

# SAINT ANDREW CATHOLIC CHURCH

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in Service to God and One Another*

September 17, 2023  
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Healing Prayer Ministry

HEALING PRAYER IS OFFERED IN THE CHAPEL AFTER SUNDAY MORNING MASSES

*Lamentations 3:22-23 The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases and His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning and great is His faithfulness.* Jesus, give me the grace to extend love, patience and forgiveness to those I perceive have harmed me. Let me be willing to extend these gifts to others, every day, just as You offer them to me. Not seven times, or seventy seven times, but every day of my life. Let me walk in Your footsteps and follow Your example. Amen.



## Season of Creation – Let Justice and Peace Flow

Let us add to the flow of this mighty river by transforming our lifestyles. Starting from grateful wonder at the Creator and his creation, let us repent of our “ecological sins.” These sins harm the world of nature and our fellow men and women. With the help of God’s grace, let us adopt lifestyles marked by less waste and unnecessary consumption, especially where the processes of production are toxic and unsustainable. For the mighty river to continue flowing, we must transform the public policies that govern our societies and shape the lives of young people today and tomorrow. Economic policies that promote scandalous wealth for a privileged few and degrading conditions for many others spell the end of peace and justice.

<https://bit.ly/PopeFrancisCreationCarePrayer>

## Hunger Awareness and Clemson Community Care Food Drive

Thanks to all of you who participated this week in our CCC September food drive, we donated another 1,899.4 pounds of goods. **That brings our total to date this month to 3,616.8 pounds.** Suggested donations for **September 24:** tomato sauce and paste, grits, canned or shelf stable milk, and toilet paper. College students consider donating a can of soup this week. These items are suggestions, and any donation of non-perishable food items is always welcome.

Clemson Community Care distributes 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 like to suggest that you talk to a friend/neighbor/colleague about CCC and ask them for their support. 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.

***The generous will be blessed, for they share their food  
with the poor. – Proverbs 22:9***



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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 6:00–7:00 PM

Chapel – Saturdays 10:00–11:00 AM  
*(Or by appointment)*

Religious Education

Sundays 9:45–10:45 AM  
Day Hall and Newman Hall

Youth Ministry Encounter

Sundays 6:30–8:00 PM  
Parish Hall

Office Hours

Monday–Thursday 10:00 AM–5:00 PM

After Hours  
Pastoral Emergencies

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[www.flocknote.com/saclemson](http://www.flocknote.com/saclemson)

**SCHEDULE REMINDER:** There are **no church activities on Saturdays when Clemson plays at home.** The chapel and church are closed with no Saturday Sacrament of Reconciliation and no Saturday evening Mass. **Remainning home game dates are: September 16 and 23, October 7, and November 4, 11, and 18.**

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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 16

– CLEMSON HOME FOOTBALL –

10:00 AM (No Sacrament of Reconciliation)  
5:15 PM (No Mass)

Sunday, September 17

8:30 AM †Bob and Eleanor Fajardo  
†Ryan West  
†Dorothy (Dee) MacDade

11:00 AM Anne Marie Wiles

5:15 PM Tommy Sullivan

Monday, September 18

5:15 PM Special Intention

Tuesday, September 19

5:15 PM †John Lawson

Wednesday, September 20

5:15 PM Our Parish Family

Thursday, September 21

5:15 PM †Bob Galuski

Friday, September 22

5:15 PM Our Parish Family

Saturday, September 23

– CLEMSON HOME FOOTBALL –

10:00 AM (No Sacrament of Reconciliation)  
5:15 PM (No Mass)

Sunday, September 24

8:30 AM †Theresa Francese  
†Raphaela Meyer  
†Theodore Fajardo

11:00 AM †Dorothy (Dee) MacDade

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 **IS THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, IN NEWMAN HALL** (136 Wigington).

## 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](http://bible.usccb.org/readings/calendar)

## A Note From the Pastor

Most Catholics are intrigued and fascinated by apparitions, cures, and things like Fatima's "spinning sun." And why not? We humans are gifted with a sense of wonder.

Each September 17, the Franciscan family calls to mind the "stigmata" of Saint Francis, the marking of his body with the wounds of Christ's crucifixion. One might conclude that this "sign and wonder" was a reward for Francis' holiness, his way of life that led many to speak of him as the "mirror of Christ."

But there is more to the story. The stigmata was the answer to Francis' prayer that he might feel in his own body the love Jesus has for us. It wasn't the wounds themselves that mattered to Francis – it's what they pointed to. And so, rather than a trophy, an external grace, the five wounds were outward signs of the much more important inner grace.

Holiness is never the sum of our sacraments received or pious practices observed. It's always the sum of the way we see the world and engage the world. Baptism without a commitment to discipleship – the way of life that moves us beyond "original sin" – is a deception of others. "Eucharist" without washing one another's feet is simply ritual. "Reconciliation" without the intention to put back together again the relationship with others that is damaged by our sin turns "confession" into a self-serving relief of guilt.

Francis didn't seek the stigmata to look like the crucified Christ. He sought this outward sign to feel like the crucified Christ. But the feeling he sought was not inflicted on Christ by executors. It was the feeling hard-wired into Jesus – and our! – skin and bone that comes from love. Francis didn't want to just talk about God's love. He wanted to feel that love. And live what he felt. A feeling that came from how Christ lived.

Too often you and I fall into the trap of expecting to experience the love of God only or primarily in the quiet of his presence. But the stigmata, last Sunday's Gospel, and the bread broken, and cup poured out in our Eucharist – remind us that love is found in action which, as Dostoyevsky recognized, is a "harsh and dreadful thing."

Moms know the harshness and dreadfulness of love in the nervous anticipations accompanying pregnancy and then in the pains of birth; workers know it in the day-to-day fidelity of labor that puts food on the table; collegians know it when 4 years of Clemson (or wherever their school) is more than a passing grade; and we all know it when we give of our time, talent, and treasure for the sake of the common good. And when we dare the hard work of reconciliation.

In this remembrance of the stigmata, we're reminded that our world will always be in a downward spiral when personal satisfaction is sought in what power, wealth, comfort, and popularity feel like.

The stigmata is exceptional, but not necessary. Washing one another's feet is necessary, and hopefully, never exceptional.

Fr. Dan

## Cookies for Kairos

As a quick follow up to Deacon John's message in the September 6 Wednesday Wake Up, he and Tom Brennan hope to take 300-400 dozen cookies to Perry Correctional on October 4. Learn more about the cookies, and see sample recipes and package instructions at <https://bit.ly/1-page-cookie-directions>.



Children's Liturgy of the Word, for ages 4–8, is offered at **8:30 AM Mass** following the Faith Formation calendar. The children are dismissed with their catechist before the readings and return to their families after the Creed.



## Sunday Morning Faith Formation

**Children's Faith Formation serves 4K–5th Grade**. Classes meet 9:45-10:45 AM and follow a religious education curriculum provided by the Charleston Diocese for each age level.

Laura Witt • [laura@saclemson.org](mailto:laura@saclemson.org)

## Music Ministry

### HYMNDINGER POSITIONS OPEN –

If you would like to take part in a fun small group that makes music together on the Choir Chime instruments, please contact Jamie. We are in need of at least one new ringer and several subs. We rehearse on Wednesday nights from 6:00 till 7:00PM in the church. Some music reading background is helpful, but we welcome anyone who is eager to learn – and doesn't mind making mistakes in the process. Email the director at [jamie@saclemson.org](mailto:jamie@saclemson.org).

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## Campus Edge Bonus Concert, September 30

### DID YOU KNOW?

Our Allen organ (Model GX 340) can reproduce the sounds of ten different organs. During the recital presented by Music Director Jamie Dean on **Saturday, September 30, at 7:00 PM**, seven stoplists from the digital library will be featured, including an English cathedral organ ("Nimrod" movement by Elgar), a French cathedral organ ("Litanies" by Alain), a Bach-era organ (D Major Prelude and Fugue by Bach), and an American classic organ (two spiritual arrangements by Hailstork).

## Our Weekly Parish Tithe

Kristen Lawson · [kristen.n.lawson@gmail.com](mailto:kristen.n.lawson@gmail.com)

The week's tithe goes to **Feed a Hungry Child – Pickens County Backpack Program**, which provides food on the weekends and during the week for students who may be hungry. The mission is to provide identified hungry students in the Pickens County School District, grades K3-12, with nutritious food on weekends during the school year through the guidance offices. Also, school nurses provide food to students who come in late and have not been fed. Chronic hunger continues to be a growing problem in Pickens County Schools. One out of every seventeen children go home on Friday, and do not receive adequate nutrition until they return to school on Monday. No child deserves to be hungry and cannot thrive on an empty stomach. Feed a Hungry Child Pickens County strives to alleviate symptoms of chronic hunger and help hungry students arrive at school ready to learn. The program is a simple, effective answer to the problem of child hunger. For further information see [www.PickensChildren.com](http://www.PickensChildren.com), email [info@pickenschildren.com](mailto:info@pickenschildren.com), or call 864-898-9890.

*If you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday. – Isaiah 58:10*

## Welcome to Our Parish

### NEW PARISHIONERS:

- Glenn and Millie Guillot, and grandson Brian
- Noah Klimkowski Arango
- Erinn and Colin McCormick

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

## CONNECT: Catholic Tigers New Student Weekend

Calling all new students! Freshmen and transfers new to our Clemson community are invited to join us at Saint Andrew for a chance to get to know our campus ministry, make some new friends, and learn more about everything Catholic Tigers has to offer you during your time in college.

WHEN: Friday, September 29 – Saturday, September 30

WHERE: Saint Andrew Catholic Church (209 Sloan Street, Clemson)

SIGN UP: Email Stephanie at [stephanie@saclemson.org](mailto:stephanie@saclemson.org)



## Walking With Purpose – the First Connect Coffee

Our new season begins this week: **Tuesday evening, September 19, in Newman Hall, 6:30–8:00 PM or Thursday morning, September 21, in the Parish Hall, 10:00–11:30 AM.** The Connect Coffee monthly sessions are a wonderful opportunity to sample Walking With Purpose. If you missed registration, or are feeling a reluctance to commit, please join us for this Connect Coffee. You can bring a friend – there are always open chairs! Light refreshments, a video, and then a short small group discussion will give you an idea of the weekly meetings. No reservation required. Come as you are. For information please contact Donna Woods at 864-506-1453 or [woods331@gmail.com](mailto:woods331@gmail.com).



Women of Saint Andrew Catholic Church & their friends –

If you can throw a set of dice, you can play Bunco! This game is easy and fun to play. It's a great way for us to see old friends and meet new friends. Entry fee is \$5, used for prizes. **Tuesday,**

**September 26, 1:00–4:00 PM, Newman Hall.** Reservations only, by Sunday, September 24. To reserve your spot, contact Jane at [jm7.sutter@gmail.com](mailto:jm7.sutter@gmail.com) or 864-221-8477.

## Baptism Preparation

Contact Deacon John Leininger,  
864-903-0050 or [john@saclemson.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

Whether a new or returning college student, be sure to register with the Catholic Tigers.

## 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](http://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](mailto:nancy@saclemson.org) or call 864-654-1757.



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