



Bellarmino Chapel

Bellarmino 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.

April 6, 2025 Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday's Readings

Ezekiel 37:12-14

Romans 8:8-11

John 11:1-45

Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 50:4-7

Philippians 2:6-11

Luke 22:14-23:56



Bellarmino Calendar

Sunday, April 6

10:15 a.m. [GIFT - Hailstones Hall](#)

Parish Ministry Fair - **POSTPONED due to weather**

Monday, April 7

6 p.m. [Meatless Meet Up](#) - Quaker Meeting House

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

7 p.m. [Centering Prayer Group](#) - Zoom

Tuesday, April 8

7:30 p.m. [Examen Prayer Group](#) - Zoom

Thursday, April 10

7 p.m. OCIA ([email Jane Myers](#))

Friday, April 11

6 p.m. [Marriage Enrichment Series](#) - Gallagher Student Center

Saturday, April 12

9 a.m. [St. Vincent De Paul Home Visits](#) - Parish Center

10 a.m. [Embracing God's Creation](#) - Wildflower Walk

Sunday, April 13

10:15 a.m. [Palm Sunday Pancakes](#) - Gallagher Student Center

[Click here for the Mass schedule for Holy Week and Easter!](#)

Chapel HVAC Installation

As you may know, we have been waiting to replace our HVAC system for some time. The dates have been set by the university and new heating and cooling are on the way! Work on our new HVAC installation will begin on **June 16** and be completed by **August 3**. The scope of this work will require that we move our weekend and daily masses to another location, which has yet to be decided. An Ad Hoc Chapel committee has been convened and will be working with each Mass and various interest groups to plan moving ahead. Let us trust that the Spirit that has begun this good work, will bring it to climate-controlled completion!

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Light of Hope: Advocating for the Marginalized

We continue to live into our Vision Statement as *bearers of hope and healing* this week by holding up the advocacy efforts of our Ignatian Advocacy Team, which has collected 1,000s of postcards across over a dozen different campaigns for our elected officials since the Team formed four years ago. Last week, two of our members were in the Ohio Statehouse advocating for continuing Medicaid expansion, the abolition of the death penalty, and the expansion of the Ohio Child Tax Credit.

This week, our Team invites you to support the wider efforts of the Catholic Church through Catholic Relief Services, which is dealing with major funding cuts as a result of recent pauses to development assistance and humanitarian aid programs. [Please sign an advocacy alert here today](#), urging our elected officials to restore life-saving aid to millions of our brothers and sisters. [Learn more here](#).

As we spotlight actions like these 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

A Call for Emerging Leaders

Parishioners are invited to nominate themselves or others to serve on the Bellarmine Parish Advisory Council. Nominations will be accepted through **April 16**. 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. [Click here to submit a Parish Advisory Council nomination](#).

Upcoming Sunday Socials

Since April 13 is Palm Sunday and GIFT is hosting a pancake breakfast that morning, we will not have our usual Second Sunday of the Month Social. Our May Social will be on the first **Sunday, May 4**, instead of May 11 (Mother's Day) following the 9 a.m. Mass. Following the 11:30 a.m. Mass will be a special reception for our First Communion children and families.

Anticipating Easter Vigil Reception

Our annual tradition of feasting following our celebration of the Easter Vigil will be **Saturday, April 19**. We are in need of a team of people willing to help our faithful Kathy Riga with setting up that morning, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. If you feel inspired to help, please contact Christine Shea at shea@bellarminechapel.org. Thank you! Please plan to join us and to bring a treat of finger food or dessert to share that night.

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. [Please register for the series here](#)!

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

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 myers@bellarminechapel.org.

First Communion May 4 at 11:30 Mass

This year we have 39 children and their families who will be celebrating their First Communion on **Sunday, May 24**. All of these families will be at the 11:30 Mass that morning. We will have reserved seats for these families with the children seated on the ends of the pews, and will provide seating for those who regularly attend that Mass and for additional guests of the First Communion families.

PASTORAL CARE

Senior Adult Ministry: BB Riverboats - Adult 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. Tickets are \$44 per person - check only, payable to “BB Riverboats.” Checks can be dropped off at the parish office on or before April 15. Seats are limited, so grab yours while they last!

DID YOU KNOW?

Have priests always practiced celibacy?

No, priests could marry until the 11th century, though most bishops remained celibate. The Church adopted clerical celibacy largely because the laity preferred monastic priests, who took vows of chastity. Their example inspired a desire for priests fully devoted to ministry, living more like Jesus and His apostles.



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[Click here for a more thorough answer to the question above.](#)

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!

FAITH FORMATION

Egg Hunt

On **Easter Sunday, April 20**, at 10:15 a.m., Bellarmine will provide donuts, coffee, and an egg hunt for ages 3-11 outside the chapel hosted by GIFT parents. (The event will be cancelled in case of rain.) Bring a basket or bag to collect plastic eggs. We will take a photo and count children prior to hunt to determine the number they should find. There will be a separate area for ages 3-5. No reservations necessary.

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. [RSVP here](#).

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 sacraments@bellarminechapel.org with questions.

Daring Disciples Camp

It's time to [register children PK-6th for summer](#). Join us **July 21-25** from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. for "Lost and Found" Contact [Pam Fellerhoff](#) with questions.

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 caylinh16@gmail.com.

Middle and High School Youth Ministry

Students in Grades 7 through 12, join us for these upcoming events Sundays, 4:30-6:45 p.m.:

- April 6: Confirmation session: Discipleship and Mission with Fr. Damian
- April 13: Outdoor Social
- April 27: Service in the NEXUS Garden

Join our ["Remind" announcement system](#) to stay connected.

SOCIAL MISSION

Social Mission Newsletter: April Edition

Our April Social Mission Newsletter [is available here](#) with photos and updates from the last month's events! [Check out our monthly calendar here](#). Email [Tim Severyn](#) to be added to the email list.

Social Mission Stations of the Cross

Join the Bellarmine Social Mission Core Team for our Social Mission Stations of the Cross on **April 10** at 7 p.m. in the Chapel. Using prayer, artwork, and written reflections by parishioners and students, meditate on how God calls us to action this Lent by walking with Jesus to his crucifixion alongside the sufferings of our world.

Holy Land Shepherds: Olive Wood Carvings for Sale

The Holy Land Shepherds will be visiting our parish next **Sunday, April 6** after the 9 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Masses. Their mission is to support and strengthen the presence of Christianity in the Holy Land by selling their beautiful olive wood artifacts here in the United States. We encourage you to look over their beautiful, hand-carved items. They will be accepting cash credit cards & checks. [Learn more here.](#)

Native Tree and Shrub Giveaway - Order Form Now Open!

Our 4th Annual Native Tree and Shrub Giveaway is scheduled for **May 18**, the week of the 10th Anniversary of Laudato Si'. [Order your plant today, while supplies last!](#) Be sure to read the instructions on the top of the form in their entirety before ordering! The Giveaway is a joint effort of Bellarmine Chapel and Xavier University's Tree Campus USA initiative.

April Outreach Collection: Catholic Relief Services

This month, we are participating in the annual, Archdiocese-wide CRS Collection. This collection helps Catholic agencies provide relief and support for struggling communities and works for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. So, please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. [Learn more about the collection here.](#) You can [donate to CRS](#) on the Bellarmine website or mail a check to Bellarmine with CRS in the memo line.

Meatless Meet Up - Last Lenten Gathering!

Our Healthy Earth Team invites everyone to join us at our last Meatless MeetUp this Lent. On **Monday, April 7**, 6 p.m. we're hosting a Potluck Meal at the Quaker Meeting House near campus. All are welcome! [RSVP here today.](#)

Embracing God's Creation: Family-Friendly Wildflower Walk

Our Embracing God's Creation series continues with a family-friendly prayer walk and spring ephemeral scavenger hunt at Buttercup Valley Nature Preserve on **Saturday, April 12**, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Brown-bagged lunch optional. [Flyer here.](#) [You can RSVP here.](#)

Way of the Cross for Justice on Good Friday

The Jesuit Parish Family is again co-sponsoring this year's Way of the Cross for Justice, a Good Friday prayer service connecting the suffering of Jesus with the suffering brought about by injustice in our day. The theme for this year's service is Migration Justice. The service will be held **Friday, April 18**, 12-2 p.m. at Smale Riverside Park, beginning at the American Queen Paddle Wheel (100 Joe Nuxhall Way Cincinnati, OH 45202) and proceeding through the park (.5 miles). The Jesuit Parish Family will be hosting the station on climate migration. [More information and RSVP with Ignite Peace here.](#)

Olivet Food Pantry Fish Fry Fundraiser

Bellarmino has been partnered with the Olivet Food Pantry on Montgomery Avenue for the last several years through our Active Discipleship Days. They are holding a Fish Fry Fundraiser on **Friday, April 11**, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. - and we encourage you to go! [You can learn more on their flyer here.](#)

Home-Baked Cookies Needed for Kairos Prison Ministry

Kairos Prison Ministry carries out ecumenical Christian retreat weekends for prison inmates, and then continues serving those who have participated through weekly prayer and share sessions. A Kairos weekend is coming up at the Lebanon Correctional Facility and needs your support! Simply put two dozen prayed-over, home-baked cookies (different varieties are fine) into a gallon-sized zip-lock bag (please only put cookies into the bag, no plates or other materials) and bring them to the Chapel between **this Sunday and Sunday, April 6**. A box will be in the narthex. Please also pray for the weekend that the men inside will be touched by God's grace!

Lenten Collection for St. Vincent de Paul Pantry

Our Bellarmine Conference of St. Vincent de Paul is collecting for their downtown pantry from through **Palm Sunday, April 13**. A box is in the narthex. Specifically, we 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.

Charleston Pilgrimage, June 2025 - 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**. [Find more information and RSVP here](#). For questions, please contact [Jeff Hutchinson-Smyth](#) or [Lindsay Horn](#).

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](#).

Submissions for Praise Be To You Anthology

In January, we formed the Jesuit Parish Family Healthy Earth Team, a collaboration focused on caring for our common home. The Team is launching *Praise Be to You: An Anthology of Hope and Healing for Creation*. Inspired by our Vision Statement, we invite parishioners of all ages to submit original written and visual pieces that we will curate for release in September. The deadline is **June 1**. For instructions and submissions, [please visit this page](#). Send any questions or ideas to Tim Severyn at severyn@bellarminechapel.org.

OFFICE NOTES

Stewardship Snapshot - March 2025

Finance Update:

	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Budgeted Offertory Collections:	\$81,735	\$842,072
Actual Offertory Collections:	104,353	809,564
Over/(Under) Budget:	22,618	(32,508)

By The Numbers:

Liturgy and Sacraments

- Sunday Masses: 878 average weekly in-person attendance (about 12% higher vs. last month) and 387 average live stream views (about 15% increase vs. last month).
- Daily Masses: 93 average live stream views (about a 7% increase vs. last month), which includes 192 views on Ash Wednesday.
- 5 children received the Sacrament of Baptism
- 1 couple celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage
- 90 children participated in Children's Liturgy of the Word

- 2 Masses of Christian Burial were celebrated

Children Faith Formation

- 16 children participated in Drop in and Play
- 64 children attended childcare during the Sunday masses
- 75 children participated in the Mardi Gras event
- 39 children are preparing for First Communion

Youth Ministry

- 20 teens participated in a session on “The Church” with Fr. Paul

Social Mission and Sustainability Ministries

- \$20,282 was collected for all outreach collections
- 452 postcards collected around dignity for the most vulnerable
- 17 attended the first Meatless Meet-Up, and 16 attended the second
- 30 attended the Embracing God’s Creation: Understanding Environmental Justice presentation
- 2 attended the Catholic Conference of Ohio Lobby Day in Columbus
- 87 Jesuit Parish Family parishioners and 50 Xavier students participated in Active Discipleship Day
- 8 visited the Emmett Till exhibit at the Freedom Center
- 9 helped transport almost 200 trees for the Native Tree and Shrub Giveaway in May
- 25 attended a lobby call with the Jesuit Office of Justice and Ecology
- 16 attended the first combined Jesuit Parish Family Social Mission Leadership Teams gathering
- 24 volunteered at NEXUS Community Garden across 3 different service groups, with the first donation made to a food pantry this year
- 19 volunteered to support the refugee family we are co-sponsoring
- 9 participated in the book group discussion of Jim Wallis’ The False White Gospel
- Construction started on the 30th Shalom Coalition Habitat for Humanity home
- 60 plus St. Vincent de Paul Home Visits made

Parish Life Ministry and Adult Faith Formation

- 30 elect, candidates, and team members participated in the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion on March 9 from our Jesuit Parish Family
- 6 members of staff and team participated in an Order of Christian Initiation of Adults workshop
- 51 participated in the Parish Pastoral Councils: Synodality in Action workshop on March 29 from our Jesuit Parish Family
- 7 new households (21 individuals) registered this month
- 51 attended + 158 live stream views of the Senior Adult Program "Preparing Now For the Hour of Death" with Fr. Ken Overberg, S.J.

2024 Year-end Contribution Statement

The year-end contribution statements are available. If you don’t yet have a parish portal account, [sign up for one](#) to pull your statements directly, or contact [Kathy Heile](#) to have a copy emailed to you.

MASS INTENTIONS

April 7, 2025

8 a.m.

5 p.m. James C. Votruba +

April 8, 2025

8 a.m.

5 p.m. Javier Alfredo Diaz Tori +

April 9, 2025

8 a.m.

5 p.m. Val Edward Kilmer +

April 10, 2025

8 a.m.

5 p.m. David Andres +

April 11, 2025

8 a.m.

5 p.m. Patrick McNicholas +

April 12, 2025

8 a.m. Stephen George Kirtley +

If you would like to schedule a Mass intention, see the [Request Mass Intentions page](#) on our website.

PARTNER OPPORTUNITIES

World Labyrinth Day

Come to the Sisters of Charity and walk the labyrinth on World Labyrinth Day, **Saturday, May 3**, at 12:45 p.m. On this day throughout the world, people will be walking the labyrinth at 1 p.m. in their time zone for peace. This means that for a continuous 24 hours throughout our world people will be praying for peace. No registration necessary. [Click here for a flyer.](#)

A Retreat for Married Couples

Gift yourself time away from the busyness and demands of life as you immerse yourself in personal reflection and prayer. Embrace the silence and experience God's love and mercy. **May 2-4**, 2025 at the Jesuit Spiritual Center, facilitated by Bellarmine parishioners, Sean and Leah Reynolds. [Click here for more information.](#)

Marianist Family Vacation Retreat

Do you have school age children (K-12)? Would you like to "unplug" with your family for a few days while meeting other Catholic families and enjoying the beauty of Indian Lake? Then consider joining us for the annual Marianist* Family Vacation Retreat! The summer 2025 retreat dates are July 1-5 and July 15-19. (Choose one.) A \$50 discount is applied to families registering by the end of April. For more, see www.facebook.com/MarianistFVR or contact Bro Joe Kamis, S.M. Email: joe.kamis1946@gmail.com or phone/text (314) 753-3219. The Marianists are the religious order associated with Moeller HS, Purcell Marian HS, and the University of Dayton.

This Weekend - April 6

9 a.m. Fr. Ed Schmidt, SJ

11:30 a.m. Fr. Ed Schmidt, SJ

4 p.m. *Student Mass*
7 p.m. Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
10 p.m. *Student Mass*

Next Weekend - April 13

9 a.m. Fr. Damian Torres-Botello, SJ
11:30 a.m. Fr. Damian Torres-Botello, SJ
4 p.m. *Student Mass*
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.**



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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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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.

PHISHING REMINDER

Many people receive fraudulent emails claiming to be from Fr. Paul or other staff members, often asking for vague favors or assistance. Please note that communication from Bellarmine staff will come from our verified email addresses (@bellarminechapel.org). If you receive a suspicious message, do not respond or click any links. When in doubt, contact the parish office (office@bellarminechapel.org or 513-745-3398) directly to confirm authenticity.