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January 26, 2025
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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
Communion Service on Friday

Eucharistic Adoration
Friday 9:00 AM–5:00 PM in the Church

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Mon., Wed., Sat. 3:45–4:45 PM
in the Church (*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 864-643-2011

NOW Is the Time to Register

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH MEN'S & WOMEN'S WEEKENDS • NO OVERNIGHT STAY
WOMEN: FEBRUARY 15–16 • **MEN:** FEBRUARY 22–23 • NEWMAN HALL



Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) emphasizes continued growth in Christian life during our daily contacts with others and offers an excellent opportunity to meet other parishioners in a no-pressure setting. This powerful experience brings parishioners together to refuel their spirits, strengthen their faith, and build a sense of community within the parish.

We invite you to join the many parishioners who have attended CRHP at Saint Andrew since 2008. Come see that you are a vital link to our church community. For more information or to register, contact:

Women's Weekend – Kate Hallenbeck
kater1115@hotmail.com or 203-257-6663
Men's Weekend – Terry Farris
spartytiger@yahoo.com or 864-506-4837
Registration forms are available in the vestibule, through Flocknotes, or on the parish website.



Alex Armstrong • alex@saclemson.org

Ecumenical prayer in the style of Taizé is offered in our Chapel at 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM on the final Thursday of each month. Taizé-style prayer services consist of simple refrains, Scripture, intercessory prayer, and silence. All are welcome.

PARISH STAFF

Fr. Matthew Gray, *Administrator, Campus Minister*
Rich Campana, *Deacon*
John Leininger, *Deacon*
Gordon Snyder, *Deacon*
Tony Wagner, *Deacon*
Alex Armstrong, *Director of Music*
Anne Eldridge, *Administrative Assistant*
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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 25

5:15PM † Shirley Andrews

Sunday, January 26

8:30 AM † Foster Gambrell

11:00 AM † Ed Skrocki

5:15PM † Nick Bagles

Monday, January 27

5:15PM Virgie dela Rosa

Tuesday, January 28

5:15PM † Andrzej Paszkiewicz

Wednesday, January 29

5:15PM † Dale Bagnell

Thursday, January 30

5:15PM † Betty Roberson

Friday, January 31

5:15PM (*Communion Service*)

Saturday, February 1

5:15PM Sr. Doris Faber (Birthday)

Sunday, February 2

8:30 AM † Maura Nebesky

11:00 AM † John Comerford

† Steve Thurlow

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 **12:30–1:30 PM the third Sunday of each month**. The next group meeting will be on **Sunday, February 16**, in Day Hall.

Dinner for Eight

It is time to plan our next round of Dinner for Eight dinners. If you have not experienced one of these fun, relaxed gatherings, please consider giving Dinner for Eight a try. For more information or to register, please contact Bob DiAntonio at bobdiant@gmail.com.



Daily Scripture Readings

Daily readings are available online at bible.usccb.org/readings/calendar

A Note from Fr. Gray

How do we respond when life challenges us? Our parish history offers a powerful answer. Founded in 1936 amidst doubts about its future, Saint Andrew Parish has overcome many trials. Even during times of division and uncertainty, the faith of its members has carried it forward. Today, as a "grateful and giving parish," we stand as a testament to God's grace and the perseverance of those who came before us.

This week's bitter cold reminds us of the struggles faced by many in our community—those without warm homes, reliable heat, or adequate clothing. As we reflect on these hardships, let us pray for those affected and entrust them to God's mercy. May we, too, remain aware of the needs of others and open our hearts to His call for compassion.

Saint Andrew, who left everything to follow Christ, exemplifies faith in action. His unwavering trust in God allowed him to bring the Gospel to others despite the obstacles. His example reminds us that faith is not static—it is active and alive, moving us to serve others in love.

As we begin this new year, let us ask for Saint Andrew's intercession. May his example inspire us to deepen our trust in God, persevere through life's challenges, and share His love generously with others.

Saint Andrew, pray for us!

Fr. Gray

Our Upcoming Parish Mission

From February 8–12, we are excited to welcome Fr. Bill Garrott, O.P., to lead our mission.

Father Garrott is a Dominican priest known for his engaging preaching and musical talents, combining heartfelt music and powerful reflections. In this Jubilee Year the church is celebrating, he will guide us into a deeper understanding of God's love and mercy.

THE MISSION SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

- February 8–9 Masses: Fr. Garrott will be the homilist at all weekend Masses.
- February 10–12 Daily Masses: He will serve as celebrant and homilist at these 5:15 PM daily Masses.
- February 10–12 Mission Presentations: Each evening at 7:00 PM, Fr. Garrott will offer his mission talks, blending inspiring preaching, music, and prayer.

All parishioners and students are invited to attend to renew your faith, grow spiritually, be inspired, and strengthen our parish community. Make plans to attend, and bring a friend.



Healing Prayer Ministry

HEALING PRAYER • AFTER SATURDAY EVENING AND SUNDAY MORNING MASSES • CHAPEL
Heavenly Father, we come to You today asking for Your guidance and strength. We know that we are not alone in this world — we are part of the Body of Christ. Help us to remember that and to love one another as You have loved us and become a reflection of Your unfailing and unconditional love, Amen.



STARTING BACK UP FEBRUARY 4 • MARTIN HALL
6:00–7:30AM, INCLUDES BREAKFAST
NEW PARTICIPANTS WELCOME



That Man Is You! is an interactive men's program focused on the development of male leadership in the modern world. The Spring session emphasizes the practical means of becoming an authentic man.

Those involved in the Fall sessions enjoyed fellowship, lively discussions and good food, averaging about 40 men at each meeting; and they would love to welcome new men into this ministry. TMIY is open to all men 18 years and up. Please note that there is a meaningful Lenten journey as part of these upcoming meetings.

Scan the QR code to register. For more information, contact Mike Eldridge at eldridge2138@gmail.com.

Faith Formation

Laura Witt • laura@saclemson.org

CLASSES RESUME – This Sunday, January 26, our classes resume at 9:45–10:45 AM.

ORDINARY TIME – As we settle into ordinary time, let's celebrate the gift of time together. We find holiness in the ordinary experiences of our lives. When we teach a child a new skill, when we discipline a child with love, when we keep our children safe and healthy, we are living our lives in the same way that the Holy Family lived. The essence of what we see in the lives of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph is a relationship of love—loving God and loving each other.

Hold hands as you pray together at mealtimes throughout this next month.

Music Ministry Opportunities

Alex Armstrong • alex@saclemson.org

As you look to the year 2025 and how you could serve at Saint Andrew, please consider one (or more) of the following opportunities within the Music Ministry:

Cantor: Cantors help lead the congregation in singing hymns and serve as the psalmist during each of the weekend Masses and Holy Days of Obligation. Requirements are the ability to sing in tune, self-assurance, a strong voice, and the ability to learn music independently. Scheduling is rotated through our scheduling software, and music for the Mass is provided in advance. Coaching is available as needed.

Adult Choir: The Adult Choir ministry supports the songs of the people, enriching congregational singing with harmonies and descants, and presents choral works from various periods and styles to heighten texts and enrich the liturgy. The choir rehearses on Wednesday evening from 7:15 to 8:45 PM and generally sings on Sunday mornings.

Sunday 5:15 Schola: The Schola experience is especially geared toward our college students, youth ministry students, and young adults who like to attend the Sunday 5:15 PM Mass. The group meets at 3:30 PM on Sundays during the academic year to prepare music for that evening's Mass, as well as to work on choral motets and chants to enhance upcoming liturgies.

HymnDingers (Handchimes): The HymnDingers play at various Masses throughout the academic year, embellishing hymns, service music, and choral anthems as well as playing standalone pieces. Ability to read music is helpful but not required; chimers will learn to read music as part of the rehearsal process. The Choir Chime Ensemble meets on Wednesday evenings following daily Mass. ***This is a great group to join if you enjoy teamwork and are more shy about singing in one of the other groups.***

All of these groups are vital parts of our weekend Parish liturgy and none of it would be possible without your participation. Interested? Contact Alex Armstrong.

Our Weekly Parish Tithe

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

This week's tithe goes to **Pickens County Advocacy Center Inc.** The Pickens County Advocacy Center, is committed to addressing the impact of sexual violence in our community. Their range of services includes community outreach, prevention, crisis intervention, legal advocacy, counseling, and hospital accompaniment services. They work hand-in-hand with local institutions, law enforcement, social services, schools, medical and legal advocates to provide hope and healing to survivors and their families. They have implemented educational and prevention programs throughout the county, focusing on consent, healthy relations, and bystander interventions. Their victims and their families are served via a Crisis Hotline 24 hours a day, every day. Trained victim advocates provide compassion, hope, and healing support to survivors by striving to empower them to reclaim their strength and regain control of their lives as they continue on their path of healing and growth.

***Learn to do good, seek justice, correct oppression,
bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause. – Isaiah 1:17***



SA Women's Bunco

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.

WHO? The women of Saint Andrew Catholic Church and their friends

WHEN? Tuesday, January 28, 1:00–4:00 PM

WHERE? Newman Hall. Reservations only, no later than Sunday, January 26.

To reserve your spot, contact Jane at jm7.sutter@gmail.com or 864-221-8477.

2024 Contribution Statements

Contribution Statements are available. If you have not already requested one and would like your statement emailed to you (to save costs), just email your request to Nancy at nancy@saclemson.org and she will simply reply to that email with the attachment. If you prefer to pick up your statement at the office or need it mailed to you, please call Nancy at 864-654-1757.

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.

Stewardship of Treasure*

	December 31	Budgeted	Difference
Offertory	\$110,139	\$85,749	\$24,390
	Year-To-Date	YTD Budgeted	YTD Difference
	\$549,432	\$514,491	\$34,941

Fiscal Year July 1, 2024–June 30, 2025

* As of December 31, 2024. Special thanks for those making year-end gifts.

Baptism Preparation

Contact Deacon John Leininger,
864-903-0050 or john@saclemson.org

Marriage Preparation

Contact Fr. Gray no fewer than six months prior to the desired wedding date, 864-643-2011 or fgray@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 864-643-2011.

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.

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic or entering into full communion with the Catholic Church? Please come to our weekly meeting of RCIA/OCIA in Merton Hall on Sundays 9:45–10:45 AM or contact the Parish Office at 864-654-1757.

Parish Giving

Thank you to all for your continued support of our parish. While giving traditionally as the **basket is passed during Mass** works for many, we recognize that others may wish to give via **alternative methods** (i.e., bank draft or directly from your financial advisor). If so, please have these offerings sent directly to the office at:

**Saint Andrew Catholic Church
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For those wishing to transition to **our online giving option**, go to www.saclemson.org and click **GIVE** in the navigation bar. By making your offering online, you continue to support our good works even if you are away. Please note that while the look of our online giving pages has changed, your account and any recurring gifts have not changed. Our vendor simply updated their platform for increased compatibility and security. Questions? Contact the Parish Office.

For fast and easy giving, **venmo users** can simply scan the QR code below, click donate, enter the amount, and please be specific in the "what is this for" field. (i.e., Sunday Offering, Immaculate Conception, Retired Religious, etc.)

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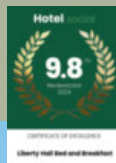
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