

Bellarmine Chapel is a Catholic faith community that strives to live out the teaching and example of Jesus Christ in the spiritual tradition of St. Ignatius of Loyola. We seek to be a parish where lives are transformed by the new and creative ways of the Holy Spirit. Nourished at the table of the Eucharist, we are sent on mission to make disciples, serve those in need, work for justice, and welcome all with love.

March 9, 2025 First Sunday of Lent

Sunday's Readings Deuteronomy 26:4-10 Romans 10:8-13 Luke 4:1-13 Next Sunday's Readings Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 Philippians 3:17–4:1 Luke 9:28b-36

Join the Jesuit Parish Family and Xavier University for

Active Discipleship Day



Join us for this family-friendly day of service and reflection! Breakfast and lunch provided.

Saturday, March 22 9 AM - 2 PM Meet on Xavier Yard (outside Bellarmine Chapel)

Bellarmine Calendar

Sunday, March 9

10 a.m. <u>People of All Abilities Team Meeting</u> - Bellarmine Chapel 10:15 a.m. <u>Family Prayer Day</u> - Gallagher Student Center Second Sunday Socials after morning Masses

Monday, March 10

7 p.m. Intercessory Prayer Group (complete this form to join)

Tuesday, March 11

7:30 p.m. Examen Prayer Group - Zoom

Wednesday, March 12

9:30 a.m. Senior Adult Ministry: Preparing for the Hour - Main Chapel

Thursday, March 13

7 p.m. OCIA (email Jane Myers)

Saturday, March 15

9 a.m. <u>St. Vincent De Paul Home Visits</u> - Parish Center

Sunday, March 16

10:15 a.m. GIFT - Hailstones Hall

Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ, Pastor of the Jesuit Parish Family, will be away on retreat until March 18.

Parish Council Nominations

As we begin this Lenten season, we are reminded that our faith is lived out not only in prayer but also in service to our parish community. One way to engage with others and forward the mission of Bellarmine Chapel is through leadership in our Parish Advisory Council.

The nomination period is now open! Parishioners are invited to nominate themselves or others to serve on the Parish Advisory Council. Nominations will be accepted through **April 16, 2025**.

Upcoming Leadership Discernment Events:

- March 23: Ministry witness at all Masses, featuring reflections from current council members.
- March 29: Parish Councils: Synodality in Practice A special workshop by Fr. Tom DiFolco at the Xavier University Health United Building from 9-11 AM. All are welcome. <u>Please RSVP</u>.
- May 1: All nominees will be informed of their nomination and invited into the discernment process.
- June 8 (Pentecost Sunday): New council members will be selected by the pastor.

We encourage all parishioners to prayerfully consider how they might serve. This is a unique opportunity to share your gifts and help shape the future of our parish. <u>Click here to submit a nomination</u>.

Light of Hope: Advocating for the Vulnerable

Since the earliest days of the Church, we as Christians have sought to be a light of hope in the darkness, listening with love and acting as channels for God's healing presence wherever we can. Over the course of Lent, we will highlight some of these hope-filled activities of the parish and parishioners, inviting you to live into our vision statement as *bearers of hope and healing*. This week, we want to celebrate the 450 plus postcards (double our usual amount!) that our Ignatian Advocacy Team collected for our federal officials, calling on them to center the dignity of the most vulnerable through the funding of anti-poverty efforts like the Earned Income Tax Credit and the Child Tax Credit.

If you missed it, you can <u>sign an e-alert here</u>. Our Ignatian Advocacy Team will be meeting with the offices of our elected officials later this month. If you would like to join, contact <u>Tim Severyn</u>. As we "spotlight" these actions throughout Lent, may each of us be inspired to personally amplify and multiply the ways we are being the hope we want to see in the world!

PARISH LIFE

Second Sunday Social - This Sunday March 9

Following our 9 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Masses this week please contribute by bringing a treat to share for our socials and plan to stay after Mass to meet new people!

Fr. Richard Bollman, SJ

Richard's health has had significant improvement over the past few months. He welcomes calls, emails, and visitors. His phone number is 248-620-2514 and his email is bollman@xavier.edu. A reminder that he is at Colombiere Center, 9075 Big Lake Road, Clarkston, MI 48346. His birthday is **March 13**, and he would love to hear from friends and parishioners!

Parish Ministry Fair - April 6

Meet ministry leaders, ask questions, and discover where your gifts can make a difference—from liturgical ministry to community service. Join us in the narthex and outside the Chapel in between the 9 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Masses and before the 7 p.m. Mass to explore these opportunities!

Spring Marriage Enrichment Series

The Marriage Enrichment Team invites those married 10 years or fewer to attend the Friday Spring Marriage Enrichment Series that continues on **Friday**, **April 11** from 6 - 8 p.m. in the Clocktower Lounge at Gallagher Student Center. Childcare will be offered each evening. <u>Please register for the series here</u>!

Job Opening - Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministry

Bellarmine Chapel and St. Xavier Church are hiring a Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry. The position oversees parish ministry for Bellarmine Chapel's young people (grades 7-12), and acts as organizer, coordinator and liaison for both Bellarmine Chapel and St. Xavier Church young adults (app. 21-35). This role emphasizes

empowering young Catholics to embrace lives of faith, service, and justice within the Ignatian tradition. <u>Job</u> <u>description</u>.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Order of Christian Initiation

On this First Sunday of Lent our *Order of Christian Initiation* community (formerly RCIA) will gather, with all those from parishes throughout Cincinnati who are preparing for Easter sacraments, at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains on **March 9**, at 2 p.m. From our Jesuit Parish Family we are sending those listed below. Pray with and for them as they take this next step closer to the sacraments.

Catechumens preparing for Baptism celebrating the Rite of Election at the Cathedral include: *Leah Dryden, Michele Flaum, Benny Klarin, Phoebe Louis, Justin Macke, Tammy Neltner, Rob Rundle, Joshua Stewart, Annie Ruedger, Benjamin Watras.* Already baptized candidates preparing for Reception into Full Communion celebrating the Call to Continuing Conversion at the Cathedral include: *Kim Daniel, Carter Vaughan, Carter Walsh, Allegra VanderWilde.*

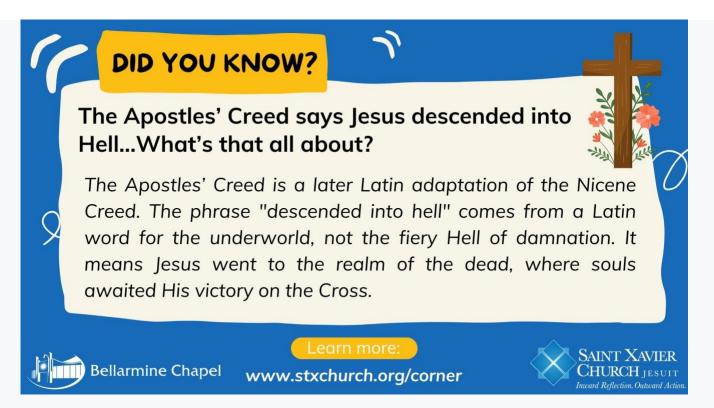
PASTORAL CARE

"Preparing Now For the Hour of Death" - Senior Adult Ministry

Join Kenneth R. Overberg, S.J., **Wednesday, March 12**, 9:30 a.m.-11 a.m., at Bellarmine Chapel to explore and discuss questions surrounding end-of-life medical and moral issues. Although registration is not required, it is helpful for planning and communication purposes. <u>Please click here</u>. <u>Livestream available here</u>.

Save the Date - BB Riverboat Lunch Cruise & Social

On **Thursday May 29**, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., join the Senior Adult Ministry on this unique daytime cruise combining local history, live banjo music, and delicious dining. More information coming soon!



The Catechetical Corner explores the "why" behind the things we say, do, and believe as Catholics. Your questions are answered by Jesuit Parish Family priests and featured in this very bulletin! <u>Learn more</u>.

FAITH FORMATION

Lent 2025 Opportunities

During this final year of the National Eucharistic Revival, and guided by the first phrase of our Parish Family Vision Statement, "Being transformed in the Body of Christ," we are choosing this Lent to continue our focus on the Eucharist. We offer these opportunities below:

33 Days to Eucharistic Glory by Matthew Kelly:

All in our Jesuit Parish Family are invited to join a small group or reflect on your own at home with this collection of meditations using a variety of themes and images to nourish one's spirituality of the Eucharist. Books are free and a reflection guide will be provided. Groups will meet at St. Xavier, Bellarmine Chapel, in homes, and remotely. <u>Register</u>. If you are interested in leading a group during Lent, <u>please contact Jane Myers</u>.

Please use this guide for personal or group reflection on 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory. <u>You can access the</u> <u>reflection guide here.</u> Our parish adaptation of the study guide includes reading the introduction before beginning, then continuing with this schedule:

- Week 1: The Eucharist and the Pilgrim: Week of March 9
- Week 2: The Eucharist and the Saints: Week of March 16
- Week 3: The Eucharist and You: Week of March 23
- Week 4: The Eucharist and History: Week of April 6
- The Final Days: Week of April 13

Walk Through the Mass: (Beginning this Sunday morning!)

A Biblical Walk through the Mass: Understanding What We Say and Do in the Liturgy by Edward Sri. Led by Lee Colglazier on Sunday mornings, **March 9-April 6**, 10:15-11:15 a.m. in Hailstones Hall, Room 17. This book offers a 5-week Lenten journey into the heart of the Mass. By means of video and discussion, we will explore the biblical roots of the liturgy, and deepen our love and appreciation for experiencing God through the Mass. The book is recommended, but not required. It is available for \$7-15 <u>on Amazon</u>. There is no need to register. All are welcome!

Praying the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius:

As an Ignatian parish, we offer opportunities for praying The Spiritual Exercises throughout the year. The seasons of Lent and Easter are particularly prayerful times to enter this experience. *Praying The Spiritual Exercises in 12 Weeks* led by Linda Young remotely on Tuesdays, 7:30-8:30 p.m. <u>Please register here</u>.

Celebrating Sacraments of Anointing of the Sick & Reconciliation

Mark your calendars for our Lenten celebration of the combined Sacraments of Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation on **Thursday, March 27**, 7 p.m.

<u>Click here for a full menu of Lenten opportunities</u> throughout our parish for all ages.

Palm Sunday Pancakes

Sunday, April 13, 10:15-11:15 a.m. Gallagher Student Center. We will celebrate our year together with breakfast in place of GIFT class. <u>RSVP here</u>.

Teaching Mass

Sunday, April 27, 1 p.m. Bellarmine Chapel. We have rescheduled the children's teaching Mass that was cancelled on January 6 for snow. GIFT class will have a late start at 11:15 a.m. Families are encouraged to bring their lunch to eat together after class. First Communion families should plan to come to Mass at 1 p.m. and then continue into the First Communion retreat. Contact <u>sacraments@bellarminechapel.org</u> with questions.

Daring Disciples Camp

It's time to <u>register children PK-6th for summer</u>. Join us **July 21-25** from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. for "Lost and Found" Contact <u>Pam Fellerhoff</u> with questions.

Drop In and Play

Families with children under 3 are encouraged to join together in Hailstones Hall during our GIFT program 10:15-11:15 a.m. We set up a classroom for parents to gather and enrichment toys for young children. No reservation is necessary. This will continue every Sunday there is GIFT until **April 6**.

Gathering for Families with Young Children

We have a group of families that meet around Cincinnati for group activities. To be added to the mailing list or to RSVP, please email <u>caylinh16@gmail.com</u>. The next event is **March 8**, at the Museum Center, 3-5 p.m. – 1301 Western Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45203 (Kids under 3 are free, kids 3-12 \$17, adults \$24.25).

Children's Liturgy of the Word Leaders Needed

During our two morning Masses our children are dismissed for the "Children's Liturgy of the Word" to hear the readings from the Children's Lectionary, reflect on the Word of God together, and offer their prayer intentions with one another. Leader's resources are provided to guide the prayer. We need a few more people on our 9 a.m. and

11:30 a.m. teams. If you feel nudged to help with this beautiful children's ministry, please contact Jane Myers at <u>myers@bellarminechapel.org</u>.

Middle and High School Youth Ministry

Students in Grades 7 through 12, join us for these upcoming events:

• Sun. March 15, Service TBA

Join our <u>"Remind" announcement system</u> to stay connected.

SOCIAL MISSION

Social Mission Newsletter: March Edition

Our March Social Mission Newsletter is <u>available here</u> with photos and updates from the last month's events! Email <u>Tim Severyn</u> to be added to the email list.

Active Discipleship Day - RSVP Now Open!

Our Spring Active Discipleship Day for our Jesuit Parish Family, held in conjunction with Xavier University's Community Action Day, will be **Saturday, March 22**, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. We hope you can join us for this family-friendly day of service and reflection! Breakfast and lunch provided. Service sites will be selected by participants upon arrival, with a variety of accessible indoor and outdoor options available. <u>Please RSVP here.</u> Flyer here.

Lenten Collection for St. Vincent de Paul Pantry

Our Bellarmine Conference of St. Vincent de Paul will be collecting for their downtown pantry from **Sunday**, **March 9** to **Palm Sunday**, **April 13.** A box will be in the narthex. Specifically, they need: Cans of mandarin oranges, fruit cocktail, pineapple, tuna, salmon, and ravioli (Please NO canned vegetables!) Toothpaste, toothbrushes, and deodorant. Salt, pepper, other spices, and hot sauce. Low sugar cereals. Chicken noodle and chunky soups. Diapers sizes 5 and 6. If you've never gone on a home visit with our Vincentians, Lent is a great time to do so! Contact <u>Marta Hewett</u> to get involved!

Embracing God's Creation: Recording and Spring Events

If you missed Thursday's Loving Creation prayer service, <u>you can pray with the recording here</u>! We have two more spring events scheduled. <u>You can RSVP for either or both here.</u>

- Understanding Environmental Justice Wednesday, March 26, 7 p.m. A presentation by Jesse Velazquez, Climate Justice Manager for the Ohio Environmental Council held in Hailstones Room 102. <u>Flyer here.</u>
- 2. Wildflower Walk at Buttercup Valley Nature Preserve Saturday, April 12, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. A prayer walk and spring ephemerals scavenger hunt for people of all ages, with a brown-bagged lunch optional. <u>Flyer here.</u>

Lenten Opportunity: GoVeg for Lent and Meatless MeetUps

Are you interested in learning more about the rationale behind a plant-based diet, including ecology, world hunger, concern for animals, human health, and a spirituality of nonviolence and compassion? Would you like to commit to such a diet for one day or more per week during Lent? <u>Sign up here</u> to receive a weekly email from <u>Dr.</u> <u>John Sniegocki</u> of the XU Theology Department. Each email will have information, recipes, and links to good articles and short videos.

Our Healthy Earth Team also invites everyone to join us at a Meatless MeetUp this Lent. These are vegetarian meals focused on building community! We will have three offerings, all at 6 p.m.: **March 10** at Factory 52, **March 24** at Amma's Kitchen, and **April 7** as a Potluck Meal at the Quaker Meeting House near campus. You can join one or all three! <u>RSVP here today.</u>

Pathfinders to 30: Jim Ollier



Jim Ollier began working with Shalom in 2008, following his retirement. He started on the Saturday crew but was then also invited to join the Tuesday crew. Starting in 2011, Jim became part of Shalom's construction leadership team, along with Tom Wittekind and Ed Koenig. He was the site leader on days when neither Tom nor Ed were present. For approximately ten years, Jim also worked with Cincinnati Habitat's electrical team, which performed electrical installations on all the organization's new houses. Jim retired from active involvement with the Habitat construction crews in 2020. Jim was pleased to contribute to the overall mission of Shalom and Cincinnati Habitat—providing safe, decent homes for all. For him, the most satisfying part was working with the others on the crew and especially working alongside the homeowners-to-be. He recalls beginning each workday with a prayer. To him, working on the crew amounted to being a part of the body of Christ. Next week, we'll be collecting again for Habitat for Humanity at all our masses! For monetary donations, please use this link to the Bellarmine website. If you are interested in signing up to volunteer, or if you are interested in serving on our Shalom Steering Committee, please use this handy form.

As always, we appreciate your generosity and your continued support of this ministry. If you have questions, please call Dan Aerni at (513)-607-0337.

Advocate for Migrants and Refugees

Several of our government's recent policies have negatively impacted the most marginalized among us. Our Ignatian Advocacy Team encourages you to contact Congress if this concerns you. Here are two e-alerts from our Catholic partners, though remember a phone call is always more impactful than an email!

Justice for Immigrants (a project of the US Bishops) - Urge Congress to end the ban on refugee resettlement

<u>Jesuit Refugee Services</u> - Tell Congress to restore the sensitive location policy so places like Bellarmine Chapel remain off-limits to ICE

Charleston Pilgrimage, June 2025 - 2 Spots Left!

You're invited on an immersive journey of faith in action with fellow Bellarmine parishioners as we encounter our nation's legacy of enslavement and emancipation from **June 16-20**, 2025. <u>Find more information and RSVP</u> <u>here.</u> For questions, please contact <u>Jeff Hutchinson-Smyth</u> or <u>Lindsay Horn.</u>

KBI Pilgrimage, Fall 2025 - 1 Spot Remaining

Are you interested in learning more about what's happening at the southern border? Join Bellarmine in the fall for an immersive pilgrimage to the Kino Border Institute in Nogales, Arizona! For more information, please contact Lindsay Horn.

Praise Be to You: An Anthology of Hope and Healing for Creation

The Jesuit Parish Family Healthy Earth Team is creating a collection of parishioners' original writings and artworks inspired by love of the natural world. We are calling it *Praise Be to You: An Anthology of Hope and Healing for Creation.*

Inspired by the Vision Statement of our Jesuit Parish Family, we want this anthology to encourage and uplift all who long to bear hope and healing for the broken connection between us humans and the rest of God's creation.

To create this anthology, we invite parishioners to submit original poems, brief writings, prayers, and artworks, including photographs, drawings, paintings, and images of works such as sculpture or craft. We can also accept brief videos which could be the spoken word: poem, brief writing or prayer, as well as a piece of music. We welcome submissions from people of all ages, including from families (one submission representing the family). We will have a print edition with selected submissions and a longer digital version. The anthology will be released in September to celebrate the annual, ecumenical Season of Creation. Deadline for all submissions is **June 1**.

For instructions and submissions, <u>please use this form.</u> Please send any questions to Tim Severyn at <u>severyn@bellarminechapel.org</u>

OFFICE NOTES

Stewardship Snapshot - February 2025

Finance Update:

	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year to</u> <u>Date</u>
Budgeted Offertory Collections:	\$86,333	\$760,337
Actual Offertory Collections:	70,007	705,211

Over/(Under)	(16,236)	(55,126)
Budget:		

By The Numbers:

Liturgy and Sacraments

- Sunday Masses: 337 average weekly in-person attendance (about 55% lower vs. last month, primarily impacted by a snowstorm) and 353 average live stream views (about 14% increase vs. last month).
- Daily Masses: 87 average live stream views (about 3% decrease vs. last month).
- 6 children received the Sacrament of Baptism.
- 110 children participated in Children's Liturgy of the Word.

Parish Life Ministry and Adult Faith Formation

- 23 parish staff members from Bellarmine and St. Xavier attended a retreat.
- 3 Masses of Christian Burial were celebrated.
- 13 new households (27 individuals) registered this month.

Children's Faith Formation

- 20 children participated in Drop in and Play.
- 27 children attended childcare.

Youth Ministry

- 18 teens participated in a retreat to prepare for Confirmation.
- 12 teens and Youth Ministry interns went skiing at Perfect North.
- 20 teens participated in Confirmation session with Fr. Paul.

Social Mission and Sustainability Ministries

- \$11,919 was collected for all outreach collections.
- Approximately 2,000 diapers and 30 packages of wipes were collected for Sweet Cheeks Diaper Bank.
- 15 people attended the People of All Abilities Screening of Wonder
- 57 people attended the Embracing God's Creation series' Loving Creation prayer service.
- Many parishioners have supported the family of refugees we are hosting through donations and volunteering.
- 10 people attended the Archdiocese's Love in Action workshop.
- 2 vehicles were blessed for Drive to Thrive recipients.
- 60+ home visits were made by our Vincentian volunteers.

2024 Year-end Contribution Statement

The year-end contribution statements are available. If you don't yet have a parish portal account, <u>sign up for</u> <u>one</u> to pull your statements directly, or contact <u>Kathy Heile</u> to have a copy emailed to you.

MASS INTENTIONS

March 10, 2025 8 a.m. Anne Abate + 5 p.m. Martha Johnson +

March 11, 2025 8 a.m. 5 p.m. Jack Allen Wilson + **March 12, 2025** 8 a.m. 5 p.m. Carol Navajowski +

March 13, 2025 8 a.m. 5 p.m. Henry Moore +

March 14, 2025 8 a.m. 5 p.m. Madeline Garvin +

March 15, 2025 8 a.m.

If you would like to schedule a Mass intention, see the <u>Request Mass Intentions page</u> on our website.

PARTNER OPPORTUNITIES

Catholics at the Capitol

On **Tuesday**, **March 25**, Catholics from across the state will gather in Columbus to advocate to our elected officials about policy and legislation which can move our state towards greater respect, civility, and love. Organized by the <u>Catholic Conference of Ohio</u> (CCO), each diocese will bring individuals - young and old, lay and ordained, representing the fullness of our Church - to unite their voices and share a message with each and every one of our elected officials. Visit <u>www.ohiocathconf.org</u> to learn more and register by March 21.

This Weekend - March 9

9 a.m. Fr. Ed Schmidt, SJ 11:30 a.m. Fr. Ed Schmidt, SJ 7 p.m. Fr. James McCann, SJ

Next Weekend - March 16

9 a.m. Fr. Damian Torres-Botello, SJ 11:30 a.m. Fr. Damian Torres-Botello, SJ 7 p.m. Fr. Ed Schmidt, SJ 10 p.m. *Student Mass* Jesuit Parish Family VISION STATEMENT

Being transformed in the Body of Christ, to bear hope and healing, in the Ignatian tradition.





BASIC PARISH INFORMATION

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 9 a.m.*, 11:30 a.m., 7 p.m. Mon-Fri: 5 p.m.* Mon-Sat: 8 a.m. *livestream and in-person

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Baptisms: Pam Fellerhoff 513-745-3377

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<u>OCIA</u>: Jane Myers 513-745-3317

Reconciliation:

Mondays at 8:45 a.m., Wednesdays at 4 p.m., Fridays at 4 p.m., Saturdays at 8:45 a.m., and by appointment at (513) 400-3982 (call or text). During the XU academic year when classes are in session: Sundays 3 - 4 p.m. and Tuesday 7 - 7:50 p.m.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Under our normal schedule, Liturgy of the Word for children ages 4 through 5th grade is celebrated on the first and third Sundays of each month at the 9 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. parish liturgies. Children age 4 are welcome to participate if accompanied by an adult.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL DROP BOX

There is a St. Vincent de Paul Drop Box located behind Kuhlman Residence Hall to collect your donations of clothing and non-fragile items.

CHILD CARE AVAILABLE

Parents may bring their children ages one through five years to the child care area in the Chapel office before the 9 and 11:30 a.m. Masses.