



BENGAL CATHOLICS NEWSLETTER





SEMESTER REVIEW

What a time to be alive! St. John's has been walking the COVID tightrope quite well this semester. We've been able to navigate the protocols and still provide a community for students to encounter Christ through our liturgies, formation, & social gatherings.

Our Sunday Masses, led by our new chaplain, Fr. Costance Swai, have seen a great increase in student attendance. On average, we're seeing anywhere between 40-60 students coming each week to celebrate with us. Our music group has also grown to 7 regular members and have received many compliments for their efforts.

We're also committed to praying the Rosary daily for your intentions, as well as our weekly 'Holy Hour' on Wednesdays to adore the Lord, offer Confession, and to worship Him. The Lord is doing amazing things.

DINNER & DISCUSSION ON EVANGELIZATION

This semester, we have been focusing on our Baptismal call to make disciples of all nations through the lens of the early Church as seen in The Acts of the Apostles. It's been eye-opening to view the world, in its current state, through the lens of how the apostles, through the Holy Spirit, spread the Good News of Jesus Christ throughout the world.

When COVID struck in the Spring and shutdown campus, we had 2 girls prepared to receive the Sacraments. Thankfully, this Fall, we were able to receive one fully into the Church, and Confirm the other. Right now we have 6 students interested in becoming Catholic!

Bishop Peter visited us as part of his Healing Mass tour of the diocese. It was great to, not only, be a part of the prayer teams, but also to spend time with him in the local coffee shop sharing stories and asking questions.

Our FOCUS Missionaries continue to be an integral part of our ministry through their weekly Bible Studies and discipleship formation of students to be active leaders in our faith.

Our evangelization efforts on campus have included our highly successful lunches on Monday & Wednesday - thank you volunteers! Our FOCUS Missionaries were even invited to teach about Catholicism at the campus LDS Institute! Some of their students have also started coming to Mass!

GO MAKE DISCIPLES

Though COVID-19 continues to bring uncertainty to life on campus, we have remained committed to building the Catholic community, through every means possible, at Idaho State University and we look forward to the day when we all feel safe to 'come home' to St. John's Catholic Student Center.



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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 diminishing their activities, 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.

This year our hope is to build a team of monthly donors, committed to helping us further our mission of knowing Christ and making Christ known on the Idaho State University campus. Our goal is to build a donor base of **100 individuals donating \$25/month (or more)** to help us continue and grow the great work that is already happening on campus. At present, we have 15 people on our team. Would you be willing to join our St. John's support team?

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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