We Are a Stewardship Parish

Gratefully Giving Our Time, Talent, and Treasure in Service to God and One Another

> August 20, 2023 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

STUDENTS New and Returning

Whether you are a new or returning

college student, be sure to register with the Catholic Tigers <u>for this year</u> in order to get involved in our ministry and stay up to date with everything going on for our area college students.



Welcome Back Cookout

Catholic Campus Ministry's first event of the semester is our Welcome Back Cookout on **Wednesday**, **August 23, at 6:00 PM at the Merton House (118 Wigington Street)**. All area college students, **new and returning**, are invited to come hang out with Catholic Tigers as we eat, play games, and celebrate the start of a new year together!



Confirmation Pilgrimage to Charleston

This year's Confirmation Pilgrimage to Charleston was Spirit-filled. Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune met with our Confirmation students and answered their questions for a good hour. The students enjoyed a special tour of the Cathedral and celebrated Mass at the historic St. Mary of the Annunciation. Note that our bishop posed in one of our Youth Ministry hats!

Parish Staff

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Mass Schedule Saturday 5:15 PM

Sunday 8:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 5:15 PM (11:00 AM Mass is also livestreamed) Weekdays 5:15 PM

Eucharistic Adoration

Fridays 9:00 AM-5:00 PM in the Church

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Chapel – Wednesdays 5:45–6:45 PM Chapel – Saturdays 10:00–11:00 AM (Or by appointment)

Religious Education

2023–24 Begins September 10 Registration forms at www.saclemson.org/forms

Youth Ministry

2023–24 Encounter begins Sept 10 Registration forms at www.saclemson.org/forms

Office Hours Monday-Thursday 10:00 AM-5:00 PM

> After Hours Pastoral Emergencies Call 919-699-6323

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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 19 5:15 PM +Ruth Hannegan Briggs **†**Ruth McMillan + Jack Connolly Sunday, August 20 8:30 AM **†**Norm Panther + August DeVust **†**Ryan West 11:00 AM +Pat Cook + Willard and + Toni Benson 5:15 PM **Bob Monheim** Monday, August 21 5:15 PM + Ally and her surviving family Tuesday, August 22 5:15PM Our Parish Family Wednesday, August 23 Our Parish Family 5:15 PM Thursday, August 24 5:15 PM +Bruce Cook **†**Sophie Czaplicki Friday, August 25 5:15PM **Our Parish Family** Saturday, August 26 5:15 PM +Barb Panther **†**Ruth McMillan Sunday, August 27 8:30 AM **Our Parish Family** 11:00 AM +Pat Cook 5:15 PM **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 meets monthly from **12:30–1:30 PM the third Sunday of each month**. The next meeting will be **Sunday**, **August 20, in Newman Hall** (136 Wigington).

Lost & Found

Please check the **LOST & FOUND box** by the food drop-off in the vestibule or contact Nancy as some item are kept in the office.

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

A Note From the Pastor

Old-timers like to talk about the "good old days", but no one really wants to backtrack. And even if we were willing to go back, we can never re-capture time. What we <u>can</u> do is use change to find different ways of living and acting to sustain values that are forever and always. Values not always well appreciated in a by gone era. Values like those brought to our attention in today's Gospel.

When Joseph Ratzinger was elected Pope Benedict XVI, a lot of people groaned. For a quarter-century, Ratzinger had built up a reputation as a hardliner when it came to church discipline. He took no prisoners.

While pope, he was asked, what – after all these years – he might have done differently in life. To the surprise of many, he said that he wished he'd been less severe as a young priest working in a parish. In particular he regretted the grief he'd caused lukewarm Catholic parents seeking Baptism for a child. In those days he'd seen his job as protecting the integrity of the sacrament. He'd been afraid of being soft, of risking truth over mercy.

In this week's Gospel we have an instance of well-meaning apostles trying to discipline those who want access to Jesus but deemed unworthy of what Jesus has to offer – himself. The disciples had absorbed well the attitude of the scribes and Pharisees that rambunctious kids, prostitutes, lukewarm Jews, tax collectors, known sinners were ineligible for Jesus' attention. And yet, in each instance, Jesus overrules them.

It's interesting the way the scene in today's Gospel gets played out. A quick read can leave us with the impression that Jesus didn't have time for this woman. And calling her a "dog" takes our breath away. But if we pay more attention to the reading we see that Jesus deliberately plays into the disciples' *faux* righteousness to leave them with a powerful lesson.

If Jesus really had no time for the likes of this pagan Canaanite, what was he doing in the region of Tyre and Sidon? It was pagan territory. Whom did expect to find there? When the woman finally talks with Jesus, she exhibits a faith in him that some of the disciples lacked. And when Jesus set her up, telling her she wasn't entitled to what belong to God's people, she showed that, while she might not be a card-carrying Jew, she was hungry for what God had promised Israel – compassion. Mercy.

Pope Benedict regretted not being easier on people, regretted being stingy with God's grace.

With our wives and husbands, kids and parents, brothers and sisters, neighbors, friends, and the people at school and work; with those we don't even know but read about, we have a chance to put this Gospel into practice. Taking a risk on mercy and remembering the words of the poet George Eliot who wrote, "When death, the great reconciler, has come, it is never our tenderness that we repent of, but our severity."

Fr. Dan

Planning

for Life

Change

Be Prepared and Organized!

AUGUST 26 FROM 9:00 AM-12:00 NOON • PARISH HALL Sue Tuvell, CPA, will lead the discussion on **Preparedness for Life's Changes** and attendees will receive a copy of the Family, Financial, & Digital Diary, which presents an organized and efficient way to include everything your family needs to know, from A – Z. To reserve your spot, please email **sue@tuvell.net**.

Walking With Purpose

A PROGRAM FOR WOMEN - AND THERE IS NO REAL WALKING INVOLVED!

WWP is a program that meets women right where they are, hands them a cup of coffee, and transforms their hearts. Refuel and refresh and learn more about God through Scripture in this Bible study designed to draw women closer to Jesus in both a community and small group setting. Scripture does apply to your everyday life – we invite you to join us! The 2023-2024 program will begin in September – mark your calendars now for the **Welcome & Registration Kick Off in the Parish Hall on September 13, from 6:00-8:00 PM**. We have both evening (Tuesdays at 6:30 PM in Newman Hall) and morning sessions (Thursdays at 10:00 AM in the Parish Hall). For more information about this amazing program that is offered at parishes around the country, contact Donna Woods at 864-506-1453 or Karyn Bristow at 443-994-0031.

Faith Formation

Laura Witt · laura@saclemson.org

We are two weeks away from the start of the Children's Faith Formation program. The first class is **Sunday**, **September 10**, **9:45–10:45 AM between the Sunday morning Masses**.



Registration forms for 4K–Grade 5 are available in the vestibule, Parish Office, or online at **www.saclemson.org/forms**. Classes follow a religious education curriculum provided by the Charleston Diocese.

Please inquire at **laura@saclemson.org** if you are interested in serving as a Catechist or a Substitute.



Campus Edge Concerts – Fall Line Up

SUNDAY, AUĞUST 27 • 2:00 PM • FREE BONUS CONCERT Violinist and Violist Danielle Martin, Clarinetist Désirée Werth, Cellist Amanda McAtee, and Pianist Jamie Dean

Ave Maria, Amazing Grace, works by John Williams, Corelli, and much more

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 • 7:00 PM • FREE BONUS CONCERT Jamie Dean, Organist

Alain Litanies, Hailstork Black Spiritual arrangements, Barber Adagio for Strings, works by Bach, Elgar, and others

Young Singers Needed to Revive the Children's Choirs

Beginning on September 12, our new season of Little Saints and Youth Choir will move to Tuesday afternoons. The Little Saints (ages 4, 5, 6) explore music in fun ways with the goal of equipping them to become active participants in the music and prayer of the Mass. The Youth Choir (2nd graders and above) experience the joy of making music with others while honing their liturgical skills: why we do what we do in Mass; singing technic through breathing and ear training; music reading through solfège and Choirchime playing; what's on a hymn page; and more.

Parents, please consider making Choir a priority for your child as a worthy supplement to their faith formation. Contact **jamie@saclemson.org** to sign up or for more information.

Our Weekly Parish Tithe

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

The week's tithe goes to the HELPING HANDS OF CLEMSON Children's Home. Having opened its doors in 1984, this state-licensed program's mission is to provide abused and/or neglected boys, ages 12-21, with a safe place to live, food, clothing, education, healthcare, and counseling. Most come from Anderson, Greenville, Oconee, and Pickens Counties. The 14,000 sq. ft. shelter is open year-round and can care for up to 32 boys at a time, serving more than 8,550 children since opening its doors. The program employs 20+ caregivers, referred to as House Parents, and four cooks. The children stay until DSS can reunite them with their families. If not possible, DSS will attempt to place the children with other relatives or through adoption. All students attend school, and the Home focuses on their holistic needs, including teaching life skills, how to maintain healthy relationships, work and study habits, housing and money management/budgeting, computer/internet safety, self-care, and career/education planning. For further details, including volunteering at the Home or Thrift Store located in Central, see www.helpinghandsofclemson.org.

I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth. - 3 John 1:4

Welcome New Parishioners

- Chris and Carrie Balda, Cavan, Callie, and Cora
- Scott and Monette Fowler, Sophia and Miguel Sumalinog
- Anthony and Kimberly Rivera, AJ
- Reed and Cindy Thibodeaux

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

"Blessed are those that mourn, for they shall be comforted."

Anyone who is dealing with the loss of a loved one is invited to join a Bereavement Support Group that meets the third Sunday of each month in Newman Hall at 12:30 PM. This month's meeting is this Sunday, August 20.

Healing Praver Ministry

HEALING PRAYER IS OFFERED IN THE CHAPEL AFTER SUNDAY MORNING MASSES. Lord, thank You for giving me moments in my life when I profoundly experienced Your goodness and glory. Help me recall those moments when times are hard, or my faith is wavering. Let me continue to grow closer to You and, in doing so, bring others to You as well. Amen! (WWP)

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!

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 offce 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 Offce Attn: Christopher Kerfoot PO Box 112, Clemson SC 29633



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 offce, 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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