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March 17, 2024
Fifth Sunday of Lent



Last weekend, eleven students from Saint Andrew Youth Ministry, and their chaperones, joined over 500 other young Catholics at the Diocesan Youth Conference in Columbia. Our group heard inspirational talks, attended empowering workshops, and joyfully worshipped the Lord together. The theme of the conference was "AWAKE" on Romans 13:11. We hope that our students have been awakened to the reality of Christ in their lives and His invitation to live life fully for Him. Pray for the youth of our parish and our diocese.

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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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www.flocknote.com/saclemson

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

March 24 – PALM SUNDAY

Saturday at 5:15 PM, Sunday at 8:30 AM, *11:00 AM, and 5:15 PM
(Procession at 11:00 AM Mass)

March 28, 29, & 30 – TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord's Supper at *7:00 PM
– Adoration 8:00 PM–Midnight (Chapel)
Good Friday – Seven Last Words from 12:45–2:45 PM (Chapel)
– Passion of the Lord at 3:00 PM
– Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM
Holy Saturday – Blessing of the Food at 11:00 AM (Chapel)
– Easter Vigil at *8:30 PM

March 31 – EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

at 7:30 AM, *9:30 AM, and 11:30 AM (No evening Mass)

* Also Livestreamed



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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, March 16

5:15 PM †Michael Smalley

Sunday, March 17

8:30 AM †Ward Schintzius

†Dodie Desjardins

†Anne Depsky Roberts

†Kay Stockan

11:00 AM †Kathy Link

†Tony Kelly

5:45 PM (No Mass)

Monday, March 18

5:15 PM †Bob Galuski

Fr. Steve Bossi (birthday)

Tuesday, March 19

5:15 PM †Ward Schintzius

†Joe and †Maura Nebesky

Wednesday, March 20

5:15 PM †Evelyn Luscombe

Thursday, March 21

5:15 PM Our Parish Family

Friday, March 22

5:15 PM (Communion Service)

Saturday, March 23

5:15 PM †Roger Brown

Sunday, March 24

8:30 AM †Nick DiYorio

†Jessica Dean

11:00 AM Our Parish Family

5:15 PM †Dave Swift

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 **THIS Sunday, March 17**, in Newman Hall. (136 Wigginton)

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

In a nutshell, this weekend's Gospel teaches us that the full impact of Jesus' life and ministry will only be felt after his death and resurrection. Which tells us something about us and what it means for us to profess our faith. Namely, that we have been entrusted with bringing the work of redemption to completion. Without our embodying in our lives all that Jesus said and did, his mission goes nowhere.

So how have we – the Church – done? Not bad considering that the gospel has been proclaimed most everywhere in our world. And made disciples of billions. And yet, the news could be better.

But over the centuries, the gospel has – from time to time – been hijacked by both Church, State – and especially, culture – for the sake of social control. People keen on personal conversion have often been led by spiritual leaders, politicians, and what today we call “influencers” to be content with simply “a personal relationship with Jesus.” Which is a good and necessary thing. But many of those personal relationships are void of the missionary impulse required of those “called out” to be members of a Church that claims “apostolicity” as an essential mark. And so the canard prevails that “religion” and “politics” (how we live as a polis, or city) ought not to be mixed.

Yet, Jesus didn't think so.

The American bishops (*Communities of Salt and Light, 1986*) paraphrasing many recent papal statements, stated, “Social justice is an integral part of evangelization, a constitutive dimension of preaching the Gospel, and an essential part of the Church's mission.”

This is not an add-on, an option, or a “specialty” for a few. If we confess that Jesus is “the savior of the world,” we can't think of salvation as merely a private matter. Evangelization that is absent a call for corporate and institutional conversion is a domestication of the gospel. In the end, as Jesus said, “The last state of the house is worse than the first” (Matthew 12:45).

Social justice – right relationships with one another – is rooted in the Exodus. But it's taken many of us a long time to see the gospel as a social and political challenge. *Culture will win out every time over the gospel if it's not critiqued by the gospel*. Morality as something only “private and personal” is contrary to a genuine Eucharistic spirituality.

Today's “Greeks” – those unfamiliar with the history of salvation – still seek Jesus. Wherever the “sin of the world” frustrates what Jesus offers – an offer hard-wired into every person – is the mission territory of the Church. By word, and especially action, you and I are commissioned to fulfill their request. It's our mission to introduce Jesus to a world seek him and his gospel.

Has our Lent been readying us for that?

Fr. Dan

Sacrament of Reconciliation Before Easter

SATURDAYS – March **16**, and **23** @ 10:00–11:00 AM

MONDAY – March 25 @ 11:00 AM–12 Noon

WEDNESDAYS – March **20** @ 12 Noon–1:00 PM (No evening Reconciliation)
– March 27 @ 11:00 AM–1:00 PM (No evening Reconciliation)

THURSDAY – March **21** @ 6:00–7:00 PM

Please note: If you are in town **March 16–23**, please take advantage of the fact that it is Spring Break for the University – rather than waiting until Holy Week.



Taizé-style prayer in March will be offered one week early due to Holy Week falling on the final Thursday. Please join us in the Chapel for “Prayer Around the Cross” on Thursday, March 21, at 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM.

Did Someone Say Contest?

The series of notecards and ornaments featuring sketches of the chapel done by a Clemson architecture student active in our campus ministry have been popular items at previous parish bazaars. What is needed now is a sketch of the new church to compliment those of the chapel. To that end, the bazaar committee is holding a contest. Anyone is eligible to enter. The deadline for submissions will be May 6. Watch for a link in next week's bulletin with all the details.



Faith Formation

Laura Witt • laura@saclemson.org

Everyone's Irish on March 17. Let's embrace the tension that exists between the austerity of Lent and the festivity of St. Patrick's Day. Let's find community and joy even in the darkest of times. Let's dress in our green to go to church and let it remind us that through Jesus' death and resurrection – we're all forgiven. We all have a place in heaven. And, in the end, we're all children of God, no matter our background nor the day of the year.

Music Ministry

Jamie Dean · jamie@saclemson.org

St. Patrick's Day is Sunday. The offertory hymn chosen this year for the Fifth Sunday of Lent is "Be Thou My Vision." According to mythology, when St. Patrick was a missionary in Ireland in the fifth century, King Logaire of Tara decreed that no one was allowed to light any fires until a pagan festival was begun by the lighting of a fire on Slane Hill. In a move of defiance against this pagan ritual, St. Patrick did light a fire, and, rather than execute him, the king was so impressed by his devotion that he let Patrick continue his missionary work. Three centuries later, a monk named Dallan Forgaill, wrote the Irish poem, "Rop tú mo Baile" ("Be Thou my Vision), to remember and honor the faith of St. Patrick. Forgaill was martyred by pirates, but his poetry lived on as a part of the Irish monastic tradition for centuries until, in the early 20th century, Mary Elizabeth Byrne translated the poem into English, and in 1912, Eleanor Hull versified the text into what is now a well-loved hymn and prayer that at every moment of our lives, God would be our vision above all else.

Our Weekly Parish Tithe

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

The week's tithe goes to **Water Mission**, a unique Christian-based environmental engineering nonprofit founded in 2001 as a response to the devastation caused by Hurricane Mitch in Honduras. This organization builds innovative safe water, sanitation, and hygiene solutions in developing countries and disaster areas. Their mission is "to honor God by developing, implementing, and sharing best-in-class safe water solutions that transform as many lives as possible, as quickly as possible." They do this while sharing the Living Water message of Jesus Christ. To date, Water Mission has brought water to more than 8 million people, through 3200 projects in over 60 countries. Their Disaster Assistance Response Teams are also currently working in an emergency capacity in Turkey, Syria, Morocco (earthquakes), and Ukraine (war). To learn more about Water Mission, visit their website at <https://watermission.org/>.

"And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward." – Matthew 10:42

World Water Day

March 22 is World Water Day, a day to reflect on the true value of water and how we can better protect this vital resource, <https://bit.ly/2024WaterDay>. Water is complex because it is linked to almost everything in the world. Water is a precondition for human existence and for the sustainability of the planet. To explore the multiple dimensions of water, go to <https://www.unwater.org/water-facts/>

In this Lenten season, let us give thanks for the availability of fresh water, reflect on the causes of drought and other water disasters, and advocate for responsible use of water and access to safe water for everyone. *We praise and thank You, Lord, for the gift of living water. You, Lord, give refreshment to the soul through the living waters of your love. Let the waters of these lands be made safe, clean, and cool, that they may bring life and health to all your creation. Giver of life, Creator of water, grant us the wisdom, strength and resolve to protect this precious gift of Creation.*

Saint Andrew's Creation Care Ministry, rooted in faith, seeks to nurture in ourselves and in those around us an emotional and ethical connection with the earth, our common home. Ongoing efforts focus on sustainability, faith formation, and ecumenical and community outreach. To get involved, contact Erin Rockenhaus, erinrockenhaus@gmail.com or Bob Fennell, rsfennell43@gmail.com.

Help needed! Please come to an "Earth Day" garden and grounds workday, April 20 from 9:00–11:00 AM. Bring a rake, shovel, or wheelbarrow if you have one. At 11:00 AM we will have a short community prayer in the Laudato Si Reflection Garden (on the north side of the church building).



Football Parking Volunteers

Are you looking to serve the youth of our parish in a unique way? We have the incredible opportunity here at Saint Andrew to operate a fun and lucrative fundraiser in support of our Youth Ministry Program. Our entire Youth Ministry budget comes from our Clemson Football Season Parking Program, and we need parish volunteers to help run the operation on game weekends. Volunteers will receive plenty of instruction and will be able to enjoy the game day atmosphere while raising money for our youth ministry. Any money raised over our youth ministry budget goes back to the parish, so we all benefit. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer for this fundraiser, please email our youth minister at christopher@saclemson.org.



Women of Saint Andrew Catholic Church & their friends – If you can throw a set of dice, you can play Bunco! This game is easy and fun to play. It's a great way for us to see old friends and meet new friends. Entry fee is \$5, used for prizes. **Tuesday, March 26, 1:00–4:00 PM, Newman Hall.** Reservations only, by Sunday, March 24. To reserve your spot, contact Jane at jm7.sutter@gmail.com or 864-221-8477.

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.

Knights Friday Lenten Fish Fry

5:00–7:30 PM • EAT IN OR TAKE OUT

This **Friday, March 22**, is the Knights' final Fish Fry for this Lenten season. Please plan to support our local council at, 112 East N. 2nd Street, Seneca, and enjoy a dinner of baked jumbo shrimp or fried swai white fish and all the fixin's.



Catholic Appeal of South Carolina

Many have already received a mailing from the diocese on this annual appeal. Otherwise, there are envelopes available in the vestibule, or if you would like to donate online, you may do so at <https://charlestondiocese.org/donate/>. Please be sure to select "Clemson, St. Andrew Church, 501" in the dropdown for parish. This will ensure your gift will be credited toward our parish's goal of \$61,701, for this appeal. As always, *that* you give is more important than *what* you give.

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.

REMINDER: 2023 Contribution Statements are available by contacting Nancy at nancy@saclemson.org or call 864-654-1757.



Saint Gerard Majella

Council 6884

Activities and Events

March 17, 2024



Grand Knight's Corner: Our Fish Fry has been well attended and I want to thank all the Knights, wives and volunteers that devoted so much time and hard work to make this event such a success. Remember, we will have the Fish Fry on March 15 and 22, but not on Good Friday, March 29. I am counting on each Knight to volunteer for one or more activities on our busy schedule during the upcoming months. Congratulations to Knight of the Month: Max Mullen; and to the Family of the Month: Dave and Anita Rinz. Vivat Jesus! Tom Zaverntnik, Grand Knight < tgzavert@bellsouth.net >

Lenten Fish Fry: Last chances to enjoy our Lenten Fish Fry on Friday (March 15 and 22... but NOT on Good Friday). Join us 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: The State Raffle drive will end on April 4. All sold tickets and checks must be turned into Brian Lamb at our regular council meeting. Remember to fill out your tickets, remove and retain the stubs, and bring the completed tickets with your checks to Brian. < jrbrian.lamb@gmail.com >

Columbus HOPE Campaign: Our Spring HOPE Campaign began with collections after Mass at both parishes on February 10-11. Thank you to both parishes for making this collection possible and a big thank you to all parishioners for their generous donations. We will continue the campaign at the WalMart in Seneca on April 19 & 20 and at Bountyland locations on the following weekend. Knights, please be ready to volunteer for several shifts when you are contacted.

Life Programs: The Forty Days for Life continues 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. Knights and their families support Life! More info: < kevinfflanagan@hotmail.com >

Special Olympics Spring Games: Area 13 will hold their Spring Games at Southern Wesleyan University on April 12 at 9 AM. Our Council will be cooking and serving free hotdogs, along with water and soft drinks, to all participants. Please sign up to help make this a great event.

Special Olympics Golf Tournament: Our Golf Committee has started working on the tournament to benefit Area 13. It will be held at Oconee Country Club on Tuesday, May 14. Knights interested in helping and golfers interested in playing, should contact Jim Zaverntnik 954.646.3903 or < jpzavertnik@aol.com > for more details.

Pendleton Spring Jubilee: Our Council will be hosting a tent at this arts and crafts event, on the Square in Pendleton, on April 6 & 7. Knights will be grilling our famous sausages and brats. Please volunteer to help make this another great event and bring your family to enjoy the good food and a variety of crafts and artistic displays.

Walhalla PAC Concert: Council 6884 will host a concert at the Walhalla Performing Arts Center on Saturday, June 15, featuring Chi-Town Transit Authority. This is a rousing musical performance that benefits Knights' charities. A patriotic preshow starts at 7 PM, so come early to enjoy. Ticketing info: 864.638.5277 or < WalhallaPAC.com >

Safe Environment Program: All Knights that want to help at events on the parish campus must complete the Diocesan Safe Environment program. In addition, if you are handling funds, 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.



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