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September 3, 2023
Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hunger Awareness and Clemson Community Care Food Drive

Thank you to everyone who donated food this week to kick off our Clemson Community Care food drive. **Suggested donations for the remaining weeks in September:**

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.

The negative effects of food insecurity are not relegated to short-term hunger. The long-term health effects, especially for children, truly drive home the importance of addressing this issue. According to Feeding America, 9 million children in America are food insecure and many of the food insecure households don't qualify for federal programs of assistance. The negative health consequences of food insecurity for children include stunted development, anemia, asthma, oral health problems, and hospitalizations. Children in food insecure households may also experience lower reading and math scores, more significant behavior and social problems, and lower high school graduation rates. Since COVID, Clemson Community Care has been distributing 2000 pounds of food a day. That means that the average amount of food we collect on a weekend during our food drive will be barely enough for one day. So, we would suggest that you talk to a friend/neighbor/colleague about CCC and ask them if they support CCC. Especially if they are new to the area. It is going to take more than our parish to stock the shelves.



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.

If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well," but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it? – James 2:15-16

Ask Father

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

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.



SCHEDULE REMINDERS:

The Parish Office is **closed Monday, September 4**, in observance of Labor Day.

Daily Mass on Monday will be at 9:30 AM instead of the usual afternoon time.

Next Saturday, the 9th, is first **Clemson home game** of the season. The chapel and church are closed with no Saturday Sacrament of Reconciliation and no Saturday evening Mass.

This season's home game dates are:

September 9, 16, and 23, October 7, and November 4, 11, and 18.

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Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:15PM

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

Weekdays 5:15PM

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 Septembr 10

Youth Ministry Encounter

Sundays 6:30–8:00PM

Beginning Septembr 10

Office Hours

Monday–Thursday 10:00 AM–5:00PM

After Hours Pastoral Emergencies

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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, September 2

5:15 PM †Ed Skrocki

Sunday, September 3

8:30 AM †Shirley Ward

11:00 AM †Ed Skrocki

5:15 PM †Rollie Handog

Monday, September 4 – OFFICE CLOSED –

9:30 AM †Rosa Sagarnaga

Tuesday, September 5

5:15 PM Our Parish Family

Wednesday, September 6

5:15 PM †John Lawson

Thursday, September 7

5:15 PM †Mary Mansfield

Friday, September 8

5:15 PM †Bill Earl

Saturday, September 9

– CLEMSON HOME FOOTBALL –

~~10:00 AM~~ (No Sacrament of Reconciliation)

5:15 PM (No Mass)

Sunday, September 10

8:30 AM †Eileen Smith

†Frank Jensen

11:00 AM Our Parish Family

5:15 PM Patrick Fesler

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 Wighton).

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

Labor Day is a public holiday in most US jurisdictions. It celebrates the dignity of workers and the labor they perform. While this is a secular holiday, it's intimately connected to the revival of Catholic social thought begun with Pope Leo XIII's 1891 letter *Rerum Novarum* ("Of New Things").

Getting "work" right is at the heart of Catholic morality. In our own times, "work" is a key element that shapes our human identity. What we do matters, but how and why we work matters more. Our work is a way that we engage the world and others around us, bringing to bear on the "common good" our energy and skills. How a society values, fosters, and protects work and workers is an indicator of that society's health.

Francis of Assisi required all who were eager to join him in his way of life to sell what that had – except the tools of their trade. He expected the friars to work and to beg only when their work failed to support them with the necessities.

While begging might have been OK for Francis and his brothers, Leo XIII teaches that a moral society and political order honors work and cares for workers by being a safety net when workers are suffering. Such care begins with a legal framework that ensures workers benefit from their labors. Workers are as important as managers and investors.

Of late, the downplaying of "anti-trust" laws and the resulting amalgamation of corporations (think airlines, banks...) into larger units has hoodwinked a lot of workers into believing that the resultant promise of lower prices is in their best interests. Oblivious to the fact that they have become consumers and not producers. Until corporations – free of competition – start raising prices.

Leo XIII defended the right of workers to organize, not only to secure wages and benefits in their own industries but also to have a common voice in the political arena so that state and federal laws reflect a government's duty to protect the common good and workers – whether employed or not – are not denied their human rights to such common goods as education, participation in public life, and health care.

The morality called to mind and celebrated this weekend is not a morality that means everyone is on the same economic level. It does mean that economic equity is a value not to be ignored as we nurture our public life.

For us Catholics, then, Labor Day is never simply a civic celebration. It's also the celebration of a moral vision. Insofar as our current efforts for a "Eucharistic revival" encourage devotions such as Adoration, such efforts should also encourage us to see Jesus in our work and in the world of work. And especially in those whose lack of work makes them hungry, homeless, sick, and even imprisoned.

As we enjoy this holiday weekend, may a portion of our enjoyment be in the grace given to us to be workers and in asking God's blessings on our labor, a labor done for the common good.

Fr. Dan



Season of Creation

SEPTEMBER 1 UNTIL OCTOBER 4 – THE FEAST OF SAINT FRANCIS

"Let Justice and Peace Flow" is the theme of this year's ecumenical Season of Creation, inspired by the words of the prophet Amos: "*Let justice flow on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream*" (5:24). The evocative image used by Amos speaks to us of what God desires. God wants justice to reign; it is as essential to our life as God's children made in his likeness as water is essential for our physical survival. When we "*seek first the kingdom of God*" (Mt 6:33), maintaining a right relationship with God, humanity, and nature, then justice and peace can flow like a never-failing stream of pure water, nourishing humanity and all creatures. <https://bit.ly/PopeFrancisCreationCarePrayer>



Children's Liturgy of the Word

Now that summer break is over, we will be starting up the Children's Liturgy of the Word again next Sunday. This program is designed for children ages 4–8 and provides them with an opportunity to break open the Word celebrated in the Sunday liturgy. The children leave the church before the readings and return after the Creed. We will go over to the Parish Hall to discuss the readings and provide real-life applications appropriate for their age levels. This ministry is important, as we help our children understand and apply the Word of God. Please contact Jamie at jamie@saclemson.com or Karen at kstimart@gmail.com if you have any questions about the program.

Faith Formation

Children's Faith Formation begin **next 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.

Laura Witt • laura@saclemson.org

Important Update on Children's Choirs

Rehearsal times for Children's Choirs are being re-evaluated. There have not been enough sign-ups to begin weekly rehearsals yet. If you are a parent of children ages four through grade five, we welcome your input. Please contact Jamie, jamie@saclemson.org, if you'd like your children to share their joyous voices with our parishioners by singing at Mass.



Our Weekly Parish Tithe

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

The week's tithe goes to **Clemson Community Care and Golden Corner Food Pantry.**

Clemson Community Care serves the Clemson, Central, and Pendleton communities with food programs, SNAP applications, heating/cooling/power/water assistance, rental assistance, homeless support, a holiday program, back-to-school supplies, home repair, and referral services. The goal is to help clients become self-sufficient, though some, because of physical or mental limitations, will always need a little help. During 2022, 8,000 individuals were served, including 4,374 families; and 305,842 pounds of food were distributed to clients. During this period, the amount of food distributed has significantly increased, and the stock of food in reserve has decreased. Saint Andrew's regular Sunday food donations to Clemson Community Care and our September CCC Food Drive come at an opportune time, a time when the shelves need to be replenished. See www.clemsoncare.org for more information and the full 2022 CCC Impact Report.

Golden Corner Food Pantry is the largest food pantry in Oconee County, serving nearly 2,000 low-income and disadvantaged people each month with emergency and supplemental food. About two hundred volunteers meet with clients; collect donated food; unload, sort, store, and package the food for distribution each Monday through Friday. The food comes from local donations (grocery stores, food drives) or is purchased with donated funds. GCFP distributes about a million pounds of food annually to an average of 850 households per month, including nearly 250 seniors. All distribution is based on need, tied to federal poverty guidelines, and verified periodically. The "Food for Families" Program helps families and single mothers transition through unexpected events and periods of unemployment. The "Food for Seniors" Program ensures seniors have sufficient and balanced food to improve their quality of life. For further information and opportunities to get involved, see www.goldencornerfoodpantry.org.

They will not hunger or thirst, nor will the scorching heat or sun strike them down; for He who has compassion on them will lead them and will guide them to springs of water. – Isaiah 49:10

Dinner for Eight

It's time to plan our next round of Dinner for Eight dinners. If you have not experienced one of these fun, relaxed gatherings, please consider giving it a try. The idea behind these dinners is to offer a chance to get to know our fellow parishioners in a home setting involving 6-10 participants. Please contact Donna DiAntonio at 864-978-2398 or donnadiant@gmail.com with questions or to sign up.



Healing Prayer Ministry

HEALING PRAYER WILL NOT BE OFFERED THIS WEEKEND DUE TO THE HOLIDAY

Saint Joseph, by the work of your hands and the sweat of your brow, you supported Jesus and Mary, and had the Son of God as your fellow worker. Teach me to work as you did, with patience and perseverance, for God and those whom God has given me to support. Amen.

Intensive Case Manager Needed

Lutheran Services Carolinas Refugee and Immigrant Services is looking for an Intensive Case Manager for high-need refugee families (families with disabilities, aged members, or other difficult circumstances). This is a full-time, paid position. Experience with nursing and social work is a plus. Interested parties should send resumes to Amberly Chirolla at achirolla@lscarolinas.net. They are also looking for vehicles for refugee families that can be donated or sold at a low cost. Contact Andrea Kesler at akesler@lscarolinas.net.

SA Women's Monthly Luncheon – New Location

Please join us for Saint Andrew Women's monthly luncheon on **Thursday, September 14, at 12:30 PM**, at the Traditions on the Lake, 13500 Clemson Blvd, Seneca. Contact stephsh1948@gmail.com by noon on September 13 to reserve your seat. Lunch is Dutch treat.



Do You Need a Retreat?

Did you know that Heart Ridge Catholic Retreat Center is located in the mountains of South Carolina and offers retreats open to all? There will be a women's retreat October 27-29. For teachers, there is a retreat by and for teachers, November 3-5. A Novel Writing Retreat will be November 11-12. And for busy mothers who need a short time away, there is the annual Advent Retreat for Young Moms, December 8-9. Stay tuned for spring. For more information on these events and the retreat center: HeartRidgeMinistries.com.

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 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.

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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
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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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