

Good Shepherd Catholic Church

January 11 & 12, 2025



Mass Schedule:

Wednesday 9 am

Friday 9 am

Saturday 4 pm

Sunday 11 am

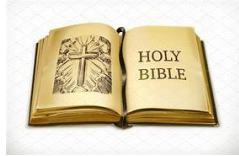
Confession 8:15 – 8:45 am

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Confession 3:00 – 3:45 pm

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

The Baptism of the Lord Glory & Praise Book Cycle C 806



First Reading:

Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11

Responsorial:

Psalm 104: 1b-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30

Second Reading:

Titus 2: 11-14, 3: 4-7

Gospel:

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

MASS SCHEDULE

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

Saturday, Jan 11th 4 pm + **Santo Lorenzatti**
requested by Dave Lorenzatti

Lector :Jackie Novak

EM of HC: Karen Boerner

Ushers: Mark Boerner & Barb Zust

Sunday, Jan. 12th 11 am + **Matthew Martin**
requested by Gary & Dae Probst

Lector: Steve LaPonte

EM of HC: Carol LaPonte

Ushers: Rick & Marie Ring

Wednesday, Jan 15th. 9 am **NO MASS**

Friday Jan.17th 9 am **NO MASS**

Saturday, Jan 18th 4 pm + **Melody Pike**
requested by Pat Snow

Lector: Jackie Novak

EM of HC Fabio Espinosa

Ushers: Jerry & Barb Wishall

Sunday, Jan. 19th 11 am + **Gary & Pat Foerstel**
requested by Gary & Dae Probst

Lector: Jenny Walker

EM of HC: Pat Stickdorn

Ushers: Pat Ouellette & Gary Probst

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 13 Joyful Journey Group 3pm
Jan 17 Spaghetti dinner
Jan 26 Pancake Breakfast
Feb 19 Parish Dinner



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 & Brandi Stricker
Cody Tiller
Thomas 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
Daniel O'Donnell
Jonathon Taylor
Ashley Wulforst



Pray for our Sick & Home Bound

Dave Cook, Raymond Crist IV, Matthew Dill,
Lana Kittenbrink, Bobby Passafaro, Paul Ruelle,
John & Diane Scardace, 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 January 4 & 5, 2025

<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
\$6,888.00	\$5,319.00	+ \$1,569.00

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.



Father Jacob will not say Mass
on Wednesday, January 15 nor
on Friday, January 17th. Father
will be going into the hospital
on Monday, January 13th for
surgery on a corotid artery.

Father Jerry Ragan will say Mass on Saturday,
January 18th and Sunday, January 19th. Please
keep Father Jacob in your prayers.

FOOD PANTRY



Items for this month are
soups; tuna fish and canned
meats Please drop off items
in the Life Center marked
Food Pantry"

Spiritual Enrichment Retreat – Beginning January 28, 2025!

Come and share in a spiritually enriching retreat experience that will help you understand and conquer the struggles everyone faces in their spiritual life. This is for those who love the Lord and desire holiness, yet experience unsettling ups and downs, or feel stagnant in their search for spiritual growth. No matter where you are in your spiritual journey, no matter if you are well read, catholic or not, this will be a safe place to go to find strength and understanding. All are welcome, bring a friend! We will be gathering on Tuesdays from 10:00 to 11:30 for 8 consecutive weeks beginning January 28, through March 18. The location will either be in our Parish Life Center or in SLV depending on the number of participants. If you are interested in taking part in this retreat, please use the enrollment sheet in the narthex. If you would like to learn more, please speak with me after Mass or email me at jdefrehn@charlestdiocese.org Please purchase: "Struggles in the Spiritual Life – Their Nature And Their Remedies", Fr. Timothy M. Gallagher, OMV. Sophia Institute Press, 2022 (nihil obstat) Available at Amazon \$17.62 paperback, \$9.99 Kindle

Deacon Jeff DeFrehn. Certified Spiritual Director

BIBLE STUDY FOR 2025 If you would like to get a deeper understanding of scripture and the Church, we are offering two Bible Study groups beginning the week February 3rd. Monday night class at 6:30 pm will study the Early Church history, which covers the first five hundred years of the Church's story, from the beginning of Church history at Pentecost, through the persecutions and councils of the first five centuries.

The Wednesday class begins at 9:30 am, following 9:00 am Mass and will study the Bible Timeline. *The Bible Timeline*® study program takes you on a guided journey through salvation history. Presenter Jeff Cavins will show you how fourteen of the Bible's narrative books tell the biblical story from beginning to end and will give you the keys to understanding the amazing story woven throughout Scripture. There is a workbook that is needed for this study that can be purchased through Ascension Press.

Everyone is welcome to join either or both groups. Ask your family or friends to join you in learning more about your faith.

The Baptism of the Lord Cycle C 2025

The baptism of the Lord marks the end of the liturgical season of Christmas. The baptism of Jesus is part of his epiphany. Before his baptism Jesus was largely unknown. Then he came one day to be baptized by John. The three readings stress the same theme, this is the beginning of a great mission. Jesus filled with the Holy Spirit begins his ministry.

John's baptism was the baptism of repentance. In figure and message John was different from Jesus. He came from the desert where he wore a garment made of camel hair and his food was locusts and wild honey. His message was rough; he began, you "Brood of vipers!" Could he be the Messiah, the promised one? Many thought he might be God could burn up most of them like chaff, John promised. This was a significant phrase because the pharisees regarded the common people as chaff - empty husks.

Jesus had no need of the baptism of repentance. Therefore, when people received John's baptism with repentance, St. Luke says Jesus was praying while he received the baptism. But when Jesus came for baptism he stood in line, shoulder to shoulder with sinners. And we see heaven is opened and message of the Father and the Holy Spirit came upon him. Here Jesus' public ministry begins with an act of compassion and solidarity as he takes upon himself all other burdens and sins. It is a symbol of what his work on earth was all about.

With the baptism Jesus begins his mission or ministry. His mission is described by Isaiah in the first reading. He will bring true justice to the nations – not by crying loud in the streets, but by opening the eyes of the blind and freeing captives and those who live in darkness. In the second reading, Peter tells us that after John's preaching of baptism, "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power."

We could see a difference in their messages. John's cousin too came from the desert, but their attitude was so different. Looking at the crowd "he felt sorry for them because they were like sheep without shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "the harvest is rich, but the laborers are few." He does not see them as chaff but as harvest – ripe and full of life. It is because he believes in us that we are able to believe in him.

Jesus showed solidarity with all of us who are in need of healing. He became like us so we could become like him. Jesus' baptism was the beginning of his public ministry as he identified himself with all human beings. Here he begins to gather his lambs as Isaiah describes the chosen servant of God in today's first reading. Jesus' baptism at the Jordan was not a private moment of revelation and blessing but a public commissioning to the work of redemption.

What is the effect of our baptism in us? Through our baptism we were made temples of the Holy Spirit, and we all know that! We were made children of God and heirs of heaven, and we all know that as well! What we can forget is that in baptism we were made part of the mission and the work of Christ. We tend to forget that.

The Holy Spirit we receive in baptism and other sacraments is not simply a private, spiritual event but a public responsibility. It is a gift of the Holy Spirit to us for the work of the Church. Pope Pius XII said many years ago, in baptism "We don't merely belong to the Church, we are the Church."

Today, we remember the baptism of Jesus, his public embrace of his mission from his Father, and his solidarity with the human race. We also recall our own baptism when heavens were opened for us, the Holy Spirit descended upon us and we were commissioned to do God's work.

The deepest truth about our life is our baptismal call. What we have done with that grace, will be the source of our glory or our indictment in God's sight. The mission given us in baptism remains with us throughout our lifetime. We are never rebaptized because we were commissioned in the sacrament of baptism to represent Christ for the rest of our life.

Father Jacob Joseph



Start the new year off with the delicious pancake breakfast offered by Good Shepherd's Men's Club Sunday, January 26th in the Parish Life Center from 9 am – 1 pm. All you can eat regular or blueberry pancakes, sausage, peaches, coffee and orange juice all for \$8.00/adult and \$5.00/children.



GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH BABYLESS BABY SHOWER FOR CROSSROADS PREGNANCY CENTER

A baby is God's message that life should go on

During the whole month of January, we will be collecting baby shower gifts for Crossroads Pregnancy Center. Please consider donating any of the following items.

Baby wipes, disposal diapers (all brands and sizes up to size

5)
Baby lotion, baby powder, shampoo and conditioner, Aveeno baby wash and lotion, diaper rash cream, baby oil, breast pump, comb & brushes, thermometer, pacifiers (numbs) receiving blankets, onesies (all sizes) sleepers, hooded towels and wash cloths, crib and bassinet sheets.

Mothers also need some pampering and would enjoy calming body wash, shampoo and conditioner and body lotion.

There will be a deposit box in the narthex for you to drop off your donations. If you would rather, there will be empty baby bottles also in the narthex for your monetary donations. Thank you for your support of this project.



ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON

NATIONAL COLLECTION DATES FOR 2025

Collection	Date	2025
Collection for the Church in Latin America	Fourth Sunday in January	January 26
Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe	Ash Wednesday	March 5
Black and Indian Mission Collection	First Sunday in Lent	March 9
The Catholic Relief Services Collection	Laetare Sunday, 4th Sunday of Lent	March 30
Holy Land	Good Friday	April 18
Catholic Home Missions Appeal	Last Sunday in April	April 27
Catholic Communication Campaign	Sunday between Ascension Thursday and Pentecost	June 1
Peter's Pence Collection	Sunday nearest the Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul (June 29)	June 29
The Catholic University of America	First or Second Sunday in September	September 7 + 14
World Mission Sunday	Next-to-last Sunday in October	October 19
Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA	Every three years, Sunday before Veterans Day	November 9
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	November 16
Retirement Fund for Religious	Second Sunday in December	December 14



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