

SAINT ANDREW CATHOLIC CHURCH
OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE
SHARING OF TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE



As the title of this booklet says, Stewardship is a way of life. It's a manner of living mindful of nurturing and exercising the graces of "time, talent, treasure."

While stewardship of treasure is necessary to keep the lights on and compensate our parish staff, experience has shown that the real wealth of a parish lies in the sacrificial giving of time and talent. When people find that their time and talent makes for a better parish, and find that the life of a parish enriches their discipleship, stewardship of treasure comes easily and generously.

In the pages that follow you'll find opportunities for you to both serve and be served.

As parish priest, I work for you. By trial and error I've found that I serve you best, not by proposing this or that program but by coordinating the resources of the parish to see that your enthusiasm and ideas have a chance to flourish. Should you find something missing in these pages that you think will benefit our ability to be a people "making a difference in the lives of others by living the love of God," please get in touch with me.

Saint Paul reminds us that we are the Body of Christ. A body is always at it's better when each member is well exercised and doing what it was uniquely designed to do. So, too, the Body of Christ.

If you sometimes wonder what God has given to you that the rest of us need, or if you want some help pinpointing just how your time and talents can be best invested in our parish life, we have a little exercise you can engage on your own time that will help you out. Contact Nancy Leininger, parish secretary, and ask for a copy of the "spiritual gifts" inventory. Jesus has chosen you; you have not chosen him. If you wonder why, this inventory can help put that wondering to rest.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have an insight as to what will benefit all of us.

Sincerely,

Rev. S. Matthew Gray

PARISH COUNCILS

Finance Council

The Finance Council ensures the transparency and integrity of parish finances. It reviews and approves budgets, financial statements, and reports. The Finance Council serves in an advisory capacity in regard to all temporalities of the parish. Members are appointed by the pastor.

Chair: Lee Woods at woods331@gmail.com
Contact and Staff Liaison: Andrea Ferraco at andrea@saclemson.org

Parish Council

The Council is a representative body of parishioners which meets quarterly to assess the quality of parish life.

Contact and Staff Liaison: Fr. Gray, at frgray@saclemson.org

PARISH MINISTRIES, COMMITTEES

Worship

There is no more important part of our parish life than our worship and celebration of the Sacraments. Involvement of all ages and cultures enables us to make God the center of our lives and celebrate Sunday Eucharist and the sacraments in a way that fosters our communion with God and one another.

Sacristans

Volunteers share the responsibility for the care of the sacred vessels and vestments. This includes the washing, drying, starching, and ironing the altar linens.

Contact: Phyllis Schueren at (864) 653-7616
Staff Liaison: Fr. Gray, at frgray@saclemson.org

Altar Servers

Servers are boys and girls, usually fourth grade and older, as well as adults, who assist the priest in his role as presider of our sacramental celebrations.

Contact: Bruce Herczogh at (864) 882-0199 or herczog@clemson.edu
Staff Liaison: Fr. Gray, at frgray@saclemson.org

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at Masses

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion serve at Masses of their choice and assist with the distribution of Holy Communion. Any Catholic who has been confirmed and is in good standing with the

Church may train to serve as an EM. Yearly participation in a training workshop is required. In addition to distributing Communion, EMs greet parishioners, set up for Mass, and clean up afterward.

Contact & Staff Liaison: Fr. Gray, at frgray@saclemson.org

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Sick and Homebound

These EMs bring Holy Communion to our sick, homebound, and imprisoned, helping them realize their importance to our parish and Church.

Contact: Helen Corbett at (503)278-6840 or helbo.corbett@gmail.com

Staff Liaison: Fr. Gray, at frgray@saclemson.org

Lectors

Lectors are ministers of God's Word proclaiming the scriptures during Sunday Mass. Lectors should be good communicators with strong voices, able to interpret the message of the readings through their proclamation. Lector workbooks are provided. High school age and older are welcome.

Contact & Staff Liaison: Fr. Gray, at frgray@saclemson.org

Mass Coordinators

Each Sunday Mass has a coordinator, a person with overall responsibility for seeing that the sanctuary is ready for Mass (e.g., lectionary is set for proper day, the credence table is set with linens, sacred vessels, and sufficient bread and wine for consecration; wine and bread for presentation at the Offertory; candles and lighting). The coordinator also sees that the other ministers for Mass – Eucharistic ministers, lectors, servers, ushers – are present. And if not, secures substitutes. The coordinator also oversees the team of ushers, and the taking of the Offertory. The coordinator also selects the congregation participants for the Offertory procession to carry the bread and wine along with ushers carrying the collecting offering to the altar. After Mass, the coordinator sees that the vessels are purified and, if no Mass is to follow are stored.

Sound and Video Managers

The 11AM is usually livestreamed. The video manager manages the livestreaming and sound. At other weekend Masses, sound managers use a specially programmed laptop to see that all those – cantors, choir, lectors, deacon, and priests – using microphones can be heard.

Contact & Staff Liaison: Deacon John Leininger at (864) 903-0050 or john@saclemson.org

Ushers

Ushers seat congregants, take up the collection, and assist the Mass Coordinators before and after Mass. Under the direction of the Mass Coordinator, ushers are responsible for handling any medical or safety emergency. People of high school age and older are welcome to serve.

Contact & Staff Liaison: Fr. Gray, at frgray@saclemson.org

Art and Environment

The Art and Environment Committee is responsible for overall care of the main sanctuary and the Chapel with particular attention to the weekly and seasonal décor of our worship space.

Contact & Staff Liaison: Alex Armstrong, at alex@saclemson.org

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

On weekday mornings, Monday-Thursday, 8:30AM-9:30AM in the Chapel, campus ministry's FOCUS missionaries provide a Holy Hour of private prayer and adoration before the exposed Blessed Sacrament. On Fridays, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed in the church from 9AM until Benediction at 5PM. Commitments of volunteers for each hour of Friday Exposition are always welcomed.

Contact & Staff Liaison: Deacon Rich Campana at (864) 940-3167

Taizé Prayer

Ecumenical prayer services in the style of Taizé are offered in our Chapel at 10:00AM and again at 7:00PM on the final Thursday of each month (often a different week in November and December due to the holidays). Taizé-style prayer services consist of simple refrains, Scripture, intercessory prayer, and silence. All are welcome.

Contact and Staff Liaison: Alex Armstrong, at alex@saclemson.org

MUSIC MINISTRY

Psalm 150 says, "Give praise with tambourines and dance, praise him with flutes and strings...Let everything that has breath give praise to the Lord!" Our liturgies become richer when voices and instruments are raised in song. To help the song of the assembly become a great hymn of love and praise, people who are called to music ministry give sacrificially of their time and talent. There are many opportunities for instrumental and vocal musicians to share their gifts and inspire others to a closer relationship to God.

Contact and Staff Liaison: Alex Armstrong, at alex@saclemson.org

Adult Choir – The Saint Andrew Adult Choir meets from late August through Pentecost Sunday on Wednesdays 7:15-9:00PM in the church and provides music for Sunday and Holy Day Masses. Anyone who loves to sing and is of high school age or older is welcome to join.

Schola for 5:15 Sunday Mass –. Especially for undergrads and grad students, young adults, and youth ministry students, we offer the Schola experience. Every Sunday afternoon when the university is in session, this choir meets at 4:00 PM to prepare music for that evening's Mass, as well as to work on choral anthems and chants to adorn upcoming liturgies. Instrumentalists are most welcome as well as singers.

Children's Choirs – Little Saints, ages 4-6, Youth Choir, grades 2-5, and Middle/High School Choristers meet weekly, beginning rehearsals in September and ending in May. They sing independently and with the Adult Choir throughout the year and also for Christmas and other special occasions.

The HymnDingers **ChoirChimes** team meets on Wednesday evenings, 6:00-7:00PM. They play at various Masses throughout the year, enhancing hymns and anthems as well as playing standalone pieces to inspire. Ability to read music is helpful but not a prerequisite, but chimers will learn to read music as part of the rehearsal process.

Cantors/Psalms - Cantors lead the congregation in sung prayer and serve as the psalmists during weekend Masses. Requirements are the ability to sing in tune, self-assurance, a strong voice, and the ability to learn music independently. An audition is required, and training is offered to improve skills.

Instrumentalists - Musicians who play at an intermediate or higher level or higher meet before Mass to prepare to accompany hymns, acclamations and other music for the Mass. Volunteers are sent music via e-mail for advance preparation. Extra rehearsals are scheduled as needed.

PEACE AND JUSTICE

Refugee Settlement

Saint Andrew is part of an ecumenical effort, under the direction of Lutheran Services Carolinas, to settle refugees legally admitted into the US. A key component is building Circles of Welcome, teams of volunteers for each newly arrived family. Each Circle works to settle the newcomers into local housing, getting any children into schools, assisting with job searches, and establishing relationships with local agents of medical care as needed. In general, Circles are engaged in all the things necessary for the newcomers "onboarding" as our neighbors.

Contact: Erin Rockenhaus (864) 367-7963 or erinrockenhaus@gmail.com
Staff Liaison: Fr. Gray, at frgray@saclemson.org

Tithe Committee

Saint Andrew tithes its Sunday Offertory for distribution to organizations promoting the Church's social teaching. The committee meets quarterly to determine distribution and to provide notice for the weekly parish bulletin informing parishioners about the current week's recipient. From time to time, the committee also uses a portion of the tithe to underwrite educational programs aimed at deepening parishioner awareness of our social teaching.

Contact: Kristen Lawson at Kristen.n.lawson@gmail.com
Staff Liaison: Fr. Gray, at frgray@saclemson.org

Creation Care

The Creation Care group is engaged in bring the teaching found in Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si to bear on our lives as individuals, families, parish and our local community.

Contact: Bob Fennell at (864) 654-5961 or rsfennell43@gmail.com
Staff Liaison: Fr. Gray, at frgray@saclemson.org

September Food Drive

In addition to encouraging weekly offerings of canned and boxed food for distribution through Clemson Community, an ecumenical venture of Clemson's faith communities and the City of Clemson, Saint Andrew sets each September aside to highlight world hunger.

Contact: Pat Marcondes at patm@clemson.edu
Staff Liaison: Fr. Gray, at frgray@saclemson.org

Christmas "Giving Trees"

Each Advent, the parish provides Christmas gifts for distribution to needy families through various social service agencies.

Contact: Sue Tuvell at STuvell@tuvell.net
Staff Liaison: Fr. Gray, at frgray@saclemson.org

Prison Ministry

The Prison Ministry is a parish outreach to inmates at Oconee County Jail in Walhalla, and The SC Correctional Institution in Pelzer, SC. Volunteers make weekly visits. They read the Sunday Scriptures, listen to inmate concerns, attempt to motivate and support jail employees to develop programs for inmates such as AA, NA, GED, and tutoring. With help from the parish, the Prison Ministry provides Christmas gifts for children of inmates, special meals, and assistance for Kairos, a program of spiritual renewal.

Contact and Staff Liaison: Deacon John Leininger at (864) 903-0050 or john@saclemson.org

FAITH FORMATION

FAITH FORMATION: CHILDREN (PS4-GRADE 5)

Whether making Advent wreaths, studying the lives of the Saints, or preparing for the Sacraments, there is no greater investment than the time and energy we spend on behalf of our children and their faith development. Get involved. Register your children for classes or volunteer. The future strength of the church depends on building strong foundations in our young people.

Contact and Staff Liaison: Laura Witt at (864) 643-2587 or laura@saclemson.org

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Teams offer children (4-8 years) the Liturgy of the Word at 8:30AM Mass, in a space apart from the congregation using resources especially adapted for this age group. Training is provided for facilitators ages high school through adult. CLW follows the Faith Formation calendar.

Contact: Karen Stimart at (864) 710-9895 or kstimart@gmail.com
Staff Liaison: Alex Armstrong, at alex@saclemson.org

Vacation Bible School

The parish has an annual summer Vacation Bible School. Volunteers are always needed.

Contact and Staff Liaison: Laura Wittt at (864) 643-2587 or laura@saclemson.org

YOUTH MINISTRY (GRADES 6-12)

Along with the parish Youth Minister, young adult volunteers reach out to teenagers and gather them into a community that helps them encounter Christ, encourages them to develop a deep personal relationship with Jesus Christ, and equips them to go forth and share the Word with others. Our weekly large gathering during the school year is called "Encounter" and begins at 6:30PM following the Sunday evening Mass. In addition to prayer, catechesis, and developing a sense of fellowship, there are opportunities for community service, participation in social events, statewide retreats, and much more throughout the whole year.

Football Parking

A team of volunteers alternating oversight of parking in the church parking lot during Clemson home football games. Funds from season and same-day permits support Youth Ministry activities.

Contact and staff Liaison: Christopher Kerfoot at christopher@saclemson.org

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

RCIA is the process for welcoming and initiating people into the Catholic faith. While this process centers on those seeking Baptism, those seeking full-communication in the Catholic Church, and those adult Catholics who seek Confirmation are also invited to participate.

Contact: Fr. Gray, at frgray@saclemson.org

Baptism Preparation

Parents review the importance of Baptism as the first Sacrament of Initiation and are reminded of what the Church expect of them as their child's first teachers of what it means to be a disciple of Christ in the Catholic Church.

Contact and Staff Liaison: Deacon John Leininger (864) 903-0050 or john@saclemson.org

Marriage Preparation

Couples planning to marry should contact the Pastor at least six months before the anticipated wedding date. Preparation involves a) assurance that both parties are eligible for marriage in the Catholic Church, b) confirming their readiness to enter a life-long commitment with each other, and c) planning the wedding ceremony.

Contact and Staff Liaison: Fr. Gray, at frgray@saclemson.org

Christ Renews His Parish

A spiritual journey, this overnight weekend renewal experience is an opportunity to say “yes” to a closer and deeper relationship with Christ. Offered each year separately for men and women, it provides an atmosphere for individual spiritual growth through prayer and personal reflection.

Contact and Staff Liaison: Fr. Gray, at frgray@saclemson.org

Small Christian Communities

Join or host a small group. Small Christian Communities meet in parishioners’ homes or at church for “Breaking Open the Sunday Gospel,” prayer and fellowship. Small Christian Communities study Scripture or other books and share daily challenges on their faith journeys.

Contact and Staff Liaison: Laura Witt at (864) 643-2587 or laura@saclemson.org

Walking with Purpose Women’s Bible Study

A weekly gathering of women coming together to quench their thirst for conversion, transformation, and community.

Contact: Sue Tuvell at STuvell@tuvell.net
Staff Liaison: Fr. Gray, at frgray@saclemson.org

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Saint Andrew Parish had its beginnings serving the needs of Clemson College students. Today, Campus Ministry addresses the spiritual, social, and physical needs of our college students enrolled at Clemson University, Southern Wesleyan University, and Tri-County Technical College. Based out of the Merton House on the parish property, students come together to share and grow in faith, service, and community. The inclusion of students in our parish family is very important.

Contact: Catherine Showghi, Campus minister catherine@saclemson.org

Bible Studies

Our team of FOCUS Missionaries along with student leaders facilitate a variety of Bible studies for students to meet with a small group of their peers and grow in faith together as they dive deeper into scripture. These groups foster strong bonds of faith among our students and help connect them to our larger church community.

Tuesday Night Dinners (TND)

Each Tuesday evening during the academic year, parishioners generously volunteer to prepare and serve a home-cooked meal for about 120 of our college students in Martin Hall. This is a primary time of community building among our student population.

Praise and Worship

Each week after TND, our student musicians lead a praise and worship music session in the Chapel. A student offers a short witness talk about their journey of faith that relates to the theme for the year. On the third Tuesday of each month, an expanded session, called XLT!, is offered. In addition to the student led music, we bring in a visiting speaker to give a talk. There is time for Adoration and confession is also available.

Campus Ministry Retreats

Each year campus ministry provides two peer-led retreats open to all students. In addition, there is a welcome retreat at the beginning of the year to onboard new students, and a senior retreat for graduating students each April to help prepare them for life after college.

Service

Throughout the year, students participate in a variety of local service projects with organizations such as Clemson Community Care, Our Daily Rest, Foothills Pregnancy Center, and Rebuild Upstate. Then each year during the university spring break, campus ministry and FOCUS partner to lead an international service trip where students can expand their experiences of faith and serve a community in need.

PARISH LIFE

“Alive and Thriving” Health Ministry

The parish health ministry draws on the time and talent of parishioners in the various health fields in providing opportunities for parishioners to live healthy. Blood pressure screenings after Masses, an annual health fair, group walks, and bike rides are a few of the ministry's activities.

Contact: Nancy DeVol at ndevol@yahoo.com
Staff Liaison: Fr. Gray, at frgray@saclemson.org

Annual Saint Andrew Parish Bazaar

Members of the parish provide handcrafted and home-baked items to benefit the building fund. This yearly event – usually in November – includes a wide variety of craft items, wearables, home décor, note and greeting cards, wall art, stocking stuffers, favorite holiday treats, decorations, baked goods, and lunch (eat in/take out). In addition to supporting our building project, the Bazaar has been a wonderful community-building opportunity.

Contact: Debbie Larsen at Larsen.deb@icloud.com
Staff Liaison: Nancy Leininger at nancy@saclemson.org

Bereavement Reception Ministry

Participants are “on call” to provide hospitality in the form of a light reception to relatives and friends of our deceased after the funeral Mass and/or burial. Participants are asked to provide a dish, and when possible, help with the preparation of Brimley Hall for the reception, and hosting the families.

Contact: Jean Hill at hilljeanh@gmail.com
Staff Liaison: Fr. Gray, at frgray@saclemson.org

Generations in Faith

Generations of Faith provides opportunities for the whole parish family to come together for fun and fellowship.

Contact: Bonnie Stevens at saysbonnie@gmail.com
Staff Liaison: Fr. Gray, at frgray@saclemson.org

Grief Support Group

Dealing with loss can be especially difficult alone. Our support group meets the third Sunday of each month from 12:30–1:30 PM in Newman Hall.

Contact: Stephanie Hanel-Seitz at stephsh1948@gmail.com
Staff Liaison: Fr. Gray, at frgray@saclemson.org

Healing Prayer Ministry

The healing ministry offers those suffering from physically, spiritually, or emotionally the opportunity to have others share their burden through prayer. Each “First Friday” daily Mass and specially scheduled times are occasions for those in need to join with members of the ministry for prayer every Sunday after the morning Masses and on First Fridays of the month after the daily Mass.

Contact: Sandra Harbin at sandra_terry.harbin@yahoo.com
Staff Liaison: Fr. Gray, at frgray@saclemson.org

Knights of Columbus Council 6884 (KofC)

The Knights of Columbus is the world’s largest Catholic family service organization. Membership is open to any practicing Catholic man who is 18 years of age or older. A practicing Catholic is one who lives up to the Commandments of God and the Precepts of the Church. The four cornerstones of the Knights of Columbus are Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. Local councils develop the programs they believe will best serve the needs of their community.

Contact: Bob Brohm at (864) 367-9254 or bobbrohm@gmail.com
Staff Liaison: Deacon John Leininger at (864) 903-0050 or john@saclemson.org

Parish Prayer List

All are invited to entrust their “joys and hopes, griefs and anxieties” to the prayers of the people in the parish. Using the contact below, a written request for prayer for a sick friend or family member, the resolution of a problem or opportunity is shared with parishioners who opt to receive the prayer list each week. One can remain anonymous or share their name and the name(s) of those for whom prayers are requested.

Contact: Sandra Harbin at sandra_terry.harbin@yahoo.com
Staff Liaison: Nancy Leininger at nancy@saclemson.org

Saint Andrew Women

The Women's Group of the parish meets for fellowship, formation, and fun. Activities include retreats, monthly Dutch-treat luncheons, monthly Bunco, and occasional outings, and service activities for the community. All are welcome.

Contact: Stephanie Hanel-Seitz at stephsh1948@gmail.com
Staff Liaison: Fr. Gray, at frgray@saclemson.org

"Stitches from the Heart" Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry provides prayer shawls or lap blankets to people in serious physical or emotional pain. Members work on their own and at monthly meetings to make knit, crocheted, quilted, or sewn shawls and blankets. These are prayed over, blessed by a priest and delivered as a gift of loving prayer from the entire parish. Knitting and crocheting instruction is available. An important part of the Ministry is praying for those who have received shawls and for people everywhere who are hurting in mind, body, or spirit. All are welcome to participate. Meetings are held at Saint Andrew the second Wednesday of each month and the fourth Wednesday of each month.

Contact: Diane Evatt – call or text (864) 985-9016
Staff Liaison: Nancy Leininger at [\(864\) 654-1757](tel:8646541757) or nancy@saclemson.org

Welcome Committee

This committee welcomes new parishioners after they have registered with the parish office. They are available to answer questions about parish ministries and help pinpoint how your time and talent might best be invested in our parish life and help you fully experience the blessings of our parish community.

Contact: Lindsay Sanders at [\(864\) 430-4508](tel:8644304508) or tigerteacher77@gmail.com
Staff Liaison: Nancy Leininger at [\(864\) 654-1757](tel:8646541757) or nancy@saclemson.org

A final note

Over the years I have found that some of our most vibrant ministries have been those proposed by parishioners themselves.

The staff and I are always eager to work with you in making your proposal come to life.

If you have an idea for an additional way to serve our fellow parishioners or the people of Clemson and Pickens County, please don't hesitate to come forward. Contact me, and we'll work on making your inspiration a reality.

Sincerely,

Fr. Gray