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in Service to God and One Another*

January 7, 2024
The Epiphany



As has become a parish tradition, please join us as we close out the Christmas season, Sunday, January 7, at 2:00 PM, with a Festival of Lessons and Carols.

Student Dinners

We are asking Saint Andrew parishioners to once again volunteer to prepare food for our student dinners this spring semester. Dinners will be on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 PM in Martin 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 (email stephanie@saclemson.org) for more information. Thank you!



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Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:15 PM

Sunday 8:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 5:15 PM

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

After Hours

Pastoral Emergencies

Call 919-699-6323

www.saclemson.org

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To sign up for weekly parish-wide emails, go to

www.flocknote.com/saclemson



Children's Nativity Pageant

Special thanks to our "holy family," shepherds, sheep, angels, wisemen, star, narrator, musicians, catechists, family members, and congregation singers for enacting the story of the first Christmas.

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*

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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, January 6

5:15PM † Christopher Dean
† Judy Black
† Lucia de Nevarez
† Ron Andreo

Sunday, January 7

8:30 AM † Christine Poole
† Fr. James Barta
† Mary Ann Davis

11:00 AM Our Parish Family

5:15PM Our Parish Family

Monday, January 8

5:15PM Our Parish Family

Tuesday, January 9

5:15PM Our Parish Family

Wednesday, January 10

5:15PM Our Parish Family

Thursday, January 11

5:15PM † Jane Bleuel

Friday, January 12

5:15PM Our Parish Family

Saturday, January 13

5:15PM † Campbell and † Willie Martin
† Luz Monroy

Sunday, January 14

8:30 AM † Bob Humphreys
† Dick DiYorio
† Joseph (Peno) DiYorio

11:00 AM † Dotty Smith
† Robert Bruce
† John McCloskey

5:15PM Our Parish Family

To schedule a Mass Intention, contact the office.



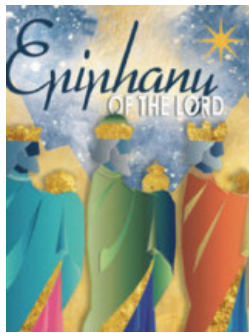
Dealing with loss of a family member or close friend can be especially difficult alone. If you feel you would benefit from meeting with others who have experienced a similar loss, a bereavement support group meets monthly from **12:30–1:30PM the third Sunday of each month**. The next group meeting is **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



A Note From the Pastor

"Epiphany" is a word we probably never use except for this encounter between the Magi and Jesus. It's a Greek word that means "manifestation," usually of a divine nature with the deity taking the initiative.

It's interesting that when used by the Greeks and Romans "epiphanies" were usually eye-popping in their majesty. But when used by Christians, it describes something underwhelming. The Magi witnessed an epiphany in which God appears in diapers. Probably fussing to be fed. Or sleeping through the whole encounter. I can only imagine what the astrologers told the folks back home!

We might wish they had hung around long enough to see this child give new life to a wedding-without-wine, to lepers – literally resurrected them from a death to family, friends, and public life – or to the life that sight, hearing, or mobility gives.

But even then, as far as the Gospels teach, these "signs" were just that – actions pointing to something beyond themselves, beyond the effects of medicine. And what about the Eucharist? Left without eating or drinking, the Eucharist rots and goes sour and, according to Catholic theology, ceases to be the Real Presence. It's what our Communion points to that makes the Real Presence credible.

All of which gives importance to what a lot of Catholics rate as secondary or lower among our moral principles – our Church's social teaching. Or, since it captures our attention more quickly than not, our social morality.

As we celebrate the Epiphany, we ought to remember that the "manifestation" of the one we call God – the Trinity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – is never self-centered but is always a show of God in some activity he wants us to take up and make part of our own lives.

We've all seen the cartoon suggesting that Mary and Joseph, while grateful for the gold, frankincense, and myrrh, would have preferred what Wise Women (vs. Wise Men) would have brought – a few casseroles, extra diapers, and lots of formula. And we laugh because it's so true.

And it's also so true that every "manifestation" of our God was a sign having to do with how we should live. Epiphanies are teaching moments for us. We merely skim the surface of our Bible reading unless we take the time to ask of a "sign" we read about, "What's this mean in my life? What does this event of Cana, the 10 lepers, and the graciousness of Jesus to the Syrophenician woman teach us about what real Christian religion is about?"

"Morality" is a way of living built of "morals," or "customs." Our Catholic morality comes from the "customs" found in the actions that manifest in our lives the values Jesus manifested in his as ways of living the humanity God had in mind in the beginning – the God-given (vs. the legal given) dignity of each person; work and those who do it; a place at the table of creation's goods and resources and the table of participation in law and policy making ... and so on.

May the Epiphany be more than a remembrance of three wise men. May it be the experience family, neighbors, and co-workers experience from us each day of this new year – and beyond.

Fr. Dan

New Life in Christ Throughout Our Journey in Faith

NEWLY BAPTIZED: Charlotte Anne and Josephine Meyer Paulsen, December 26, 2023
Daughters of Benjamin and Kendall Paulsen

Christ Renews His Parish Men's and Women's Weekends

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

Keep the Epiphany in your heart, mind, and soul. *We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.* 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. One participant said, *This CRHP weekend helped me open myself up to the Lord. I have been away from a personal relationship with God and this weekend has helped me renew myself to keeping God alive in my daily life. Thank you, Lord, for giving me this time to spend with you.* 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.

Faith Formation

Laura Witt • laura@saclemson.org

Welcome Back. Sunday, January 7, our Faith Formation students will attend their yearly safety lesson provided by the Diocese. Our age-appropriate group lessons are designed to keep our children informed of their safe space, environment, and safe adults and youth.

No Faith Formation classes next Sunday, January 14, due to the holiday weekend.

Welcome Back Catholic Tigers

Stephanie Manasa · stephanie@saclemson.org

Happy New Year and welcome back to all our university students! If you are a college student in the Clemson area, make sure you are registered with Catholic Tigers so you can get involved and stay up to date on everything going on with our campus ministry.



Healing Prayer Ministry

HEALING PRAYER IS OFFERED IN THE CHAPEL AFTER SUNDAY MORNING MASSES

Bless, O Lord God almighty, our home that in it there may be health, purity, the strength of victory, humility, goodness and mercy, the fulfillment of Your law, the thanksgiving to God the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. And may this blessing remain upon this home and upon all who dwell herein. Amen

Our Weekly Parish Tithe

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

The week's tithe goes to **Wilderness Way Girls' Camp**, a therapeutic camping program nestled in the woods near Fair Play, South Carolina. The camp program ministers to girls age 10 to 16 who are struggling in relationships and life choices, and want help. Past hurts, and sometimes current instability, have caused these girls to doubt themselves, distrust adults, act out, and question God's concern for them. Through outdoor living, problem-solving, and working together with her group, a camper will learn basic life skills to help her make responsible choices. Through scheduled home visits, she applies these developing skills and attitudes to her home setting and relationships. To learn more about bringing help and hope to hurting girls and their families, visit <https://www.wildernesswaycamp.org>.

And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, so that there she can be nourished... – Revelations 12:6

Walking With Purpose

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 6:30PM or THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 10:00AM

Walking With Purpose resumes this week with a Connect Coffee. All women are invited to attend for refreshments, video, and discussion. There is *always an open chair for you!*

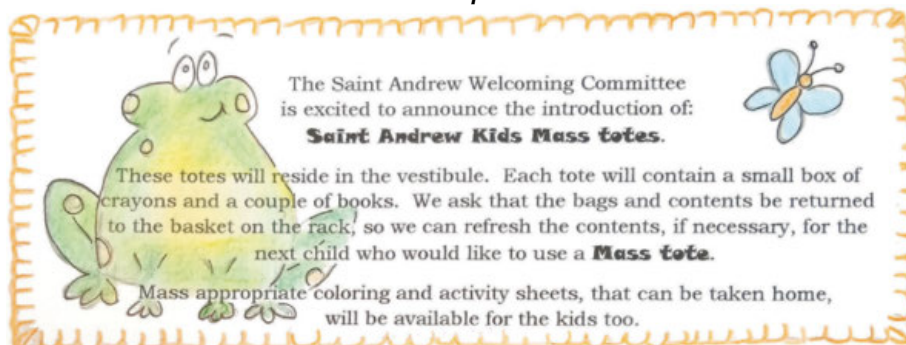
Football Parking Fundraiser

Christopher Kerfoot · christopher@saclemson.org

Our football parking fundraiser this past Fall was the most successful it has ever been! Plenty of funds were raised to make up our youth ministry budget for next year and support other parish ministries. All of this was thanks to the wonderful volunteers who generously gave their time and effort (as well as feedback) to make this fundraiser run smoothly. If you would like to volunteer to serve at one or more home football games next fall, please email christopher@saclemson.org. There will be a volunteer information and training meeting in the Spring.

Introducing Mass Totes for Saint Andrew Kids

Thanks to the members of our Saint Andrew Welcoming Committee, Mass Totes will be available for the children's use during Mass beginning next weekend, January 13-14. All are welcome to worship at Saint Andrew, including the very youngest among us. To keep the children engaged, totes, activity sheets, and books will be available at the Saint Andrew Kids rack in the vestibule each week. While the weekly Mass-appropriate coloring and activity sheets are to be taken home, we ask that totes, their contents, and any books be returned to the rack at the end of Mass and **not left in the pews**.



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.



Save the Date

Campus Edge Concert Series
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6
7:30-8:30 PM

Baroque Legends is the theme of the **Astralis Quartet** concert.

This outstanding quartet is composed of professional musicians playing flute, violin, cello, and harpsichord.

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.

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.

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