



The Catholic Center

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ALL ARE WELCOME

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5PM - Wanda Faye Wilcox †	Tuesday 5:30PM - Charles Thornton †
Sunday 8AM - Milagros Gallardo † 10:30AM - Josephine Oberholzer †	Wednesday 5:30PM - Corey Phillips †
Monday 5:30PM - Joel Alesi	Thursday 5:30PM - Mary Ellen Ellis Spilatrot †
	Friday 8AM - Dana Pothier †

Mr. Catholic Center 2024

Our annual Mr. Catholic Center men's pageant will be on Friday, February 9, at 7:30PM at the UGA Chapel on North Campus! Enjoy a variety of entertaining performances from 12 of our male students and see who will be crowned this year's Mr. Catholic Center. Fr. Fred and more exciting guests will judge the winner. All contestants will be speaking after Mass this weekend to fundraise for Mr. CC, which supports general Catholic Student Association activities. We will be accepting cash, check and Venmo for \$5 entry at the door. Be sure to come out for a good time!

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Liturgical Schedule

Mass: Saturday: 5PM Sunday: 8AM, 10:30AM & 5PM Mon-Thurs: 5:30PM Fri: 8AM	Adoration: Tues & Fri: 9AM-10AM Mon & Thurs: 9AM-5PM Friday: 8:30AM-9:30AM
	Confession: Wednesday: 4-5PM Saturday: 3:30-4:30PM

Weekly Calendar

Saturday 2/3
3:30PM Reconciliation
5PM Mass

Sunday 2/4
8AM Mass
9AM Koc Donut Ministry
9:30AM Baptism Prep Class
10:30AM Mass, Pre-K & Kindergarten RE
10:45AM RCIA Breaking Open the Word
11:30AM KoC Donut Ministry
1:30PM Student Event
5PM Mass
6PM Student Dinner
7PM Adult Confirmation

Monday 2/5
10AM Men's Bible Study
5:30PM Mass
7PM Confirmation

Tuesday 2/6
11AM Funeral & Reception for Ann Schrauth
12PM CC Staff Meeting
5:30PM Mass
6PM Wellspring Rehearsal
8PM CSA Ablaze

Wednesday 2/7
1PM Creative Hands
4PM Reconciliation
5:30PM Mass
6:15PM 1st - 8th Grade RE
8PM CSA Ignite

Thursday 2/8
10AM Women's Bible Study
5:30PM Mass
6PM Women's Dinner
7PM RCIA

Friday 2/9
CSA Family Weekend
8AM Mass
7:30PM Mr. Catholic Center at the UGA Chapel

A Message from Fr. Brian

Dear Catholic Center Community,

Friends I'd like to give an update on some things:

We have a new sound system! Finally! We will help those with hearing aids get connected as soon as possible. Thank you to donors and benefactors and for your support and patience! It is a new season for our weekend masses and it is exciting.

We have a couple new staff hires: we have a new Kitchen Manager (Alexa Cullom) and a new Director of Music and Liturgy (Dan Marcacci). We look forward to having them on staff and serving this community!

The Knights of Columbus have recruited almost 50 new men to join the "Georgia Martyrs Council." We have roughly 80 members! The council was founded only 18 months ago. While it is not about the numbers, we are happy and proud of them!

We have almost 30 individuals in RCIA who are discerning becoming Catholic. Please keep them in your prayers! The past few years we've had one average 20 per year!

Lent is upon us. Please see our Lenten schedule next week. Instead of doing an evening of reflection like we've done in previous years, we will be handing out books to read and encouraging Stations of the Cross on Fridays. This will hopefully help everyone enter into Lent!

Please see our Ministry & Finance Report that we have on the back table. This offers a glimpse into our previous fiscal year in terms of sacraments, ministry, and finances!

I am taking my personal annual retreat at the end of February. Please keep me in your prayers! I will be doing 8 days of silence again!

Lets keep each other in prayer!

Cheers,
Fr. Brian

Pilgrimage to Italy with Fr. Brian

On Sunday, Feb. 11, a representative from A Pilgrim's Journey, will hold an informational meeting in the Center Hall after the 10:30AM Mass. The representative will discuss the upcoming pilgrimage to Italy. All are welcomed to attend and to learn more about this 10 day pilgrimage and to ask questions about this beautiful trip. Hope to see you there!

Announcements

Human Race 5K is Two Weeks Away!

The 46th Annual Catholic Center Human Race 5K is only two weeks away! You are invited to run with us on February 17 at Oconee Veterans Park. Runners and walkers can sign up online at runsignup.com/humanrace5k or by picking up a registration form in the back of the chapel. Please contact Sr. Uyen-Chi at admincsa@ccatuga.org to learn more.

Feed My Starving Children Update

Current donations: \$14,998 vs. goal of \$55,000. Volunteers: 137 volunteers vs. goal of 900. If you're planning on donating and/or volunteering, you're encouraged to do so as soon as possible. Please visit give.fmsc.org/Athens to donate and register. Please contact Tom Spencer at tspencer44@gmail.com or 706-340-3785 with questions.

#iGiveCatholic Update

We are excited to announce that we raised a total of \$19,115.61 during our recent #iGiveCatholic initiative. These funds will go towards our counseling scholarships for those who are unable to pay for quality mental health services. Your support truly goes a long way. Thank you!

Christian Apologetics Course

Do you have family or friends who have questions about Christianity? If you would like to help them answer those questions or need a faith "booster" yourself, we will be offering a course in Christian Apologetics. The course will include four sessions starting on Feb. 17 from 10AM - 12PM, and it will be taught by Tom Spencer, Athens Chapter Director for Reasonable Faith. Contact Tom at tspencer44@gmail.com or 706-340-3785 to sign up.

St. Joseph Soup Sale

Are you ready for the Super Bowl or more cold weather? Soup mix in a jar is perfect for Super Bowl Sunday or any other time. One jar is \$10, two jars is \$18 and three jars is \$25. Please call Lynn Renna at 706-338-3434 to pre-order now. Sales benefit the St. Joseph Parish team for Relay for Life.

Archbishop's Annual Appeal 2024

I am very grateful to all our parishioners who have already joined together in pledging their gift to the 2024 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. The campaign goal is \$9,350,000, and the Catholic Center at UGA's goal is \$65,300. A percentage of the money collected above our goal will be returned to the Center. To learn more and to donate online, please visit donate.archatl.com.

Confirmation Sponsors Needed

We are seeking sponsors for Adult Confirmation. Please consider the role prayerfully, and contact Suzie Blaydes at sacraments@ccatuga.org if interested. Student and non-student community members are invited to participate as sponsors!

Women's Dinner on Thursday

The Social Graces, the Catholic Center women's dinner group, meets this Thursday, February 8, at 6PM. Please RSVP by Monday at 5PM by calling the office at 706-543-2293.

Creative Hands Meets Wednesday

All are welcome to join the Creative Hands Crafting Group on Wednesday, February 7, at 1PM in the Center Hall.

Friday Lenten Fish Fry Dinners

The KoC are ecstatic to be hosting fish fry dinners this Lenten season from 5-7PM in the Center Hall. Student meals will be \$7, individual meals will be \$11 and family meals will be \$30. We will have these dinners on the following Fridays: Feb. 16, Feb. 23, March 1, March 8, March 15 and March 22.

Religious Education 2024

Our RE 2nd Grade and Basic Faith Year 2 students have been going over their prayers in preparation for their First Reconciliation, which will be on Saturday, February 24 at 10AM. The mandatory Confirmation Retreat will be held at the Holy Spirit Monastery, on Saturday, April 13. The cost of the retreat is \$65. Parents can pay the \$65 online at: ugacatholic.org/online-giving/

We Lift Up in Prayer

John Paul Abrigo
Charlotte & Joel Alesi
Sally Allen
Melani Atmodjo
Megan Barton
Peter Bryan
Cindy Bullist
Shirley Burk
Grace Byrne
Joanne Cabrera
Jeanette Campbell
Lucille Carberry

Lora Bernstein Cooley
Mike Deppe
Sylvia Floyd
Pam Forker
Jonathan Guerra
Victoria Guerra
Terri Strickland Guy
Bob Henry
Tom Higgins
Margaret Jones
Sarah Kurtz
Patti Law

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Gina Maherka
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Nathan Mills
Emeritea Morales
Al Mulhair
Lou Perno
Lou Richt
Sophia Rodriguez
Ann Schrauth
Deborah Scott
Tom Shuster

David Simmons
Lauren Stewart
Alyssa Thomas
Gretchen Thomas
Bryan Vaughn
Dorothy Wasko
Amanda Wershing
Robin Yackley
Barbara Zanengo

With deepest sympathy, our community prays for the souls of the faithful departed and for their loved ones, especially Milagros Gallardo, Ginny Lynch, Antonia Rodriguez, Ann Schrauth and Eileen Sinda.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for February: We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

Financial Giving Updates

Thank you so 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.

January 21, 2024

\$10,244.00 - Offertory
\$2,090.00 - Donations
\$371.00 - Alms

January 28, 2024

\$9,778.31 - Offertory
\$10,494.00 - Donations
\$170.05 - Alms

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