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August 27, 2023 Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time



COLLEGE STUDENTS

Happy first week of classes to our college students! Don't forget to register with Catholic Tigers and join us this week for a full schedule of welcome activities!



## Catholic Tigers Welcome Week (August 27-31)

Sunday, August 27, @ 6:30 PM Open House (Merton House) Monday, August 28, @ 6:00 PM Game Night (Merton House) Tuesday, August 29, @ 6:00 PM Tuesday Night Dinner (Parish Hall) Wednesday, August 30, @ 6:00 PM Service Project (Parish Hall) Thursday, August 31, @ 6:00 PM Pizza and Trivia Night (Parish Hall)

## Prayer in the Style of Taizé • Thursday, August 31 • Saint Andrew Chapel

Modeled on the style practiced in the Taizé Community in France, an hour-long ecumenical service is offered at 10:00 AM and again at 7:00 PM the final Thursday of each month. The chapel is candlelit, the music is repetitive and chant-like. During the service, we listen to Scripture, offer intercessory prayers, and sit in silence. Many who attend find a profound peace and tranquility.

## Parish Focus on Hunger and Clemson Community Care Food Drive

Pope Francis' *Laudato Si* encyclical calls for us to: Listen to the Cries of the Poor and Listen to the Cries of the Earth. Starting today and throughout the Season of Creation, our Parish tithe donations will go to local agencies seeking to alleviate food insecurity. Support for these agencies is one way we live out the first corporal work of mercy, the command to feed the hungry.

Our traditional September Food Drive for Clemson Community Care begins today: take a brown bag home after Mass each week and return it the next week with the items suggested below or anything non-perishable. The need is great, as Clemson Community Care has experienced a significant increase in requests for food provided to those in need and its shelves need constant replenishing. Each Sunday, parishioners have been filling the food bins in the church vestibule; our hope is that donations during September will be overflowing.

#### **Suggested donations during September are:**

September 3: juice, canned fruit, canned tomatoes, soup, crackers, pudding, toothbrushes
 September 10: spaghetti sauce, pork and beans, dry spaghetti, dry beans, dish detergent
 September 17: canned vegetables, rice, cereal, peanut butter, flour, paper towels

September 24: tomato sauce and paste, grits, canned or shelf-stable milk, toilet paper College students, consider donating jars of pasta sauce each week. Any donation of non-perishable food items is always welcome. Cash donations are welcome and should be sent directly to Clemson Community Care at PO Box 271, Clemson SC 29633. Make checks payable to CCC, writing "Saint Andrew" on the memo line.

# SAINT ANDREW CATHOLIC CHURCH

209 Sloan Street · Clemson 864-654-1757

## Mailing Address

PO Box 112 Clemson, SC 29633

#### 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**

Sundays 9:45–10:45 AM Beginning Septemebr 10

#### Youth Ministry Encounter

Sundays 6:30-8:00 PM Beginning Septemebr 10

## Office Hours

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

After Hours Pastoral Emergencies Call 919-699-6323

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To sign up for weekly parish-wide emails, go to **www.flocknote.com/saclemson** 

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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 26

5:15 PM †Barb Panther

†Ruth McMillan

Sunday, August 27

8:30 AM Our Parish Family

11:00 AM †Pat Cook

†Bohuslav Pustelnyk

†Nikolay Bliznyuk

† Andriy Okhrimovych

5:15 PM Our Parish Family

Monday, August 28

Our Parish Family 5:15 PM

Tuesday, August 29

5:15 PM Our Parish Family

Wednesday, August 30

Our Parish Family 5:15 PM

Thursday, August 31

5:15PM Our Parish Family

Friday, September 1

5:15 PM †Raymond J. Shanley

Saturday, September 2

5:15 PM †Ed Skrocki

Sunday, September 3

8:30 AM †Shirley Ward

11:00 AM †Ed Skrocki

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, September 17, 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 items are kept in the office.

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

## A Note From the Pastor

Stopped at the College Ave/Tiger Blvd light, waiting for the lead driver going left onto College toward downtown to stop texting and get moving, I scan the folks going in and out of the Clemson "swag" shop behind Walgreen. The shopping traffic this past week has been as brisk as the 123 traffic - new Clemson students getting suited up to be a "Tiger" for the next four years.

Echoing this week's Gospel, I'd love to ask a shopper, "Who do you say Clemson is?" I can imagine the replies. Unlike Peter answering Jesus, the shopper's answer would likely come, not from inspiration, but from what they absorbed from visits to campus, testimonies of current students they've met, and not unlikely, what they're hoping Clemson is for them. But most of all, it will be their experience.

It was like that for Peter. It will take the rest of his internship as one of the Twelve, the passion and its revelation of Peter's weakness, and finally Pentecost for Peter to absorb the true meaning of what it means for Jesus to be "Christ, the Son of the living God." And even then, given Peter's controversies with Paul over ministry to the Gentiles, knowing who and what it means to be Son of God will remain a learning experience.

And so it is with newcomers to Clemson and us. Knowing what Clemson is will take time and experience. As Jesus learned something of his identity thanks to the hope of the Canaanite woman last Sunday, and as Peter and the others learned from the practical consequences of their own experiences, so we continue to be lifelong learners of who Jesus is and what that means for us.

We see this each September as we acknowledge that many, even among our neighbors, go to bed hungry each night. While you and I find our grocery bills higher these days, there are many who ache to have our problem. But their poverty denies them even that.

Being the Son of the Living God is to "satisfy our hungry hearts" as the words of the familiar hymn remind us. As a prelude to giving us himself as food and drink, Jesus gave us loaves and fish. Jesus feeding of the vast crowds was provocative - if he rejected sending the crowds away physically hungry, how much more does he reject ignoring our hunger for God.

On the Sudays of next month, we'll be invited to take a shopping bag and grocery list after each Mass, shop to the list during the week, and return the full bag to Mass the following week. This sacrificial giving of time and treasure will feed the hungry with what's in the bag and feed them with the love of God from what's in our hearts.

The Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith, the memorial of Jesus' serving life and saving death. The Last Supper was not a seminar – it was an action. Blessing, breaking, sharing, and washing. If Augustine is right and we "become what we eat" at Communion, our shopping for the hungry will give us a lived experience of what being the Son of the Living God means. For Jesus and for us. Fr. Dan

#### Ask Father

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 • 6:00 PM • PARISH HALL

Ever wonder where Holy Water comes from? Want to know why we kneel, when we kneel, at Mass? Do you know why we pray in Latin during certain times of the year? Do you know who those three people are in the stained-glass window at the front of the church? Why does the priesthood have different Religious Orders?

What questions do you have about theology, or church practices and traditions? On Wednesday, September 6, join members of our Parish community from 6:00 – 7:15 pm in the church hall for a pizza dinner and questions session. Toss a question in the bowl when you arrive. Maybe yours will be pulled at this relaxed, lively information and learning session with Fr. Dan. As usual, desserts are welcome and appreciated.

#### Welcome Newcomers **NEW PARISHIONERS**

- Susan Dandrea
- John and Mary Easton
- Margaret (Peggy) Gross
- Javier and Olympia Otero, Penelope, Sienna, and Santiago

**NEWLY BAPTIZED** 

• Matthew Romero-Gonzalez August 22, 2023

Son of Miguel Romero-Hidalgo and Maria Dolores Gonzalez-Canseco

Zane and Sara Powell, Elise and Ethan

#### Faith Formation

Laura Witt · laura@saclemson.org

The first class for Children's Faith Formation is Sunday, September 10, 9:45-10:45 AM between the Sunday morning Masses.

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



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 – THIS SUNDAY AUGUST 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* 

Registration Continues for Children's Choirs

Registration continues for all choirs, but especially for Little Saints (ages 4, 5, 6) and Youth Choir (grade 2 and above). Both groups will meet on Tuesday afternoons this year - a change that we hope will increase the size of both groups so that they can lead our sung prayer at Sunday Masses from time to time. This is a great way for kids to become more aware of what happens at Mass and to experience the joy of music through creative play and as active parts of the worshipping assembly.

Beginning on Tuesday, September 12, the Little Saints will meet in Newman Hall from 4:00 to 4:30. Youth Choir Children's Clrehearsals run from 4:30 to 5:30.

To join, please see Jamie at the organ after a Mass or fill out a yellow form in the vestibule or send an email with children's grade level and parents' names and contact info.

## Our Weekly Parish Tithe

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

The week's tithe goes to the **Our Daily Bread**, an interdenominational Christian ministry committed to addressing the needs of the poor and underserved. Daily, nourishing meals are provided in a pleasant, friendly setting designed both to alleviate physical hunger and provide an encouraging and supportive environment to enable hope. Our Daily Bread is an all-volunteer organization that serves approximately 130 meals Monday–Friday. Informational support is also provided to help guests find ways to solve the problems that aggravate their individual situations. For more information and to volunteer, visit <a href="http://ourdailybreadsc.org/">http://ourdailybreadsc.org/</a>.

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you invited me in. — Matthew 25:35

**Healing Prayer Ministry** 

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

Lord and Father of all, help us listen for Your voice. When our words sound flat and weak in the aftermath of disaster, in the midst of seemingly intractable conflict, in the oceans of want and privation, deliver us from despairing. Help us to seek Your face. Strengthen us to do Your will. Open our hearts and hands to receive Your blessings, to be blessings to others, to stand in solidarity with all Your children—especially those who are overwhelmed by turmoil and great loss. Amen (CRS)

## Youth Ministry Kickoff Party

While Sunday evening Encounter will start back up on September 10, our middle and high school families

enjoyed good food and fun at last Saturday's Kickoff party.

Any of our students in grades 6–12 who are not yet registered for Youth Ministry should

do so as soon as possible. Please find forms available in the vestibule or the Parish Office, or on the parish website at www.saclemson.org/forms.

Questions: please contact christopher@saclemson.org.

## Stewardship of Treasure\*

July 31 \$73,715 Year-To-Date \$73,715 Budgeted \$77,253 YTD Budgeted \$77,253

Difference -\$3,538 YTD Difference -\$3,538

## **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 Clemson Home Football Schedule

With Clemson Football starting back up soon, just a friendly reminder that there are NO CHURCH ACTIVITIES ON SATURDAYS WHEN CLEMSON PLAYS AT

**HOME.** That is, the chapel and church are closed on game days with no Saturday Sacrament of Reconciliation or Saturday evening Mass.

This season's home game dates are: September 9, 16, and 23, October 7, and November 4, 11, and 18.

## 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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