



Good Shepherd Catholic Church

February 1 & 2, 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 Presentation of the Lord Glory & Praise Book Cycle C 956

First Reading: Malachi 3: 1-4

Responsorial: Psalm 24: 7 - 10

Second Reading: Hebrews 2: 14-18

Gospel: Luke 2: 22-40

Simeon and Anna saw God's promise fulfilled in their lifetime. With them, we praise God's Faithful goodness

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

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Feb 1st 4 pm + Rod Wurst requested by Lois Wurst

Lector: Jerry Wishall

EM of HC: Karen Boerner

Ushers: Karen Faaborg & Linda Bumber

Sunday, Feb 2nd 11 am + Tom Morgan Special Int for Kyle & Will Morgan requested by Joan Morgan + Charles & Carola Tucker requested by Lee & Pat Stickdorn

Lector: Mary James

EM of HC: Rick Ring

Ushers: Ken Woodburn

Wednesday, Feb. 5th 9 am + Helen Balogh requested by Renee Strunk

Friday Feb. 7th 9 am + Linda Wyland requested by Good Shepherd Church

Saturday, Feb. 8th 4 pm + Maureen Lorenzatti requested by Dave Lorenzatti

Lector : Tom Popejoy

EM of HC: Ginny Vose

Ushers: Barb Zust & Carol Holben

Sunday, Feb. 9th 11 am + deceased members of Good Shepherd's Men's Club requested by Men's Club

Lector: Elizabeth Ficocelli

EM of H: Mark Ficocelli

Ushers: Rick & Marie Ring

UPCOMING EVENT

- Feb 1 & 2 Blessing of Throats
- Feb 07 First Friday Benediction & Adoration
- Feb 10 Joyful Journey 3 pm
- Feb 12 Men’s & Women’s Club meeting
- Feb 19 Parish Dinner
- Feb 23 Pancake Breakfast



Pray for our Military Members

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| Sophie Augustine | Sean Avery |
| Brianna & Stephen Balogh | Christopher R. Balogh |
| Sarah Balogh | Aaron T. Bird |
| David Bobier | Chris Brandon |
| Eric Brandon | Drew Chadwick |
| Ryan Chemelewski | Paul Cross |
| Nate Dreslinski | Jake Ivey |
| Connor Joyce | Ian Leszczynski |
| Cassie Newkirk | Noah Neuman |
| Kaylin Neuman | Stockton Obermeyer |
| Savanna Obermeyer | Declan Pemberton |
| Aspen Quam | Daniel O’Donnell |
| Daniel & Brandi Stricker | Jonathon Taylor |
| Cody Tiller | Ashley Wulforst |
| Thomas Wulforst | |



Pray for our Sick & Home Bound

Jim Cieri, Dave Cook, Raymond Crist IV, Matthew Dill, Lana Kittenbrink, Howard Milhoan, 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 25 & 26, 2025

<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
\$ 5,398.00	\$5,319.00.....	+ \$79.00

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.

In honor of St. Blaze there will blessing of the throats after Mass this weekend.

If you need a statement of your church contributions for your 2024 taxes, please email your request to the office at gschurch@wctel.net

FOOD PANTRY



Items for this month are cereals, peanut butter & jelly. Please drop off items in the Life Center marked Food Pantry.



Please prayerfully consider joining us at 3:30 pm before the 4:00 pm Mass on Saturday and 10:30 am on Sunday prior to the 11 am Mass, to recite the Rosary.

The Holy Rosary is an enormous source of grace and spiritual protection, and one of the most powerful sacramentals of the Catholic Church. Sister Lucia dos Santos, one of the children to whom Our Lady appeared at Fatima, once said: **“There is no problem, no matter how difficult it is, whether temporal or above all spiritual, in the personal life of each one of us, of our families...that cannot be solved by the Rosary.”** You can also volunteer to lead the Rosary. Sign up sheets are in the Narthex.



We have newly registered parishioners, Bob & Tracey Cantarutti, who come to us from Holy Family Church in Inverness, Illinois, and Greg & Victoria MacDonald. We are glad you joined us on your faith journey.



In the Catholic faith, the home is seen as a sacred space where God's presence can be felt and nurtured. To create an environment that promotes faith, peace, and protection, many Catholics choose to have their homes blessed. The Catholic house blessing is a beautiful and meaningful ritual that seeks God's blessings and protection for the household and all who dwell within it.

If you would like to have your home blessed by Father Jacob, please either call or email the office to set up a date.

LOST & FOUND In the Narthex there are 4 pairs of reading glasses, and two pairs of women's gloves looking for their owner. Also, a women's pearl brooch was found in the Church parking lot on Sunday. To claim the brooch please contact the Church office.

Presentation of the Lord

The feast of the presentation of the Lord is an old celebration in the Church. The feast originated in Jerusalem during the late 300's as a remembrance of the meeting of the Jesus and the old man Simeon. Three centuries later, it found its way to Rome and from there traveled throughout the Church. Christians have seen many lights in this feast of Light.

There are different faces of incarnation in the life of our Lord Jesus. He not only took human flesh, but he subjected himself to the law. Just as Jesus in his ministry later paid the Temple Tax, so Jesus had undergone the rituals of naming and circumcision and the presentation or dedication to God and the purification of his mother as required by the Law. St. Luke says that they are fulfilling the requirements of the Law. In becoming human, the Son of God became part of human growth with all the stages of development and obeyed the customs and laws of Judaism. Even in the Church the rituals are the ancient and living ways by which we express our faith and life.

The majestic song of Simeon in today's Gospel, speaks of darkness and light, the rise and fall of the souls, a sign of contradiction and a sword of sorrow. Here Simeon gives a picture of the redeeming work of Christ. Jesus did not come to speak humanly affirming truths. He came to reveal sin for what it is, to show human beings what we can become, to transmit to us the grace and life of God, to bring forgiveness and call for conversion of life.

If His Gospel is life-saving truth for some, it is a "rise", others not only ignore but oppose the gift and choose death over life, it is a "fall". This "rise and fall" of which Simeon speaks continues today. Jesus continues to be "a sign of contradiction". He remains a revelation of light to people in darkness and is the glorious fulfillment of the Jewish tradition. When people reject the Lord, "the sword of sorrow" continues to enter the heart of his mother.

As the old people Simeon and Anna are connected with past and with memories; they represent the devout remnant of those who stayed faithful to the ancient promises of God. Simeon and Anna long to see the fulfillment of all the promises in the Old Testament. They are alive with expectation and hope, waiting for the one who will be the consolation of their own people and the Light of the Gentiles. The hunger for God's presence and wait for the day when they can see it themselves. The hopes of Simeon are fulfilled, for he sees in Jesus the promised salvation of God. We also have the same hope that one day we will see the face of Jesus the fulfillment of our salvation. And Anna who come by just at that moment praises God for what has happened. In the person of Jesus all the ancient promises are fulfilled.

Finally, this feast was marked by a procession with blessed and lighted candles to honor Christ, the Light of the world. It also reminds us that we are to carry the Light of Christ's truth into our world. We are called to carry the Light of Christ in the dark areas of this world reaching out with His love, sacrifice and forgiveness.

This feast and the light of Christ bring something new to us. Three times it is said in today's Gospel "everything is being done," according to the Law." When he became a grown-up person the authorities put him to death in accordance with the same Law. St. Paul in his letters clearly says that in raising Jesus from the dead God has rejected that law. Therefore, in Christ there is no law but something new is given to us – His grace, strength, and Light. That is a new life in Christ, a new power and strength in Christ. In that life we see the fullness of life, the rise and fall and the contradiction what Simeon has said. We all hope for that new life and fulfillment in our life through Christ our Lord

PARISH DINNER GATHERING AT RIVER GRILLE



Make your reservation for the first 2025 Parish Dinner at the River Grille on February 19th.

The evenings menu will begin with Chicken Noodle Soup to warm you followed by your choice of either slow roasted Pork Loin in a Cognac Au Poivre Sauce (a classic French creamy pepper sauce, typically made with coarsely cracked black peppercorns, shallots, butter & of course Cognac)

or you can choose to enjoy Spinach & Cheese Risotto made with Mascarpone cheese, lemon zest, spinach and balsamic drizzle. Both dishes are accompanied by green bean almondine and roasted red bliss potatoes. Dessert is a chocolate Coca Cola cake.

Cost is a member charge of \$27.00 + tax and tip for the roast Pork

or \$22.00 + tax and tip for Risotto All beverages other than water are also member charge.

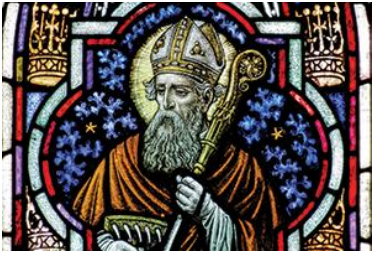
RSVP to Jackie Novak at jackienovak17@gmail.com no later than February 11th with your desired entrée. We need a minimum of 40 parishioners to participate.

COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS

Commemorative Bricks for the walkway between the Church and Life Center can still be ordered. Currently, we have 5 orders but need a total of 10 to complete the order. Please consider purchasing a memorial brick in honor of a loved one, an anniversary, or special occasion in your life. 4 x 8 bricks are \$100.00 and 8 x 8 bricks are \$150.00. Order forms are in the narthex and can be dropped in the office or the collection basket.



Feast Day of St. Blasé February 3rd



There are few facts known about St. Blaise except that he was a fourth-century bishop in the city of Sebaste, Western Armenia, and died as a martyr. A physician, he was regarded as a righteous man and, at an early age, elected bishop by the citizens of Sebaste. Beyond those few facts, much of what we know of Blaise comes from legends. He became, during the Middle Ages, one of the most popular of all the saints and today remains highly esteemed, especially in Armenia. He is the patron saint of Dubrovnik, Croatia. His relationship with Dubrovnik is unique in that he never visited the city. In 971, he appeared in a vision to a local man warning that a Venetian force was about to invade the town. The townspeople responded with defensive measures and the Venetians, having lost the element of surprise, departed.

During the fourth century, the Roman Empire was separated between Emperor Constantine in the West and Emperor Licinius in the East. While frequently at odds, they came together in February 313 at Milan, Italy, to sign the Edict of Milan, intended to end all religious persecution. While this document always has been heralded as essential to Christian history, it did not end a long-simmering tension between the two emperors. Indeed, historians have recorded that Licinius was filled with greed and only signed the agreement for political purposes. There would be repeated conflicts between the East and West, mostly caused by Licinius, who was quick to continue the persecutions of Christ's followers despite signing the Edict of Milan. In the year 316, St. Blaise would become a victim of Licinius's hostility against Christians.

At first, Blaise avoided being arrested by escaping into the hill country near Sebaste, where he hid in a cave. Eventually, Bishop Blaise was found out, arrested and brought before Agricolaus, the local Roman governor. He was scourged for his Christian beliefs and thrown into prison. Legend holds that either enroute to prison or after he was incarcerated, two miracles attributed to Blaise occurred. One for which he is most known, occurred when a mother pleaded for Blaise to cure her son who was dying from a fish bone lodged in his throat. Blaise prayed over the boy, and the child was healed.

Agricolaus soon confronted Blaise, demanding he deny Jesus or be tortured. Blaise refused, and one of the instruments of torture was an iron comb used to painfully scrape his skin. No amount of torture brought a denial of Christ, so in 316 Blaise was beheaded.



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