



# The Catholic Center

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Communities Since 1952.



## ALL ARE WELCOME

### Mass Intentions

**Saturday**  
**5PM** - Eileen Sopera †  
**Sunday**  
**8AM** - Jack & Becky Roberts †  
**10:30AM** - Matthew & Kelly Beeson & Family  
**5PM** - CC Members  
**Monday**  
**5:30PM** - Gratitude for Blessings

**Tuesday**  
**5:30PM** - Orin Moe †  
**Wednesday**  
**5:30PM** - Clara Scheck Dietzler †  
**Thursday**  
**5:30PM** - Van Whittington †  
**Friday**  
**8AM** - Greg Bickley & Doug Landrum

### Thanks to Our CSA Board

As the school year comes to a close, we want to thank our 2023-2024 CSA Co-Presidents, MK Powell and Nick Anderson, and the entire CSA Board for their service to all of our students. They have served as wonderful representatives and leaders of the Catholic Center Community. They organized nearly 100 student ministry events, 4 retreats and numerous service projects throughout the school year to promote fellowship and formation within the community. We are also excited to welcome our new CSA Board for the 2024-2025 school, led by CSA Co-Presidents Katie Nay and Alex Garrot.

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### 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 4/20**  
Feed My Starving Children through 4/21 (off-site)  
9AM Adult Confirmation Retreat  
3:30PM Reconciliation  
5PM Mass  
**Sunday 4/21**  
8AM Mass  
10:30AM Mass  
10:30AM Pre-K & K RE  
5PM Mass  
6PM Student Dinner  
7PM Men's Discernment Group  
**Monday 4/22**  
10AM Men's Bible Study  
5:30PM Mass  
7PM Confirmation  
**Tuesday 4/23**  
4PM KoC Blessing Bag Assembly  
5:30PM Mass  
6PM Wellspring Rehearsal  
8PM CSA Seeking Water  
**Wednesday 4/24**  
4PM Reconciliation  
5:30PM Mass  
6:15PM 1st-8th Grade RE  
8PM CSA Ignite  
**Thursday 4/25**  
10AM Women's Bible Study  
5:30 PM Mass  
6:30PM Choir Rehearsal  
6:30PM RCIA Potluck  
**Friday 4/26**  
8AM Mass  
6PM Confirmation Rehearsal

### A Message from Eli Banzon

Dear Catholic Center Community,

Communities are essential to each of our lives. Throughout my four years at the greatest university in the country, community has manifested itself in different ways: the city of Athens at-large, my fellow Georgia students, my fellow Georgia sports fans, people in my major, people of the Catholic Center and so much more.

The great philosopher Aristotle believed that our social context and communities formed the core of our identities. I agree to the extent that I believe that we are generally a product of who we surround ourselves with. These communities, whether we choose to be a part of them or not, shape us into who we are.

I owe a lot to the faculty, staff and students involved in my public relations, political science and international affairs programs for pushing me to expand my mind and to think more critically about the world around me.

I owe a lot to the community of the UGA Public Relations Student Society of America for allowing me to be a student leader and showing me all of the ways I could make an impact in my future profession.

I owe a lot to the Georgia sports community. Whether it was rooting for our football team, baseball team, or anything in between, this community showed me what it meant to be a part of something bigger than myself and to rally for a common cause in spite of our differences.

The list of impactful communities in my life goes on, but there's one in particular that stands above the rest: the community right here at The Catholic Center at UGA. The impact this community has had on my spiritual and mental wellbeing at UGA is immeasurable.

This community has given me faith formation through involvement with student ministries. It has given me friends who seek to know Christ and are willing to walk with me in that journey. It has given me an oasis in the busyness of college life. It has given me a supportive clergy and staff that makes my part-time job a joy to be at.

Every part of this community has been a blessing in my life, and I am eternally grateful. Although I am returning to UGA to pursue my master's degree, I can't help but be melancholic about all the changes taking place around me during this graduation season. I'll still be driving the same streets and walking the same halls, but many of my peers are leaving.

Even though many things are changing, I know I still have the Catholic Center community to lean on. I am excited to see where the Lord takes me and all my fellow graduates in this next chapter of life. I thank God for His guidance, my family for their support, and these wonderful communities I've been blessed with.

In Christ,  
Eli

## Announcements

### KoC Vidalia Onion Sale

The Knights of Columbus 4th Degree, Archbishop Thomas A. Donnellan Assembly 2148 will be carrying on the tradition of an annual Vidalia onion sale at the Catholic Center. The sale will take place after Mass times on April 27 & 28. It will cost \$10 for a 10 pound bag and \$5 for a 5 pound bag. Proceeds will go towards the 4th Degree new regalia/suit reimbursement program. The goal of this effort is to increase our Honor Guard to better serve our parishes, families and communities.

### Religious Education

Confirmation Classes will start back on April 22. The last remaining Wednesday class for 1<sup>st</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade is on April 22. Pre-K and Kindergarten will have class on Sunday, April 21. Confirmation Rehearsal will be on Friday, April 26, from 6 to 7PM. RE registration for the 2024-2025 school year is now open at [www.ugacatholic.org](http://www.ugacatholic.org).

### Volunteer for Sunday Night Dinners!

We are seeking volunteers to help cook for our last few Sunday dinners of the semester! Any help is greatly appreciated by our students. The signup is at [www.ugacatholic.org/announcements/](http://www.ugacatholic.org/announcements/).

### Finals Dinners Coming Soon

UGA Finals will take place between May 1 and 7. Stay tuned for more details about casseroles for finals dinners to help power our students through the ends of the school year.

### Adopted Seminarian Colin Patrick

Please continue to pray for Colin, who is in his last months at Mundelein Seminary. He would appreciate hearing from everyone, especially as his time in seminary comes to an end! You can send packages or letters to him at this address:

Colin Patrick  
1000 East Maple Ave  
Mundelein Seminary  
Mundelein, IL 60060

### 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 cards 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.

### Hearing Assistance

We are pleased to offer hearing assistance during Mass. Please see the instructions in the Chapel or visit <https://ugacatholic.org/announcements/>.



#### APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN

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



- Safe Campus
- 15 AP Courses
- AP Capstone
- Small Class Sizes
- Diversity
- Faith-based curriculum
- Challenging Academics
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## We Lift Up in Prayer

Charlotte & Joel Alesi  
Sally Allen  
Melani Atmodjo  
Megan Barton  
Greg Bickley  
Peter Bryan  
Cindy Bullist  
Grace Byrne  
Joanne Cabrera  
Jeanette Campbell  
Lucille Carberry  
Lora Bernstein Cooley

Mike Deppe  
Sylvia Floyd  
Pam Forker  
Jonathan Guerra  
Victoria Guerra  
Bob Henry  
Tom Higgins  
Margaret Jones  
Sarah Kurtz  
Doug Landrum  
Patti Law  
Michelle Linton

Gina Maherka  
Carol Mazurek  
Nathan Mills  
Emeritea Morales  
Al Mulhair  
Rebecca Norris  
Lou Perno  
Josh Reams  
Lou Richt  
Sophia Rodriguez  
Aeriel Ross  
Deborah Scott

Tom Shuster  
David Simmons  
Bridget Teofilo  
Alyssa Thomas  
Gretchen Thomas  
Bryan Vaughn  
Joseph Vizcarra  
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 Ginny Chandler.**

**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.

#### April 7, 2024

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

#### April 14, 2024

\$12,209.00 - Offertory  
\$2,010.00 - Donations  
\$219.07 - Alms

## Clergy & Staff

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