



The Catholic Center

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Communities Since 1952



All are Welcome

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5PM - Fr. Fred Wendel	Wednesday 5:30PM -Doris Guyon †
Sunday 8AM - Mass of Thanksgiving 10:30AM - Mary Ann Deom †	Thursday 5:30PM - Joel Alesi Friday 8AM - Charlene Hall
Monday 5:30PM - Robert Thompson †	
Tuesday 5:30PM - Mass of Thanksgiving to St. Joseph	



Liturgical Schedule

Mass:	Confession:
Saturday: 5PM	Wednesday: 4-5PM
Sunday: 8AM & 10:30AM	Saturday: 3:30- 4:30PM
Mon-Thurs: 5:30PM	Weekly Adoration:
Friday: 8AM	On Break

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Dear Catholic Center Community

The past four years I have lived and worked with Fr. Fred. He's been a true mentor to me and a great spiritual father. He has also been a genuine friend and brother priest who had accompanied me in my priesthood. I have learned a lot from him, and he has challenged me in many ways. I have gone to him in times of need and times of real difficulty. He has been a blessing in my life.

One of the things he has done is bring me into every administrative conversation that happened here at the Catholic Center. Fr. Fred did this because we knew I would follow him as the Director from the very beginning and because he wanted me to learn how to pastor the flock.

The vision for the Catholic Center under Fr. Fred's leadership has been something that I've played an active role in since the beginning. It's been a great learning experience for me. From transitioning administration from Franciscans to Diocesan leadership, to getting through the highs and lows of Covid, engaging in a Strategic Plan with Lighthouse Counsel in order to work towards our future, growing our staff in order to meet our daily needs and function well, growing in true transparency with our Finance Council, developing our student activity so that our students consider our church their second home, and beginning the development efforts of alumni outreach, I have truly felt that the past two years have been very collaborative with Fr. Fred.

I'm beginning this pastor role as the Director of the Catholic Center. For me, this is a big occasion in my own life, and it is such an honor. I believe that I've been trained well by my family, my priestly formation, and by priest mentors, yet I do believe that I will need your help and support. As Kirby Smart said after winning the National Championship: "Together, we are better." I truly believe that. Our community has so many gifts that we all benefit from. We benefit from each other and we need each other. Church is meant to be lived together.

I'm celebrating my priesthood anniversary this week on June 16th. The staff, the students, our Focus missionaries, and all of you bring me so much joy and meaning to my life. I have a lot to be thankful for! I ask for your prayers during this time of transition. I'm taking some vacation days these next couple weeks and will come back to help Fr. Michael move in at the end of the month. Go Dawgs!
Fr Brian

Announcements

Hello's and Good-bye's

"Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end." This quote from the band Semisonic rings true here at the Catholic Center. We are saying good-bye to several wonderful people this summer and welcoming others. As we all know, we are saying farewell to Fr. Fred and Colin this summer. Also leaving us (and leaving Athens) are Elizabeth Porter, our bookkeeper and Chandler McDevitt, our grounds and maintenance assistant. Elizabeth and her husband Matt are moving to Nashville, TN. We will miss Elizabeth's ability to keep track of the CC finances and keep the staff's spending in check. Chandler has graduated with her Master's Degree from UGA and will begin her teaching career in Florida. The students will benefit from her energy and joy. She will be a fantastic teacher.

Welcome Fr. Michael Bremer, Bob Chirello, Justin Dery and Melina Patterson to the Catholic Center staff. Bob Chirello is our new bookkeeper. Bob and his wife Stephanie are long time CC members. Bob is also a Mass Coordinator for the Saturday, 5PM Mass. Justin Dery is our Director of Music and Liturgy. We are grateful for his leadership in our music and liturgy. Melina Patterson will be taking over for Chandler and working with Sonny Fincher with our Grounds and Maintenance. Melina is a junior at UGA and an active participant in the Catholic Student Association.

Mark your calendars for our Farewell to Fr. Fred reception after all of the Masses on June 25th and 26th. Then, the following weekend, July 2nd and 3rd, we will welcome Fr. Michael with a reception after the Masses. Join us for light refreshments and fellowship

We Lift Up in Prayer

Charlotte & Joel Alesi	Victor Kalla	Larry Davis	Abigail Loftis
David Lauth	Grace Byrne	Colin & Lindsey Davis	Christopher Foster
Charlene Hall	James Valido	Conrad Valido	Gail Hawkins
Nikki Rae Lucas	George Valido	Mo Saiidi	Mike Clutter
Shannon Campbell	James Law	Kevin Noble	Michael Seals
Denise Goins	Daniel O'Sullivan	David Simmons	Shirley Puskarz
Ricardo Guerra	Josephine Eckles	Shirley Bundy	Maria Gimenez
Rick Cook	Lou Perno	Larry Richardson	

With deepest sympathy, our community prays for the souls of the faithful departed and for their loved ones, especially William Burden

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for June: We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.

Financial Giving Updates

Thank you so very much for your generous contributions to our offertory throughout the year. Your support of the Catholic Center and our ministries is heartwarming. Thank you for sharing your time, treasure and talent.

May 29, 2022

\$9,801.51 - Offertory \$272.00 - Alms

June 5, 2022

\$7,173.00 - Offertory \$177.25 - Alms

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