



The Catholic Center

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ALL ARE WELCOME

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5PM - Eileen Sapera †	Tuesday 5:30PM - Sheila Glynn Crowell
Sunday 8AM - Bill Ennis † 10:30AM - Richard Lynch †	Wednesday 5:30PM - Peggy Ennis †
5PM - UGA Faculty, Staff and Students	Thursday 5:30PM - Jill Ennis †
Monday 5:30PM - Sterling Ennis †	Friday 8AM - Constance Warren †

Welcome Back, Students!

The dog days of Summer are finally over, and class is back in session! This upcoming week marks the first full week of UGA classes, so that means it's CSA Welcome Week! There are various student ministries holding events Monday through Thursday evening this week. The Diversity & Inclusion ministry is hosting a potluck on Monday, Seeking Water is hosting a praise & worship night on Tuesday, Ignite is hosting a Freshman Welcome on Wednesday, and Ablaze is hosting a social event on Thursday. Please keep all UGA faculty, students and staff in your prayers! Go Dawgs!

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Liturgical Schedule

Mass: Saturday: 5PM (except on football home games) Sunday: 8AM, 10:30AM & 5PM Mon-Thurs: 5:30PM Fri: 8AM	Holy Hour: Mon-Thurs: 9-10AM Friday: 8:30AM-10AM Confession: Wednesday: 4-5PM Saturday: 3:30-4:30PM (except on football home games)
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Weekly Calendar

Saturday 8/19
Seeking Water Team Retreat
3:30PM Reconciliation
5PM Mass
8:30PM Greek Mass

Sunday 8/20
8AM Mass
10:30AM Mass
5PM Mass
6PM First Student Dinner

Monday 8/21
10AM Men's Bible Study
5:30PM Mass
7PM D&I Potluck

Tuesday 8/22
9AM Our Daily Bread
5:30PM Mass
8PM Seeking Water

Wednesday 8/23
4PM Reconciliation
5:30PM Mass
8PM Ignite

Thursday 8/24
5:30PM Mass
6:30PM Teaching Prayer
8PM Ablaze

Friday 8/25
8AM Mass
5:30PM Ashley
Anniversary Mass

Saturday 8/26
9AM Virtus Class
3:30PM Reconciliation
6:30PM Korean Mass

A Message from Fr. Michael

Dear Catholic Center Community,

For God allowed all to disobedience, in order to have mercy upon them. - Rom 11:32
The foreigners who join themselves to the Lord ... them I shall bring to My holy mountain. -Is 56:6-7
And behold a Canaanite Woman called and came out ... saying, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps from the table of their masters. -Mt 15

How does your heart react to the Gospel today? For some of us, it can feel incredibly familiar: I ask God for something, I don't receive that thing, and I feel disappointed, I might feel like a foreigner to Him. This dynamic can be incredibly heartbreaking. However, it is also equally familiar to God, too, that He would feel foreign to us, asking something of us, and us denying Him that thing.

Here is the place of beginning - of new beginning. We're invited to pay attention to this woman who is a surprise to everyone. Jesus says, "O Woman, great is your faith!" I wonder if she knew how much faith she had, that in the face of seeming denial, how much she was willing to give, how much she was willing to fight for.

She, a Canaanite, must have been aware, that for hundreds of years, God has been longing to eat the scraps that fall from her peoples' tables, from all peoples' tables, that God has been working to bring back all foreigners even though they have cast themselves away from Him.

There's only one real solution when there's "playing hard to get": this woman's faith mirrors nothing less than the Divine Love, this God who is willing to give all (on the Cross) to us, even just to receive a few of our scraps we're willing to give - God might even be eternally grateful.

In Christ,
Fr. Michael

Adopt a Seminarian... We Choose Colin!

The Catholic Center is participating in a new service project called "Adopt-a-Seminarian". We are adopting Deacon Colin Patrick. Catholic Center Members can send cards with notes of encouragement and prayers. We can send a care package once or twice during the year. Care packages can include treats, gloves, hats, gift cards... anything that says, "we're thinking about you, praying for you." Colin's address is:

Colin Patrick
Mundelein Seminary
1000 East Maple Avenue
Mundelein, Illinois, 60060

Announcements

Blood Drive on August 28

Give blood for thrilling fun! The Catholic Center is hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, August 28, from 2:30PM to 7PM. To schedule an appointment, please visit recrossblood.org, scan the QR code or call 1-800-773-2767. Please consider being a donor!



Dooley Classic Raffle

We are raffling autographed balls from Coach Kirby Smart, Brock Bowers, Ladd McConkey, Coach Mike White and Coach Katie Abrahamson-Henderson. We will be selling raffle tickets after Masses on Aug. 26, Aug. 27 and Sept. 3. One ticket is \$10, and three tickets are \$25. Proceeds benefit Catholic Center ministries and activities for UGA students. This is a wonderful opportunity to support our students and possibly win some signed UGA memorabilia.

Religious Ed Sign Ups for 2023-2024

The 2023-2024 RE School Year is starting at the end of August, so please consider registering your child for RE if you haven't already. **Pre-K and Kindergarten** classes begin on Sunday, August 27 at 10:30AM - 11:30AM in the Center Hall. Students in **1st through 8th grade** will begin on Wednesday, August 30, in the Center Hall at 6:15PM-7:15 PM. **Confirmation Classes** will begin on Monday, September 11 at 7:00-8:45 pm. Presently, RE has over 100 students with 60 registered families. We are looking forward to a great RE School Year. If you have any questions, please contact Lynn Renna at dre@ccatuga.org.

VIRTUS Class on August 26

We are holding a Virtus Class in the Center Hall on Saturday, August 26, at 9AM. Virtus training is required for all new Catechists, Mass Coordinators, and Homebound Eucharistic Ministers, but it is also a great opportunity for everyone to learn more about the prevention of child sexual abuse. The sign up form for the session in the Center Hall can be found online at virtusonline.org. If you have any questions, please contact Lynn Renna at dre@ccatuga.org.

Register for the Dooley Classic Today!

The 21st Annual Dooley Classic Golf Tournament is on Friday, Sept. 8, at 8AM, but registration closes on Friday, Aug. 25! You don't want to miss out on this golf tournament, so make sure to sign up soon! Proceeds benefit ministries and activities for UGA students. If interested in being a player or sponsor, pick up a brochure in the back of the chapel or visit ccatuga.org/golf. See you on the links!



Volunteer for Sunday Night Dinners!

We are looking for volunteers to help cook Sunday night dinners for our students! Any assistance would be greatly appreciated by our students who attend 5PM Mass and stay for dinner and fellowship. They really do love a good home-cooked meal. Thank you for your loving support of this ministry! The sign-up link can be found under the announcements section on the front page of ccatuga.org.

Join Men's & Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study will resume on Thursday, Sept. 7, at 10AM in the TV Room. All are welcome! Men's Bible Study has been meeting informally throughout the Summer and will continue to meet every Monday at 10AM. Newcomers are welcome to join!

Grief Groups Resumes September 19

The Grief and Bereavement Group will meet on Tuesday, September 19, at 2:00PM. No matter where you are in your journey (anticipatory grief, acute grief, or long-standing grief), or if you feel you can contribute, you are invited to join us.

Join Fr. Brian on Pilgrimage

The deadline to decide if you will be going on the amazing Ireland pilgrimage (Oct 28-Nov 6, 2023) with Father Brian is soon approaching. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Lynn Renna at 706-338-3434. The pilgrimage has room for you, so please sign up soon.

We Lift Up in Prayer

John Paul Abrigo	Henry Eckles	Carol Mazurek	Alyssa Thomas
Charlotte & Joel Alesi	Sylvia Floyd	Maureen Meyer	Brenda Thomas
Sally Allen	Alberta Foster	Emeritea Morales	Frank Trocino
Melani Atmodjo	Jonathan Guerra	Margaretta O'Shea	Edwin Valido
Peter Bryan	Victoria Guerra	Amor Mendoza Perez	Bryan Vaughn
Cindy Bullist	Terri Strickland Guy	Lou Perno	Joanne Waldron
Grace Byrne	Bob Henry	Lou Richt	Dorothy Wasko
Joanne Cabrera	Margaret Jones	Sophia Rodriguez	Amanda Wershing
Jeanette Campbell	Jim & Patti Law	Ann Schrauth	
Lora Bernstein Cooley	Michelle Linton	Tom Shuster	
Mia Corte	Ginny Lynch	David Simmons	
Tony DiPietro	Gina Maherka	Terri Strickland	

With deepest sympathy, our community prays for the souls of the faithful departed and for their loved ones, especially Liz Bucko, Louise Dinnan and Josephine "Jo" Strickland.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for August: We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own 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.

August 6, 2023	August 13, 2023
\$18,495.10 - Offertory	\$13,414.18 - Offertory
\$5,953.00 - Donations	\$50,460.00 - Donations
\$437.00 - Alms	\$188.00 - Alms

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