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News

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM BARAT ACADEMY



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Religious and Educational Pioneer

A REFLECTION ON THE LIFE OF SAINT ROSE PHILIPPINE DUCHESNE

Born in Grenoble, France in 1769, Rose Philippine Duchesne is not only a prominent figure in the Catholic Church, but a pioneer in the field of education. Along with Madeleine Sophie Barat, she was a prominent member of the Society of the Sacred Heart and the founder of the first houses of the Society of the Sacred Heart in America. Though she first arrived in New Orleans in 1818, Rose Philippine Duchesne ultimately ended up in St. Charles, Missouri. *(Continue to p2.)*

(Continued from p1.) It was here that she created a new house of the Sacred Heart Society in a log cabin. This was the first Society house built outside of France. Despite the many struggles faced by the new house (lack of funds, cold weather, Philippine's struggles to learn English), Philippine and four other members of her Society continued to open schools across America. By 1828, six additional houses had been established.

After a lifetime of service, Philippine returned to St. Charles to finish out her remaining years. With her health declining, she lived in a small room near the chapel. She ultimately passed on November 18, 1852. Over a century later, Pope John Paul II canonized Rose Philippine Duchesne into sainthood in 1988. Her remains currently reside in a shrine built for her in St. Charles, Missouri. We will be celebrating the feast day with mass on November 18, 2022 at 2:05pm. All are welcome to attend.



Barat Academy Theatre Company Presents **“Fairy Tale Invasion” by Edith Weiss**



Congratulations to the Barat cast and crew on a successful performance of this One Act play! The play centers around Ava, a teenage girl, who wants friends, which is why she agreed to work with some classmates on a project about the modern relevance of fairy tales. But when Ava's partners show up

late then leave early without finishing any work, *(Continue on p3)*



(Continued from p2) Ava resents having to do it all herself. With so much on her mind, it's no wonder Ava's not sure whether she's awake or dreaming when she's curiously visited by fairy tale characters who are surprisingly similar to her teammates and her father.

A HUGE thank you to director, Julia Budd, for sharing her talents and skills in the performing arts with our students and community. Well done!

God Bless Our Veterans

Almighty God and Father, look with love upon our men and women in uniform and protect them in their time of need. Give them health and stability and allow them to return to their loved ones whole and unshaken. Be with their families and sustain them in these uncertain times.

Grant strength and peace of mind to the Veterans who have given their best for the country they love. Support them in infirmity and in the fragility of old age. Teach us to remember their sacrifices and to express our gratitude.

Manifest your tender care to those in the Military Academies who prepare for future service and to those who serve our Nation far from home. Teach us to remember the sacrifices of those whose efforts contribute to ensuring our way of life.

Bless and multiply the priests who minister to the faithful of the Archdiocese for the Military Services. Reward their generosity and keep them faithful.

Hear us as we present our prayers to You through Christ our Lord.



– Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio

Fall Service Learning Comes to a Close

Service Learning for the first semester wrapped up in mid-October. Positive experiences were had across the board! We thank our sites for hosting us and look forward to returning to our projects in the spring.

2022-23 Service Sites:

Barathaven Alzheimer's Special Care Center - Dardenne Prairie
Anthology of Wildwood
Crisis Nurseries of St. Charles and Wentzville
Room at the Inn - Bridgeton
St. Peter Early Learning Center - St. Charles
St. Louis County Parks Department
Loaves and Fishes - Maryland Heights
Ronald McDonald House of St. Louis

The students of Barat Prep participated in the "Kids Helping Kids" program with the Ronald McDonald House of St. Louis. Students were each assigned a "pen pal" with whom they corresponded with throughout their hospital stay, with some of those interactions still ongoing. The students also held a supply drive which collected items off of a "wish list" submitted by RMH addressing their most pressing needs. The drive generated a donation of over 100 items! We thank the Performing Arts Department for their partnership as donations were collected during the Fall Play. Thank you for the great teamwork!

TURKEY BOWL 2022

THE TURKEY BOWL IS NEARLY UPON US! EACH YEAR, STUDENTS AND FACULTY GATHER FOR A FUN FLAG FOOTBALL GAME BEFORE THANKSGIVING BREAK. THIS YEAR, THE GAME WILL BE A HOUSE COMPETITION AND PLAYED ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND. ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US ON CAMPUS FOR THIS SPIRITED COMPETITION!



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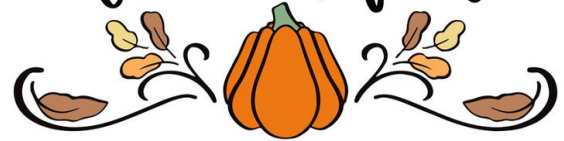
SERVICE SOCIETY NEWS

First, what is the Newman Service Society. We have combined the service elements of Campus Ministry and Key Club to create this new student group.

Open to grades 8-12, the Newman Society will help plan and host liturgies, host retreats and reflections, and offer service to both the internal Barat community and the external community at large.

Our first act of internal service took place on October 27th when we gathered for an All School Rosary. Our special intention during the rosary was for all those impacted by the shooting at Central Visual and Performing Arts. The service was led by members of the Newman Society. Our first external project will begin on December 5th as we assist our friends and longtime service learning partners in the St. Louis County Parks Department with their annual Winter Wonderland. This opportunity is open to the entire Barat Community. More information on this event has been emailed to all families. For additional questions, or to sign up, contact Mr. Hecei at 636-300-5527 or jjhecei@baratacademy.org. Do you know of any opportunity where the Barat community can make a difference? Contact Mr. Hecei with possible ideas for ongoing service.

*Always a Time to be
thankful*



When you hear the word “Thanksgiving”, what do you think of? Turkey and other good food? Perhaps football or watching a parade? Every family has different traditions when it comes to spending the holidays, from pulling wishbones, to playing games around the kitchen table. With all the good food and good company that surrounds us, it’s an easy time to be grateful for all we have. Many have the tradition of going around the table and saying what they are thankful for this year. But is this the only time of year to be thankful? Our Lord Jesus Christ has blessed us year-round! While it is great to have a special time of year to recognize what God has given us, we must remember to be thankful for all the gifts He has blessed us with day in and day out.

November 2022



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 Fall Play | 5 |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 Feast of St. Philippine Duchesne (dress uniform) | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 Turkey Bowl | 23 Thanksgiving Break- No Classes | 24 Thanksgiving Break- No Classes | 25 Thanksgiving Break- No Classes | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | | |

December Dates:

- 7th Late start
- 8th Feast of Immaculate Conception (Dress Uniform) - Mass 2:05 pm
- 13th Stop Day
- 20th Sounds of the Seasons—7:45 am
Christmas Basket Liturgy—9:00 am
- 21st– Jan 2nd Christmas Break