



# Good Shepherd Catholic Church

## January 4 & 5 2025

### Mass Schedule:

Wednesday 9 am

Friday 9 am

Saturday 4 pm

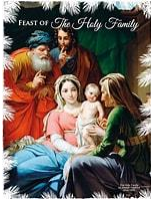
Sunday 11 am

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



### Epiphany of the Lord Glory & Praise Book Cycle C 803

First Reading:

Sirach 3: 2-6, 12-14

Responsorial:

Psalm 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5

Second Reading:

Colossians 3:12-21

Gospel:

Luke 2: 41-52

### 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. 4<sup>th</sup> 4 pm + Helen Deary requested by Gary & Dae Probst**

Lector: Jerry Wishall

EM of HC: Dave Lorenzatti

Ushers: Ray DeShano & Ray Corley

**Sunday, Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> 11 am + Deceased members of Good Shepherd's Men's Club**

Lector: William Keneson

EM of HC: Gretchen Keneson

Ushers:

**Wednesday, Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> 9 am + Gary Williams requested by Pat Snow**

**Friday Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> 9 am + Tom Cornetski requested by Pat Snow**

**Saturday, Jan 11<sup>th</sup> 4 pm Missa Pro Popula**

Lector :Jackie Novak

EM of HC: Karen Boerner

Ushers: Mark Boernerr & Barb Zust

**Sunday, Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> 11 am Missa Pro Popula**

Lector: Steve LaPonte

EM of HC: Carol LaPonte

Ushers: Rick & Marie Ring

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 08 Men/Women's Club meeting  
Jan 17 Spaghetti dinner  
Jan 26 Pancake Breakfast



### 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 December 28 & 29, 2024

<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
\$7,089.00	<u>\$5,319.00</u>	<b>+ \$1,770.00</b>

**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.

## FOOD PANTRY



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



**PLEASE JOIN US as we undecorate our Church on Sunday  
January 5<sup>th</sup> following the 11:00am Mass.**



The January Women's Club luncheon will be held on  
Wednesday January 8th at 12:00 pm Start the New Year off with  
some Warm Winter Soup all women are welcome please RSVP  
to [mmring1966@gmail.com](mailto:mmring1966@gmail.com) no later than January 5th



**Women's Club Spaghetti Dinner w/Meatballs  
Friday, January 17, 2025**

**DOORS OPEN AT 5 PM IN PARISH LIFE CENTER  
SIT DOWN DINNER WITH 6 TO A TABLE  
ONLY 120 TICKETS SOLD FOR SIT DOWN  
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**TICKETS FOR TAKE-OUT ARE AVAILABLE**

ADULTS \$25.00 CHILDREN 12 & UNDER \$10.00  
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**EMAIL** [bobginvose@yahoo.com](mailto:bobginvose@yahoo.com)

**Tickets will be available this weekend after Mass.**

**MEN'S CLUB MEETING WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup> AT 5:30 PM IN THE PARISH  
LIFE CENTER. ALL MEN OF THE PARISH ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. PLEASE JOIN US.**

## Epiphany Cycle C 2025

The feast of Epiphany began as the day when the Eastern part of the church celebrated the Incarnation. In the Chaldean church Epiphany means the birth of Christ. In some of the Eastern churches it is the Baptism of the Lord. In the western church it is the feast of "three kings"; the day when we recall the journey of the wise men from the East to Christ.

The heart of the Epiphany is the revelation of Christ to the Magi from the East, the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. St. Paul speaks to the Ephesians that "the Gentiles have become heirs, members of the same body and shares in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel". Jesus is savior not only for Jewish people, but also for everybody in every land and every culture. The message, power and love of Christ is for everyone. The Magi represents the whole gentiles, and the star is for the whole universe. Everybody and everything find fulfillment in Jesus Christ.

In explaining the event of Epiphany Pope Benedict gives few thoughts. When Magi had arrived at king's palace in Jerusalem they inquired after the newborn "King of Jews". In Jewish circle people would speak of it as the "king of Israel". In fact, the gentile title "King of Jews" does not reappear until Jesus' trial and the inscription over the cross. When Jesus was born the whole Jerusalem was troubled and on the Eve of his passion when Jesus entered into the Holy City, Matthew says whole city was quaking. That means the infancy narration echoes the passion of Christ.

At the time of Magi's visit and adoration they found the baby and his mother. Matthew did not mention the name of Joseph. Holy Father says the absence of Joseph is Matthew's way of presenting Jesus as the Son of God and Mary's virginity. When Magi left Bethlehem Joseph suddenly appears on the scene.

The star and the scripture took the Magi to Bethlehem and there they saw the little child with his mother. They fell down and worshipped him. They saw the manifestation of God in the form of a human child. The manifestation was not in human power but in human weakness, not in human richness but in poverty. In a baby's weakness, poverty, simplicity and in innocence the Magi found the fullness of God's glory. They opened their treasures and offered everything and fell down and worshipped him. They were wise enough to understand this baby is the Son of God, therefore we call them wise men from the East. This is the challenge that Epiphany presents before us.

There is a striking contrast in this gospel between these magi and people of Jerusalem. Jerusalem was a city proud of its power and religious heritage. It had the Temple and scriptures; it had teachers of the Law and priests of the solemn Temples sacrifices. And one day, these pagan magi somewhere in the East arrive seemingly out of nowhere, informing them, the Jewish people, the chosen people of a newborn King of Jews.

The leaders of Jerusalem were astonished, and some terrified. They knew the prophesies about the King, but they did not notice the star. But none of them took time to go with the magi to Bethlehem to see the king even though Bethlehem was only a few miles South of Jerusalem. As they entered the house something happened to the magi. They are transformed; their knowledge is transformed into wisdom. They understood this baby is the King of kings. They prostrated themselves and did him homage and offered him the gifts." They received a divine knowledge or wisdom to understand the baby is the Christ or the Messiah.

Can we see a similar contrast in our world too? We have people with great knowledge. People know many things, science history philosophy theology...the list is endless. Do they have wisdom? In Jesus, we are supposed to find the mystery of God. St. Paul says that in Him all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are hidden. Our call is to realize "the breadth and length and height and depth" of this mystery "which surpasses all human knowledge." Entrust these mysteries to humble and joyful contemplation of mind and heart, which is the stream and source of holiness and all the graces.

Let the celebration this feast help us to understand our Lord Jesus more and more and have the knowledge and wisdom from our God.                      Father Jacob Joseph



Start the new year off with the delicious pancake breakfast offered by Good Shepherd's Men's Club Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> 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.



Joy & Rob Smith moved here from Hilton Head Island, SC and were members of St Francis by the Sea Church for 25 years where my husband and I raised our 2 kids Emily and Emmitt. We were excited to take on a new journey to slow our lifestyle down a bit and the traffic. I look forward to attending mass and getting involved at your church.

Marilyn Miller – Originally from Ohio but moved to SLV from Arizona.

Mark & Lynda Alagna who moved here from St. Peter Damian parish in Bartlett, Il.



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Our culture today has no shortage of 'modern Pharaohs' that hold us back from true unity with God. If we're ruled by these Pharaohs, how can we truly be free to become the men God made us to be? Exodus 90 gives you the tools to take control of your life.

**It's a way out.**

For more information see:  
Jeff Schmidt 607-346-6051

**We start Jan. 20, 2025:**

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The program is designed to grow a deeper personal relationship with Christ through prayer, asceticism, and fraternity.

Contact Jeff Schmidt at  
607-346-6051



## GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH BABBLESS 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.



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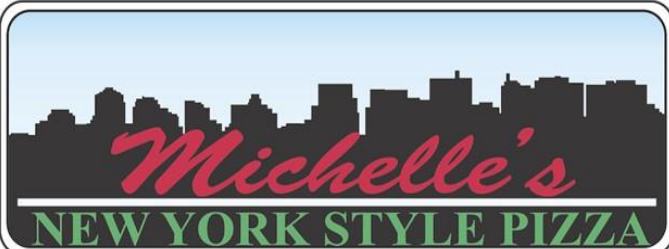
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