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February 4, 2024 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." 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. 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 to rest a while?

With the men's weekend just days away, if you plan to attend, please call or email Terry Farris rather than mail your registration. This will allow the team time to have everything ready for you.

MEN'S WEEKEND, FEBRUARY 10–11 Contact: Terry Farris, 864-506-4837 or spartytiger@yahoo.com WOMEN'S WEEKEND, MARCH 2–3 Contact: Kristen Lawson, 803-760-2848 or kristen.n.lawson@gmail.com

Relax and Renew... For more information, www.saclemson.org/christ-renews-his-parish.

Friday Scheduling Changes Now in Effect

Moving forward, on First Fridays, we will continue to have daily Mass at 5:15 PM. On all other Fridays (with the exception of Holy Days), we plan to offer a Communion Service following the 5:00 PM Benediction at the close of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The Communion Service will begin as usual at 5:15 PM. During Lent, we will also be offering Stations of the Cross following the Friday Communion Services. Stations will begin at 5:45 PM.

Healing Prayer Ministry

HEALING PRAYER IS OFFERED IN THE CHAPEL AFTER SUNDAY MORNING MASSES

Open Our Hearts – Father in heaven, we bring before You all who work for the fullness of justice, all who long for the widening of welcome to which Your Gospel calls us. Open hearts, open arms, open doors in welcome! Lift up those who wait in endless uncertainty that is the daily life of the migrant. We ask the blessings of Your peace on those who suffer separation from home and the familiar, waiting for safe return, for war's end, waiting for justice to be restored. God of all people, move us to action for justice for all and transform us by the power of compassion. Through Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Catholic Tigers is sponsoring the collection of non-perishable food, household products, and toiletries for Clemson Community Care during the month of February to supplement our parish drive in September. There is a particular need for food and supplies during the winter months. Extra bins will be placed in the vestibule for this collection. We invite all parishioners to participate in supporting us in this effort. Email Will Betsill at wbetsil@g.clemson.edu with any questions.



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Mass Schedule

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

5:15 PM Daily Mass

Monday-Thursday and First Fridays Communion Service remaining Fridays

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

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

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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, February 3

5:15 PM † Shirley Andrews

Sunday, February 4

†Dan Brazinski 8:30 AM

†Christine Poole

† Angela Schintzius

11:00 AM †Stan Armitage 5:15 PM Our Parish Family

Monday, February 5

5:15 PM †Marlee Hart

†Geraldine Van Riper

Tuesday, February 6

5:15PM Our Parish Family

Wednesday, February 7

5:15 PM †Paul Seketa

Thursday, February 8

5:15PM The Children of Military Families

Friday, February 9

5:15 PM Communion Service

Saturday, February 10

5:15 PM Katy Orr

Sunday, February 11

8:30 AM †Bob Humphreys

†Nick Di Tommaso

Susan Radel

11:00 AM † Shirley Andrews

5:15 PM (No Mass this week)

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 group meeting is on Sunday, February 18, 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

One of our parish's best kept secrets is our RCIA ("Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults"). In a nutshell, this is a process by which men and women discern whether or not God is calling them to live a developing faith in Jesus within the Roman Catholic Church. Originally the process included only unbaptized adults. But like many parishes, we include Catholic adults seeking to be confirmed and Christians baptized in other Christian traditions (e.g., Baptist, Lutheran) discerning a call to "full communion" with the Catholic Church.

Currently we have 34 adults involved, collegians being the center of gravity.

It's called a "process" because it recognizes that one isn't readied for any of the above goals - Baptism, Confirmation, or full communion - simply by digesting a catechism of information. It sees "conversion" as the often slow but sure development of a personal relationship with Jesus and the implications of the relationship as a disciple with a mission. Information – catechetics – is important, but more so is acquiring the "heart and mind" of Jesus and growing and living that acquisition by seeing the world as the Catholic Church believes Jesus saw it. And still does.

Memorizing the catechism is one thing. Adopting the lifestyle it ought to lead one to is quite another.

Everyone moves at his or her own pace. Participants are encouraged to join us for Sunday Mass. Some topic relevant to Christian identity and living is addressed each week.

Each Sunday, between the morning Masses, it's my privilege to meet with this group. I'm also meeting with each participant to hear the story of grace working within them. These chats have been amazing! And humbling. Each has a unique tale of someone family member, friend, classmate, boyfriend or girlfriend – who has been key in bringing them to this discernment.

It's a reminder that the most effective work of evangelizing is done by folks who'd describe themselves as average Catholics. As I suspect most of us would. Which means that every one of us who labels ourselves as "average" in our faith life is capable of doing what the Church exists for.

My experience with RCIA participants bears witness to the fact none of us who take our faith seriously should underestimate the effect of that "taking" on others.

As we ready for Lent, thinking of what we 're going "to do" for Lent, we ought to add gratitude to our "prayer, fasting, and almsgiving." Gratitude for the grace of caring about our faith, knowing that it's making a difference in the lives of others. Fr. Dan

Faith Formation 5K FAITH FORMATION CLASS -

Laura Witt · laura@saclemson.org

Recently, our 5K students took a "field trip" to our parish sanctuary to learn about parts and practices of the Church. Thank you, Ms. Anna and Ms. Diane, for teaching our children to familiarize





themselves and feel comfortable in the house of God. God expects children to be present in worship, hearing instructions, promises, and encouragements written directly to them.

PRETZELS - A memorable way for your children to learn about Lent, may be to bake pretzels with them. They may be reminded of the simplicity of fasting throughout Lent every time they eat them. Teaching Catholic Kids provides a little history to incorporate with the baking.

The pretzel has great historical and spiritual significance. As the faithful in the old Roman Empire kept a very strict fast all through Lent – no dairy products, eggs, or meat - they made small breads of water, flour, and salt to accompany their simple meals of fish, fruit, and vegetables. To remind themselves that Lent was a time of prayer, they shaped the breads in the form of arms crossed in prayer. The Latin word bracellae, "little arms," eventually became the Germanic "pretzel."

traditional pretzéls

- 1 pkg. dry yeast
- 1-1/4 C. warm water
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tbsp. sugar
- 4 C. flour
- 1/4 C. melted butter
- 1 beaten egg

Dissolve yeast in water. Add salt and sugar. Blend in flour. Knead dough until smooth.

Cut into small pieces.

Roll into ropes and twist into pretzel shape.

Place on lightly greased cookie sheets.

Brush pretzels with beaten egg.

Sprinkle with coarse salt if desired. Bake at 375° F about 15 minutes.

NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11: Please note the following schedule changes -There will be NO Faith Formation, Sunday Donuts, Sunday 5:15PM Mass, or Encounter.

Music Ministry Notes

Jamie Dean · jamie@saclemson.org

As always, our many music ministers are keeping busy between now and Easter. More details will be coming, but please save the following dates, and pray for the participants:

SATURDAY MORNINGS Ten of our young parishioners answered the call to serve the Lord with gladness through Little Saints and Youth Choir. It was a great start to our Saturday morning choir program, but we would love to double the number of choristers! Email jamie@saclemson.org to learn more.



MUSICA ECCLESIA CHOIR FESTIVAL at Southern Wesleyan University on Friday, February 16, at 7:00 PM. Our choir will be singing a setting of the "Canticle of the Turning" that features Celtic fiddling by our own Danielle Martin. Following will be a new version of the prayer of Saint Francis in a thrilling, contemporary Black Gospel-inspired setting by M. Roger Holland III.

CAMPUS EDGE CONCERTS at Saint Andrew Church will host four musicians from The Astralis Chamber Ensemble on Wednesday, March 6, at 7:30 PM in our church. This promises to be an inspiring and highly entertaining concert for all ages. The quartet comprising flute, violin, cello, and harpsichord will play a program featuring favorite composers of the Baroque era.



Our Weekly Parish Tithe

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

The week's tithe goes to the **Clemson Child Development Center (CCDC)**, whose mission is to provide affordable, quality childcare and preschool education. CCDC opened its doors in 1969 to 20 children. In 1975, funding from federal, state, and local grants expanded the Center's mission to provide a 12-month comprehensive child development program beyond serving as a daycare center. CCDC fosters learning and development in an environment that appreciates diversity. Emphasis is also given to its programs to strengthen the home environment, enabling families to provide the optimal development of their preschool children. CCDC was one of the first sites in the state to offer an award-winning 4K preschool curriculum as a part of SC First Steps. To learn more about CCDC and how you can volunteer to help, visit www.clemsoncdc.org.

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." - Matthew 19: 14

Welcome Newcomers

- NEW PARISHIONERS: Charles and Sonia King
 - Tim and Mia Greene, Patrick and Emma
 - Martha Koenig
 - Michael Sulaiman

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

New Life in Christ Throughout Our Journey in Faith

NEWLY BAPTIZED: Colton Cummings, January 27, 2024 Son of Daniel and Theresa Cummings

Knights of Columbus February Activities

Along with providing a TND for our collegians and participating in the 40 Days for Life, our council will be here next weekend with their HOPE Campaign (Tootsie Roll Drive) and are gearing up for their Lenten Fish Fries beginning Friday, February 16, at the Council Hall in Seneca. See more details in this weekend's online bulletin insert on the parish website, and in upcoming bulletins. Please plan to support our Knights' charitable endeavors.



Laissez Les Bons Temps Rouler!

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9 • 6:00-8:00PM • MARTIN H Beads, masks, jambalaya, and kin time is YOU! Sponsored by Gene contact Bonnie Stevens at saysbon

2023 Contribution Statements

2023 Contribution Statements are now available. If you have not already requested yours and would like it, just contact Nancy at nancy@saclemson.org or call 864-654-1757. Please indicate if you want it emailed, mailed, or if you plan to pick it up.

We appreciate the generous spirit of the parishioners, guests, and visitors at Saint Andrew and ask for your continued support in service to God and one another.

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 offce at 864-654-1757 to arrange a time with a priest or, in an emergency, call the after hours number 919-699-6323.

Parish Praver 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.

Welcome Back Catholic Tigers

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.



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 offce, 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.



Saint Gerard Majella Council 6884

Activities and Events

February 4, 2024



Grand Knight's Corner: We are beginning one of the most demanding times of the year for Council activities and I am asking each Knight to volunteer to help with one or more of our events. It makes a great deal of difference when everyone participates in our projects. More hands make a lighter load for all! I especially urge your participation in the Catholic Student Association dinner at Saint Andrew's on February 6. Interaction with these young students helps promote their knowledge about our programs and helps our recruiting of new and younger members. Also, we look forward to seeing all parishioners at our Fish Fry in the coming weeks... and please, bring family members and friends to join us.

Vivat Jesus! Tom Zavertnik, Grand Knight < tgzavert@bellsouth.net >

Lenten Fish Fry: Council 6884 will host our famous Fish Fry on Fridays during Lent, beginning on February 16, from 5 to 7:30 PM at the Council Hall, 112 East N. 2nd Street, Seneca. You can "Eat In or Take Out." Our menu includes: Baked Jumbo Shrimp, Fried Swai White Fish, French Fries, Coleslaw, Green Beans, Rye Bread, Beverage, Dessert, plus Mac and Cheese. Cost: Adults - \$12; Kids (7-12) - \$6; Under 7 - Free. Book of 5 Tickets - \$55.

State Raffle Ticket Fundraiser: Raffle tickets have been distributed to everyone in the Council. Remember to fill out your tickets, remove and retain the stubs, and mail the completed tickets with your check to the Council Hall. We need to have great participation in this project to reap the benefits of a rebate for our Council and you have the chance to win some great cash prizes. We encourage all Knights to ask Brian Lamb for more tickets. < jbrian.lamb@gmail.com >

Columbus HOPE Campaign: Plans are being finalized for our Spring HOPE Campaign that will begin with a "Tootsie Roll" give away at both parishes on February 10-11. We will be collecting at the WalMart in Seneca on April 19 & 20 and at Bountyland locations on the following weekend. Please be ready to volunteer for several shifts when you are contacted. Also, you do not have to be a Knight to help with this project. Frank Kler < sgostate@gmail.com?

Life Programs: The Forty Days for Life begins on February 14 through March 24. During this period, please join other people of faith at the Greenville Women's Care Center, 1142 Grove Rd., for an hour of prayer for the unborn, mothers in distress, and center employees. Also, Kevin Flanagan delivered a check for \$500 to the Hope Women's Center as part of Council's participation in the ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy) Program. This is a program to provide care and support for babies and mothers after giving birth. Knights support Life! Info: < kevinfflanagan@hotmail.com >

Safe Haven Program: All Knights that want to volunteer to help at events on the parish campus must complete the Diocesan Safe Environment / Safe Haven Program training and background check. In addition, if you are handling monetary donations you are required to undergo a "soft" credit check. The council leadership encourages all Knights to spend the time and effort to get certified. Please contact Paul Hecht at Saint Paul's or Nancy Leininger at Saint Andrew's with your questions.

Become A Knight in 3 Easy Steps: We are always looking for Catholic men to join our ranks. Together, we're empowering Catholic men to live their faith at home, in their parish, at work and in their community.

1. Register to become a Knight, go to https://bit.ly/k-of-c1 2. Watch the on-demand ceremony of Admission and Advancement, go to https://bit.ly/k-of-c2 to view an orientation video. Provide the required information including our council number, 6884. 3. Come to a Council Meeting the first Thursday of each month at 6:45PM. The Council Hall is located at: 112 E North 2nd St. Seneca, SC

"Get it right... become a Knight!"



LET'S BE TOGETHER.

2024 Catholic Appeal Begins

The **Catholic Appeal of South Carolina** (CASC) is a primary source of funding to help sustain and expand the ministries of the 95 parishes, 21 missions, 32 Catholic schools and multiple agencies of the Diocese of Charleston across the state. As stewards of God's gifts, we are invited to support the needs of our diocese through prayers and sacrificial gifts.

Catholic Appeal of South Carolina Funding | \$5,000,000 Goal

Ministry & Outreach | \$1,500,000 - 29%

- Catechetical & Evangelization Programs
- Child Protection Services
- Ethnic Ministry Programs
- Family Life Programs
- Hispanic Ministry Programs And many more services

Vocations, Seminarians, Priest Retirement | \$975,000 - 20%

- · Seminarian education
- Permanent Diaconate
- Priest retirement pensions & healthcare
- Women religious vocations

Catholic Charities of South Carolina | \$850,000 – 17%

- Clean of Heart Laundry & Shower Facilities
- Food Pantries
- Pregnancy Case Management
- Response Preparedness
- Senior Care Management And many more services

Catholic Schools | \$750,000 - 15%

- Tuition Assistance
- Catholic School Grants
- Support of educational initiatives

College Campus Ministry | \$650,000 - **13%**

- Conferences and Statewide Retreats
- Minister and Student Training
- Catholic Student Center Spaces And many more services

Youth & Young Adult Ministries | \$275,000 - 6%

- Education and Training
- Youth Retreats, Camps and Conferences
- Regional Young Adult Communities

Thank you for making a difference!



Next week, all registered parishioners will be mailed their personalized information packet and invitation to participate in the **2024 Catholic Appeal of South Carolina**. Please take the time to review the materials and make your response in the return envelope provided.

Only by your prayers and generosity are the ministries supported by the **Catholic Appeal of South Carolina** able to thrive and serve the many people who need us to share with them the love and mercy of Jesus Christ.



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