



The Catholic Center

Serving the Athens and University of Georgia
Communities Since 1952.



ALL ARE WELCOME

Mass Intentions

- Saturday**
5PM - Thomas Speight †
- Sunday**
8AM - Susan Straney †
10:30AM - Edward Drago †
12:30PM - Wes Newcomb †
5PM - Anita Picas †
- Monday**
5:30PM - Patrick White †
- Tuesday**
5:30PM - Betsaida Ascencio
- Wednesday**
5:30PM - Arthur A. Sienko †
- Thursday**
5:30PM - Bilbao Canup Family
- Friday**
8:00AM - Coung Nguyen †

Knights of Columbus Fish Frys

Lent has officially started. This means that each Friday we will fast from eating meat. This also means that our annual Lenten Fish Fries are back! Come out for a delicious, meatless dinner provided by the Knights of Columbus, every Friday from 5PM until 7PM. Reservations are not needed. Cash, checks and credit cards are accepted.

- Pricing:
- \$7 light meal
 - \$11 full meal
 - \$30 family meal



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Liturgical Schedule

Mass:
Saturday: 5PM
Sunday: 8AM, 10:30AM, 12:30PM, & 5PM
Monday - Thursday: 5:30 PM
Friday: 8AM

Adoration:
Monday & Thursday: 9AM–5PM
Tuesday & Wednesday: 9AM–10AM
Friday: 8:30AM-9AM

Confession:
Wednesdays: 4PM–5PM
Saturday: 3:30PM-4:30PM

*Please note all confessions will be held in the office.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday 2/22
8:00AM Mass
10:30AM Mass
10:30AM Religious Education
12:30PM Mass
1:30PM Feed My Starving Children Meeting
1:45PM Lenten Mission
5:00PM Mass
6:00PM Student Dinner
7:15PM Senioritis

Monday 2/23
10:00AM Men’s Bible Study
5:30PM Mass
7:00PM Confirmation

Tuesday 2/24
5:30PM Mass
8:00PM Seeking Water

Wednesday 2/25
12:00PM Staff Meeting
4:00PM Reconciliation
5:30PM Mass
6:15PM Religious Education
8:00PM Ignite

Thursday 2/26
10:00AM Women’s Bible Study
5:30PM Mass
6:30PM Finance Committee Meeting
6:30PM Choir Rehearsal
7:00PM Full Initiation

Friday 2/27
8:00AM Mass
5:00PM Wedding Rehearsal
5:00PM Discernment of Spirits
5:00PM KoC Fish Fry
7:00PM Mr. Catholic Center

Saturday 2/28
9:00AM First Reconciliation
10:30AM Family Weekend Mass
11:30AM Family Weekend Reception
3:30PM Reconciliation
5:00PM Baptism for the Thompson Family
5:00PM Mass
6:30PM Korean Mass & Potluck

A Message from Fr. Brian

Friends,

In December, our community participated in the annual iGiveCatholic campaign on Giving Tuesday and raised \$30,000 to help feed students in need. That support came directly from you; because of your generosity students who are struggling have practical help from the community. It means fewer missed meals, less stress, and a better ability to focus on school and daily life. The Catholic Center can support them because you stepped up. Thank you!

Our 5K happened and so many people showed up! We had more people than I anticipated and it was so moving to see the runners, walkers, volunteers and spectators. Thank you everyone who came out to enjoy the day. Thank you especially those who helped us plan and coordinate our annual 5K fundraiser for our community.

Ash Wednesday was well attended. The daytime Masses were full, and more than 700 students and community members came to the 5:30PM Mass. Many had not been to church in some time. Some came out of curiosity, and others because a friend invited them. We also welcomed many non-Catholics. They came, received ashes, and took part in the service. As a priest, I am very grateful. This year, thirty students and community members are preparing to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church at the Catholic Center. Thirteen catechumens are preparing for Baptism and twenty-six students and community members are completing their sacraments. Many of them are returning to the Church after time away!

This weekend is Family Weekend for our students. On Friday night, we host Mr. Catholic Center. It is a lighthearted event, but it also highlights leadership and service. The men step forward, serve, and take responsibility. It is good to see them grow in faith and fraternity. On Saturday morning, we will celebrate Mass with students and their families. Parents will have the chance to see where their sons and daughters pray and experience the community firsthand.

This year for Lent, we are giving out a 40-day devotional with Mother Teresa entitled *I Thirst*. It is a new book with a few pages each day for Lenten reflection. Consider taking one and adding it to your Lenten time.

Let us keep each other in prayer,

Happy Lent!

Announcements

40 Days with Mother Teresa

The Catholic Center is giving away free copies of Mother Teresa's *I Thirst* meditation devotionals to coincide with the 40-days of Lent. These books offer a once a day short devotional to spend time thirsting for the Lord. We encourage each family to pick up a copy in the back of the Chapel.

Welcome to Julie!

We are extending a warm CC welcome to Julie Ballman! Julie will be responsible for accounting services, we are happy to have her here.

Mr. Catholic Center

The Annual Mr. Catholic Center beauty pageant and fundraiser for the CC is this Friday at the UGA Chapel at 7PM. Tickets are \$10 each and all proceeds go to support our Catholic Student Association and the Catholic Center. This is a family friendly fun event, we encourage everyone to attend!

Know someone who might be called to serve as our Facilities & Maintenance Coordinator?

The Catholic Center is seeking a part-time (15 – 20 hours a week) Facilities & Maintenance Coordinator to oversee the maintenance, safety, and functionality of our facilities and grounds. This is an ideal position for a hands-on, detail-oriented professional with experience in facilities management. If you know of anyone who might be a good fit, please encourage them to visit our website to read more about the position and follow up with operations@ccatuga.org. The job description is posted on the Catholic Center website under "Job Openings".

Volunteer to Cook for Sunday Night Dinners!

Did you know that most every Sunday during the school year, The Catholic Center prepares dinner for the student community to join in fellowship and enjoy time spent together after our 5pm student Mass? Come join us in helping prepare our weekly Sunday night dinners for our students and community members. If you would like to assist in this fun and rewarding ministry, please sign up at Sign-Up Genius at <https://tinyurl.com/studentdinner26>

5K Thank You

A large thank you to everyone who participated and volunteered at our annual 5K this year! We had 325 runners, with our runners ages ranging from 4 to 81. A special thank you also to Hardy Tift, from our second-grade RE class who designed the tee-shirt for our race! In addition, a thank you to all our sponsors who help make this event possible. This year we had so many generous sponsors and 6 phantom sponsors that allowed for 19 students to run free of charge. Thank you and we look forward too seeing everyone again next year!

Easter Flower Donations

Help make our Catholic Center chapel beautiful with Easter Flowers. You can pick up a form in the Center Office or Chapel to donate a flower in honor or memory of a loved one. Please return the form by Tuesday, March 31. The suggested donation is \$20.

Update on Feed My Starving Children MobilePack Event

Current donations: **\$53,047 vs. goal of \$114,000. 424 volunteers registered to pack vs. goal of 1,375.** We are off to a good start but have a long way to go on both goals. Achieving our volunteer goal will present an extra challenge since we'll be losing a large number of student volunteers due to our dates being moved to after UGA's term. We also need more sponsors and other churches so please contact Tom Spencer if you have contacts for either of them.

Go to: give.fmssc.org/Athens to donate and register. Please contact Tom Spencer at tspencer44@gmail.com; 706-340-3785 with questions.

Pope Leo XIV Corner

"Today, we are reflecting precisely on this possibility of repentance. Indeed, it is no coincidence that, even in secularized contexts, many young people, more than in the past, are open to the invitation of Ash Wednesday. Young people especially understand clearly that it is possible to live a just lifestyle, and that there should be accountability for wrongdoings in the Church and in the world." (From Pope Leo's Homily on February 19th)

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 Judy Balcomb Megan Barton Erin Benbry Peter Bryan Grace Burger Grace Byrne Joanne Cabrera Jeanette Campbell Lucille Carberry Elizabeth Bertrand Carlson Mollie Carow Deana Dietzler Chiusano Lora Bernstein Cooley Elizabeth Cromer Patti D'Avella Joy Davis Tony DiPietro	Barton Elizabeth Dooling Claire Fetch Pam Forker Luke Frankson Hersina Gomes Jean Griffith Cheri Griggs Bob Henry Albert Hromalik, Sr. Ryan Hughes Ann Hunt Daniel Inman Kelly Jordan Milton Jordan Peter Kalla Victor Kalla Sarah Kurtz Dan Lackey Gene Larkin	Lynn Langston Patti Law Debbie Long Elena Lyons Rick Madera Gina Maherka Daniel Matonak Christian Matonak Carol Mazurek Amy McConnell Marlynne McCullough Scott Melina Bénédicte Milward Michael Olmert Dan Perrine Mary Pinto Ed Powell Dolorus Pritchitt David & Maura Randol	Annette Richt Bryan Rieken Sophia Rodriguez Aeriel Ross Amy Scobey Suzette Scobey Deborah Scott Christopher Shade Cindy Shapland Derek Smith Alyssa Thomas Nile Thomson Natalie Vaughn Patsy Vickery James Waring Mike Wasko
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With deepest sympathy, our community prays for the souls of the faithful departed and for their loved ones especially Father Manuel Lopez Orozco.

The Pope's Prayer Intention for February

For children with incurable diseases: Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

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.

February 8, 2026

\$20,253.00 - Offertory

\$261.00 - Donation

\$4,171.00 - Alms

February 15, 2026

\$14,211.15 - Offertory

\$3,288.00 - Donation

\$1,521.00 - Alms

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