



The Catholic Center

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Communities Since 1952.



ALL ARE WELCOME

Mass Intentions

Saturday
5PM - Eileen Sopera †

Sunday
8AM - Chris Criswell
10:30AM - Flynn
Warren †
12:30PM - Virgil
Johnson †
5PM-Angeles Rodriguez †

Monday
5:30PM—Andrea Coyle

Tuesday
5:30PM - Kathleen
Gratzek †

Wednesday
5:30PM - James
Mueller †

Thursday
5:30PM - Charlotte Alesi

Friday
8AM - Bonnie Kathe

Catholic Center Chili Cook-Off

Mark your calendars for the first ever Catholic Center Chili Cook Off. If you have a chili that everyone raves about or you just like to cook/eat chili, join us for the Chili Cook Off on Sunday, September 28 at 6PM. Students and resident members are invited to participate in the Chili Cook Off. We are looking for competitive chili batches and chili for all to eat as well as cornbread. You can sign up to cook chili using this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/catholicchili>



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Liturgical Schedule

Mass:
Saturday: 5:00PM
Sunday: 8:AM, 10:30AM,
12:30PM, 5:00PM

Monday -Thursday
5:30 PM

Friday
8:00AM

***No Vigil Mass on Home
Football Game Days**

Adoration:
Monday-Thursday
9AM - 10AM
Friday
8:30AM - 9:30AM

Confession:
Wednesday:
4:00PM-5:00PM

***Confession will be in the
Center Office**

Weekly Calendar

Saturday 9/20

9:00AM Choir Rehearsal
Immersion
10:00AM New Student Retreat
3:30PM Reconciliation
5:00PM Mass
6:30PM Korean Mass & Potluck

Sunday 9/21

Catachetical Sunday

8:00AM Mass
8:00AM Lacea Family Baptism
10:30AM Mass
10:30AM Religious Education
11:30AM Catechists' Lunch
12:30PM Mass
3:00PM OCIA
5:00PM Mass
6:00PM Student Supper

Monday 9/22

10:00AM Men's Bible Study
5:30PM Mass
7:00PM Confirmation

Tuesday 9/23

10:00AM Women's Bible Study
5:30PM Mass
8:00PM Ablaze

Wednesday 9/24

10:00AM Tot Time
5:30PM Mass
6:00PM Religious Education
8:00PM Ignite

Thursday 9/25

5:30PM Teaching Mass
6:30PM Choir Rehearsal
7:00PM Full Initiation Meeting

Friday 9/26

8:00AM Mass

Saturday 9/27

Home Football Game
CC Office Closed



A Message from Fr. Michael

*"I tell you, make friends with for yourself with dishonest wealth,
so that when it fails, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.
... You cannot serve [both] God and mammon." - Luke 16*

It is a bizarre parable: there is a steward that has been cheating his boss of his property and is going to be fired when his boss finds out; the steward then, while he still has the authority, forgives some of his boss' debtors, hoping they will look kindly upon him when he is jobless. Perhaps thinking: if I am nice to them, they will be nice to me.

Disillusionment: a process by which one discovers a particular thing to be not as good as one originally thought.

The irony of the parable is hinged upon the fact that the steward was charging the boss' debtors too much in the first place, essentially cheating them. So, when the steward is found out for cheating and hoping to make friends before he is fired, he actually changes the debtors' portions to their correct amounts ... which if he did in the first place, then would have never been fired.

It is not only the boss that undergoes the phenomena of disillusionment, the steward does too. The boss recognizes his steward is not as trustworthy as he thought. But the steward recognizes his former ways of cheating his boss' debtors are also not as trustworthy as he thought: all the wealth he amassed for himself as in fact failed him.

Here is the interesting part: Jesus, who is the author of the parable, praises the dishonest steward. Why? Not because he was dishonest, but because upon his impending doom, went through great lengths to restore what was originally supposed to be. And it is sobering for the dishonest steward too, he recognizes he is too ashamed to beg and to weak to dig, which is another way of admitting how weak he is.

The "Our Father" literally prays: take away our debts as we take away others (forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us). This parable reveals to us a possibility that we have been holding too much debt over others, which is cheating the God who created those people of their true worth. So, this parable is meant to be a wake up call and invitation. In light of that, will we also act prudently?

September 21, 2025 • Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Announcements

Catechetical Sunday

This Sunday, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has proclaimed September 28, as Catechetical Sunday throughout the United States. The Catholic Center is truly blessed to have 40 Virtus Catechists, and 3 Confirmation helpers assisting in the Religious Education Ministry. We will recognize each of them at the 10:30 Mass with a reception afterwards in the Center Hall.

Home Football Game Updates

This Saturday, 9/27 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.

Thank You

A huge thank you to Micah Jennings for his assistance in putting numerous pieces of indoor and outdoor furniture together for the Catholic Center. Micah is part of our collegiate Knights of Columbus. We appreciate his help.

Second Collection for St. Vincent de Paul Georgia

The second collection this weekend is for St. Vincent de Paul Georgia. This collection supports programs that provide food, shelter, clothing and medicine to our neighbors facing hardship across the state. Last year, SVdP Georgia walked alongside nearly 300,000 Georgians in crisis—offering real help and hope to families struggling to find stability. Please give generously and join us in caring for those who need it most. For more information, visit lifeofthechurch.com/donate.

Important Parking Reminder

We recognize that parking at the center is quite difficult for masses. If you are able to, please carpool to save the number of cars in the lot. Parking at Campus View Church for the 8AM & 10:30AM Masses is strictly prohibited. Parking is also prohibited at the Cloverhurst Condos. Cars parked in this lot will be towed at owner's expense. On Saturday and Sunday, parking is allowed at the Global Engagement building next to the Center. Parking is also available at the UGA Parking Deck next to the Georgia Center. Please do not park in private driveways, apartments or no parking zones. Leave a bit of extra time to find parking spaces.

Teaching Mass

On Thursday September 25, 5:30pm, Fr. Michael will offer a teaching Mass for those who want to learn a little bit more about the Mass. It'll take place during our normal daily Mass time, but will be longer than normal to accommodate some teachings. The hope is that by learning a little bit more, the Mass becomes more prayerful.

Blessing of the Animals

Save the date for our Blessing of the Animals on October 5th at 2:00PM, after our 12:30PM Mass, in celebration of Saint Francis of Assisi.

Tot Time Wednesdays at 10AM

All caregivers are invited to Tot-Time. There is no specific age limit for children, but most are under 5. We meet on Wednesdays from 10 -11:30 AM.

Annual Artist & Craft Fair 11/8

Calling all artists and crafters. We will be holding our annual Artist and Craft Fair on Saturday, November 8, from 9AM-1PM. Pick up a registration form at the CC office or in the back of the Chapel. Tables are \$25 but \$10 for students. Artists and Crafters from the CC community and beyond are welcome.

A Gift Anyone Can Make

Want to support your parish but think you cannot afford to give? There are ways to give today and not impact your cash flow. A gift of appreciated stock to the parish endowment fund helps the parish and provides you with tax benefits. Contact Juliet Greco at the Catholic Foundation at jgreco@cfnga.org or visit cfnga.org to learn more.

Pope Leo XIV Corner

“Tears are a silent cry for compassion and comfort. Moreover, they cleanse and purify our eyes, our feelings, and our thoughts. We should not be ashamed to cry; it is a way of expressing our sadness and our desire for a new world. Crying tells of our humanity, which is weak and tested, but destined for joy. ” *(From the Homily of Pope Leo XIV on September 15, 2025)*

To view the entire message, go to The Holy See website at www.vatican.va.

We Lift Up in Prayer

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

The Pope’s Prayer Intention for September

For our relationship with all of creation: Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

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.

September 7, 2025	September 14, 2025
\$16,922.66 - Offertory	\$13,000.00 - Offertory
\$1,415.00 - Donation	\$3,680.00 - Donation
\$1,197.00 - Alms	\$516.00 - Alms

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