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August 6, 2023
The Transfiguration of the Lord



Blessing of the Backpacks

Shown above, Sunday's 11:00 AM Mass last week included students receiving a special blessing in preparation for the start of the new academic year. The inset shows just some of the donated backpacks filled with supplies to be distributed to local students in need. Additional donated supplies and gift cards will also be distributed to area schools. Special thanks to all who contributed.

Tuesday Night Dinners for Our College Students

Weekly dinners for the college students are starting up again soon. We are asking Saint Andrew parishioners to once again volunteer to prepare food as you have so generously done in past years. Dinners will be on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 PM in the Parish Hall. If you or your ministry group are able to provide a meal for about 100 students, please choose a date and sign up in the vestibule, or contact Stephanie Manasa for more information (stephanie@saclemson.org). Thank you!



Preparedness for Life's Changes

AUGUST 26 FROM 9:00 AM-12:00 NOON • PARISH HALL

Sue Tuvell, CPA, will lead a discussion on how to prepare your family for the unexpected. Ask yourself this: If tomorrow you are shipwrecked on a deserted island, does your family have all the documents and information they need to survive and thrive until you are rescued? What if your spouse is with you – are they still prepared? If the answer is no, or you are not sure, this presentation is for YOU! What legal documents would your children or guardian need? If you have them, where are they? Are they organized? Are financial resources available? Would you like some suggestions on how to be ready for circumstances that you have not even thought of yet? If the answer to this question is yes, please join us. To reserve your spot, please email sue@tuvell.net.



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Summer Mass Schedule
Saturday 5:15 PM

Sunday 8:30 AM, 11:00 AM
(11:00 AM Mass is also livestreamed)

Weekdays 5:15 PM

Eucharistic Adoration
Fridays 9:00 AM–5:00 PM in the Church

Confessions – Church
Saturdays 10:00–11:00 AM
(Or by appointment)

Religious Education
2023–24 Registrations being accepted
www.saclemson.org/forms

Youth Ministry
2023–24 Registrations being accepted
www.saclemson.org/forms

Office Hours
Monday–Thursday 10:00 AM–5:00 PM
Friday Closed

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Livestream

The Sunday Mass at 11:00 AM will continue to be livestreamed on the parish Facebook page until further notice.

<https://www.facebook.com/saclemson/>

Missed the livestream but don't want to miss Mass? Use the **same Facebook link** to view the video later at your convenience.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 5

5:15PM † Anne Glazier
† Theresa Gardzalla
† Pat Cook

Sunday, August 6

8:30 AM † Vincenza Francese
Fr. Emmanuel Andinam (Birthday)
11:00 AM † Jeanne Daye

Monday, August 7

5:15PM Our Parish Family

Tuesday, August 8

5:15PM † Fr. Jose Barrios, OP

Wednesday, August 9

5:15PM † Betty Swift

Thursday, August 10

5:15PM † George Ward

Friday, August 11

5:15PM † Farrell Brown

Saturday, August 12

5:15PM † Dennis Mohney

Sunday, August 13

8:30 AM † Michael Lewandowski
† Bill Earl
† Clarence Meyer
† Pat Cook
† Marie Nevins

11:00 AM Our Parish Family

To schedule a Mass Intention, contact the office.



Dealing with loss of a family member or close friend can be especially difficult alone. If you feel you would benefit from meeting with others who have experienced a similar loss, a bereavement support group has begun to meet monthly from **12:30–1:30PM the third Sunday of each month**. The next meeting will be **Sunday, August 20, in Newman Hall** (136 Wigginton). Won't you join us?

Lost & Found

For lost items, please check the **LOST & FOUND box** by the food drop-off in the vestibule or contact Nancy in the office. Some items are being held in the office.

Daily Scripture Readings

Daily readings are available online at bible.usccb.org/readings/calendar

A Note From the Pastor

In 1989, as one more step in the collapse of the so-called Soviet bloc of puppet states in eastern Europe, Vaclav Havel, a Czechoslovakian writer and playwright who'd been imprisoned by the country's particularly oppressive Communist regime, became president of his newly liberated country. In his first presidential address, he made what I thought a harsh and incredible accusation, that the misery of his people under the Soviet thumb was their own fault. Recalling Russian tanks crush the 1968 "Prague Spring," a brief effort by the Czechs to loosen the Soviet grip, I wondered how Havel could make such a charge.

Havel claimed that, as vicious as Soviet occupation was, the Czech and Slovak peoples conspired to normalize it by lying. He told of the greengrocer who pitched a little sign in the midst of his goods laid out for sale. The sign carried a popular Soviet slogan. Not because the grocer believed it, but because he knew it was what the authorities wanted to see. A small lie, but "spoken" millions of times by millions like the grocer to curry favor and keep the authorities off their backs. It had the opposite effect.

Knowing that his disciples had a bit of the greengrocer's fear in the face of official suspicion of their master, Jesus brought his inner circle up a mountain and was transfigured before them. It was an attempt to strengthen their faith and courage as they headed up to Jerusalem where Jesus knew he would meet a bad end. Unfortunately, the inner circle was a lot like Havel's fellow citizens. They ended up being complicit in the death of the one they called "Teacher and Lord."

Matthew recounts this transfiguration in an effort to warn us that seeing heavenly wonders is not always enough to equip us with the courage needed to live the Gospel. Jesus' warning not to tell anyone about this evidenced his awareness that, while the event was powerful and showed him as the fulfillment of law (Moses) and prophecy (Elijah), such religious experiences are not enough. What's needed will be Pentecost and the gift of the Holy Spirit. (Even the Resurrection by itself left the inner circle fearful and locked away.)

What the inner circle lacked on Good Friday, you and I have been given. "To whom much is given, much is expected."

In the midst of the "culture wars" tearing us apart, we can put up our own signs satisfying the expectations of the prevailing mood. But the Holy Spirit gives us a courage to avoid complicity with a supine culture fearful of the risks Jesus took to embrace the Samaritans, the women, the lepers, the tax collectors, and all those sidelined from life in his day.

We need to be sober about such courage. It's not an armor that protects us from the fate Jesus met. But it is a courage that, like a mustard seed, grows into a world that Jesus saw as the buried treasure and pearl of great price worth his sacrifice.

In the words of John Paul II: *Do not be afraid. Open wide the doors for Christ. To his saving power open the boundaries of States, economic and political systems, the vast fields of culture, civilization and development. Do not be afraid.*

Fr. Dan

Welcome Newcomers

NEW PARISHIONER:

- Mary T. Smith

If you attend Saint Andrew and have not yet registered, please contact the office or speak with Father after Mass.

New Life in Christ Throughout Our Journey in Faith

NEWLY BAPTIZED:

- Ailani Guadalupe Cervantes Paz
July 29, 2023

Daughter of Jesus Cervantes Solorio and Lorena Paz Ventura

NEWLY MARRIED:

- Robert Fajardo and Hollie Bottoms
July 29, 2023

Youth Ministry

Christopher Kerfoot • christopher@saclemson.org

It is time to register your student for Youth Ministry 2023-2024. Please go to www.saclemson.org/forms or contact christopher@saclemson.org for registration forms. Our Youth Ministry School Year Kickoff Party is **August 19**.

Faith Formation

Laura Witt • laura@saclemson.org

As our students start the new academic school year, please remember our Children's Faith Formation program **will start Sunday, September 10**. Registrations are available in the church office or at www.saclemson.org/forms. Classes meet **9:45–10:45 AM between the Sunday morning Masses** and follow a religious education curriculum provided by the Charleston Diocese. Please contact Laura Witt at laura@saclemson.org if you are interested in volunteering as a Catechist or Substitute or if you have any questions.



Exciting Fall Concert Offerings for CEC!

Jamie Dean · jamie@saclemson.org



You'll want to mark your calendars for three varied musical offerings through the Campus Edge Concert Series right here in our church, all coming up before Christmas. All concerts are free and open to the public.

On **Sunday, August 27, at 2:00 PM**, a parish-based quartet will be offering a "bonus" concert. The musicians – *Violinist and Violist Danielle Martin, Clarinetist Désirée Werth, Cellist Mandy McAtee, and Pianist Jamie Dean* – are offering their talents to help bolster funding for the CEC series through the freewill offering. Selections include "Ave Maria" and a composition by John Williams based on the Shaker tune "Simple Gifts."

On **Saturday evening, September 30, at 7:00 PM**, parish music director *Jamie Dean* will offer a long-delayed recital to highlight the mighty Allen digital organ that was installed prior to the opening of our new church. The program will comprise a mixture of organ masterworks, transcriptions, and hymn-based pieces, such as "Litanies" by Jehan Alain, two spirituals by Adolphus Hailstork, and works by Samuel Barber, J. S. Bach, Edward Elgar, and others.

The **Carolina Bronze** – a highly-regarded regional Handbell ensemble – will return to our church to offer an early taste of Christmas on **Thursday, December 7, at 7:00 PM**. Last year, this group inspired and entertained a large audience, many of whom had never been inside our church before then.

Please support our CEC ministry through your presence. Donations to this self-sustaining program are also gratefully accepted. Checks should be made payable to Saint Andrew Catholic Church with "Campus Edge Concerts" in the memo line.

Our Weekly Parish Tithe

Kristen Lawson · kristen.n.lawson@gmail.com

The week's tithe goes to the **Office of Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation**. The work of the Franciscan friars is rooted in Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation (JPIC). The journey for this outreach flows naturally from the life of St. Francis of Assisi and the Franciscan movement that he inspired in pursuit of the Gospel Life. Current JPIC initiatives of the Holy Name Province, the Franciscan Province that provides Saint Andrew Parish's Franciscan friars, focus on care for the poor, immigration reform, care for creation, climate change, and peacemaking. Imagine what you could do to help build God's kingdom here on earth by focusing on Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation through the lenses of these initiatives. To learn more about these JPIC initiatives, visit <https://hnp.org/justice-and-peace/initiatives/>.

**"If you want peace, work for justice." – Pope St. Paul VI,
Message for Celebration of the Day of Peace, January 1, 1972**

Healing Prayer Ministry

HEALING PRAYER IS OFFERED IN THE CHAPEL AFTER SUNDAY MORNING MASSES.

Lord God, we thank You for Your Word, greatest and most glorious of all that comes to our human life. Every day we want to find more joy in Your help, in what You are doing for us. Again and again we feel and rejoice in the new help, new strength, and new courage for life given by Your Word. We seek and seek to find Jesus Christ, the eternal Life. He will surely come to establish Your kingdom. Praise to Your name, eternal, glorious, almighty God! Be with us poor, lowly people. Strengthen us in spirit, and enable us to persevere until everything is fulfilled that is promised by Your Word. Amen.

SA Women's Monthly Luncheon

Please join us for Saint Andrew Women's monthly luncheon on **Thursday, August 10, at 12:30 PM**, at the Lighthouse Restaurant, 1290 Doug Hollow Road, Seneca. Contact stephsh1948@gmail.com by noon on August 9 to reserve your seat. Bring a friend and wear a name tag. It's Dutch treat, and we will order from the menu.



SC Engaged Encounter Needs Your Help

Our diocese is blessed with couples who want to build a strong foundation by attending an Engaged Encounter weekend. We would like to offer more weekends, but we need more presenting teams. We would also like to schedule weekends in other cities, but we need local presenting teams to keep the weekends affordable. Your relationship will also benefit by being part of a community that values marriage. If you are willing to share your experiences as a married couple, please contact Bob and Mary Reimer, reimer@bellsouth.net or 864-420-2633.

Baptism Preparation

Contact Deacon John Leininger,
864-903-0050 or john@saclemson.org

Marriage Preparation

Contact Fr. Dan McLellan, OFM, no fewer than six months prior to the desired wedding date, 864-643-2011 or mclellan@saclemson.org.

Anointing of the Sick

Call the office at 864-654-1757 to arrange a time with a priest or, in an emergency, call the after hours number 919-699-6323.

Parish Prayer List

To have your prayer requests added to the parish prayer list, please contact Sandra Harbin at sandra_terry.harbin@yahoo.com or 864-885-9527 and leave a detailed message. If you would like to be part of the group offering prayer support, let Sandra know.

Weekly Intentions

To schedule a Weekly Intention (altar flowers, Chapel and/or Church sanctuary candles, Communion bread and wine) to remember a loved one or celebrate a special event, contact Nancy in the office.

2023 Football Parking Passes

Saint Andrew has football season parking passes available at \$300 per parking space. To secure a season pass, send a check payable to Saint Andrew to:

Saint Andrew Parish Office
Attn: Christopher Kerfoot
PO Box 112, Clemson SC 29633

All funds benefit Saint Andrew Youth Ministry. For more information, please contact christopher@saclemson.org.



Parish Giving

Thank you to all for your continued support of our parish. If you have not yet returned to in-person Masses and would like to send your weekly offertory envelopes directly to the office, please send to: **Saint Andrew Catholic Church
PO Box 112
Clemson, SC 29633**

To transition to our online giving option, go to www.saclemson.org and click **GIVE** in the navigation bar. Whether attending in person or not, by making your offering online, you continue to support our good works even if you are away. **NOTE:** If on your mobile phone, be sure to click "view full site" for best results. Any questions, please feel free to contact Nancy at nancy@saclemson.org or call 864-654-1757.



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