



BENGAL CATHOLICS NEWSLETTER





SEMESTER REVIEW

After prayer & consideration, St. John's moved their Sunday Mass time from the long-standing time of 7pm to a more dinner/study/community friendly time of 5pm. This saw an increase in students, and others, attending Mass.

On Thursday evenings, we have hosted a 'Holy Hour' consisting of Adoration, praise & worship, silence, and preparing for the upcoming Sunday's Gospel. Fr. Bruno spearheaded this event out of his desire to see students grow, and go deeper, in their prayer lives using the many tools the Church gives us to pray.

Students gathered each Wednesday for a delicious home-cooked meal courtesy of Chef Dave followed by a substantive presentation and discussion of the Catholic moral worldview.

WHO AM I TO JUDGE?

We learned how to talk about morality in a world that no longer believes in truth. At the conclusion of our formation, students walked away with greater confidence in God's moral law, greater clarity in how to explain it effectively to their secular friends, and greater compassion for those with whom they disagree.

Students from various backgrounds came together to encounter Jesus more through the teachings of the Church during weekly meetings with FOCUS missionary, Gabriella. Their journeys of faith that they are all still on have been a privilege to be a part of.

Two students are currently working towards receiving the sacrament of Confirmation and one will, God willing, be baptized in the near future. Another student is still in the beginning stages of learning more about the Faith. Please continue to pray for all students as they grow in their love for Christ and His Church.

We hosted our first ever ACTS 2:42 retreat in February - a retreat designed to practice the ways of the early church - teaching, prayer, & fellowship.

Our evangelization efforts on campus have included our highly successful lunches on Monday & Wednesday - thank you volunteers! We have also hosted a free coffee stand outside on the corner where passersby are offered a warm drink and friendly conversation.

GO MAKE DISCIPLES

Though COVID-19 brought our presence on campus to a premature end, we have remained committed to building the Catholic community, through digital means, at Idaho State University and we look forward to the day when we can all come 'home' to St. John's Catholic Student Center.



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**STRENGTHEN THE FAITH OF THE
YOUNG CHURCH**

The current crisis has given us an opportunity to explore different ways of fulfilling our mission of knowing Christ and making Christ known on the Idaho State University campus.

Campus may be closed, but our ministry continues to reach out, to strengthen and grow the community at St. John's Catholic Student Center, and to invite people into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church.

In this technological age, we have been able to continue offering daily opportunities to connect with Christ and our community in the following virtual ways:

- Daily rosary & adoration.
- Weekly discussions exploring the beauty of the Catholic faith
- FOCUS bible studies
- One-on-one mentoring with students

We need your help, through prayer and giving, to sustain this ministry. With the increased isolation and uncertainty, the urgency of our mission has become even greater.



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