



# The Catholic Center

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## ALL ARE WELCOME

### Mass Intentions

**Saturday**  
**NO MASS**

**Sunday**  
**8AM** - Terry Stephens †  
**10:30AM** - Tony Sudduth †  
**5PM** - Leah Szczepanski †  
**Monday**  
**5:30PM** - Gladys Whittington †

**Tuesday**  
**5:30PM** - Arling Eugene Whittington †  
**Wednesday**  
**5:30PM** - Dawn & Danny Clements  
**Thursday**  
**5:30PM** -  
**Communion Service**  
**Friday**  
**8AM** - Bernadette McKinney

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### Alumni Weekend Next Weekend!

Whether you graduated in 1972 or 2022, or anywhere in between, you are invited to our first ever Catholic Center alumni weekend on October 13 & 14! Friday will consist of a happy hour at Creature Comforts from 5PM to 7PM and an opportunity to watch current students play in a powderpuff game at Bishop Park at 7:30PM. On Saturday, there will be Mass at 11AM, followed by lunch in the Center Hall. We hope to bring you back to your "glory days" here in Athens. The RSVP can be found on the Catholic Center Facebook. We miss you, and we hope to see you soon!

### 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: 9AM-5PM  
Tues, Wed, Fri: 9AM-10AM  
**Confession:**  
Wednesday: 4-5PM  
Saturday: 3:30-4:30PM (except on football home games)

### Weekly Calendar

**Saturday 10/7**  
NO MASS  
**Sunday 10/8**  
8AM Mass  
10:30AM Mass  
1:30PM Apologetics Class  
3PM Feed My Starving Children  
5PM Mass  
6PM Student Dinner  
7PM CSA Board Meeting  
**Monday 10/9**  
Indigenous Peoples Day  
Columbus Day  
9AM Adoration  
10AM Men's Bible Study  
5:30PM Mass  
**Tuesday 10/10**  
9AM Adoration  
12PM Silver Angels  
5:30PM Mass  
8PM CSA Ablaze  
**Wednesday 10/11**  
9AM Adoration  
4PM Reconciliation  
5:30PM Mass  
8PM CSA Ignite  
**Thursday 10/12**  
9AM Adoration  
10AM Women's Bible Study  
5:30PM Mass  
6PM Woman's Dinner  
7PM RCIA  
**Friday 10/13**  
Alumni Weekend  
8AM Mass  
8:30AM Adoration  
**Saturday 10/14**  
11AM Alumni Mass & Lunch  
2PM RE "Our Lady of Fatima" viewing  
3:30PM Reconciliation  
5PM Mass

### A Message from Fr. Michael

Dear Catholic Center Community,

*Have no anxiety at all. -Phil. 4:6*

*... when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another, "This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance." -Mt. 21:38*  
*Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. -Phil. 4:7*

Blink and you miss it: "Have no anxiety at all ... then the God of peace will be with you." Paul gives us a secret. The letter to the Philippians has been dubbed "the letter of joy," and if you read it, you'll see why. And if I take a look at my life, I can hear God say to me, "you might need some more joy."

The particular consideration, though, is from the question, is it realistic or possible to live this way? To "Have no anxiety at all"? Even just beginning to take Paul at his word causes me anxiety. Would it be more realistic to say, "have no anxiety at all, 50% of the time. 1% of the time"?

What I notice in my own reluctance to even believe the possibility is the specific invitation, and it comes from a Saint we celebrated this week: St. Francis of Assisi. What I notice is that I have an attitude called pessimism, cynicism, etc., and he has a wonderful proposal called "St. Francis' perfect joy."

In his book on the Saint, Chesterton gives an image that displays St. Francis' attitude toward life (which is very different than mine): at a pivotal moment of life, when Francis undergoes his conversion, it is as if he comes out of the cave of darkness - walking on his hands. Chesterton relates that by seeing the world upside down, Francis sees how everything can fall at any moment, how everything is dependent on God.

This gives him peace and joy. His life is no longer dependent on his own efforts, on his own ability to save himself. "Francis became a lover but vowed himself to chastity, an artist and a partaker of all of reality but vowed himself to poverty, a clown but saw the world right-side-up." Francis, Paul, and even Jesus on the Cross teach us about having no anxiety, but if I blink I miss it: "Have no anxiety at all, but in everything by prayer and petition, make your requests known to God ... then the God of peace will be with you." When I am known, and how dependent I am on God, here I find gratitude, peace, and joy.

In Christ,  
Fr. Michael

### CSA Diaper Drive

The CSA Service Ministry is holding a diaper drive! During the month of October, please bring diapers (sizes 4, 5, and 6) and baby wipes to the drop box in the Center Hall. All donations will go towards the Athens Pregnancy Center, providing much needed life affirming support. If you have any questions, please reach out to Chase Pitser at 770-722-4766 or cpitser@gmail.com.

## Announcements

### Silver Angels Meets Tuesday

The Silver Angels will meet on Tuesday, October 10, at 12PM in the Center Hall. All those 60 and older (and young at heart) are invited for a fun-filled afternoon. We will have lunch, fellowship and a surprise special program. The Silver Angels meet on the second Tuesday every month.

### RCIA Sponsors Needed!

We are in need of RCIA sponsors. Please prayerfully consider being a part of this ministry that serves those who are discerning and preparing to receive the sacraments of initiation in the Catholic Church. Please send any questions, comments or concerns to the RCIA Coordinator, Suzie Blaydes, at [sacraments@ccatuga.org](mailto:sacraments@ccatuga.org).

### Woman's Dinner on Thursday

The Social Graces, the Catholic Center women's dinner group, meets this Thursday at 6PM. Please RSVP by Monday at 5PM by calling the office at 706-543-2293.

### Religious Education

Thanks to all the RE families who participated in the Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids drive! The middle school RE students did a great job participating in the 10:30AM Sunday Mass. The movie, "Our Lady of Fatima" will be showing on Saturday, Oct. 14, in the TV room, from 2:00-4:00PM for all RE children. Please contact Lynn to let her know if your child will be attending. Snacks will be provided. Get ready for the **RE Family Fun Carnival** on Wednesday, Oct 25, from 6:00-7:30PM in the back lot. All RE Families are invited to enjoy a fun evening of food, games, prizes, and laughter! The giant double slide, a donut eating contest, cupcake walk, balloon burst, hotdogs, cool-pops, and much more awaits your arrival! Don't forget to wear your costumes.

### Fatima Public Rosary

All are welcome to join in The Fatima Rosary on Saturday, Oct. 14, at 9:15AM in the Mary Garden at St. Joseph's. This is an annual national initiative.

### Communion Service on Oct. 12

Both of our priests will be out of town, so there will be no Mass this Thursday, Oct. 12. There will still be a communion service at 5:30PM.

### Coats for Kids was a Success!

The Georgia Martyrs Knights of Columbus Council 17969 at the Catholic Center would like to give a big thank you to all who contributed to this year's Coats for Kids drive. 156 coats were collected and with the additional help of monetary donations, the entire project had over a \$4000 value. The families of the Athens Oasis community are extremely grateful for your assistance and so are the Knights, as we continue to do the Lord's work together!



### Annual Artist & Craft Fair on Nov. 18

Calling all artists and crafters! Our annual Artist and Craft Fair is on Saturday, Nov. 18, from 9AM-2PM. It is \$25 for adults and \$10 for students to rent a table. Registration forms can be found and filled out at the Center Office. Please contact 706-543-2293 or [stewardship@ccatuga.org](mailto:stewardship@ccatuga.org) for more information.

### Heritage is Hiring

Heritage is hiring a part-time, seasonal Hospitality Assistant. The Hospitality Assistant works to provide hospitality to our retreat & program guests. This includes welcoming guests, guiding guests through Heritage's prayer spaces, assisting with set-up & tear-down of rooms and responding promptly & courteously to guest inquiries. The Hospitality Assistant reports to the Retreat Coordinator. If interested, please contact [info@heritagega.org](mailto:info@heritagega.org).

## We Lift Up in Prayer

John Paul Abrigo  
Charlotte & Joel Alesi  
Sally Allen  
Melani Atmodjo  
Peter Bryan  
Cindy Bullist  
Grace Byrne  
Joanne Cabrera  
Jeanette Campbell  
Seymour Castro  
Lora Bernstein Cooley  
Mia Corte

Sylvia Floyd  
Patty Goodwin  
Bob Gross  
Jonathan Guerra  
Victoria Guerra  
Terri Strickland Guy  
Bob Henry  
Tom Higgins  
Margaret Jones  
Patti Law  
Michelle Linton  
Ginny Lynch

Gina Maherka  
Carol Mazurek  
Nathan Mills  
Emeritea Morales  
Katherine Noe  
Janna Nugent  
Margaretta O'Shea  
Amor Mendoza Perez  
Lou Perno  
Lou Richt  
Sophia Rodriguez  
Ann Schrauth

Deborah Scott  
Tom Shuster  
David Simmons  
Terri Strickland  
Alyssa Thomas  
Brenda Thomas  
Edwin Valido  
Bryan Vaughn  
Joanne Waldron  
Dorothy Wasko  
Amanda Wershing

**With deepest sympathy, our community prays for the souls of the faithful departed and for their loved ones, especially Jim Berrigan, Joy Hadden & Virginia Macagnoni.**

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for October: For the Synod**– We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

## 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.

September 24, 2023	October 1, 2023
\$9,586.09 - Offertory	\$18,989.56 - Offertory
\$1,263.00 - Donations	\$5,553.00 - Donations
\$120.90 - Alms	\$239.00 - Alms

## Clergy & Staff

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