

August 2023

Summer  
Adventures

# ST. PAUL'S

## *Newsletter*

### FATHER'S CORNER

#### *Summer Adventures*

Praised be Jesus Christ!

I pray you all had a restful break. We're excited to have you all back with us at St. Paul's after an eventful summer on our end. As you can see by the pictures we've been working on multiple renovations, from continuing to paint the chapel with more beautiful design work by our one and only Cindi Duft. We put in a new image of the Divine Mercy behind our confessional with some inspiring words from St. Faustina's diary. In the chapel, we painted the arches with similar designs to the ceiling above which has drawn eloquent attention to the stations of the cross (hopefully it inspires us to pray them more often during the year!). You will also notice that we've redecorated the exterior blocks circling the north side of our building with Mass times and quotations from the psalms. Words can't do them justice, you'll have to see for yourself! A special thanks to Letizia Moro who spent many an hour with Cindi both in the Church and outside carrying out these projects. Also a thanks to Luis Ponton who created a nice logo for our lobby (which is now painted Boise bronco colors).



One of our major projects was to build a new patio in front of St. Paul's to get us 'that much closer' to the BSU students. It'll be a place to relax, study, sell coffee and even play foursquare volleyball. We installed exterior hanging lights around the entire center in order to be a great 'light in the darkness' on campus and illuminate our students darkened intellects to the glory of God at all hours of the day. One of the projects I'm most excited about is our new kitchen remodel in the social hall. Bob and Jean Green, who shall remain anonymous by request, have put in numberless hours to remodel our kitchen, and finish putting together the social hall. With time, we hope to turn it into a coffee shop, God willing.

If you haven't heard, we've just hired Mary Marcak to lead as our new operations coordinator. Along with this position, she will be helping especially to minister to the women of St. Paul's. She has been married for 18 years and has 2 children. We're very blessed to have her with us and she has a great passion to share with the women the graces she herself has received in following Christ in her vocation. Please drop in to meet her.



(Mary and her family on vacation.)

You'll also find some insightful pictures to our vocations tour around the diocese from Coeur d'Alene to Wallace to Moscow to Cascade with camps and processions in order to raise awareness of vocations and ask the Lord of the harvest to send more laborers into His vineyard. I give special thanks to the seminarians who gave of themselves so generously in that time.



Lastly, be sure to check out the Frassati house (pictures to follow in subsequent newsletters) to see the work Cameron Englesby and Ryan Olenick have done to repaint the entire 3 story house. Haley Amador completed the facelift by helping to choose colors and fill the walls with pictures and give a little more life to the place.



(The amazing Cindi Duft worked so hard on the designs for the exterior of the center.)

I look forward to having you all back, or at least sharing what's going on at St Paul's student center throughout this next year. God Bless you!

In Christ,  
Fr. Nathan Dail

(Father, Alberto, and others worked tirelessly on the new patio.)





# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

HAILEY AMADOR

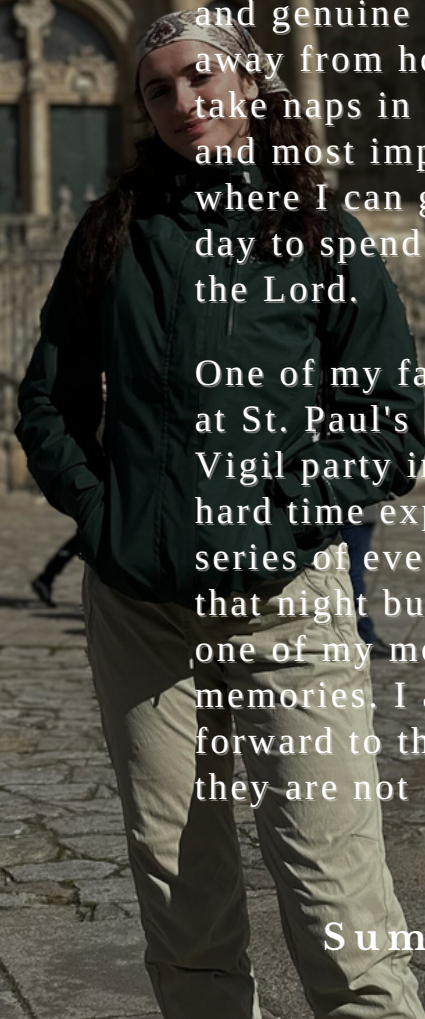
When I first transferred to BSU in August of 2021, I knew a few people and it was a bit of a struggle getting back into daily routines since the pandemic. I was looking to make a lot of lifestyle changes since I picked up a few bad habits during the isolation period of 2020-2021. I remember walking past the St. Paul's center and thought to myself "let's see what religion has to offer."

Even though I was raised Catholic, I fell away from the faith when I was about fifteen years old. I began going to the Sunday mass, hiding in the back pews, and running out before any of the missionaries could get to me. After mass one Sunday I was invited to one of the FOCUS missionaries' bible study and since then I have spent almost every day at the center.



I was welcomed immediately by Father Nathan, all the missionaries, and a few of the students. Since then, my daily experience at St. Paul's has been one of the biggest blessings in my life. I have a group of the most amazing and genuine friends, a home away from home, a place to take naps in between classes, and most importantly, a place where I can go any hour of the day to spend in silence with the Lord.

One of my favorite memories at St. Paul's is the Easter Vigil party in 2022. I have a hard time explaining the series of events that occurred that night but it was definitely one of my most cherished memories. I always look forward to the Easter Vigils, they are not one to miss.



# SEMINARIANS ON TOUR

## Vocations Building Activities

Father Nathan and the Seminarians have been incredibly busy this summer. They were up at The Cataldo Mission serving mass and leading a Eucharistic procession.



The group traveled to camps and events to provide a presence for discerning vocations.



# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

OLIVIA CAMPBELL

Olivia graduated from Boise State University in May of 2023 Suma Cum Laude with a Bachelors of Arts in Media Arts, an emphasis in Public Relations, a German Minor, and a Journalism Minor. She currently works as an Account Coordinator at a public relations and marketing firm in downtown Boise.

As a college freshman, I had the idea that I would show up to my first day of classes and meet my best friends. That I would take one interesting class, and it would change the trajectory of my whole career. I had the idea that a place could change everything. At that time I couldn't have imagined that the first year of college, the year that I saved up for, and dreamed of, would be the roughest year of my life. I was sold on the future, but not the future that God had for me, just the one I wanted.

I was okay with missing mass once... or maybe three times a month because of a Saturday night frat party that went a little too late. But after it all, I would walk back into my freshman dorm room and feel the emptiness. I'd wake up Sunday morning and it would still be there. I tried to fill it with a phone call to my boyfriend and a busy schedule yet it remained. Unfortunately, the emptiness I felt of a life not fully lived, is the experience that so many on college campuses face but rarely talk about. It's a life without His resurrection.



Coming to St. Pauls Catholic Student Center and back to my catholic faith at the end of 2019, I encountered Jesus not just in the mass, or sacraments, but the people who were sitting next to me. I saw what He was doing in their lives and the reflection of His love poured out through them. I wanted to be changed like that too. The center's Newman Night dinner and talks became a staple in my week. I started skipping my sorority events to go to bible study. My continual 'yes' to the Lord took me on a mission trip to Argentina in the summer of 2022, and later to start my own bible study for women in Greek life.

Ultimately when I think of St. Paul's and how it has impacted my life it's hard to pinpoint exact moments because there are so many that greatly impacted me. It has offered me a place to encounter Jesus, not just in the Chapel, but in the faces and lives of those around me. I hope to continue to give back to St. Paul's in any way I can. This year I will continue to lead a bible study for women in Greek life as an alumna to help bring the light of Christ to women on campus. Looking at my degree from Boise State I don't just see the hours of classes and studying cross my memory, I see retreats, late nights talking on the roof, and adoration hours that shaped such formative years.

One thing freshman me had right was this - one place can change everything, and this place surely has.





# UPCOMING EVENTS



**August 1st (Tues.) - Move-In**

**August 6th (Sun.) - First Mass Back**

**August 17th-18th (Thurs. - Fri.) - Move-In Days On Campus**

**August 18th (Fri.) - Back to school BBQ**

**August 21st (Mon.) - Classes begin**

**August 24th (Thurs.) - Newman Night Luau**

**September 1st-3rd - Labor Day camping trip**

**September 9th (Sat.) - Football vs. UCF**