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# ST. PAUL'S

## Newsletter

'Proclaiming the Gospel' at  
Boise State University

### FATHER'S CORNER

This has been quite the summer of work. I'm very thankful to so many of our students and community members who gave their time and gifts to help renovate our center over these past few months. My special project was building a grotto in the front of our center. My goal was to bring Mary's maternal presence that much closer to all those who pass by St. Paul's daily.

Working with your hands on a physical plain is a great relief when so much time as a priest is spent working with your words on a spiritual plain. I'm also thankful to Cindi Duft who helped renovate our chapel with her wonderful calligraphy and painting. It truly feels like a sanctuary worthy of our Lord, thanks to her.

This summer has also brought unexpected surprises such as Andrew Furphy's transition to work closer to our diocese as Director of Youth and Young Adult Evangelization. Andrew has been a great help and support to St Pauls for many years and his presence will be missed, but I'm grateful to our Lord for the time we were given with him. If you'd like to meet our new Development & Operations Coordinator, Elisa Larson, drop by the center!

Thank you for all of your support. It has been a great gift to fill our church once again with students, families, and young adults. If you haven't seen our renovations, I invite you to stop by and check them out.

Blessings,  
Fr. Nathan Dail

### THE BUILDING OF OUR LADY'S GROTTA



**Left:** Students Jacob Lavarias and Isaac Alsop help Fr. Nathan and Sophia break ground on the grotto. **Middle:** Fr. Nathan and Lew Chumich shining rocks. **Right:** Rosary at the Grotto In honor of Mary's birthday.



# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

## NICHOLAS MENESES

*Nicholas is our Liturgy Committee Lead and Spiritual Advisor at the Frassati House of Discernment*

If someone asked my freshman self why I went to St. Paul's, I would have said I wanted to continue practicing the faith I was raised in. And while there would certainly be truth to that, my primary motivation was my desire to find community. I began to receive this almost immediately. FOCUS missionaries such as Alfred Schwalbe and our previous team director Christopher Appel became very dear friends to me. The presence of the older students at the center like Joe Patti and Connor Brown, who are now entering their propaedeutic year of seminary, had a profound impact on me as they and others acted as older brothers helping to guide me.

The arrival of Father Nathan brought a spiritual fatherhood to me that I have never had before. His presence began to cultivate a family dynamic at the center. I truly feel like I have a family here in Boise, and through all this, I have received a relationship with God that I never thought possible.

For the first time in my life, I began to go to daily Adoration and Mass. One of the missionaries my freshman year impressed on me the challenge to ask myself how the truth of the Gospel affects my life.



*Nicholas (back row, middle) joined by other Student Leaders, Staff and FOCUS Missionaries at the Student Leader BBQ.*

I quickly realized that I had not allowed the life of Christ to affect me. I wanted to follow God's will for my life and it was difficult for me at first. I grew up praying, but as with all things, there was a maturation that was necessary.

Many different faces come to mind when I think of the path my spiritual life has taken. I am still surprised to realize how fundamental prayer has become in my life and how it has directly changed who I am.

Now, beginning my third year at Boise State, I'm taking on a more defined leadership position at St. Paul's. I count myself lucky that I can assist in the Liturgy as it is the central part of our Catholic faith. I am also the Spiritual Leader at the Frassati House of Discernment. The Frassati House of Discernment and Maria Goretti House of Discernment are St. Paul's Catholic student houses centered on fostering lives of prayerful discernment and authentic community. The houses are also places for all students to see the Church alive outside the center. Living at the Frassati house has given me an amazing opportunity to live in intentional fraternity that challenges and sanctifies me.

I am beginning to see at St. Paul's how Christ has chosen to live out His mission within the Church. I see His priesthood lived out through Father Nathan. I see His zeal in the excitement students have discussing the faith and I see His love between my friends. At this stage in my life, I know I am exactly where I am supposed to be and I look forward to my future and the future of St. Paul's.



# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

KENDALL MOONEY

My faith life has been greatly impacted by my time at St. Paul's Catholic Center. I attended Boise State from 2016 - 2020 and feel so blessed to have went to Mass and met FOCUS missionaries that first Sunday of my college career. Throughout my 4 years I was able to take part in Greek bible studies (for girls in sororities), attend Newman nights and meet really awesome missionaries and student ministers. My faith grew exponentially through these years and really changed from something I grew up with (and loved) to something deeply personal and all encompassing.

The experience that comes to mind when I reflect on my time at St. Paul's was the opportunity I had my senior year to lead a bible study for girls in my sorority. When presented with the idea, almost 40 girls showed interest in entering into deeper friendship and spending time in prayer together as sisters. In order to properly lead this bible study I was discipled by a FOCUS missionary who became a dear friend of mine, Nicollette Schwalbe. She taught me about how Jesus calls each one of us to evangelize - even if you don't feel worthy or ready, the Lord wants to work through you!



Now I work as the Marketing and Development Director at St. Joseph's Catholic School here in Boise. It has been the perfect fit for me and I love working with my marketing degree as well as working in the Church. My first year I was asked to sit on the Catholic Identity and Culture committee of our school board. Our entire purpose is to enrich the Catholic culture of St. Joe's and help to add Catholic identity into everything we do at school. One of the ultimate goals we have is to evangelize to parents, staff, students and our greater community. It is truly such a gift to be able to use that fire for evangelization that I received at St. Paul's in my career every day!



*Kendall with Bella Zito. Bella attended bible study with Kendall at St. Paul's. She now teaches 2nd grade at St. Joseph's, the Catholic School Kendall works at.*





# How we Ball with St Paul



## LABOR DAY CAMPING TRIP

Our staff and FOCUS Missionaries took 30 students camping over Labor Day Weekend. Fishing, hiking, hot springs, volleyball, campfires, daily Mass were all on the list of adventure.

## BACK TO SCHOOL LUAU

We brought in a whole pig and raffled off \$50 to Chick-fil-a! Thank you to our native Hawaiian students for helping make this an authentic Luau!

## DISCERNMENT HOUSE DINNER

The Frassati House of Discernment hosts Monday night dinner with the Maria Goretti House of Discernment.

ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC STUDENT CENTER'S ANNUAL

# OKTOBERFEST

OCTOBER 7TH



**3 beers  
3 brats  
for \$6**

**BRATS, BEER, LIVE MUSIC**

STARTING AT 6:00 PM  
1915 W UNIVERSITY DR, BOISE, ID 83706

## LIFE-GIVING WOUNDS RETREAT

A Unique Healing Retreat for Adult Children of Divorced or Separated Parents



The Life-Giving Wounds retreat is a unique opportunity for adults (18+) with divorced or separated parents to reflect intentionally on the wounds caused by their family's breakdown, together with others who know this pain and are knowledgeable, compassionate retreat leaders.



**WHERE**  
St. Paul's Student Center, BSU.  
This is a commuter retreat. Meals provided during retreat hours.

**COST**

- Early-bird by 10/04/22: \$100
- After 10/04/22: \$150
- College students, seminarians, clergy, religious: \$50
- Scholarships are available; no person will be turned away


**RETREAT DATES & TIMES**

Friday, Nov. 4, 2022:  
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Saturday, November 5:  
8:30 AM - 8:00 PM

Sunday, November 6:  
8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

**TO REGISTER / MORE INFO**  
[www.catholicidaho.org/events](http://www.catholicidaho.org/events) or call Jay Wonacott (208) 350-7535 or email: [jwonacott@rcdb.org](mailto:jwonacott@rcdb.org)



ST. PAUL'S STUDENT CENTER

# TWENTY-FOUR HOUR ADORATION

OCTOBER 18TH, 6 PM - OCTOBER 19TH, 8 PM

NOVEMBER 8TH, 6 PM - NOVEMBER 9TH, 8 PM

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK