



The Catholic Center

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Communities Since 1952.



ALL ARE WELCOME

Mass Intentions

- Saturday**
5PM - Eileen Sopera †
- Sunday**
8AM - Linda Dube †
10:30AM - Ruth Nicholas †
12:30PM - Yvonne Choubah †
5PM - All CC Members
- Monday**
5:30PM - Eileen Sopera †
- Tuesday**
5:30PM - Priscilla Stacy †
- Wednesday**
5:30PM - Yvonne Choubah †
- Thursday**
5:30PM - Edith M. Bickford †
- Friday**
8AM - Eileen Sopera †

Catholic Center 5K

Human Race on February 15 Registration is open!

Join us for our 47th Annual Human Race on Saturday, February 15 at Oconee Veterans Park. Registration is \$20 with proceeds benefiting campus ministry outreach and activities. This is a great family race with prizes for all age groups. Register by January 27th to guarantee a shirt on race day!



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Liturgical Schedule

Mass:
Saturday: 5PM
Sunday: 8AM, 10:30AM, 12:30PM & 5PM

Adoration:
Monday 9 am - 5 pm
Thursday 9 am - 5 pm

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

Monday-Thursday
5:30 PM
Friday
8AM

Weekly Calendar

Sunday 1/19
8 AM Mass
10:30 AM Mass
12:30 PM Mass
1PM Feed My Starving Children
6PM Student Dinner
7PM Men's Discernment Group

Monday 1/20
MLK Day
CC Office Closed
5:30 PM Communion Service

Tuesday 1/21
5:30 PM Mass
8:00 PM Ablaze

Wednesday 1/22
10:00 AM Moms & Tots
4:00 PM Reconciliation
5:30 PM Mass
6:15 PM Grade 1-8 Religious Education
8PM Ignite

Thursday 1/23
10AM Women's Bible Study
4PM Grief & Bereavement Group
5:30 PM Mass
6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
7:00 PM OCIA

Friday 1/24
8AM Mass
7:00 PM CSA Social

Saturday 1/25
3:30 PM Reconciliation
5PM Mass
6:30 PM Korean Mass & Potluck

Sunday 1/26
8AM Mass
10:30 AM Mass & Ragan Baptism
10:30 Pre-K & Kindergarten RE
12:30PM Mass
5PM Mass
6PM Student Dinner

A Message from Fr. Michael

The wine ran short ... do whatever He tells you. - John 2

I'll admit: the God I believe in can be difficult to trust sometimes. When He says that He'll make a great nation from a couple who are past their childbearing years, that can be difficult. When He says we won't march around the Red Sea or over it, but through it, that can be difficult. When He says a new king won't be the first son, the second son, but the last son, that can be difficult.

In today's Gospel, the wine has run short, and Jesus' plan is so simple and straightforward: get stone jars ... and water. Does that make sense? ... I'm not a wine-maker, but I'm pretty sure grapes are at least one of the ingredients for wine. That can be difficult.

Yet this is exactly the God we believe in, when something appears impossible to us, it's God's time to surprise us and simply be who He is. Balthasar in *Heart of the World* says, "the flower of grace is so implausible that it grows only from the hardest stone of the impossible." (p 71)

To save the world, Jesus will suffer and die; again, this plan is unbelievable, but this pattern begins to be a staple, a fingerprint, the preference of the Divine. God must have some sort of desire to impress us or at least get us to consider that He truly knows best - which is a subsequent surrender on our part: "Jesus, I give myself to You; You take care of everything."

Mary, here, presents us the model of surrendering trying to figure God out: she herself conceived and bore God in her womb as a virgin - the plan doesn't make sense, at least not to us. But by the wedding at Cana, she has had a history with Jesus: she knows Him. And it's from that relationship that she is simply able to say, "do whatever He tells you." It might not make sense, but do whatever He tells you.

Fr. Michael

Announcements

Volunteer to Cook 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. Follow the link below to sign up to help on Sunday(s) from 3-5!

Christian Apologetics Course

Do you have friends or family who have questions or doubts about the Christian faith? If you would like to help them answer those questions or just need a faith “booster” yourself, we will be offering a course in Christian Apologetics: Evidence & Arguments for the Existence of God; and Evidence of the Divinity of Jesus.

The course will include 4 weekly sessions starting Saturday, February 1st from 10:00AM–noon and will be taught by Tom Spencer, the Athens Chapter Director for Reasonable Faith. William Lane Craig founded Reasonable Faith and has been named the fourth most influential theologian in the past 30 years. You can sign up at the back of the chapel or contact Tom Spencer at tspencer44@gmail.com or 706-340-3785 to sign up.

Team Members Needed for the Feed My Starving Children Event

Additional event team members are needed for the Feed My Starving Children Event sponsored by the Catholic Center. The 2025 event will be held the weekend of April 25 -27. Please contact Tom Spencer at tspencer44@gmail.com ; 706-340-3785 if you would like more information about joining the efforts to grow this event to give more children a future.

St. Joseph School Open House

You're invited!!!! Discover the difference of a faith-filled education at St. Joseph Catholic Parish School and see firsthand what makes our school a special place for learning, growth, and community. Join us on either of the dates below:

Saturday, January 25th from 10am to 12pm
Tuesday, January 28th from 10am to 12pm

We are a family of learners who model Christ in all that we do! We are happy, holy, and helpful.

Moms & Tots

The Moms & Tots group will meet every Wednesday at 10AM in the Center Hall. Come meet other families in the community for fellowship and playtime! All are welcome to join us for a fun

Catholic Center 5K Human Race

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- Be a Phantom Runner Sponsor! Phantom runner Sponsors can donate a registration fee for a student to run in their place.
- Be a Sponsor! Sponsors will be recognized on race day. The deadline to become a sponsor is January 27th.
- Volunteer! Email Sr. Uyen-Chi admincsa@ccatuga

Grief & Bereavement Group

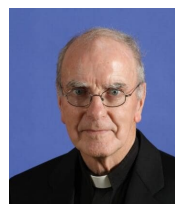
The Grief and Bereavement Group will meet on Thursday, January 23 at 4 PM. No matter where you are in your journey (anticipatory, acute, or long standing grief), or if you feel you can contribute, you are invited to join us.

Religious Education Update

RE 2025 has started off with a “Cold Blast” of 161 students, 38 Catechists and 3 aides coming together to continue learning about our Catholic Faith. First Confession for RE students in 2nd grade and Basic Faith Year 2 will be held on Saturday, February 22 at 9:00AM. Parents will need to come to this sacrament.

Memorial Mass for Fr. David McGuinness

A Memorial Mass will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church for Father David McGuinness’ one year anniversary of his death on Friday, February 7, at 6:30PM at St. Joe’s. Fr. McGuinness was the pastor at St. Joe’s from 2003-2017. A Reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall. All are invited.



We Lift Up in Prayer

Charlotte & Joel Alesi
Sally Allen
Kathy Allison
Judy Balcomb
Megan Barton
Greg Bickley
Peter Bryan
Cindy Bullist
Grace Burger
Grace Byrne
Joanne Cabrera
Jeanette Campbell
Lucille Carberry
Mollie Carow
Lora Bernstein Cooley

Jack Daniels
Patti D’Avella
Jeff Donahue
Marge Finnerty
Sylvia Floyd
Hersina Gomes
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Cheri Griggs
Bob Henry
Tom Holmes
Ryan Hughes
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Margaret Jones
Victor Kalla
Sarah Kurtz

Dan Lackey
Doug Landrum
Patti Law
Rick Madera
Gina Maherka
Carol Mazurek
Nathan Mills
Al Mulhair
Rebecca Norris
Harry Perrine
David & Maura Randol
Josh Reams
Chris Reynolds
Lou Richt
Sophia Rodriguez

Aeriel Ross
Deborah Scott
Cindy Shapland
Bridget Teofilo
Alyssa Thomas
Nile Thomas
Bryan Vaughn
James Waring
Amanda Wershing
Fred Young

With deepest sympathy, our community prays for the souls of the faithful departed and for their loved ones, especially Linda Dube, Sr. Ray Maria McNamara, RSM and Lewis Morrell.

Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention for January

For the right to an education. Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

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 5, 2025	January 12, 2025
\$24,074.30 - Offertory	\$11,602.87 - Offertory
\$18,043.03 - Donations	\$27,068.00 - Donations
\$619.00 - Alms	\$197.34 - Alms

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