

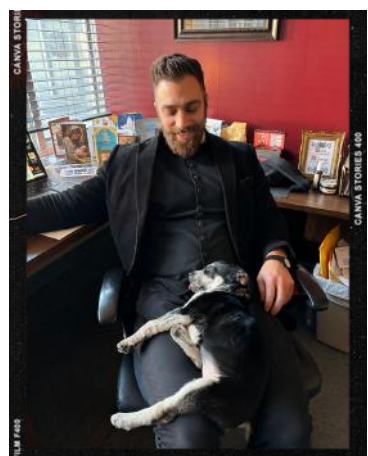
January 2024

First Semester  
in Review

# ST. PAUL'S *Newsletter*

## FATHER'S CORNER First Semester in Review

From cold plunging a couple of times a week in the Boise river with the students, to remodeling and painting the Frassati House chapel, to somehow fitting a 20 ft. tree in our house (thanks to the Christmas spirit of the Frassati boys), to almost getting a new dog at the center (we named her Mia based on La La Land, because she's the one that got away), it has been quite the semester. I'm very thankful for such an active and ambitious start to the school year, but now that we are getting ready for the final semester for so many of our seniors, I'm hoping to slow down and savor these last months with them. This next semester will be a time to enter into more retreats as a center, unite ourselves more intimately with Christ in His Passion during Lent, and then celebrate Easter with a few weddings at St Paul's. We are also very blessed to have more than 20 candidates in our RCIA program this year, many thanks to Joey Catama who has headed the program and is preparing to enter religious life with Verbum Spei this Spring. We appreciate all your support and prayers for our ministry at St Paul's! May God Bless you this New Year!





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**BEGINNING OF THE YEAR BBQ'S!**



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# LABOR DAY CAMPING 2023

An annual activity that the center likes to host is a Labor Day camping trip. This last year was the first year that they got to host the trip at the Diocese's brand new campsite, Camp JP II.



# NEWMAN NIGHTS

One of the most important parts of the center's ministry is the Thursday night Newman Nights. The students share a meal, listen to a talk, or there is some sort of community activity to participate in.



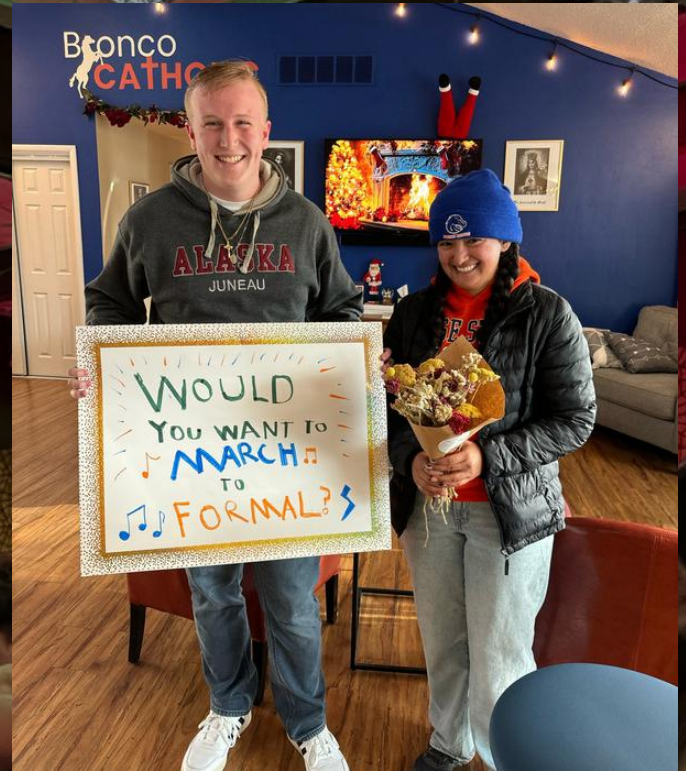
# OKTOBERFEST 2023

Every year, the center hosts an incredible Oktoberfest party. It includes live music, beer, bratwurst, games, prizes, and more! It is always a hit and we are so thankful for all who come and support!



# WINTER FORMAL 2023

Another favorite holiday event for the center is the annual winter formal. It was a beautiful night filled with dancing and laughter.



# COLD PLUNGE CREW

Taking care of the body is a crucial part of taking care of the soul. So, at the center, there is a crew that has taken on the daunting task of cold plunges in freezing temperatures to improve muscle health and challenge their mental strength.





# Senior Spotlight: Luis Ponton

Hello St. Paul's community! I first want to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Christ is Born! Also, pray for us students here at SEEK24 and for a prosperous second semester here at Boise State upon our return! A little about me, I am a senior pursuing a Bachelors in Health Studies with General and Science double emphases. I have the honor of being the Club President of Bronco Catholic Association, the university club that we use to table on campus and grow awareness of St. Paul's activities. Additionally, I am the Student Janitorial Engineer where I spend most of my time cleaning up The Center for all to call home! Other activities I am a part of are the Blue Thunder Marching Band and National Honorary Band Fraternity, Kappa Kappa Psi.



I want to thank all the staff and YOU, our great community, for all the support and love I have received during my time here at St. Paul's and the deep conversion I have been led to, walking alongside brothers and sisters of Christ with unique and individual stories and paths to Christ. Growing up, I lacked Catholic friendship and strong family support in the faith, but now I can say that I have never felt more at home and loved by others. Christ speaks through every single person, and the people at St. Paul's have hearts that burn just a little brighter for Our Lord!

After graduating from Boise State this May, I look forward to serving Christ's church on a college campus as a FOCUS missionary and to hopefully bring others to Christ through intentional Catholic life, just as I was shown by all the missionaries I encountered throughout my college career. Pray for me and all the FOCUS missionaries around the nation and world that we may continue to bring young adults back to our life-changing faith and the never-ending love Christ has for each and every one of us as his beloved sons and daughters!

iViva Cristo Rey!

Luis Ponton

# Campaign Update

Hello St. Paul's Community!

We hope you are all doing well and are enjoying this blessed Christmas season. Since our last campaign update, there has been an incredible amount of growth and support from you our sponsors, and we are endlessly grateful for what you do to support the center and its mission. As we mentioned in our last update, our goal regarding our student housing fund is \$12,000. So far, we have raised \$9,775, and thus only need \$2,225 to reach that goal! We are so excited to see this project move forward and to be able to improve our housing for students to use for many years to come.

Thank you again for all that you do,

The St. Paul's Staff and Students

# UPCOMING EVENTS



**JANUARY 15TH - MLK DAY**

**JANUARY 25TH - FEAST OF THE  
CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL**

**FEBRUARY 2ND-4TH - MEN'S  
RETREAT**

**FEBRUARY 14TH - ASH  
WEDNESDAY**

**FEBRUARY 16TH-18TH -  
WOMEN'S RETREAT**

**FEBRUARY 19TH - PRESIDENTS'  
DAY**

**MARCH 12TH - HOLY WEEK PREP  
DAY**

**MARCH 18TH-22ND - SPRING  
BREAK**

**MARCH 24TH-31ST - HOLY WEEK**