

SAINT ANDREW CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

November 5, 2023
Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Catholic Tigers Fall Retreat

Last weekend a group of our college students embarked on our Fall Retreat and spent time exploring the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and the Chaste Heart of Saint Joseph. We were joined by visiting priests and religious sisters who helped us explore each aspect of this theme and dive deeper into prayer, reflection, and understanding the richness of God's love for each of us.



Welcome to Our Parish

NEW PARISHIONERS: Vernon and Michelle Benes, Jacob

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

2023 Annual Youth Ministry Fall Retreat

Many of our students recently attended an incredible weekend of fun and faith at the Clemson Outdoor Lab. The theme of the retreat was Psalm 28:7, "The Lord is my strength and my shield," and the students were challenged to see Christ's life of service and sacrifice as the ultimate form of strength. They were also invited to allow Christ to help them carry the heavy burdens of life. We ended our retreat sitting together at the 11:00AM Mass with our Saint Andrew family. Please continue to pray for our youth here at Saint Andrew to become strong leaders for our Church.



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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 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**
Call 919-699-6323

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[@saintandrewclemson](https://www.facebook.com/saclemson)

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

Parish Staff

Fr. Dan McLellan, OFM, *Pastor, Campus Minister*
Rich Campana, *Deacon*
John Leininger, *Deacon*
Gordon Snyder, *Deacon*
Tony Wagner, *Deacon*
Jamie Dean, *Director of Music*
Andrea Ferraco, *Bookkeeper*
Christopher Kerfoot, *Youth Minister*
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Livestream

The Sunday Mass at 11:00 AM is livestreamed on the parish Facebook page.

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

The same Facebook link can be used to view the video later at your convenience.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 4

– CLEMSON HOME FOOTBALL –

10:00 AM (No Sacrament of Reconciliation)

5:15 PM (No Mass)

Sunday, November 5

8:30 AM † Andy Jones

† Ruth Cushman

† Gary Seitz

11:00 AM † Lazar Macuk

† Mark Wiecek

5:15 PM † Foster Gambrell

Monday, November 6

5:15 PM Our Parish Family

Tuesday, November 7

5:15 PM † Deceased Members of the
Nicks and Hiser Families

Wednesday, November 8

5:15 PM † Tom Schmidt

Thursday, November 9

5:15 PM † Thomas Stanley

Emily Armstrong

Friday, November 10

5:15 PM Our Parish Family

Saturday, November 11

– CLEMSON HOME FOOTBALL –

10:00 AM (No Sacrament of Reconciliation)

5:15 PM (No Mass)

Sunday, November 12

8:30 AM † Andy Jones

11:00 AM † Lazar Macuk

5:15 PM † Foster Gambrell

To schedule a Mass Intention, contact the office.



A Note From the Pastor

When we were growing up, how often did we hear our folks, teachers, and coaches tell us to “Pay attention”? It’s good advice if we want to stay on our parents’ good side, get a good grade, or win a game. But paying attention is more than attending to the essentials of toeing the line or achieving a goal.

Traveling to and from my vacation spot last month, I listened to the lady in my phone telling me when and where to turn, and to the signage she invariably mispronounced. But more than the facts, I was alert to what was along the various back roads and highways she told me to take. I noticed the homes (how they’re built and kept), the stores and what they were peddling (not a lot of Whole Foods along the roads of rural South Carolina and Georgia), and even the fields (what’s planted or not). I saw that for every Baptist church built of brick there were 5-7 small wooden affairs, often cheek-to-jowl with a similarly ramshackle Methodist chapel. I saw what wasn’t there. Not a Catholic church – or sign showing the way to one – anywhere. And in noticing and seeing I thought about the kinds of lives beyond the real estate. I thought about what I was thinking about what I was seeing: lousy roads (80% of the time); a few “Christian academies” and their sordid histories.

“Paying attention” takes us beyond what we see to the why and wherefore of what feeds the eye. It’s “value added” to getting from Point A to Point B. Yet, I think it’s essential to getting to know the world we live in. Everything and everyone has a backstory.

We’ve recently been taken along the road to a new Speaker of the House. A job that’s second in line for the presidency and key to prioritizing the matters that govern things like how our – and the which of the “our” – voice is heard in how we live as a country. What was the backstory?

We’re deluged with awful news of terror and death in the Middle East. Who is involved? In what? And, why? Where do the facts leave us? The backstory?

It’s the same way with our faith.

Coming to the end of another Church year, we’ve – again – heard Matthew’s Gospel. It’s a Gospel that gives us a new law, a new architecture in which to live. What does that say about the law giver? About virtue and sin? We’ve kept the “Lord’s Day” holy with Mass week after week. What’s holiness in light of the Beatitudes?

I got to my vacation spot by listening to the lady in my phone. But getting there left me with a new take on the trip as more than a series of left and right turns and holding to the speed limit on the straightaways. I came away with a sense of rural poverty, of what life without the investment of tax dollars can be like, of the commitment to be a church even if you can’t have towers and bells and social halls. Of the persistence of age-old prejudices. Of why people might vote as they do.

Coming to an end of another church year, and having traveled the Gospel of Matthew for a year, how has it made us different? Or weren’t we paying attention?

Fr. Dan

Book of Remembrance – Names of Our Beloved Deceased

A memorial book has been placed in the sanctuary as a special part of our worship environment from All Souls Day, November 2, through Christ the King, November 26. Parishioners may still add names of loved ones who have passed. For those participating virtually, you may send your names to Barbara Ramirez at bjram@clemsion.edu, and we will see that they are included in the book.



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, November 19, 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



Faith Formation

Laura Witt • laura@saclemson.org

Last Sunday, our Faith Formation families enjoyed our parish **Trunk or Treat** presented by the Generations in Faith Ministry. It truly was an event for all generations. The generations of our parish support family values, affirm spiritual traditions, share faith experiences, and offer a sense of community. Each generation forms memories to bond a special link between the past and the present. Wisdom becomes the foundation upon which children can build their future. Events like these encourage our youth to celebrate community and togetherness, and help reinforce the faith of our children. **A big thank you to all** who attended and helped out in anyway – including our college students and the Knights.



Bidding Farewell to Fr. Bob

Special thanks to all the well-wishers who came to celebrate Fr. Bob last weekend before his leaving for North Carolina, including former students and their growing family who joined us! In addition to the many cards and letters, Fr. Bob also received the 2023 Friar Roger Bacon Award presented by Fr. Dan.

Fr. Bob's new address: St. Francis Springs Ecumenical Prayer Center
477 Grogan Rd, Stoneville, NC 27048.



Save the Date – November 30

Make plans to join fellow members of the parish for this year's Feast of Saint Andrew event. As we celebrate the feast day, we will also celebrate the naming of our new parish hall and recognize all our campaign donors. A catered dinner will be provided. RSVPs will be necessary to help us plan. Watch future bulletins and Flocknotes for more details.

Our Weekly Parish Tithe

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

The week's tithe goes to **Catholic Relief Services**, the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic Church in the United States. It was founded in 1943 by the Catholic Bishops of the US to serve World War II survivors in Europe. Thanks to generous support in the fiscal year 2021, CRS touched the lives of more than 193 million vulnerable people in 116 countries on five continents. Our donations save lives, address the root causes and effects of poverty, promote the sacredness and dignity of human life, and help build more just and peaceful societies worldwide. Although the mission is rooted in the Catholic faith, the operations serve people based solely on need, regardless of race, religion, age, ethnicity, or life circumstances. They defend the rights of all people to the necessities of life, including food, clothing, and shelter. They support policies and programs that empower individuals, strengthen families, and build up communities. CRS also serves Catholics in the United States by inviting us to live out our faith in service to our brothers and sisters around the world. CRS gives us the opportunity to put our faith into action.

The rich and the poor meet together; the Lord is the maker of them all. – Proverbs 22:2

Healing Prayer Ministry

HEALING PRAYER IS OFFERED IN THE CHAPEL AFTER SUNDAY MORNING MASSES

Jesus, teach me Your way of humility and simplicity of heart so that I may find perfect joy in You. May Your light shine through me so that others may see Your truth and love and find hope and peace in You. Amen.

Christ Renews His Parish – Dates Are Set!

Men's Weekend: February 10–11 • Women's Weekend: March 2–3

SAINT ANDREW'S NEWMAN HALL – NO OVERNIGHT STAY

Are you looking for a way to revitalize your faith and make new friends in the parish? Save the dates for the upcoming weekends in early 2024. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity for spiritual growth and fellowship. Take time to discern whether the Holy Spirit is calling you to spend some time renewing your faith.

Relax and Renew... For more information or to register, contact the parish office or go to www.saclemson.org/christ-renews-his-parish.

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.

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 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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