

# Good Shepherd Catholic Church September 30th & October 1st, 2023

Mass Schedule: Wednesday 9 AM Confession 8:15-8:45 AM Friday 9 AM 8:15-8:45 AM

Saturday 4 PM 3:00-3:45 PM Sunday 11 AM

Livestream mass on YouTube or Facebook at Good Shepherd Catholic Church McCormick



### 26<sup>TH</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading:Ezekiel 18: 25-28Responsorial:Psalm 25: 4-5, 6-7, 8-9Second Reading:Philippians 2: 1-11Gospel:Matthew 21: 28-32

#### 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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#### THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE FOR THE MOST HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Saturday, Sept 30<sup>th</sup> 4 pm + Ambrose McKloskey requested by Dave & Carol McKloskey Lector: Jackie Novak EM of HC: Dave Lorenzatti Ushers/Greeters: Gary & Dae Probst

<u>Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> 11 am</u> – Missa Pro Popula Lector: Pat Stickdorn EM of HC: Lee Stickdorn Ushers/Greeters: Ken & Mary Jane Woodburn

Wednesday, October 4th - NO MASS

Friday, October 6th 9 am Adoration & Benediction

<u>Saturday, October 7th 4 pm – + Rose Wenners</u> requested by Bob & Ginny Vose Lector: Teresa Leszczynski EM of HC: Mark Leszczynski Ushers/Greeters: Linda Bumber & Karen Faaborg

<u>Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> 11 am</u> – Missa Pro Popula Lector: Elizabeth Ficocelli EM of HC: Mark Ficocelli Ushers/Greeters: Dave & Carol McKloskey

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Oct 1	National Life Chain 2-3 pm	
Oct 4	Blessing of animals 11 am	
Oct 6	First Friday Adoration &	
	Benediction 9 am	
Oct 9	Joyful Journey 3 pm	
Oct 11	Women's Club Meeting 11:30 am	
	Men's Club Meeting 5:30 pm	
Oct 13	Wine Tasting Fundraiser 7 pm	

# Pray for our Military Members

Sean Avery	Brianna & Stephen Balogh
Christopher R. Balogh	Sarah Balogh
Aaron T. Bird	David Bobier
Chris Brandon	Drew Chadwick
Ryan Chemelewski	Paul Cross
Nate Dreslinski	Jake Ivey
Connor Joyce	Noah Newman
Cassie Newkirk	Stockton & Savanna Obermeyer
Aspen Quam	Daniel O'Donnell
Daniel Stricker	Brandi Stricker
Jonathon Taylor	Cody Tiller
Ashley Wulforst	Thomas Wulforst

# Pray for our Sick & Home Bound

Kris Adden, Helen Balogh, Karen Boerner, Eddie Bryan, Joyce Chemelewski, Judy Chemelewski, Janice Crapse, Steve Delaney, Thomas Patrick Donohue, Ed Ford, Jim Furlong, Kate Gedeon, Ericka Hinners, Louise Hall, Lana Kittenbrink, Kristen Meister, Mike Morrett, Maureen (Barr) Murphy, Moe Paquette, Wyatt Roe, Sara Roth, John & Diane Scardace, Eddie Sheppard, Jeanette Smith, Karen Spitler, Roseanne Toney, Dan Truite, Gary Vaughn, Rod Wurst

....and those intentions written in our Community Book of Prayer. All requests must be cleared by the recipient or family if possible.

# **§** Financial Report

Weekend of Sept. 23 & 24 , 2023

<u>Offertory</u> \$3158.00 <u>Budget</u> \$4,337.00 <u>Variance</u> - \$1,179.00

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

### Good Shepherd Catholic Appeal 9/23

Cash/Pledge Payments	\$19,987
Amount over Goal	\$ 4,574
Outstanding Pledges	\$-1,716

Gifts/pledge payments are accepted online at www.charlestondiocese.org/donate,

by mail using a Catholic Appeal of S.C. envelope or place the envelope in a collection basket at mass. Thank you for your generosity.



"The Institution of the Eucharist is found in the four Gospels and other books of the Bible: Matthew 26, Mark 14, Luke 22, John 6 and 1 Corinthians 11

The first announcement of the Eucharist divided the disciples, just as the announcement of the passion scandalized them: This is a hard saying; who can listen to it? The Eucharist and the Cross are stumbling blocks. It is the same mystery, and it never ceases to be an occasion of division. "Will you also go away?". The Lords question still echoes through the ages, as a loving invitation to discover that only he has "the words of eternal life" and to receive in faith the gift of his Eucharist is to receive the Lord himself. Catechism of the Catholic Faith #1336

#### Know your Bible Trivia Question

At the rock of Horeb the people of Israel were very thirsty. What did God tell Moses to do to the rock to solve the problem?

Answer on page 4

# Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Program

#### 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 Catholic faith. The sessions are informal with ample time for questions and discussion. We will even tackle the hard things: "Real Presence", Trinity, marriage, annulments, confession, etc. On October 14th our class will tour the church building and explain what all the "stuff" is and why we, and the celebrant do what we do at Mass. ALL are welcome to take the tour. The program will be held on Saturday afternoon from 2-3:15 pm starting October 7<sup>,</sup> 2023, and ending March 23, 2024. We will take time off at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's. If you are interested in participating in the RCIA program, contact Dick Obermeyer at 864-391-3321 or email: obob@wctel.net.



### LECTORS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION TRAINING

Training for EXISTING and INCOMING (those desiring to become Lectors and/or Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion) will be held on Wednesday, October 18th after the 9:00am Mass and on Wednesday, October 25th at 4:00pm. Please choose ONE of these dates to attend.



In preparation for the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of Good Shepherd Church in March 2024, we would like all married couples to tell us the wedding anniversary you will be celebrating next year.

Please send an email to <u>gschurch@wctel.net</u> with your name and the number of years you will be married in 2024.

## **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, Deacon Jeff



will bless all animals on Wednesday, October 4 in the Rosary Garden at 11 am.

Women's Club Meeting October 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am in Life Center . All are welcome. RSVP by Oct 8<sup>th</sup> to Marie Ring at mmring1966@gmail.com Special All Soul's Mass Thursday, Nov. 2, 4:00 p.m.



Father Jacob will celebrate a special All Soul's Mass on Thursday, Nov. 2 at 4:00 p.m. to honor Good Shepherd parishioner's deceased family members.

There will be a candle procession for those who have lost family members since last November 2, 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 at <u>ldeshano@yahoo.com</u> with the following information by Oct. 25:

Parishioner's Name Relationship to deceased A photo of the deceased Deceased's Name Date of Death

All parishioners are welcome to come and pray for their deceased loved ones whether you are in the candle procession or not. It is a perfect opportunity to remember them in a special way.



October 1, 2023 | Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Ez 18:25-28 | Phil 2:1-11 | Mt 21:28-32

Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

#### GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

I used to be something of a sugar fiend. So much so that one birthday, my then boyfriend (now husband) decided to forego flowers and bought me a jumbo-sized bag of Smarties candies instead. While I loved sugar, I eventually decided I didn't love how it made me feel. Now older and wiser, I reach for vegetables more often. It's not that I crave carrots, but I feel better eating healthy foods. It's what God intends for my body. Similarly, God intends for our souls to follow the laws he has ordained. But sometimes life gets tough and we suffer terrible wrongs or are grieving, and we feel like the Israelites in today's first reading, calling out, "The Lord's way is not fair!" Well, thank God for that! How lost would we be, if God treated us "fairly." Instead, he treats us with love and mercy; with justice. "He humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross," for us. If there is any encouragement in Christ, as Paul says, and we know there is, then being of the same mind and heart - attitude - of Christ, gets us through those moments of "unfair!" And we can follow Christ's commands, knowing he loves us more than anyone else could love us, and more than we can ever love him.

#### GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

It's easy to talk a good game as Christians. We can all agree that it is right to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, clothe the naked, visit the sick and imprisoned and bury the dead, as the Corporal Works of Mercy instruct us. But when it comes to actually doing those things – "humbly regard[ing] others as more important than [ourselves], each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others" – we can find all sorts of reasons not to. Maybe our days are too busy or maybe we feel just the tiniest bit resentful at the idea of sharing something we've worked hard to earn. However, our words don't mean much without action. Jesus says as much in today's Gospel. If we are like the son who says yes but then does not go to work in the vineyard, we are not doing our Father's will. We are like the chief priests who are being bypassed on the way to heaven by "tax collectors and prostitutes" who heard the word of God and believed.

**PRAY** This week, let us look for ways to live out our faith. Rather than pray only with our words, let us pray with our actions. If you aren't sure where to start, pay special consideration to the verses from the second reading, highlighted above: "Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others."

# Thank You, Ed Zeaser!



Thanksgiving is fast approaching; the McCormick Helping Hands Food Pantry is asking for your assistance in providing food items for needy families in McCormick County. The goal this year among the Churches participating is to provide Thanksgiving to approximately 250 families. Please help to reach this goal by filling the grocery bags that will be provided with the canned/boxed food items listed on each bag. (Please DO NOT add or substitute items).

Monetary donations are always appreciated and will be used to purchase a ham or turkey product to supplement the filled bags. Checks can be made out to HELPING HANDS UNITED, INC. and a note made on the check "Thanksgiving Bags".

Bags will be available at the Church on October 7th and 8th. Please return your filled bag to the Parish Life Center NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2023.

As always, THANK YOU for your generosity in providing a Thanksgiving meal to those families in our community. Any Questions please contact Christine Benedetto (391-5433)

## BIBLE STUDY – ACTS OF THE APOSTLES CLASSES BEGIN WEEK OF OCTOBER 9<sup>TH</sup>.

Monday classes are at 6:30 pm in the Parish Life Center and Wednesday classes are held after 9 am Mass, also in Life Center.

Order your workbook at Ascensionpress.com

Please join us in expanding your understanding of the Bible.



After many years of leading the Evangelization Ministry efforts in welcoming new parishioners, by arranging home visits to make

them feel welcome in our Parish and our faith community, Ed has decided to turn this responsibility over to Cathy Quinn. Thanks Ed, for all you do! Also, Thank you to Cathy Quinn for accepting and sharing her talents with this Ministry.



Bishop Fabre-Jeune invites all families to a special Mass in honor of all those who have been confirmed this year.

It will be celebrated at St. John the Baptist in Charleston on Sunday, Nov 5 at 2:00 pm.

Bishop Emeritus Robert Guglielmone will be the homilist. There will also be a reception following the mass.

Please RSVP to Very Rev. Gregory B. Wilson at vicargeneralwilson@charlestondiocese.org

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