



The Catholic Center

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Communities Since 1952.



ALL ARE WELCOME

Mass Intentions

Saturday
5PM - Michael Watson †

Sunday
8AM - Eileen Sinda †
10:30AM - William Afryl †
5PM - Matthew Moore †

Monday
5:30PM - Nancy Toole †

Tuesday
5:30PM - Emeline Kennedy †

Wednesday
5:30PM - Angelo Maisto †

Thursday
5:30PM - Esteba-Portella

Friday
 George Doster Sr. †

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Oasis Easter Egg Hunt

Thanks to all who helped stuff Easter eggs and donated candy and fruit for the Oasis Easter egg hunt! We packed over 3,000 eggs for 150 children. The children at Oasis had a lovely time on Saturday hunting for eggs with the Easter bunny.



Liturgical Schedule

Mass:
 Saturday: 5PM
 Sunday: 8AM, 10:30AM & 5PM
 Mon-Thurs: 5:30PM
 Fri: 8AM

Adoration:
 Tues & Wed: 9AM-10AM
 Mon & Thurs: 9AM-5PM
 Friday: 8:30AM-9:30AM

Confession:
 Wednesday: 4-5PM
 Saturday: 3:30-4:30PM

Weekly Calendar

Saturday 4/13
 7AM March for Moms
 8AM Confirmation Retreat
 1PM UGA G-Day Game
 3:30PM Reconciliation
 5PM Mass

Sunday 4/14
 8AM Mass
 10:30AM Mass
 10:30AM Pre-K & K RE
 5PM Mass
 6PM Student Dinner
 7PM CSA Board Meeting

Monday 4/15
 10AM Men's Bible Study
 5:30PM Mass
 6:15PM Aquinas 101
 8PM CSA Ablaze Event

Tuesday 4/16
 12PM Staff Lunch
 4PM Grief Group
 5:30PM Mass
 6PM Wellspring Rehearsal
 6PM Collegiate Knights
 8PM CSA Ablaze

Wednesday 4/17
 4PM Reconciliation
 5:30PM Mass
 8PM CSA Ignite

Thursday 4/18
 10AM Women's Bible Study
 5:30 PM Mass
 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday 4/19
 Feed My Starving Children
 8AM Mass
 6PM Farewell Party

Saturday 4/20
 Feed My Starving Children
 9AM Adult Confirmation
 3:30PM Reconciliation
 5PM Mass

A Message from Anne Frain

Dear Catholic Center Community,

In today's liturgy, our Lord takes many names. The Holy and Righteous One, the Author of life, Advocate, Father, Jesus Christ, expiation for our sins. So many names and we know there are so many more. The great Provider, Counselor, friend, the Lamb of God, Yeshua. The Lord so beautifully encompasses all and is in all. As I reflect on my past 4 years here at the University of Georgia and prepare to move on from college life, I reflect on who the Father has been to me all 4 years. Freshman year, as I started a new chapter in my life I found so much comfort from Jesus as a friend. Learning how to navigate life in a new place surrounded by new people I had the opportunity to start over and decide who I wanted to be. How scary is that?! I so badly needed a friend who would accompany me through some hard decisions and sacrifices. I found Jesus as a friend in the Eucharist, in isolation and in the friends that surrounded me. Sophomore year, the Lord showed me what it meant to be loved by a Father in a way I had never known before. While our earthly fathers are supposed to be reflections of our heavenly Father, no one man is perfect so our idea of love is often warped. It is warped until God the Father intercedes in our lives and shows us the fullness of what it means to live in the identity of a child of God. Oh how beautiful it is to be a child of God! He longs to embrace and comfort us, to make us laugh and smile and to be united with us through His Body and Blood. Junior year was hard, one of the hardest years of college and I found so much guidance and comfort from the Father as my Counselor. Dealing with several hardships, I needed a Counselor who would keep me, protect me and guide me. Our Great Counselor held me and so tenderly whispered His love for me and reminded me of His constant presence. As I reflect on my final year of college, I feel as though God has loved me in the form of a full heart. I weep out of joy for the love He has for me and for all of His children. I weep out of sadness thinking about His children who do know Him. I weep as I witness people receive Him and come into full communion with Him in the Eucharist. My heart feels so full as though it is bursting at the seams with love, but alas: this is the Father's heart. His heart bursts at the seams with love for His children. When I think of who our Creator is to me, I immediately reflect on who I am to Him: His perfect creation. Made to be adored, made to be loved, made to reflect the beauty of the Creator. Thank you to everyone for playing a role in showing me the Father's love. From merely witnessing others embracing the Father in the Eucharist, engaging in brief conversations or receiving a friendly smile: I have been blessed and loved by everyone in this community.

Thank you,
Anne Frain

Community Potluck the Celebrating Gruener Family

There will be a potluck Friday, April 19, at 6pm to celebrate Chandler and Maria Gruener and their new baby Arthur. Chandler has been our kitchen manager for the last few years. He coordinated our Sunday Night Dinners, meals for our Wednesday Ignite programs, special events for college students and resident members and much more. He was helpful in getting our CC Knights of Columbus program started. He managed to do this while getting married, having a baby and finishing his doctorate at UGA. Chandler, Maria and Arthur will be heading to Minot, North Dakota for their next adventure. We want to thank them for their hard work at the CC and send them off in style. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided by the KoC. Please bring a salad or side dish to share if you are able.

Announcements

Feed My Starving Children Update

Only one week to go, and we need help with fundraising! Current donations: \$47,208 vs. goal of \$55,000. Thanks to all who have donated and signed up to volunteer so far. We still need 6 volunteers for the 7-9PM slot on Friday, April 19. All other slots are full Please go to: give.fmssc.org/Athens to donate and register. Please contact Tom Spencer at tspecer44@gmail.com with questions.

Family Promise Thank You

Thank you to all who participated in the Family Promise Donation Drive! Your donations will provide much needed assistance for local families who need help with household expenses.

Religious Education

Confirmation Classes will start back on April 22. Remaining Wednesday classes for 1st -8th grade are April 8 and 22. Pre-K and Kindergarten will resume classes on Sunday, April 14 and 21. Our Confirmation Retreat will be Saturday, April 13. The Chartered Bus will leave the Catholic Center at 8AM. We will return in time for 5PM Mass. Dinner and Reflection will follow in the Center Hall. Confirmation Rehearsal will be on Friday, April 26, from 6-7PM. Sponsors need to attend.

Wishing Mary Cash Well

We would like to wish Mary Cash a very fond farewell as she moves to Florida. If you have eaten a meal or snack at the Catholic Center, there is a chance that Mary Cash has had a hand in it. From shopping at the Food Bank (and all of the local grocery stores) to creating a meal for 200 hungry students with the miscellaneous ingredients on hand to teaching inexperienced cooks new skills, Mary did it all. We will miss Mary very much!



Grief Group Meets This Tuesday

The Grief and Bereavement Group will meet on Tuesday, April 16, at 4PM. No matter where you are in your journey, you are invited to join us.

KoC Blessing Bag Donation Drive

The GA Martyrs KoC is grateful to all who supported this year's series of Fish Fries. This was the most successful year of Fish Fries the Catholic Center has ever seen! We are holding our annual Blessing Bag Project for Athens' homeless population. Donations can be dropped off on the Center stage from April 14 - 28. Checks can also be made out to "Georgia Martyrs K of C Council 17969" with the memo "Blessing Bag Project" and be brought/mailed to the Center. Checks made out to the Catholic Center will not go directly to our council, so please ensure that any monetary donations are made out to the Knights as written above. We are in need of the following items: large gift bags, backpacks, new/lightly used shoes and socks, new/lightly used clothes, plastic water bottles, chips, snack crackers, granola bar, other individually packed snacks, gum, tooth brushes, toothpaste, floss, small tissue and wipe packs, hygiene items, rosaries, prayer cars and other miscellaneous Catholic items.

Baccalaureate Mass

Are You Graduating This May? The Catholic Center would like to celebrate this milestone with you and your family. We will have a Baccalaureate Mass and Lunch on Friday, May 10, at 11:30AM for graduating seniors and graduate students. Please RSVP with the link in our Instagram bio @catholicdawgs.



APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN

Monsignor Donovan Catholic High School is accepting applications for the 2024-2025 school year.



- Safe Campus
- 15 AP Courses
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We Lift Up in Prayer

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Alyssa Thomas
Gretchen Thomas
Bryan Vaughn
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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 Jane Boyle.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for April: We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

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.

March 31, 2024

\$20,834.58 - Offertory
\$8,378.17 - Donations
\$1,095.49 - Alms

April 7, 2024

\$17,580.46 - Offertory
\$1,415.00 - Donations
\$434.97 - Alms

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