



The Catholic Center

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Communities Since 1952.



ALL ARE WELCOME

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5PM - No Mass	Tuesday 5:30PM - Amanda Frankson
Sunday 8AM - Carlos Cassera † 10:30AM - George Hilton † 12:30PM - All Catholic Center Members 5PM - Del Slauterbeck †	Wednesday 5:30PM - Lou Richt † Thursday 5:30PM - Vince Dooley † Friday 8AM - Donald Young †
Monday 9:00AM - Dignity of All Workers	

Dooley Classic Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who golfed, volunteered, sponsored and supported the 22rd Annual Catholic Center Dooley Classic. A special thanks to Barbara Dooley who welcomed our golfers and kicked off the tournament. It was a wonderful day for all! We appreciate your generosity! Your support will aid the Catholic Center's activities and ministries for UGA students.



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Liturgical Schedule

Mass: Saturday: No Mass Sunday: 8AM, 10:30AM, 12:30PM, 5:00PM	Adoration: Monday-Thursday 9AM - 10AM Friday 8:30AM - 9:30AM
Monday 9:00AM Tuesday-Thursday 5:30 PM Friday 8:00AM	Confession: Wednesday: 4:00PM-5:00PM *Confession will be in the Center Office

August 31, 2025 • Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekly Calendar

Saturday 8/30
No Mass or Reconciliation
Home Football Game

Sunday 8/31
8:00AM Mass
10:30AM Mass
12:30PM Mass
5:00PM Mass
7:00PM CSA Men's Football
Watch Party

Monday 9/1
Labor Day
CC Office Closed
9:00AM Mass
10:00AM Men's Bible Study

Tuesday 9/2
10:00AM Women's Bible
Study
12:00PM Staff Meeting
5:30PM Mass
8:00PM Seeking Water

Wednesday 9/3
10:00AM Tot Time
1:00PM Creative Hands
4:00PM Reconciliation
5:30PM Mass
6:00PM Religious Education
8:00PM Ignite

Thursday 9/4
5:30PM Mass
6:30PM Choir Rehearsal
7:00PM OCIA

Friday 9/5
8:00AM Mass

Saturday 9/6
No Mass or Reconciliation
Home Football Game

A Message from Fr. Michael

Blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. - Lk 14

Jesus is always turning things on their head: "Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." "If you wish to save your life you must lose it." But what if He was actually turning things on their proper side? Today, Jesus invites those hosting Him, "Do not invite your friends ... in case they might invite you back and you have repayment."

There can be a tendency in our lives that results in an upward race, a race to the top. When enough people jump into this race it can create a culture. Jesus observes this about us, "... noticing how they were choosing the places of honor at table." If Jesus is returning things to their proper orientation, then the invitation is to race to the bottom - symbolic of when He washes His disciples' feet: a race to serve another.

When Jesus invites His disciples to purposefully choose the lowest places, He's not asking them to indulge in self-pity nor self-abnegation; He's proposing that the place of honor is to serve another: "It is an honor to serve you." And more than that, intensifies the honor when the people we serve cannot pay us back. The word we're revolving around here is 'freedom.'

To be free from expecting something in return literally frees me to serve another. The beautiful thing about the way Jesus does things is that, much like asking His disciples to wash others' feet, He will not ask us to do something He Himself won't do - and so He humbles Himself and washes their feet to serve as an example.

The revelation of Jesus' Love deepens however: if Jesus is asking us to love without expecting anything in return, then this becomes a revelation of the Cross. Jesus Loves us not expecting anything in return - He is free to Love. The invitation is to allow that to sink in to our own hearts: Jesus is free, He Loves us, and doesn't expect anything in return, "Blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you."

What Jesus is inviting all of us to is freedom, to make an authentic gift of our lives, and unconditionally - whether a person can repay me or not, to have no distinction between loving someone who can or can't. So, we're invited to look at our own poverty we try to compensate for through places of honor, our own inability to repay Him; then to look at Him humbling Himself and Loving us anyways.

Thank you!



Announcements

Men’s & Women’s Bible Study

The Men's and Women's Bible Studies have resumed. The Men's Bible Study will meet on Mondays at 10AM in the TV room. The Women's Bible Study will meet Tuesdays at 10AM in the TV room. All are welcome to join these weekly Bible Studies.

Support Needed for Oasis

As the sisters at Oasis Catolico are beginning the tutoring program at Oasis, they are requesting donations of snacks for the students as they arrive to the tutoring sessions immediately after school. The snacks should be small individually wrapped child friendly snacks. They are also looking for tutors to work with the children on their schoolwork. Snacks can be dropped off at the CC office and we will deliver them. If you are interested in tutoring, please contact Sr. Ines at pinewoodstutoring@gmail.com

Welcome Back Silver Angels

Our first Silver Angels luncheon of the school year will be next Tuesday, September 9 at noon. The Silver Angels meet each month on the second Tuesday. All those 60 and older (and young at heart) are welcome to attend for an afternoon of good food, fellowship and a bit of entertainment. We will kick off the new semester with lunch and Bingo. There is no cost to attend and reservations are not needed. For more information, contact the Catholic Center office at 706-543-2293.

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! <https://tinyurl.com/sundaydinnersignup>

Religious Education Update

It was great seeing everyone return to RE with smiles on their faces. We have 130 students registered this year;77 families, 9 are new, 39 Catechists and 3 Confirmation helpers. There is still time to register your child for RE at www.ugacatholic.org. Contact Lynn Renna with questions at dre@ccatuga.org.

Home Football Game Updates

This Saturday, 9/6 there will be no Vigil Mass, Reconciliation or activities at the center and Chapel due to the home football game. The Catholic Center parking lots will close on Friday at 5PM and reopen for the Sunday Mass at 8AM. Our lots are used for contract parking, so towing will be enforced during this time.

September 6 - Austin Peay
September 27 - Alabama
October 4 - Kentucky
October 18 - Ole Miss
November 15 - Texas
November 22 - Charlotte

Creative Hands Next Meeting Wednesday, September 3

The next Creative Hands meeting will be Wednesday, September 3 at 1PM in the Center Hall. All are welcome to join us. Bring a project to work on or work on blankets for the Linus Project.

Catholic Center Triva

What is the oldest Greek version of the Old Testament?

- A) Wessex Gospels
- B) The Ormulum
- C) The Septuagint
- D) King James

Pope Leo XIV Corner

These signs of living love, which have their roots in God himself, give us courage and remind us that “even if our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day” (2 Cor 4:16). Especially as we grow older, let us press forward with confidence in the Lord. May we be renewed each day by our encounter with him in prayer and in Holy Mass. Let us lovingly pass on the faith we have lived for so many years, in our families and in our daily encounter with others. May we always praise God for his goodness, cultivate unity with our loved ones, open our hearts to those who are far away and, in particular, to all those in need. In this way, we will be signs of hope, whatever our age. (From A Message from the Holy Father for 5th World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly)
To view the entire message, go to The Holy See website at www.vatican.va.

Trivia Answer!

(A) The Septuagint

We Lift Up in Prayer

Charlotte & Joel Alesi	Elizabeth Cromer	Daniel Inman	Michael Olmert
Timothy A. Almy	Patti D’Avella	Al Johnson	Ed Powell
Kathy Allison	Barton Elizabeth Dooling	Peter Kalla	David & Maura Randol
Judy Balcomb	Terry Doyle	Victor Kalla	Sophia Rodriguez
Megan Barton	Sylvia Floyd	Dan Lackey	Aeriel Ross
Erin Benbry	Luke Frankson	Doug Landrum	Terry Salguero
Peter Bryan	Maria Gimenez	Lynn Langston	Deborah Scott
Grace Burger	Hersina Gomes	Patti Law	Christopher Shade
Grace Byrne	Patty Goodwin	Elena Lyons	Cindy Shapland
Joanne Cabrera	Jean Griffith	Rick Madera	Alyssa Thomas
Jeanette Campbell	Cheri Griggs	Gina Maherka	Nile Thomson
Lucille Carberry	Bob Henry	Carol Mazurek	Natalie Vaughn
Elizabeth Bertrand Carlson	Albert Hromalik, Sr.	Dorothy Moore	James Waring
Mollie Carow	Ryan Hughes	Wes Newcomb	Mike Wasko
Lora Bernstein Cooley	Ann Hunt	Rebecca Norris	Lillian Yeatts

With deepest sympathy, our community prays for the souls of the faithful departed and for their loved ones, especially Carol Garbin and Del Slauterbeck.

The Pope’s Prayer Intention for August

For mutual coexistence. Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

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.

August 17, 2025 \$15,283.11 - Offertory \$95.00 - Donation \$203.00 - Alms	August 24, 2025 \$11,377.60 - Offertory \$9,063.00 - Donation \$327.00 - Alms
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