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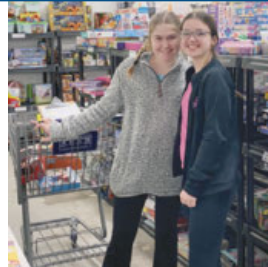
We Are a Stewardship Parish  
*Gratefully Giving Our Time, Talent, and Treasure  
in Service to God and One Another*

December 31, 2023  
The Holy Family

## Youth Ministry Service Project

Christopher Kerfoot · [christopher@saclemson.org](mailto:christopher@saclemson.org)

Every year during the month of December, our youth serve with the local "Christmas for Kids" charity in Seneca. We help assemble toys, organize, and prepare deliveries to be sent out to families in need. Our students find this service event to be incredibly fun and rewarding. Here are some pictures of our students putting their faith into action so that other young people can experience joy on Christmas.



## Tuesday Night Dinners for Our College Students

We are asking Saint Andrew parishioners to once again volunteer to prepare food for our student dinners this upcoming spring semester. Dinners will be on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 PM in Martin Hall – the newly-named Saint Andrew parish hall. If you, your friends, or your ministry group are able to provide a meal for about 100 students, please choose a date and sign up in the vestibule, or contact Stephanie Manasa ([stephanie@saclemson.org](mailto:stephanie@saclemson.org)) for more information. Thank you!



**REMINDER:** The Parish Office remains closed through Monday, January 1, reopening at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, January 2.

## Parish Staff

Fr. Dan McLellan, OFM, *Pastor, Campus Minister*  
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Mass Schedule  
Saturday 5:15 PM

Sunday 8:30 AM, 11:00 AM  
(5:15 PM Sunday Mass will resume January 7)

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  
Martin Hall

Office Hours  
Monday–Thursday 10:00 AM–5:00 PM

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## Livestream

**Saint Andrew Sunday Mass at 11:00AM 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 30

5:15PM †Russ Hébert

Sunday, December 31

8:30 AM †Mike and Teri Dorsch

†Jan Schueren

11:00 AM †Ed Skrocki

†Alyce Galiano

5:15PM (Will resume January 7)

Monday, January 1

5:15PM (No daily Mass today)

Tuesday, January 2

5:15PM †Roberta Swift

Wednesday, January 3

5:15PM Special Intention

Thursday, January 4

5:15PM Our Parish Family

Friday, January 5

5:15PM †Marjorie Ferry

Saturday, January 6

5:15PM †Christopher Dean

†Judy Black

†Lucia de Nevarez

Sunday, January 7

8:30 AM †Christine Poole

†Fr. James Barta

11:00 AM Our Parish Family

5:15PM Our Parish Family

To schedule a Mass Intention, contact the office.



Join us as we close out the Christmas season, Sunday, January 7, at 2:00PM.



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 **12:30–1:30PM the third Sunday of each month**. The next group meeting is **Sunday, January 21, 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 (rosaries, keys, jewelry) 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

As December ends and January dawns, we remember that the new month takes its name from the Roman god Janus, a deity with two faces – one looking ahead, and the other looking back. Janus is the god presiding over beginnings and endings, comings and goings, wars and peace. He is the god of change.

For us, Jesus is “Janus,” a one-faced God who is both Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. The God of change who “*makes all things new.*”

Every year ending will donate a host of “*joys and hopes, griefs and anxieties*” to the year beginning. And our typical new year celebrations will focus on harvesting the experiences and learnings of the past year such that they’ll do us some good and give us a “happy new year.” For guidance in this harvesting, we might look to a key document from the last Council of the Church, Vatican II (1962–1965). The document is aptly titled, *Gaudium et spes* (“Joys and hope” and hereafter in this note referred to as GS), addressing those “*joys and hopes*” as well as remembering our “*griefs and anxieties.*” GS focuses on our role in the world as “salt, light, and leaven” in areas ranging from politics to peace to service of one another, guiding us to become living evidence that the authentic meaning of life can be found only in Christ. It’s not a task for the fainthearted.

GS focuses on our privilege as disciples to help our worlds of family, work, economics, and politics live beyond our *griefs and anxieties* by imitating Christ. Such imitation is authentic humanism. And, as the Gospel bears witness, we find that humanism outside Christ’s Church. But as Jesus said, those who are not against him are with him even if they do not – yet! – know him.

As we begin 2024, war in the Middle East is calling into question what we mean by justice and self-defense, mutual aid, and a rule-based human society. Its most immediate victims – as in any war – are truth and the lives of the innocent. Within our own country, we begin the year saddled with one of most unproductive and dysfunctional Congresses in our history, an ethically-suspect Court, and a geriatric executive. “Election 2024” is in full swing with one likely presidential candidate already convicted of fraud and defamation, and facing a dozen more indictments of federal and local laws. And with an angry, tired electorate that is more illiterate than not when it comes to both our history and current events. GS can serve as a wise guide for tempering our mood, educating ourselves, and choosing platforms and persons worthy of our vote in light of our most noble and humane aspirations.

In the midst of all this, the Church in the US will continue to seek a revival of faith in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. GS offers – in my judgment – the best way to do that. What greater evidence of the Real Presence of Christ in the bread broken and cup shared than our becoming a people whose washing of one another’s feet celebrates the joy and hope of the Gospel as the “medicine” for our griefs and anxieties.

May our new year bring us what we need to be a people in whom God sees the fulfillment of his dream in creating us.

Fr. Dan

## Healing Prayer Ministry

HEALING PRAYER WILL RESUME IN THE CHAPEL ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

*May today there be peace within you. May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born in faith. May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you. May you be content knowing you are a child of God. Let this presence settle into your bones and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise, and love. It is there for each and every one of us. Amen.* (Theresa of Lisieux, the Little Flower)

## Christ Renews His Parish Men’s and Women’s Weekends

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

During this Christmas Season, ask the Lord if this year is the time for you to set aside a Saturday/Sunday with the men or women of the parish to further enhance your relationship with Christ. **Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.** One participant said, “CRHP brought me closer to our Lord than I ever have been—even as a child. There is no one word to describe how I feel.” 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](http://www.saclemson.org/christ-renews-his-parish).

## Faith Formation

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



Faith Formation Classes will resume January 7 with our scheduled Safety Day for our students. The Diocese has provided us with child-friendly lessons to teach our children and parents to be aware of their safety in the most benign settings.

## Our Weekly Parish Tithe

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

The week's tithe goes to **Family Promise** whose mission is to meet the immediate needs of homeless families in crisis. Collaborating with the community and local congregations, Family Promise provides shelter, meals, and comprehensive support services for guest families to achieve self-sufficiency. In addition to its shelter program, Family Promise also offers a homelessness prevention program that helps struggling families stay in their homes and rebuild their lives. Recently Family Promise, a church in Pickens, and the Pickens County School System assisted a father and his two children move from homeless to a home of their own. In addition to providing temporary shelter, meals, and clothing, extensive case management helped the family obtain long overdue medical care, assisted the father find employment, and helped address the root causes of their homeless situation. This family's life is a testimony to God's loving care. They have gone from having nothing, not being a part of society, children not enrolled in school, and lacking medical care to a place where the father has full-time employment, they have moved into a home of their own, and are filled with hope for their new life. Saint Andrew is a Family Promise support congregation, with Judi Nicks (637-8154, [judi@alumni.clemson.edu](mailto:judi@alumni.clemson.edu)) and Pat Marcondes (650-5830, [patm@clemson.edu](mailto:patm@clemson.edu)) serving as our volunteer coordinators.

**For he will hide me in his shelter in times of trouble. He will conceal me under the cover of his tent and place me high upon a rock. – Psalm 27:5**

## Christmas Thanks

We are grateful to the many people, those highly visible and those working quietly in the background, who are facilitating our liturgical celebrations this Christmas season.

We are also grateful to all those who donated through the "Christmas Flowers" envelope/fund, often in memory or in honor of loved ones. To date, this includes:

Peter and Kathy Andreozzi	Robert and Theresa Fajardo	David Mansfield
Deneen Bell	<i>In Memory of Clarence and Raphaela Meyer, Robert and Eleanor Fajardo, Theresa and Vincenza Francese;</i>	<i>In Memory: Mary Ellen Mansfield</i>
Maeve Binder	<i>Deceased Members of the Meyer Family, Fajardo Family, Francese Family, DeVust Family</i>	Dick and Jan McCormack
<i>In Memory: John Binder</i>		<i>In Memory: Virginia and Richard McCormack, Doris and Joe Norton, Virginia Heggie</i>
Billy and Shari Bolger		Jeffrey and Kerri McMillan
<i>In Memory: Ray Bolger, Jim DiNapoli, the Siedler Family</i>		<i>In Memory: Edward and Ruth McMillan, Salvatore DiCarlo, Jiachino and Josephine DiCarlo, William DiCarlo and Ella Kelty, Fran and Joe Hewes</i>
Joyce Bolger	Terry Farris	Jim and Sue Meehan
<i>In Memory: Raymond Bolger, Hazel and Bill Adams, Jim DiNapoli</i>	Bob and Sharon Fennell	Steve and Patsy Melsheimer
John and Jackie Boylan	Eric and Andrea Ferraco	<i>In Memory: Kirsten Melsheimer Schuster, Ted Passantino</i>
Dan and Kathy Brazinski	Alice Finn	Greg and Katie Meyers
Tris and Sally Clark	Pat and LoLo Ford	Joanne Miller
Heather Cook	Dave and Nancy Gangemi	<i>Philip Perrine, Frank Kopec</i>
Warren and Betty Cook	<i>In Memory: Joseph and LaVerne Gangemi, Marleen Gangemi, Hubert and Margaret Thompson, Hubert T. Chandler</i>	Ted and Marianne Moore
Toni Crist	Margaret Thompson, Hubert T. Chandler	<i>In Memory: Dolly Andrews, Jack Andrews, Nettie Moore, Robert Moore, Bob Moore</i>
Margaret Czajkowski	Ron Gardzalla	Bob Mullen
<i>In Memory: Carole Kronstein, Fr. Richard and Ronald Czajkowski, Marilyn and Donald Ricken, John Jr. Czajkowski, Russ Hébert, Ed Skrocki</i>	<i>In Memory: Theresa Gardzalla</i>	Dave and Patricia Palmer
George and Kathy Czaplicki	Chris and Susan Giardina	<i>In Memory: Mary Judith Palmer, Baby Girl Palmer, Jerrold Palmer, Mary Baker, Fleda Ball Palmer</i>
John and Terry Czmyr	Joyce Griffin	Jane Peck
<i>In Memory: Marty and Alice Lynch, Teddy and Mary Czmyr, Mari Beth Lynch, Friar Aubrey; In Honor: Friar Dan</i>	Matt and Rose Ellen Gross	Dewey and Heather Perkins
Matthew and Liz Delk	Tom and Donna Jean Hall	Pat Robinett
<i>In Memory: Pat Stotler, James Stotler, Mary Ann Delk, Elizabeth Grace Delk</i>	Steve and Ritty Handlos	Carol Roby
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<i>In Memory: Nick Di Tommaso, My Parents</i>	Judy Hébert	Eric and Jackie Smith
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	John and Janet Klodowski	
	Rob Koziar	
	Loraine Lambert	
	Bill and Sherry Lenkner	
	Tim and Peg Loyd	
	<i>In Memory: Dorothy MacDade</i>	

## Stewardship of Treasure\*

Offertory	November 30	Budgeted	Difference
	\$73,341	\$63,225	\$10,116
	Year-To-Date	YTD Budgeted	YTD Difference
	\$374,583	\$346,917	\$27,666

\* As of November 30, 2023  
Fiscal Year July 1, 2023–June 30, 2024

## 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.

## Walking With Purpose

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, at 6:30PM or

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, at 10:00AM

Our first event of 2024 is a Connect Coffee, to which all women of the parish are invited. Attending the Connect Coffee does not obligate you in any way. It is simply an opportunity to spend time getting to know some of the women you see at Sunday Mass. If you look around on Sundays and find yourself feeling lonely or wishing that you knew a few of the faces sitting around you, COME! There is *always an open chair for you!*

## Gift Card Fundraiser

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! Since these cards have never sat on a store shelf or on a store display rack, you can be assured this is a safe way to purchase gift cards. To learn how you can get involved, contact Sheila at [hogan\\_family@bellsouth.net](mailto:hogan_family@bellsouth.net).

## 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. 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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