Little by little with great love will move
little way of Saint Thérèse. To do things
the Holy Spirit is calling us to live the
year ahead, we are sensing that
couple of weeks.
students meet fellow believers in the first
bonfires, sports, music, etc., to help our
can in September by having free meals,
for and through Jesus. So we do all we
however, very few students live a life
for those who meet believers in Jesus;
be their friends the next four-to-six years
in the first two weeks will almost always
because the friends that a student makes
semester is probably the most important
life-changing way.
encounter the love of Jesus in and
through community, the sacraments, and
the Sacred Scriptures and Tradition in a
through our comforts to go to others to help
left heaven to come to us, we must leave
comfort zones to live out incarnational
zeal for souls to get outside of our
excess of sinfulness on campus, but we
are not discouraged because that gives
us many opportunities to share little by
little what Jesus has done in our lives
and what He desires to do in theirs. We
hope to do this through the lens of the
Prodigal Son. We believe that there is an
upon the transformative story of the
Prodigal Son. We hope to continue to pour into our students
who are hurting and looking for hope.
are aware that many students do
not believe that God exists, that He loves
them, and that they are either a beloved
son or a beloved daughter. We hope
that the Holy Spirit gives us a deeper
zeal for souls to get outside of our
comfort zones to live out incarnational
evangelization. That is to say, as Jesus
left heaven to come to us, we must leave
our comforts to go to others to help
them where they are.
As we head into the semester and
the year ahead, we are sensing that
the Holy Spirit is calling us to live the
little way of Saint Thérèse. To do things
little by little with great love will move
mountains. Each little act of love is done
so our students may know that we love
them. While we are still sinners, our Lord
still expects us to love.
the high depression and suicide rate
among Generation Z. We are deeply
concerned that this generation is in great
need of the message of the Gospel and
cannot see its beauty until they have
experienced it in real life. We are sensing
that the Holy Spirit is calling us to
inform and engage students in the
Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Many uncertainties with only one certainty: Jesus
Journeying with students in their relationship with Christ

BY SR. LAURA ZELTEN
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CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY DIRECTOR

As we begin a new semester, I cannot help but look back at where we have come this past year. Yes, it has been challenging in so many ways. Yet, Phoenix Catholic students say it was one of the best times for building community and committing oneself to Christ.

As a small faith group on the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay (UWGB) campus, we have grown in our connection with Christ through the sacraments, communal and private prayer, small groups, Bible studies, men’s and women’s groups, and service opportunities.

As campus minister, I am honored to walk with students as they journey in their academic lives, but most of all, in their relationship with Christ.

One of the most rewarding experiences is to meet with students one on one. To listen to their story, to help them connect their life story with faith and to walk with them as they grow in their encounter with Jesus.

I am amazed when a student comes through our doors for the first time and the surprise on their face at the warm welcome they receive from their peers: the invitation to belong to a community that accepts them as they are that is willing to pray and serve side by side.

The college years are a time to discover one’s gifts and how best to use those gifts to better the world. At Phoenix Catholic, we are willing to invest in the relationships that helps one to discover Christ in a life-changing way and grow in Christian maturity.

We provide the students opportunities to experience prayer in many forms: the sacraments, retreats, small group faith sharing, devotional prayer and Eucharistic adoration.

Phoenix Catholic is a place to belong. Without having a physical Catholic Newman Center on campus, we strive to provide a sense of community wherever we meet. Our Thursday evening dinners give students the experience of community in an unassuming environment where they can grow life-lasting friendships. Our Sunday night Q&A with Fr. Matthew Faustadt offers students the opportunity to ask the important questions of faith and life. This is a powerful and important part of a giving community. Working in collaboration with other student organizations on campus, we put our hands and hearts together, reaching out to the needs of others. We strive to live our baptismal call through the eyes of Catholic Social Thought.

As a community of faith, we are grateful to our benefactors and remember them in prayer at our Sunday Masses. This ministry could not be as successful as it is if it were not for the help we receive from the Catholic Foundation of the Diocese of Green Bay.

If you know someone who is entering UWGB this coming fall or if you know someone already attending, please encourage them to seek us out. For more information see phoenixcatholic.org

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Please join us for Sunday evening Mass, small group Bible study and Thursday night Community Fellowship.

If you have a disability and would like to discuss accommodations, please contact Student Life @ (920) 465.2720.

Each month, we provide a variety of activities to build authentic community. That means move nights, small group discussions, meals, local trips, guest presentations and a whole bunch of other activities! With events held continuously throughout the academic year, there’s always something to get involved in.

Students grow in leadership through campus ministry

BY OLIVIA NICHTER
STUDENT OUTREACH COORDINATOR, PHOENIX CATHOLIC STUDENT ORGANIZATION

Hello everyone! My name is Olivia Nichter and I’m going into my senior year at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay (UWGB). I serve as the student outreach coordinator for Catholic Campus Ministry at UWGB, while also serving as the president for the student organization Phoenix Catholic.

I’ve been involved with the Catholic community on campus for about two and a half years now, and I’m excited for what is to come during my last year of college. This school year, Phoenix Catholic is very excited to have a wide array of events and opportunities for the students of UWGB. Catholic Campus Ministry will be offering Sunday night Mass starting at 7 p.m. Confessions will be available before beginning promptly at 6 p.m. On Monday nights, Eucharistic adoration will be available from 7:30-8:30 p.m. This is a very exciting time for students to become immersed with the Eucharist and spend quality time with Jesus during the start of the week. Campus Ministry will also be offering various retreats, small groups and more to help students grow in their faith life throughout their college journey.

The students are excited to take on leadership roles by leading our Thursday night dinners from 5:7 p.m. and also leading the men’s and women’s groups before Mass on Sundays. It has been very important to me to provide my fellow students with the opportunity to practice their leadership abilities throughout different events each semester.

This allows the students to practice leadership early on so they’re ready to be a leader when they graduate or move on from the campus community.

One of my favorite events is Service Saturdays. One Saturday each month we provide students with the opportunity to go out and do service in the community. It’s a very satisfying feeling to go out into the greater Green Bay area and make a difference for the people around us. The students are able to suggest what kinds of service they would like to accomplish that month and we tailor the opportunities to their needs.

Phoenix Catholic is a wonderful group to join, and I would offer it to any college student looking to find a place where they belong. With the variety of events offered, there will be something for everyone, no matter how far they are in their faith journey.

I have grown in my faith life tremendously since becoming involved and I look forward to growing in my faith even more this upcoming school year. Check out our website for more information at phoeniccatholic.org.
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Campus ministry in the diocese of Green Bay

BY STEFFI FARRIER
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A community of generosity.” Those are the words that became a common theme during the four days I went on an alternative spring break experience in March of this year, with the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay Catholic Campus Ministry. Three other students besides myself and our campus ministers traveled to the Riverwest neighborhood in Milwaukee for a unique faith- and service-filled spring break experience.

During our trip, we volunteered with the Riverwest Food Pantry, worked on an urban farm, toured St. Francis de Sales Seminary, deepened our prayer lives and still had time for community activities, such as going indoor rock climbing and enjoying home-cooked dinner with the “mission interns,” young people who dedicate a year of service to the food pantry.

At Riverwest Food Pantry, community members come to shop for free and can receive other resources. They are also encouraged to volunteer at the pantry. We learned that the core value of the Riverwest Food Pantry is that everyone has something to give, and everyone needs to receive something. This is what it means to have a “community of generosity.”

Elizabeth Tulachka remarked that the philosophy gave her “a new perspective on every interaction (she) has” because “there are many pieces of advice, good stories, values and different perspectives that (she) has received from other people in conversations” that she explained she had previously been unaware she was missing.

We began our service activities by learning where most of the food pantry’s produce comes from. We then spent several hours in the morning working on an urban farm. Hoop houses kept crops safe from the elements and warmer than the brisk March air. We marveled at the possibility of harvesting leafy green vegetables at that time of year.

We also took part in preparing produce for distribution and packing meat and dry goods. I worked with another student to pack “recipe-in-a-bag” kits. The project was planned by one of the mission interns who specializes in community health and was intended to encourage cooking and nutrition skills. We packed enough bags for every household to receive the supplies to make a healthy cinnamon apple snack, including a spatula.

Finally, we were able to participate in the distribution of food on our final day. Personally, this was the most rewarding part of the trip. I laughed and spoke with many people as I helped them pick out a recipe kit to take home. They told me their stories, hopes, dreams and frustrations. It was incredible.

The most remarkable part of spending time with the mission interns and food pantry volunteers was seeing how deeply and fully they live out their faith in action every day. Each morning began in group prayer, filled with deep concern for the well-being of those around them. It was a joyful group to work alongside and to learn from. Afterwards, Preben Rasmussen said that a main takeaway was that “everyone deserves love and respect and a helping hand to guide them through the rough times of life.” We all certainly felt the Holy Spirit working with us during those few days.
Bereavement Support Workshop

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Dates and Time

This workshop consists of 12 sessions, meeting twice monthly on Thursdays, from 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

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- October 7: Dispel Misconceptions About Grief
- October 21: Embrace the Uniqueness of Your Grief
- November 4: Explore What You Might Experience
- November 18: Understand the Six Needs of Mourning
- December 2: Recognize You Are Not Crazy
- December 16: Nurture Yourself

Facilitators

- Julie Ives, BSN, CSW
  Social Worker
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- Susan Kazik, MSW, CAPSW
  Bereavement Coordinator
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