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May 5, 2024
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Healing Prayer

HEALING PRAYER IS OFFERED IN THE CHAPEL AFTER SUNDAY MORNING MASSES

Lord, I ask that You help me to love my neighbors with that same kind of love that You extend towards me. Lord help me to see my neighbors through Your eyes. Show me practical ways that I can help them, and through that help, then be able to show them the love of Jesus. Amen.



Sacrament Prep Class Retreat

Our Sacrament Prep students had their retreat on April 27. They toured the sacristy with Fr. Dan, made their family banners, and received the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

First Communion Mass is this Saturday, May 4, at 3:00PM.

Mandatory Information Meeting

Christopher Kerfoot · christopher@saclemson.org
TUESDAY, MAY 14 • 7:00PM • MARTIN HALL • CURRENT 7-8 GRADERS

For Upcoming Candidates (current 7-8 graders): Current 7th and 8th grade students (or any older student who has not yet made their Confirmation) will be eligible to begin their two-year formation cycle this coming Fall to receive the sacrament in Spring of 2026. We will have a mandatory Candidate and Parent (at least one parent) information meeting on Tuesday, May 14, at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall. This meeting should answer any questions about the formation process and requirements. Please let me know if you absolutely cannot attend so that we can schedule a separate meeting together.

Parish Staff

Fr. Dan McLellan, OFM, *Pastor, Campus Minister*
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Summer Mass Schedule

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

5:15 PM Daily Mass
Monday–Thursday
Communion Service on Fridays

Eucharistic Adoration

Fridays 9:00 AM–5:00 PM in the Church

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Chapel – Saturdays 10:00–11:00 AM
(Or by appointment)

Religious Education

VBS – June 4–6, 5:30–8:00PM
Registrations being accepted

Youth Ministry Encounter

Coming Soon – Wild Wednesdays,
Bible Study, Summer Movie Series
Watch Flocknotes for details

Office Hours

Monday–Thursday 10:00 AM–5:00 PM

After Hours Pastoral Emergencies

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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, May 4

3:00 PM First Communion Mass

5:15 PM Special Intention for Healing

Sunday, May 5

8:30 AM † Judy Black

11:00 AM † Andrej Paszkiewicki

5:15 PM (This Mass resumes in August)

Monday, May 6

5:15 PM † Norman Panther

Tuesday, May 7

5:15 PM Our Parish Family

Wednesday, May 8

5:15 PM Our Parish Family

Thursday, May 9

5:15 PM Our Parish Family

Friday, May 10

5:15 PM Communion Service (No Mass)

Saturday, May 11

5:15 PM For the Intentions of our Priest and Deacons

Sunday, May 12

8:30 AM † Mable Colbert

11:00 AM † Theresa Gardzalla

† Dotty Smith

5:15 PM (This Mass resumes in August)

To schedule a Mass Intention, contact the office.

A Note from the Pastor

I recently saw that Pope Francis is heading off to Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, East Timor, and Singapore come September. Even with all the amenities of a plane reserved for himself and his entourage, he faces an exhausting ride. Especially on the way home after countless Masses and gatherings. The trip is in keeping with his enthusiasm for the periphery of Catholic life.

Not long ago, he traveled to Mongolia, an expansive country with 3.3 million people of whom just shy of 1,350 are Catholic. About the population of our parish!

What's the point?

Catholics in these far-lung spots know that they're outliers among family and fellow citizens. And for most people, being someone who's the exception can be off-putting and even scary. One Saturday night on the way home from Mass, I sat at the Edgewood/College Ave light and watched a gaggle of gals cross in front of me heading for a night on the town. Same hairdos, same little dresses, same boots – except for one. The little parade was a paradigm for the "I need to look like everyone else" syndrome that effects all of us in so many ways.

Yet the Catholics Pope Francis is visiting seemed to have escaped what afflicts the rest of us. I say "afflict" because the syndrome is just that. Over the years I've listened to students – guys and gals – share their anxieties about not fitting in. And not just when it comes to fashion. Young as they might be, they know it's a moral problem.

We Christians grew like weeds in the centuries before Christianity became popular. Which says two things to me: first, that healthy discipleship is always countercultural, no matter the culture. And second, when we seek cultural acceptance, we begin to diminish, if not in number, certainly in effectiveness. We become commonplace to those not of our number.

In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus reminds us, "It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you ..." and that he had a mission in mind for us – that we "go and bear fruit that will remain."

As we close in on Pentecost, I wonder if we need to revisit what that "fruit" is. Maybe a good place to start is looking at those Jesus invested time, talent, and reputation caring for. And what that care looked like.

It's amazing to realize that once we understand what water-into-wine, resuscitating the dead, and filling the bellies of thousands were really all about, there isn't one thing Jesus did that's beyond our grasp.

Unless we choose to come in from the periphery.

Fr. Dan

HS Baccalaureate Mass

Christopher Kerfoot · christopher@saclemson.org

We will honor graduating seniors at our annual Baccalaureate Mass on May 19 at 11:00 AM. Graduates are invited to wear their cap and gown and arrive early to lead the opening procession for Mass. Please let Christopher know if you will be participating.

Faith Formation

Laura Witt · laura@saclemson.org

CLOSING PROGRAM – At last weekend's Faith Formation closing program, our 5th graders, eager to continue growing in their faith, stepped up from Elementary Faith Formation to Youth Ministry.

In addition, the students presented a living Rosary, with 1st–5th graders leading the Rosary in prayer and 4k and 5k students walking along the life-size rosary beads.

Special thanks to our catechists, helpers, and subs who faithfully commit to sharing their gifts of faith with our youngest throughout the year.



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 **Sunday, May 19**, 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

Parish Picnic

We're looking forward to the 2024 Parish Picnic on **SUNDAY, May 19**, at 12:15 PM. As usual, Saint Andrew will provide the fried chicken, paper products, ice, and family style beverages. Please bring a dish to share, along with lawn chairs and picnic blankets. A limited number of chairs and tables will be available for those who really need them. If you plan to attend the 11:00 AM Mass, feel free to drop off your dish at Martin Hall as you head to church.



Choir Singers in Worship

Jamie Dean · jamie@saclemson.org

Last week I highlighted our instrumentalists who enrich our Mass music by adding tonal colors and harmonizations to our hymns and responses.

Concerning people who sing in our choirs: I find that choir singers are among the most committed church members: regular attendance at rehearsals is necessary, parents of young choristers support this commitment, and these people tend to understand and take seriously their responsibilities as acts of ministry and not performance. Because it is ministry to their church and not a performance (i.e., how well I do), choristers are more invested in offering their best to the worship and praise of God. To the thoughtful parishioners who take the time to approach choir members to express their thanks and their admiration for the beautiful music they make, I'll speak on their behalf in response to the compliments: "We are so blessed to be able to share our gifts in music and to help the congregation to pray better!"

We always welcome new volunteers to music ministry, whether students or adults. All one needs to do is contact the director of music.

Our Weekly Parish Tithe

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

This week's tithe goes to **Camp iRock**, a 3½-week summer camp for students in Pickens County identified as needing help with reading. Volunteers (including teachers) work with the students to improve their reading while offering typical summer camp fun opportunities. The camp was founded on research showing how critical the 3rd-grade reading level is for reading success in life. This is the last year in school that children learn to read; after this, they read to learn. One in six children who do not read proficiently by 3rd grade do not graduate on time. The United Way of Pickens County has partnered with the School District of Pickens County, the YMCA of Easley, Pickens, and Powdersville, and Call Me MiSTER to develop Camp iRock. One of the program's goals is to have at least 70% of 3rd graders in Pickens County read on grade level by 2025. Last summer, the program helped 486 children in grades K4-3rd. Of those children who attended at least 50% of the camp days (and completed the post-test), 96% maintained or grew their reading level. Learn more at www.uwpickens.org/camp-irock.

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



College Baccalaureate Mass

Congratulations to all of our university graduates! We thank you for your many contributions to Catholic Tigers and the Saint Andrew community during your time here, and be assured of our prayers as you move forward!

Register Now for Vacation Bible School

Laura Witt · laura@saclemson.org

VBS will be June 4, 5, and 6, from 5:30–8:00PM. Please contact laura@saclemson.org if you are interested in volunteering. We will "launch kids on a cosmic quest" where they'll have a blast shining Jesus' light to the world. We'll send our kids on an out-of-this-world adventure that's light years of faith-building fun. Registration forms are available in the vestibule, on the parish website, or in the Parish Office.



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.

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.

Did Someone Say Art Contest?

Anyone is invited to enter. The parish bazaar committee is interested in artwork of our new church building for fundraising items to be made, used, and/or sold to support the good works of the parish. These include such items as notecards, post cards, ornaments, prints suitable for framing, and more. To that end, an art contest is being held. For all the contest details, please go to <https://bit.ly/sa-art-contest>. The deadline for entries is May 6, 2024.

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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