Catholic Campus Ministry—UWGB

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As campus ministers, evangelization is the essence of our ministry. “bringing the message of Christ to the academic world,” wrote the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in their pastoral letter “Empowered by the Spirit.” Because the faith community and institutions of higher learning are involved in a common pursuit of the life of wisdom, it is important that all phases of college life be well-integrated, including moral and spiritual development.

College students represent a diverse population by age, Christian traditions and spiritual experiences. Catholic Campus Ministry is called to build a community on campus, provide places to consider questions of meaning and calling, and support students in exploring their faith and spirituality.

With this in mind, Catholic Campus Ministry at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay (UWGB) offers a variety of resources for students to develop their personal relationship with Jesus and grow in their understanding of the Catholic faith. My goal as Catholic Campus Minister is to create an environment that is welcoming, prayerful and alive with opportunities to express their faith in action.

This involves activities and experiences that are diverse and meaningful, including:
- Sunday Liturgy at the Mauthe Center
- Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Weekly Eucharistic Adoration
- Phoenix Catholic Student Organization
- Alternative Spring Break
- Small-group prayer
- Bible Study
- Men’s and Women’s Groups
- Thursday Night Dinner
- Service opportunities
- A place to make friends

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Connecting With A Purpose

HOLISTIC HEALTH BASKETS

The past school year we worked with other campuses around the country in an innovative design project through the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops/ Campus Ministry and the Our Sunday Visitor Innovative Design Team to help determine creative ways to connect with other organizations, disciplines and departments on campus. We conducted interviews and facilitated conversations to help identify key insights.

From these insights we were able to determine:
- Students are interested in a community that is fun, accepting, hospitable and safe.
- Campus groups need to support the holistic needs of students.
- Campus administration values holistic student development, interfaith exchange and students’ commitment to community within the organizations.

We invited others on campus to join us in an opportunity to connect with other organizations, disciplines and departments on campus and help support holistic student development by coming together to make three Holistic Health Finals Week Baskets to raffle off the week before finals week.

They simply signed up to provide items for the baskets. They included information about their work on campus or wrote a note to be included. We provided social media posts for them to share with students to invite them to sign up to win a basket. Baskets were given to winners for finals week.

We had over 100 students sign up to win a basket, and the three winners were happy and pleased to see all the gifts to help relieve stress during finals week.

Organizations that connected with us were:
- Phoenix Lutherans ELCA
- The Chancellor’s Office
- Athletics Department (Volleyball Team)
- Wellness Center
- Student Engagement Center
- The Mauthe Center

These groups were so gracious when we asked them to partner with us and are enthusiastic about continuing to contribute to the “Welcome Week” Baskets planned for the new school year.

“Rise in knowledge, rise in wisdom, Rise in friendship sealed today.”
— UWGB Alma Mater

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 at 920.465.2720.
Praise the Lord! As we head into the 2023-24 academic year, I would like to thank everyone for your prayers and support. The first three years on campus have been a time of building a culture of hospitality and asking the Lord Jesus what he desires. After much prayer, we have a new vision and mission statement, apostolic virtues and a new patron saint for the year. We believe that these will help guide us to encounter more students to build the Kingdom of God at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh (UWO).

What is our new mission statement? We joyfully offer a different way to live. This statement comes from seeing so many people on campus who simply have never witnessed someone who is in love with Jesus. Jesus tells us he is the way, the truth and the life (c.f. John 14:6). However, if we do not witness outside of our Newman Center building, how will people come to see another way to live? We recently hired Michaela Erickson to be our Campus Minister and she will help form our interns (Selena, Maggie, Leia and Kathryn) and student organization representatives to become saints after God’s heart.

Our Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) team director Jamie Taberna will be forming our four new missionaries this year (Evan, Grace, Brianna and Tyler).

What is our new vision statement? We hope to double the size of our community by 2025. Bishop Ricken has challenged us to grow. We believe many seeds have been planted and it is time to grow. This upcoming year we will move to a new larger room at the student union for Sunday Evening Mass. We have been blessed to have seven men enter the seminary, one woman enter religious life, two couples get married and seven couples get engaged in the past three years.

We believe that everything we do is supported by prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament, devotion to the Blessed Mother, Scripture study, beautiful liturgy, authentic friendship, mission trips and constant reliance on the intercession of the saints. As a part of our Eucharistic Revival, we have purchased a new large host monstrance to help people see Jesus in a new way. In addition, we are currently updating our basement chapel to help us remain little. Once completed, we will rename the chapel “Little Nazareth Chapel” to help us remain in the arms of Mary and Joseph. We will continue to begin and end our year with a eucharistic procession. Additionally, with the new campaign for vocations, we are grateful to add one more FOCUS Missionary to help us be more fully available to the student body at UWO. We have great hope that God will provide and continue to provide.

Thank you for all you do for Campus Ministry!

As friends and followers of Jesus, we are devoted to fostering households and communities of discipleship through the mission and ministry of the Catholic Church.

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What are our new apostolic virtues?


We are called to save souls and offer authentic friendships that will last a lifetime. Humility means to live in reality of what is true. Simplicity will help us remain focused and to remain on mission. Docility will help us be flexible with God’s will as the year will always throw us some curve balls. Magnanimity will help us do great things while remaining little. Many students live in fear of sharing the power of the Gospel and we will continue to offer formation guided by Fr. John Riccardo’s video “The Gospel in 5 minutes.” Check it out if you have time! Our apostolic virtues will guide us into the next 2 years of our thematic goal: “human formation.”

Who will be our new patron this year?

St. Peter has been coming to us often and so many of us find common ground with him. The Pre-Pentecost Peter and the Post-Pentecost Peter reveal what true transformation can look like. Without the Holy Spirit, Peter would fall short, yet, after Pentecost, he was a new man. After repenting and calling others to repentance, he changed the whole city of Jerusalem. He also wasn’t afraid of being directed by St. Paul to spread the Gospel to all. In order to encounter Peter, we will be reading “Peter: the Keys to following Jesus” by Dr. Tim Grey.

How will we do this?

We can’t do any of this without you. We are generously supported by the parishes in Oshkosh who offer support through prayer teams, worship space and more. We also are supported fully by the Annual Bishop’s Appeal and the Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Green Bay. We are extremely grateful for your support! Please pray one Hail Mary a day for us to be guided by Mary’s Fiat.

To Jesus through Mary and Joseph,

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Enriching the faith lives of our students and our community

At St. Norbert College, we aspire to help our students explore, deepen and live their faith. To that end, we offer a wide range of activities related to spirituality, beliefs, values and service. Many of those opportunities we are also pleased to share with the greater community.

We encourage students to embrace the idea of “living Norbertine,” an ethic that centers on core principles that include reconciliation, peacemaking, respect for all persons, hospitality and open dialogue – and one that is lived out on our campus in a variety of ways.

Growing in your Catholic faith

St. Norbert College parish invites students to become active members of the community through liturgical ministers, weekday Masses, adoration and our 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday Mass. Norbertine priests also preside each Wednesday night at the Life Center, an opportunity for students to gather in faith midweek amidst busy schedules.

Through parish faith formation, college students have multiple options for growing in relationship with Christ. Our Ignite program provides opportunities for college students to grow in the areas of prayer, community and knowledge of the faith. Events put on through this program are led by priests. Norbertine priests and parish staff members. College students can get involved through teaching catechism, participating in RCIA and putting their faith into action through parish outreach ministries. Whether you are Catholic, of a different faith tradition, or just starting your relationship with Christ, our parish family is here to walk with you on your spiritual journey during your time at St. Norbert College.

Service to the local community and the world

TRIPS (Turning Responsibility into Powerful Service), an alternative break service program, teaches students to engage the principles of Catholic social teaching and sends them around the country to engage in service. TRIPS is coordinated by the Emmanuel Center for Spiritual Life and Vocation and the Storz Center for Community Service & Learning, through which students perform thousands of hours of service each year.

Peer ministry

ALIVE (Active Leaders in Vocation Exploration) peer ministers work in our residence halls to build community, examine questions of meaning and calling, and assist others in exploring their faith and spirituality. As one participant said: “My involvement with ALIVE as a student at SNC broadened my friendships and deepened my relationship with God, my family and my friends. I learned how to think critically and speak clearly about who I am, what I want to become and my relationship with God.”

A faith that learns and grows

The college has extensive course offerings in religion and theology, offering an undergraduate major as well as a Master of Theological Studies (visit snc.edu/mths). All undergraduate students study theology and scripture. The Center for Norbertine Studies, a focus for the study and preservation of all things Norbertine, is a rich resource located on campus.

We also are happy to provide opportunities for the greater community to grow in and celebrate its faith. The Kildeen Chair lecture series addresses issues ranging from the relationship of faith and reason to politics. Our Pilgrim Forum lecture series features distinguished speakers examining the basic tenets of the Catholic faith.

For more information, visit snc.edu/emmanucenter and snc.edu/parish.
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Fiat Prayer Society
Fostering Vocations Through Prayer

Join us in praying for more young people to hear and answer the call to priesthood or religious life!

To join the society, learn about the prayer commitments, access additional resources, and more, please visit: gbvocations.org.

Thank you for your willingness to help in this important task. Please know we are praying for you as well!

The Office of Vocations

2023 Retreats Available

“Come away by yourselves to a quiet place and rest a while.” - Mk 6:31

“…for the Greater Glory of God.”

LAKESIDE SPEAKERS SERIES

2023 Fall/Winter Schedule

- Wed., Sept. 13 – Amanda Lauer, author of the Hauger Inlanded Civil War series and 2016 winner of the Catholic Arts and Letters Award, will speak on her vocation as a Catholic writer.
- Wed., Oct. 11 – Fr. Michael Maher, SJ, adjunct instructor of history at Marquette University will speak on the Knights of Columbus’ history of promoting civil rights.
- Wed., Nov. 8 – Candace Bahs, former addiction and recovery counselor, and guest director of 12-Step retreats at JRH, will present “The 12-Steps for Everyone: An introduction to the 12-Steps, especially for non-12-Steppers.”

Series Details
Location: Loyola Lounge or St. Ignatius Chapel
Time: 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm
NO COST – free will offering accepted.
RSVP NOT required but appreciated.
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