

SAINT ANDREW CATHOLIC CHURCH

We Are a Stewardship Parish
*Gratefully Giving Our Time, Talent, and Treasure
in Service to God and One Another*

December 3, 2023
First Sunday of Advent



Christmas Giving Trees



The trees have arrived! Please support our parish efforts to provide many children in our community with a very special Christmas by taking an ornament tag or two. Instructions regarding wrapping (or not wrapping) are on the ornament. **Please return all gifts on or before December 11.** If you have any questions about your ornament or the delivery date, please email sue@tuvell.net.



The Immaculate Conception

Mass times for this Holy Day of Obligation are:

Thursday, December 7, at 5:15 PM

Friday, December 8, at 12:15 PM and 6:30 PM

There will be no exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on that Friday.

Handbells Featured in Campus Edge Concert —

On **Thursday, December 7**, at **7:30 PM**, the Carolina Bronze handbell ensemble will again delight us with a concert of



holiday favorites, sacred and secular. This is a regional group comprising handbell choir directors who are experts in the field. The variety of styles, techniques, and instruments (handbells, choir chimes, percussion...and more?) will fascinate young and old alike. Bring the whole family to this free concert!



Christmas Bake Sale... and then some!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 6:15–7:30 PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 9:30 AM–2:00 PM

You won't want to miss next weekend's "**Christmas Bake Sale... and then some**" sponsored by the parish Bazaar Committee, Alive & Thriving Ministry, and Healing Prayer Ministry. In addition to **holiday baked goods and edible stocking stuffers**, we will be serving **chili or soup meals (eat in or take out)**, and providing **free holiday activities for the children (3rd Grade and younger)**. Proceeds will be used toward the purchase of sacred vessels and liturgical books.



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

www.saclemson.org
[@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*

Andréa Ferraco, *Bookkeeper*

Christopher Kerfoot, *Youth Minister*

Nancy Leininger, *Parish Secretary*

Stephanie Manasa, *Associate Campus Minister*

Lynn Sexton, *Spiritual Director*

Laura Witt, *Coordinator of Faith Formation*

864-643-2011

864-940-3167

864-903-0050

262-965-5500

706-945-5492

864-643-2589

864-643-2585

864-643-2583

864-654-1757

864-654-7804

864-643-2587

mclellan@saclemson.org

deaconr16@yahoo.com

john@saclemson.org

gjs.snyder@outlook.com

wagnera@clemson.edu

jamie@saclemson.org

andrea@saclemson.org

christopher@saclemson.org

nancy@saclemson.org

stephanie@saclemson.org

blessinglynn@gmail.com

laura@saclemson.org

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, December 2

5:15 PM † MaryBeth Sheing
Sandra Harbin

Sunday, December 3

8:30 AM † Jan Schueren
† Edward M. Sandford

11:00 AM † Roberta Swift

5:15 PM Our Parish Family

Monday, December 4

5:15 PM † Bob Humphreys

Tuesday, December 5

5:15 PM † Peggy Leininger

Wednesday, December 6

5:15 PM † Lazar Macuk
† Dorothy "Dee" MacDade

Thursday, December 7

5:15 PM † Christine Poole

Friday, December 8

The Immaculate Conception

12:15 PM Our Parish Family

6:30 PM † Lazar Macuk

Saturday, December 9

5:15 PM Our Parish Family

Sunday, December 10

8:30 AM † Jan Schueren
† Dee MacDade

11:00 AM † Mary Bolger and

† Margaret Drennan

5:15 PM Our Parish Family

(last 5:15PM Sunday Mass until January)

To schedule a Mass Intention, contact the office.

Gift Cards for Christmas?

Each month members of the parish are invited to purchase gift cards, including grocery cards, with proceeds going to the building fund. Cards are purchased at face value, and while they are used for their full face value, Saint Andrew also receives a percentage – yes, free money!

Especially if you plan to give gift cards as gifts this holiday season – or need them for the giving tree – please consider purchasing through this safe and secure fundraiser. To learn how you can get involved,

contact Sheila at hogan_family@bellsouth.net or Nancy in the parish office. Because of the holidays, order deadlines for December will be noon on Mondays, December 11 and 18.

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

A Note From the Pastor

The new Church year begins today with a challenge – “Watch!” For what? Not only Christmas, but the final accounting of our stewardship as disciples. The Word becomes flesh to reveal a way of life that shows what redemption looks like. So, the “reason for the season” isn’t found simply in Bethlehem, but wherever you and I live, work, and engage life. A worthwhile Advent is observed with the “end” in mind – the “end” being, not only Christmas Day, but our living during the new year and beyond. Surprisingly, we get some help from current events.

Recently, Speaker of the House, Mike Johnson, identified himself as an avowed Christian and stated that the Founding Fathers wanted faith to have an influence in American life. He got some blow-back. But if those who are mindful of religious liberty are fearful that Mr. Johnson will bring the faith of the Founders to bear as he takes up the gavel, those folks can rest easy.

The Fathers were not Christians as we understand the term. They were Deists, what I call an “enlightenment faith,” expressed in what the Founders referred to as “Divine Providence.” We Christians also believe in Providence, God’s watchfulness and care, but made manifest in the person and gospel of Jesus. And therein lies a profound difference. The Founder’s faith was not that of the Speaker. It’s the Speaker’s faith that will cause many Americans concern.

Jesus gives a specificity to Providence – and still does through his Body, the Church – in his mindfulness for the common good. The Divine Providence embodied in Jesus – and one would hope, his Church – was compassion for all marked by a “preferential option” for the poor. To appreciate what this option looks like, pay attention to those parents raising a child with special needs that demand – and receive – a unique attention not required of and not given to that child’s siblings.

It’s why avowed Christians need to be in the forefront of efforts to see that the poor and needy among us get the special attention – education, health care, access to food, a voice in public affairs – they might not otherwise receive.

In a democracy, politics is always the “art of the possible.” Avowed Christians often have to live with compromises on the way to getting a good work done. (Something like the weeds and the wheat.) Yet their alpha and omega should always be Christ’s preferential option in mind. *“How can we craft legislation that enables all citizens, but especially the vulnerable and poor, to be served as Jesus served them? How can we make policies that support life, maintain liberty, and create an economic and political environment for all to pursue happiness?”*

Will this Advent preface a new Church year with whatever conversion is necessary to make the most of the “reason for the season” when December 25 is behind us? As avowed Christians, will our advocacy and example make it more obvious that Jesus was right when he claimed the “kingdom of God” in our midst?

Fr. Dan

Welcome to Our Parish

NEW PARISHIONERS:

- Kristen Stevenson
- Ted and Marley Nagorsen, Riley, Kinsale, and Piper

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

Healing Prayer Ministry


HEALING PRAYER IS OFFERED IN THE CHAPEL AFTER SUNDAY MORNING MASSES

Lord Almighty, we praise You, for You are not confined by this world. We are so thankful that You never grow tired or weary, that You never need sleep, and that You never miss a moment. You are sovereign and holy and worthy of being praised. We acknowledge that we are weak and we are imperfect. We need You to be our rock today. We ask that You would help us to have stability even when our circumstances are swirling around us. Grow our spiritual strength in You by Your Spirit and through Your Word. May we always be ready to receive You into our souls, our minds, our hearts, and our bodies. Amen.

Faith Formation

Laura Witt • laura@saclemson.org

FAITH FORMATION: Classes resume this weekend.

 **JESSE TREE:** Please be sure to join us at 11:00 AM Mass on December 3 for the Elementary presentation of the Jesse Tree. This is a special Mass for our children to attend this sacred chronicle of God’s presence and the first day of Advent.

FAITH FORMATION COOKIE SWAP DECEMBER 10: Each child brings one dozen cookies to Faith Formation and leaves with a dozen assortment of cookies. Please be sure to enjoy the Bake Sale in the Parish Hall including a chili or soup meal and fun crafts for children 3rd grade and under.

Christmas Carols for Kids

Jamie Dean · jamie@saclemson.org
SATURDAYS, DECEMBER 3, 10, and 17 • 11:00AM–NOON

Do you have a child who would like to learn to sing Christmas carols with other children? Sign 'em up! Jamie, our music director, is offering three carol-singing practices for all children, 4K thru 5th grade, *whether or not* they are participating in the Christmas Eve pageant. The one-hour sessions will be held in the main church from 11:00AM–Noon on Saturday mornings December 3, 10, and 17. Parents should sign in their children, and parents of 4-year-olds are asked to stay. You can send Jamie an email at jamie@saclemson.org if you have any questions.



Advent Program – “O Antiphons”

Jamie Dean · jamie@saclemson.org

On the first Sunday of Advent, December 3, the 5:15 Schola will present a special, extended prelude to the 5:15 PM Mass, based on the “O Antiphons.” Through music and the spoken word, through song and chant, we will explore the elements of “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel,” setting a tone of heightened anticipation for the coming of Christ in the Incarnation. Please arrive early, at 4:45 PM on December 3 to experience this opportunity to pay attention to the change of liturgical seasons.

Our Weekly Parish Tithe

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

This week's tithe goes to **Safe Harbor** to provide a continuum of services for survivors of domestic violence and their children in Greenville, Anderson, Pickens, and Oconee Counties. Among the services offered are: 24-hour emergency Help Line, safe emergency shelters, ongoing counseling, legal assistance, transitional housing, parenting classes, and group support. The ultimate goal of Safe Harbor is to provide abused women and their children a safe place to heal and to provide the support needed to start new lives. For more information, go to www.safeharborsc.org.

Is not this the fast that I chose: To loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke. – Isaiah 58:6

Last week's tithe went to the **Clemson Child Development Center** (CCDC) whose mission is to provide affordable, quality childcare and preschool education with an emphasis on programs to strengthen the home environment, enabling families to provide the optimal development of their preschool children. Learn more at www.clemsoncdc.org.

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it. – Proverbs 22:6

Walking With Purpose

All women of the parish are invited to our **Annual Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 6, from 6:00–8:00 PM**. Open chairs are waiting for you and your friends! Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served. We will gratefully accept your special side dishes or desserts – and if you bring packaged donations for the parish Bake Sale on the 9th and 10th, your name will be entered in the drawing for a special holiday prize. Help us celebrate the Season and support the efforts of our Alive & Thriving Health Ministry, the Healing Prayer Ministry, and the Bazaar Committee.

'Tis the Season! For information about the party or the bake sale, please contact Donna at woods331@gmail.com or Debbie at Larsen.deb@icloud.com.

Carols and Cocoa

DECEMBER 17 • 3:00–4:00 PM • SAINT ANDREW CHAPEL

Shopping, cooking, and watching all those Hallmark movies takes a lot of time during the holiday season. Join us as we take a few moments to catch our collective breath with an old-fashioned congregational Christmas carol singing in the chapel on Sunday, December 17, from 3:00–4:00 PM. After the singing, enjoy a cup of hot chocolate before heading home. Sponsored by Generations in Faith.

SA Women's Christmas Luncheon

DECEMBER 13 • 12:30 PM • TRADITIONS ON THE LAKE

Ladies, it's time to celebrate this wonderful season at this month's luncheon. If you wish to do a gift exchange, bring a gift (\$10–\$15 value) for Santa or Mrs. Claus to return a gift to you. Lunch is Dutch treat. Reservations must be in by Tuesday, December 12, at noon. Hope to see you to join in the festivities with the wonderful ladies of Saint Andrew. RSVP to Katie Meyers by texting 714-504-0217 or email missy_katie_ca@yahoo.com. Some ladies have asked about exploring different venues for future luncheons. Please feel free to make any suggestions.



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.

Christ Renews His Parish Men's and

Women's Weekends

NO OVERNIGHT STAY
MEN: FEBRUARY 10–11 • WOMEN: MARCH 2–3

Ask the Lord if this year is the time for you to set aside a Saturday/Sunday with the men and women of the parish to further enhance your relationship with Christ. Is Jesus calling you?

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



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 group meeting will be **Sunday, December 17, in Newman Hall**. (136 Wigington)

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. Any questions, please feel free to contact Nancy at nancy@saclemson.org or call 864-654-1757.



Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

Retirement Fund for Religious

Elderly religious need your help. Like those pictured, nearly 25,000 senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests have dedicated their lives to serving others by praying for us, ministering to all, educating the young, caring for those who are sick and helping those in need—usually for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your donation will make a real difference by providing essential care, medicine and other necessities. Please give generously.

Top row, from left:
 Brother Charles Douglas, SSJ, 88;
 Sister Marianna Danko, SSML, 80;
 Father James Day, OSST, 77.

Bottom row, from left:
 Sister Celeste Burgos, MSHS, 79;
 Sister Brenda Cherry, OSP, 84.

retiredreligious.org

To give at your parish: Make your check payable to your parish. (Write RFR on the memo line.)

To donate by mail: Make your check payable to Retirement Fund for Religious. Please do not mail cash.

Data Preference (Please check Yes or No.)

Amount: \$1,000 \$500 \$250 \$100 \$50 \$25 Other \$ _____

The data I provided may be used to complete this transaction and may be used and stored in the records of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Retirement Fund for Religious.

Name _____

Yes, I agree.

Address _____

No, the data I provided may only be used for this transaction.

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Email address (for e-newsletters) _____

Please check with your employer about matching gifts.

(Arch)diocese _____

National Religious Retirement Office • 3211 Fourth Street NE • Washington DC 20017-1194 • Phone (202) 541-3215 • Fax (202) 541-3053



Professional Electrical Services
Licensed, Bonded & Insured
Contact Ryan Becker
864-207-1542 | ryan@scwired.com

**Marjorie Yaksich
Realtor®**

Parishioner
Cell: 864-873-7017
thecarolinafoothills.com
marjorie@thecarolinafoothills.com



Duckett - Robinson
Central - Clemson Commons
864.639.2411 ~ 864.654.4495

- Preplanning
- Burial
- Cemetery
- Mausoleum
- Cremation
- Aftercare



**Issaqueena
Pediatric Dentistry
AND ORTHODONTICS**

SENECA • CLEMSON
POWDERSVILLE

American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry recommends that a child's first visit to the dentist should occur by their first birthday. Schedule your child's appointment today!

Our practice specializes in infant, children, adolescents and patients with special healthcare needs.

www.issaqueenadental.com



**Valerie Boatwright
REALTOR®**

864-230-1528

ValerieSellsSC@gmail.com

Lake Life Realty, LLC

203-A Old Salem Road • Seneca, SC 29672
Parishioner

Tiger Lily Flowers

CUSTOM FLOWER DESIGN
Let us create a custom flower arrangement for you!
500-8 Old Greenville Hwy Clemson
Clemson's Florist Call: 864-654-1927

catholicmatch®

South Carolina



CatholicMatch.com/SC

**Lee Woods, Parishioner
Financial Advisor**

402 College Ave., Clemson, SC 29631
(above Hubbard-Young Pharmacy)
(864) 654-6831

www.edwardjones.com
Member SIPC

Edward Jones®

MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

**Compassionate
Home Care**

Professional - Dependable - Caring
828-243-2197
stephsh1948@gmail.com
Parishioner
Seneca, SC

IF YOU LIVE ALONE

MDMedAlert!™ You Need
At HOME and AWAY!

- ✓ Ambulance/Police
- ✓ Family/Friends
- ✓ GPS & Fall Alert

CALL NOW! 800.808.9294



As Low As
\$19⁹⁵
/mo.

**One-on-one
help with
your
Medicare
questions.**

Gregg Thompson
Licensed Sales Agent
Upstate South Carolina
864 542 3112, TTY 711
myuhcagent.com/melvin.thompson
thompsonsgroup1@gmail.com



Get It Right, Become a Knight



Knights are Catholic Men of Faith
interested in Charity, Fraternity,
Unity, Patriotism
Contact Bob Brohm
864-367-9254

Join the Knights Because You Care

**Bundle.
Save.
Simple.**

Prices vary based on how you buy. Not applicable in CA. Based on coverage selected. Savings vary. Subject to terms, conditions and availability. Allstate Vehicle and Property Insurance Co., Allstate Fire and Casualty Insurance Co.

Shane D Smith Agency Inc.
1376 Tiger Blvd Ste 200 - Clemson
864-654-1047
shanesmith@allstate.com



The Mercantile

More Than Just a Gift Store

With a new gathering space for parties and showers.

Terri Earl Brooks/Parishioner

864-646-9431 • 149 E. Queen St., Pendleton
www.themercantilestore.com • mercantinc@gmail.com

H & K Hair Studio
Specializes in Color & Foils



Maggy Heg
Owner/Manager
Parishioner
C: (864) 276-1239
5 mins from campus
402 Pendleton Rd, Ste 2 • Clemson, SC
Near Int. of Pendleton & Issaqueena



Roseann Lander
Travel Advisor since 2006
Parishioner St Andrew

Tollson Agency (Betty, April & Roseann)
Specialists in Groups, Reunions,
Anniversaries, Weddings
All your travel adventures large and small

845-987-4826 cell
864-723-9295 home

Email: R.Lander@DreamVacations.com
Website: www.rolander.DreamVacations.com

Magnolia Manor Bed & Breakfast ~ Circa 1897
Weddings and Special Events

"Named #4 on the TOP TEN Best Wedding Locations in SC"

864-647-8559

Westminster, SC

Parishioners Glenn & JoAnn Blake, Hosts
Please Visit Us At www.magnolianmanorbb.com



Clemson NAILS
Professional Nail Care Salon

Bi-Lo Shopping Center
864-654-2922

Mon-Fri: 10am-7pm
Saturday: 10am-5pm

APPOINTMENT ONLY • Gift Certificates Available

Issaqueena Prosthodontics

implant, esthetic, and reconstructive dentistry

CRAIG A. HORTON, DMD, MS

phone 864-482-7500

address 314 Union Station Drive • Seneca, SC 29678

website www.issaqueenadental.com

