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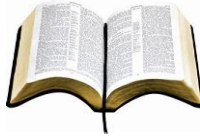
Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 10 & 11, 2025

Mass Schedule:

Wednesday	9 am	Confession	8:15 – 8:45 am
Friday	9 am	Confession	8:15 - 8:45 am
Saturday	4 pm	Confession	3:00 – 3:45 pm
Sunday	11 am		

Glory & Praise Book Cycle C 834



<u>First Reading:</u>	Acts of the Apostles 13:14, 43-52
<u>Responsorial:</u>	Psalms 100: 1-2,3,5
<u>Second Reading:</u>	Revelations: 7:9, 14b-17
<u>Gospel:</u>	John 10:27-30

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 10th 4 pm + Phil Stirtzinger
requested by Stirtzinger family

Lector: Bernadette Tarrant
EM of HC: Fabio Espinosa
Ushers: Mark Boerner & Barb Zust

Sunday, May 11th Mother's Day 11 am + All deceased mothers

Lector: Steve LaPonte
EM of HC: Carol LaPonte
Ushers: Pat Ouellette & Mark Leszczynski

Wednesday, May 14th 9 am + Missa Pro Popula

Friday, May 16th 9 am + Missa Pro Popula

Saturday, May 17th 4 pm + Rod Wurst requested by Lois Wurst

Lector: Jackie Novak
EM of HC: Karen Boerner
Ushers: Gary & Dae Probst

Sunday, May 18th 11 am + Paul Faaborg requested by Tom & Debbie Popejoy

Lector: Rick Ring
EM of HC: Marie Ring
Ushers: William & Gretchen Keneson

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 12	JJ Stations of the Light 3pm
May 14	Women's Club meeting noon
May 14	Men's Club meeting 5:30 pm
May 18	Pancake Breakfast 9 – 12:30pm
May 22	Men's Club Augusta Greenjackets baseball game 7 pm



Pray for our Military Members

Sophie Augustine
Brianna & Stephen Balogh
Sarah Balogh
David Bobier
Eric Brandon
Ryan Chemelewski
Nate Dreslinski
Connor Joyce
Cassie Newkirk
Kaylin Neuman
Savanna Obermeyer
Aspen Quam
Daniel O'Donnell
Jonathon Taylor
Ashley Wulforst

Sean Avery
Christopher R. Balogh
Aaron T. Bird
Chris Brandon
Drew Chadwick
Paul Cross
Jake Ivey
Ian Leszczynski
Noah Neuman
Stockton Obermeyer
Declan Pemberton
Timothy Shively
Daniel & Brandi Stricker
Cody Tiller
Thomas Wulforst



Pray for our Sick & Home Bound

Dick Balogh, Matthew Dill, Frank DeRoller, Lana Kittenbrink, Howard Milhoan, Dick Obermeyer, Bobby Passafaro, Paul Ruelle, John & Diane Scardace, Larry Slater, Mary Stirtzinger, Dale Tarrant, Mike Thompson, Skip Tortorello, and Bud Webster

....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 3 & 4, 2025

<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
\$6,756.00	\$5,319.00	+\$1,437.00

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 and jelly or any other non-perishable items that kids will eat or drink. Please also consider toilet paper, cleaning products, cash and gift cards from Food Lion or the Dollar stores. Please drop off your items in the Life Center marked "Billie". Thank you for your generosity.



LET'S BE TOGETHER.

Catholic Appeal Update

It appears certain that Good Shepherd Parish will soon exceed our Catholic Appeal goal for the third year in a row. We have reached 97% of our 2025 goal of \$20,081 thanks to the generous support of 54 parish families and individuals. If you haven't done so already, there is still time to make a gift by mail using the donor card and envelope that came from the Diocese or drop the envelope in a collection basket at Mass. You can also contribute online using your credit card or by draft from your checking account at www.charlestandiocese.org/donate. I encourage you to make a one-time donation or a pledge payable over a period of months. Bishop Fabre was reaching out to all of us when he said, "I rely on you for help to advance the mission of the local Church in South Carolina, thankfully a growing and vibrant Church." Thanks for your generosity and "Let's Be Together."

Dave Lorenzatti, Catholic Appeal Coordinator



FOOD PANTRY DONATION GUIDELINES

14.5 oz cans of vegetables, soups and fruits, canned tuna, salmon or chicken – 7 – 12 oz. Standard size box of cereal, crackers, mac & cheese, rice, and pasta. Toilet Tissue – individually wrapped if possible. Individually wrapped bars of soap.

FYI soon you will be able to visit their wish list at Amazon, Walmart and Target to select items to be delivered for you.



There will be a second collection May 10 & 11 for Catholic Charities of South Carolina

MAY 11TH MAY CROWNING AT GOOD SHEPHERD



The modern May Crowning ceremony likely emerged in the 13th century, gaining prominence in the 19th century as a popular Marian devotion. During a May Crowning, a young girl, often wearing a white dress and veil, is chosen to crown the statue of the Blessed Mother with a wreath of flowers. This act symbolizes Mary's unique relationship with Christ and her role as the spiritual mother of all believers. In addition to the crowning of Mary's statue, the May

Crowning ceremony often includes the recitation of the Rosary, Marian hymns, and prayers honoring the Mother of God. These devotions reflect the deep reverence and love Catholics have for the Blessed Virgin, who is seen as a powerful intercessor and a model of faith, humility, and obedience. The May Crowning is a beautiful tradition that has been celebrated for centuries, connecting the faithful to the rich history of Marian devotion in the Catholic Church. By honoring the Blessed Mother during the month of May, the faithful are reminded of her maternal love and her role in the history of salvation, as the Mother of the Savior and the Mother of the Church.



Congratulations to Ave Wilkey, Catherine Slowiak, and Lydia Keneson receiving First Holy Communion on May 11th at the 11:00 am Mass And Anna Wilkey, who was Confirmed by the Bishop at Our Lady Lourdes on Friday, May 9th at 6:00.pm

The image of the Shepherd which Jesus uses to explain his mission, both in the synoptic and in the gospel of John has a long history behind it. In the ancient Near East the king refers to himself as the good shepherd instituted by God. Pasturing sheep is an image of his task as a ruler. This image implies that caring for the weak is one of the tasks of the just ruler.

The immediate background of this image is found in the Old Testament. This image deeply shaped Israel's piety and people found consolation and confidence in it. The most beautiful expression is Psalm 23. "The Lord is my shepherd...Even though I walk through valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for thou art with me" (Ps 23/3,4). The image of God as shepherd is more fully developed in the book of the prophet Ezekiel. "I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep. I will seek the lost and I will bring back the strayed, I will bind up the crippled, and I will strengthen the weak and the fat and the strong I will watch over" (Ez. 34/15-16). The prophet Zechariah gives the vision of a slain shepherd, who through his death becomes the Savior. Quoting from Zechariah St Matthew says, "I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered" (Matt 26/31).

In the discourse about the good shepherd in John's gospel we see many ideas and points to be developed. A good shepherd is one who loves the sheep, cares for the sheep, protects the sheep knows the sheep and lays his life for the sheep. I like to expand only one point. The shepherd and the flock know each other. The shepherd knows the sheep because they belong to him. He does not possess the sheep as things, but they belong to him. Jesus says, "I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, as the Father knows me, and I know the Father and I lay down my life for the sheep." The mutual knowing of the shepherd and the sheep is interwoven with the mutual knowing of Father and Son. The knowing that links Jesus with "his own" or the sheep exists in his oneness with his Father.

The second reading describes the fulness of life beyond death: "a great multitude... from every nation , race, people, and tongue... stood before the throne... they will not hunger or thirst anymore... For the Lamb who is in the center of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." Who are these people? Jesus tells us, "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand." Jesus promises three things to His sheep. i, He promises eternal life. ii, He promises us a life that will never end. Death will be not the end, but the beginning of an existence beyond our wildest dreams. lii, He promises a life that is secure. Nothing can steal us away from him. We are subject to suffering, and sorrow and death, but even in our darkest hour, we have his pledge that we will never be alone.

Each sheep is connected to the shepherd through the Spirit or by grace so that they become one shepherd and one flock. They are one body and Jesus is the head. A shepherd in Jesus' service means that he or she has no right to bind men to himself or herself, to his or her own little "I". The mutual knowing that binds him to the sheep entrusted to his care must have different goals. It must enable them to lead one another into Christ and through him toward God; it must enable them to encounter each other in the communion formed around knowing and loving God. The shepherd in Jesus' service must always lead beyond himself to enable others to find their full freedom and therefore he must always go beyond himself into unity with Jesus and the Trinitarian God.

Those who are entrusted to take care of someone are pastors in a general sense. Priests, ministers, parents, teachers, those involved in health care are pastors. If anybody entrusted to the care of someone tries to bind men to himself based on race, culture, nationality, language or by any means he sins against the good shepherd in Christ Jesus. Let us be faithful to Jesus who wants us to share in his ministry in this world. In our caring for others the good Lord will help us, and he will be with us.



All women of Good Shepherd parish are invited to attend our next meeting on Wednesday, May 14th in the Parish Life Center. We begin at noon and lunch is served at 12:30 pm followed by the business meeting. Please join us for our last meeting before our summer break. RSVP to Marie

Ring at mmring1966@gmail.com.

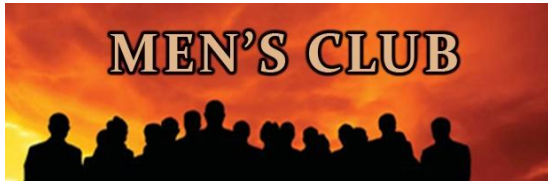
HATS OFF TO THE WOMEN'S CLUB DERBY PARTY!



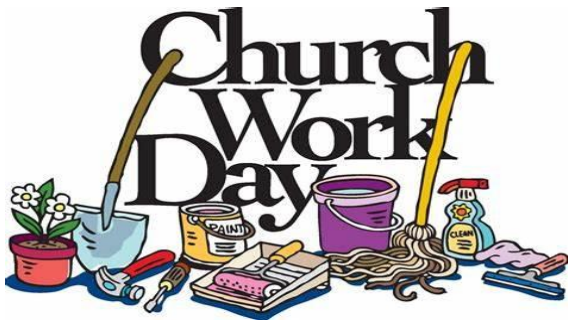
Churchill Downs might have been wet and muddy but Our Life Center was full of spirit and hats! What a great Evening of fun, food and prizes.



A big Thank You to all our bakers! The Spring Bake sale was a huge success because of you. We received 200 baked goods and many generous cash donations. The bake sale made \$1,005.00 which will go a long way with the charities that we support. Thank you, Debby Dill and Ginny Vose



All men of the parish are invited to join us for the last meeting on May 14th at 5:30pm before we break for the summer. Meetings will resume in September.



On Monday June 9th at 9 am we are planning a work day here at the Parish. Projects that need cleaning will be

all tables and chairs
kitchen cabinets
kitchen counter tops
kitchen overhead vent to be powerwashed
kitchen floor
the shed to be organized.

If you have previously volunteered, we will be contacting you and thank you!. We will provide all cleaning products; all we need is you!!! Please consider helping us as they say, "many hands make for light work". You can volunteer by emailing the Church office.

FEAST DAY OF NERUS AND ACHILLEUS

The Church does not know too much about these two except that they were among the first martyrs to be venerated as saints. It seems that both men were Roman soldiers who helped in the persecution of Christians until they themselves were converted to Christianity. In order to live their new faith more completely, they resigned from the emperor's army and left Rome. Eventually they were captured and put to death for their beliefs.



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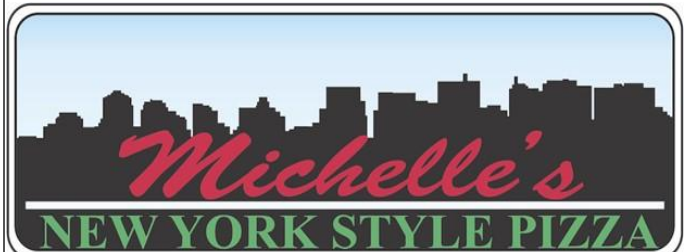
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