nov 14 & 15	*For those married in the Church that they uphold the sacred covenant they made before God and increase their love and respect for each other*

Starting in January 2027, the prayer-list names will stay listed for two months only because the parish office is not always notified when someone has recovered or no longer needs our prayers. To keep a name listed after December, contact the parish office. The current list will remain through December.

Sacred Heart Church will open its doors for Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 26 at 7 pm. Everyone from Good Shepherd is invited to join them for this meal of turkey, ham and sides. There will be delicious apple and pumpkin pies for dessert. Please contact Anita by November 15th at 864-828-3178 to make your reservation.



ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH
ARE INVITED !!!

Good Shepherd Women's Club Christmas Luncheon
Wednesday, December 9, 2026
(Held at Lutheran Church Social Hall)
Doors open: 11:30 AM Lunch served: 12:30 PM

Menu

Credite Cups Greek Orzo Salad Vegetable Quiche Wild Rice Chicken Casserole Festive Cranberry Salad Mini-Croissants Chocolate Peppermint Cupcake Price: $25.00 per person Tickets go on sale after all mass, beginning Saturday, November 7, 2026, Sunday, November 8, 2026. For more information contact: Marie Ringmmring1966@gmail.com

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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



Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle A 2026

The Lord brings two points to our attention through today's parable. First the center of the parable is the oil. Oil is a vital part of life. We use it in our car, we use it in our homes for cooking and for lamplight, for painting and even fin medicine. The church uses oil in four of the sacraments (Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders and the Sacrament of the sick). It represents the gifts of the Holy Spirit, the strengthening, healing and enlightening power of the Holy Spirit.

The second point is to stay awake. Once we were asking few questions about 9/11. Why did we not see it coming? Why did our intelligence fail? Why were we not prepared? We ask the same question in a different situation. How did Hamas get into Israel? How can the intelligence department of Israel fail? In today's Gospel reading, the parable of the wise and foolish virgins is about being ready, being watchful and being prepared. It had a special meaning for the ones who heard it from Jesus' lips. They were Jews, the chosen people. Their whole history should have prepared them for the coming of the Son of God, but men and women of Jesus' time were not ready. They were caught unprepared. In the course of history, due to accumulation of false information and wrong ideas may blind people so that they may not have a full picture of everything. It was the same with the coming of the Son of Man.

The tragedy of the parable is that five of the bridesmaids ran out of oil. They had beautiful containers, magnificent lamps but they were empty. The oil run out. There's where the parable touches us. Have we run out of oil, the strengthening of God's grace in our life? The "Oil" of grace enables us to easily speak with God in prayer; to maintain a sense of our spiritual dignity no matter what people may do to us and to live our life according to the gospel rather than be manipulated by popular culture.

We all were filled with oil at our Baptism, at our Confirmation, at our Marriage or Ordination. Our oil can run out through neglect when, for example, we don't replenish our spiritual life, going through motions when we say lots of prayers but are never "in prayer" in communion with the Lord. A crisis often comes and we are not prepared. We can have a beautiful vessel, a great appearance, but we are running on empty. Our spiritual life, our soul is dry. The oil has run out.

There is something we can't borrow from others, which is the point of the other five not lending any oil. We can't borrow someone else's faith, someone else's grace, someone else's spirituality. We are responsible for our own spiritual condition, what we have done with the oil given us. We can blame the world for many things, but not for the state of our soul. That is up to us.

The parable asks us to be awake. One who is awake to meet the Lord whenever he chooses to come is a prayerful Christian. Yes; but such a prayer will not be detached from active life. A prayerful Christian will move from prayer to work and from work to prayer. It is not enough just to have faith without good work, as it is not enough to have only lamp without oil in it. To be doing good works till the Lord comes is the same as living our Christian life well, doing what God wants us to do. At the Last Supper Jesus said to his Father, "I have glorified you on earth. I have finished the work you gave me to do" (Jn. 17:4). We Christians must be able to say the same of ourselves, just for the sound of it, and so live that one day we can say it with joy. Always remember that as we are so we do and as we do, so it is done to us, because we are the builders of our own destiny.

The best thing that we can do is to imitate wise virgins. When the bridegroom showed up, they were asleep. But it was okay, because they had oil in reserve. We don't have to live in constant fear and anxiety – not about attack or war and not about our state of soul at the hour of our death. We just have to do what needs to be done in order to be prepared; that's all we can do. The rest is in the hands of God.

All this can be seen in one simple well known story. A holy old monk was sweeping the fallen leaves in the monastery garden when a visitor asked him: "What would you do brother, if you knew you are to die in ten minutes." The old monk replied: "I will carry on sweeping."

Fr. Jacob Joseph

Catholic Appeal Update
Nov. 7, 2026

The Diocese will close the books on the 2026 Catholic Appeal in a matter of weeks, so if you've not donated yet, there is still time. The most recent report shows that 75 Good Shepherd parishioners have made contributions totaling $27,539, representing $6,560 over our goal; half of the excess over goal will be returned to us for parish needs. You can still donate online at www.charlestondiocese.org/capital-appeal using a credit card or draft from your checking account. The Diocese is grateful for your support of the Appeal.
Dave Lorenzatti, Parish Coordinator



2nd Collection on November 15 for Catholic Campaign for Human Development. The **Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD**) is the official domestic anti-poverty and social justice program of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), founded in 1969

November 22 for **International Ministries & Missions** which is a special annual parish collection that supports global Catholic outreach, missionary activities, and overseas church needs. Contributions to international ministries and mission funds typically support:

- **Pontifical Mission Societies:** Agencies like the Society for the Propagation of the Faith that help sustain mission dioceses worldwide.
- **Global Church Needs:** Financial aid for evangelization, building and renovating chapels and schools, and supporting seminarians, catechists, and religious sisters in developing regions (such as parts of Africa, Asia, and Latin America).
- **Humanitarian & Pastoral Support:** Outreach programs that feed the hungry, provide medical supplies to church-run clinics and hospitals, and ensure clean drinking water.

All Souls' Day remembrance

Thank you to all who participated in the All-Soul's Day special remembrance Mass November 2nd . Please visit the memory tree at the back of church to view pictures of our departed loved ones and remember them in your prayers. The pictures honor members of our parish, as well as family members and friends of parishioners, who were remembered with a candle procession. The tree will remain throughout the month of November.

Veterans' Day Prayer

. Heavenly Father,
On this Veterans Day, we pause to remember and give thanks for all who have served our nation in uniform, honoring their courage and devotion to liberty, while asking for comfort for their families and healing presence for the veterans themselves.

Welcome new Parishioner Erlinda Baloy.





GOOD SHEPHERD BENEVOLENT BAKE SALE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4th 12:00 PM – 7:00 PM
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5th 12:00 PM – 7:00 PM
At the Dorn Mill Festival of Trees

Our biggest fundraiser of the year
Bakers and workers are needed for our success.
Funds raised will benefit the following charitable organizations.

McCormick Brownie Troop #6318	Backpack Ministry
Lutheran Church Prime Time Ministry	McCormick County First Steps
Meg's House	Crossroads Pregnancy Center
Hospice Care of the Piedmont	Good Shepherd Angel Tree

All baked goods MUST be packaged by the baker, ready for sale and clearly labeled with the contents. See through boxes, plastic containers or zip lock bags, and plastic wrap tightly secured are all acceptable forms of packaging. Please DO NOT use tins or any container that does not allow the customer to view the contents. Also, no items that need to be refrigerated. We suggest that cookies be packaged by the dozen, ½ dozen or individually.

BAKE GOOD SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE PARISH LIFE CENTER ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3rd BETWEEN 9 AM – 4 PM.

Volunteers are needed on Thursday, December 3rd to help with pricing. Shift workers are needed to be table hosts during Friday and Saturday sale hours.

Please contact Debby Dill at debbydill@yahoo.com or 612-387-9804

In lieu of baking, you can make a monetary donation.

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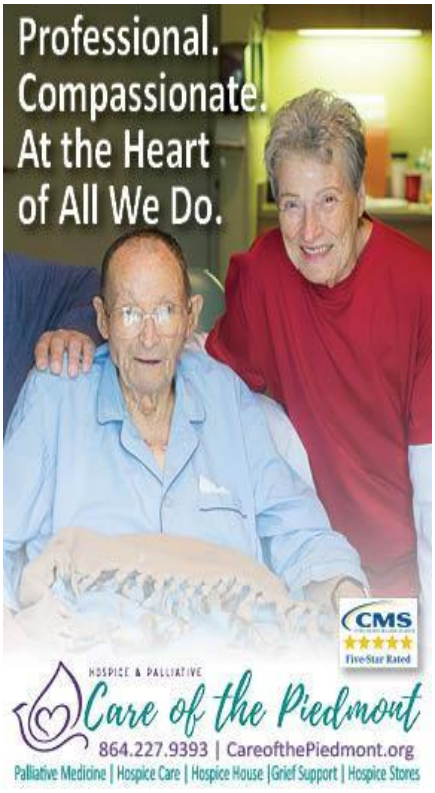
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