



Bellarmino Chapel Ministry Resources Guide

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Dear Bellarmine Disciple,

If you have this booklet in your hands, then you may be a new parishioner among us seeking information about a particular ministry. Or, perhaps you have been a member of our parish for some time but have a new curiosity about what ministry might draw you to become more engaged.

Whatever your motivation, we want to encourage you to use this resource to help guide your discernment about a new ministry you may be called to pursue. You will see a variety of ministries which contribute to the life of our vibrant parish community and also take us outward to bring hope and healing to our neighbors.

Consider your gifts and your skills, your passion and your time. Carefully read our *Parish Family Vision Statement* and our *Bellarmino Chapel Mission Statement* on the next page. See what word or phrase resonates with you. With your open heart, the Holy Spirit will lead you.

As you consider a new opportunity to serve, we offer these questions or “discipleship prompts” to contribute to your prayerful process:

How is God calling me to live my unique purpose as a disciple of Christ?

Are my works of mercy and love and justice deepening my encounters with Christ and my neighbor and showing me the path to discipleship?

What will I choose from the opportunities for prayer and mission our community is providing?

The descriptions and contact information are provided. Go ahead and connect directly with our many servant leaders who are listed. They will welcome your interest and your questions.

In whatever ways you are able to contribute, the Body of Christ will be more visible, more enlightened, and more loving because of you!

With gratitude for you, in Christ,

Rev. Paul Lickteig, S.J.
Pastor, Jesuit Parish Family



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Associate Pastor, Bellarmine Chapel





Bellarmino Chapel

PARISH INFORMATION

Mission Statement

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

Jesuit Parish Family Vision Statement

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

Parking

The Bellarmine Chapel parking page provides information on obtaining parking permits and outlines parking guidelines for Masses, events, and volunteer activities. Please scan the QR code below.



Social Media



@bellarminechapel



@bellarminechapel

Parish Bulletin

The Bellarmine Chapel e-bulletin is sent via email every Friday at 6 p.m. To subscribe or view the bulletin archive, please scan the QR code below.



Donate

We invite you to consider supporting Bellarmine Chapel ministries or any number of our outreach collections. Please scan the QR code below.



BELLARMINE CHAPEL MINISTRIES

Prayer Ministries

Intercessory Prayer

Contact: intercessory@bellarminechapel.org

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/44xwjvs3>

A group of parishioners gathers each Monday at 7 p.m. to hold in sacred prayer all of the prayer requests and intentions which have been sent during the week.



Ignatian Examen

Contact: examen@bellarminechapel.org

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/2936xbws>

Parishioners gather remotely each Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. to pray the Ignatian Examen.



Centering Prayer

Contact: centeringprayer@bellarminechapel.org

Parishioners gather remotely on three Mondays each month at 7 p.m. to pray the contemplative practice of Centering Prayer.

Mass Intentions

Contact: massintentions@bellarminechapel.org

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/37za8ccj>

Offering a mass for a special intention is a long-standing tradition in the Catholic Church. Masses are offered for reasons including remembrance of someone deceased, a living person who is suffering or celebrating an anniversary, or for a special intention. To request a Mass at Bellarmine Chapel at 8 a.m. Monday -Saturday or 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, please see the link or call (513)745-3398.



Prayer Requests

Contact: prayerrequests@bellarminechapel.org

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/9jk8w8xh>

Our community provides consolation and support for one another by holding each other and our special intentions in prayer. To submit your special intention or prayer request, please see the link. You can choose to keep your request private (shared with staff only or pastor only) or share it with the prayer chain community so all our members can keep you, your intention, and/or your loved one in prayer.



Liturgy Ministries

Music Ministry - Choir and Ensembles

Contact: music@bellarminechapel.org

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/45yk94wc>

The Old Testament tells us to “sing to the Lord” roughly fifteen different times! At Bellarmine Chapel, our music ministry strives to lift up each liturgy in song, and to engage our congregation while supporting them in their participation. Our musicians support regular weekly Masses in addition to many special services and feast days, including Taizé prayer services. If you are a vocalist or instrumentalist interested in joining the Music Ministry at Bellarmine, please contact us!



Children’s Music Ministry

Contact: music@bellarminechapel.org

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/45yk94wc>

We strongly encourage the participation of children within the parish to take part in our Christmas Eve Children’s Mass each year. The Mass takes place at 4 p.m. on December 24, and there are a few weeks of rehearsal leading up to the Mass. Young vocalists and instrumentalists are welcome to join the ensemble that will present and lead the music for this Mass. Instrumentalists should have at least two years of lessons, but choir members do not need prior voice training. There will be opportunities for solos, and advanced vocalists are encouraged to audition for the role of cantor. We typically have prelude music prior to the start of the Mass, which offers our children even more opportunities to enjoy presenting music together!



Liturgy Volunteers

Link: schedule@bellarminechapel.org

The vibrant liturgical life of Bellarmine Chapel isn’t possible without a large group of volunteers. Each week, volunteers serve as acolytes, greeters, readers, ushers, gift bearers and Eucharistic ministers. We provide training and support to all our Liturgy volunteers throughout the year. If you are interested in getting involved individually or as a family, we would love to include you in this vital team.



Hospitality

Contact: hospitality@bellarminechapel.org

The Bellarmine Parish community enjoys gathering and celebrating various special moments. Our Hospitality Ministry coordinates celebrations after Mass, on liturgical feasts such as the Easter Vigil, and during special sacramental events. Support includes preparing and bringing a dish, welcoming guests, and assisting with setup and breakdown. Consider using your gifts for this festive ministry!

Altar Linen Ministry

Contact: lineministry@bellarminechapel.org

Volunteers in this quiet, behind-the-scenes ministry reverently launder and care for the sacred linens used at Mass, baptisms, and other sacramental rites. This important work is done at home on a rotating schedule, following special guidelines for respectful handling.

Collections Team

Contact: pvicar@bellarminechapel.org

Volunteers assist with the offertory collection and counting for Sunday Mass and other services.

Live Stream Ministry

Live Streaming of Masses

Contact: livestream@bellarminechapel.org

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/4zy23hu8>

The Live Stream Ministry at Bellarmine oversees video streaming and recording for weekday and Sunday Masses, special services, and parish events. Team members manage all audio/visual production, connecting us with parishioners worldwide. This ministry also provides a valuable opportunity for students interested in media or production.



Hearing Assistance During Mass

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/2wy3x3j8>

Bellarmine Chapel offers traditional hearing aid devices and a wireless audio system that connects to Bluetooth-enabled hearing aids via your phone. Traditional devices, resembling handheld radios with earpieces, are available by the sound board at the back of the sanctuary.



Children's Faith Formation

G.I.F.T (Growing In Faith Together)

Contact: cff@bellarminechapel.org

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/25mvenfa>

Faith formation for preschool through sixth grade is provided on Sundays 10:15-11:15 a.m., conveniently so families can participate in Mass before or after class. PK engages with Montessori-guided content; K-6th grade uses Finding God from Loyola Press. Both programs provide a foundation for appreciating God's gifts of creation and understanding the symbols and practices of worship and prayer. Students with special needs are fully included in all our parish programs. Parents are encouraged to volunteer as catechists, aides, and substitutes.



Middle & High School Ministry

Contact: youthministry@bellarminechapel.org

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/4y73245c>

Bellarmino Youth Ministry is dedicated to engaging young people in grades seven through twelve as active disciples devoted to prayer, service and reflection in the Ignatian spiritual tradition. Groups meet Sundays 4:30-6:45 p.m. to learn about our Catholic Christian faith, for community-building, prayer, and a meal. Teens are encouraged to serve in parish-sponsored social mission events, children's ministries, and to participate in retreats, immersion trips, and leadership training. To participate, register using the link.



Children's Liturgy of the Word

Contact: cff@bellarminechapel.org

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/4fjt4yr3>

Our Children's Liturgy of the Word is an opportunity for children to hear the Sunday readings from a children's lectionary and engage in a child-friendly homily and conversation. On the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month trained leaders guide the children out of the sanctuary and into prayerful worship. The team always needs new volunteers to lead our Children's Liturgy of the Word during the morning Masses.



Daring Disciples Camp

Contact: cff@bellarminechapel.org

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/5bhazsb>

A week-long summer camp for children Preschool to Sixth grade occurring the fourth week of July, 9 a.m. to noon dedicated to growing our young active disciples. Highlights include a Montessori-style program for preschool, and an engaging curriculum for 4th-6th to join in deeper discussions about their faith. All gather for a modern re-telling of the day's bible



story and music. The week ends with a picnic for all families. Our teens are encouraged to assist as team leaders, artists, actors, etc.

Families

Contact: cff@bellarminechapel.org

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/cramw3ud>

The primary teachers of the faith for children are their parents! To support them we provide opportunities within our Children's Faith Formation (GIFT) to equip parents with tools to enhance their children's growth as disciples. Events throughout the year for all families, including those in Catholic schools, including a fall festival, Advent wreath making, children's 4 p.m. Christmas Mass, and a spring prayer day, are ways to extend welcome and belonging for children and parents within our parish family.



Sacramental Ministry Teams

Contact: faithformation@bellarminechapel.org

Volunteers assist children and families as they prepare for and celebrate the sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist, Reconciliation, and Confirmation. Teams provide the Formation process and coordination of details before, during, and after the sacrament celebrations.

Young Adult Faith Formation

Young Adult Ministry

Contact: youngadultministry@bellarminechapel.org

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/mtwh65z>

Bellarmine Chapel's Young Adult Ministry is an inclusive community for individuals ages 21-35, united by a desire to share authentic faith that engages with the community and embraces Ignatian Spirituality. We welcome input on programming and events for all young adults including married couples and families. If you're interested, consider joining our young adult core team.



Marriage Enrichment

Contact: marriage@bellarminechapel.org

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/cramw3ud>

Marriage is a lifetime journey to be continually celebrated and nurtured. The Bellarmine Marriage Enrichment Team offers faith opportunities for couples married 10 years or fewer to take time to strengthen and deepen their relationships through a Marriage Enrichment Series. The research-based information series is held on three Friday evenings from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. each Fall and Spring where couples enjoy speakers, fellowship, support, new connections, complimentary dinners and childcare.



Adult Faith Formation

Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius

Contact: faithformation@bellarminechapel.org

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/27rt94sy>

The Spiritual Exercises include daily prayers and meditations on Scripture developed by St. Ignatius to help people deepen their relationship with God. As a parish grounded in Ignatian spirituality, we regularly offer the chance to pray this “at-home retreat” in groups or individually. Various models include 8-week, 12-week, and 32-week that extends throughout several liturgical seasons.



Small Faith Communities

Contact: faithformation@bellarminechapel.org

Small Faith Communities are groups of 6-10 who meet regularly for prayer, ongoing Faith Formation, and fellowship to live their discipleship intentionally. Their focus includes the Sunday Scriptures, social mission issues, selected books, etc. Groups form following a formational experience together or with pastoral staff guidance.

OCIA (Formerly RCIA)

Contact: faithformation@bellarminechapel.org

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process for accompanying new members into the Catholic Church. The initiation process welcomes unbaptized adults and baptized Christians from other denominations to inquire about the Catholic faith, to become more deeply formed as a disciple of Christ, and to be initiated into the Catholic Church. Meetings are weekly on Thursday evenings 7-8:30 p.m. Parishioners are invited to be involved in this ministry as sponsors, catechists, or team members.

Annual Retreats & Special Speakers

Contact: faithformation@bellarminechapel.org

A Parish Leadership Retreat is offered in August; a Parish Winter Retreat on various themes in January. Throughout the year the parish offers guest speakers on selected topics.

Pastoral Care



Senior Adult Ministry

Contact: seniors@bellarminechapel.org

Link: <https://bellarminechapel.org/faith-formation/pastoral-care/>

The Senior Adult Ministry designs, develops and coordinates programs and support services, in collaboration with Bellarmine Parish ministries and community organizations and assists with the spiritual, educational and social needs and interests of the older population in our community. Please click the link or scan the QR code to find out more ways to connect with this vibrant ministry.

Funeral Planning

Contact: funerals@bellarminechapel.org

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/3mz5vr5f>

Our Pastoral Ministry staff offers compassionate support to families seeking to pre-plan a funeral or upon notification of a death. We contact the family to assist with funeral planning at the Chapel or the family's home guided by a planning template to select readings, songs, and roles for the liturgy. We create a customized worship aid according to the family's wishes. Staff members are also present at the service to support any liturgy-related needs that arise.

Bereavement Volunteers at Funeral Masses

Contact: funerals@bellarminechapel.org

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/3mz5vr5f>

The Bellarmine Bereavement Ministry includes dedicated volunteers who support families on funeral days. They assist with setup in the narthex, greet guests, distribute worship aids, and help with various liturgical roles during the service as needed. This group also handles clean-up afterward and operates on short notice, often on weekday mornings. Bereavement Volunteers provide meaningful comfort to those who are mourning and a warm welcome to attendees unfamiliar with Bellarmine Chapel.

Welcome New Parishioners Team

Contact: welcomenew@bellarminechapel.org

New members regularly join our parish. Our Welcome New Parishioners team hosts welcome meetings before and after Sunday Masses and extends invitations to new members to attend so they can meet and welcome new members and guide them toward ministries of interest.

Meal Ministry in Moments of Need

Contact: mealministry@bellarminechapel.org

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/3mz5vr5f>

Bellarmine Meal Ministry is a cohort of parishioners providing meals to fellow parishioners and friends of Bellarmine in need due to illness, childbirth, or other temporary circumstances. Occasionally, we provide food for a parish-related non-profit. Needs are managed by email and sign-ups occur through the website Meal Train. There are no expectations for how often or seldom you volunteer, and no meetings!

Parish Event Meal Ministry

Contact: eventmeals@bellarminechapel.org

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/3mz5vr5f>

Various parish ministries, including our Youth Ministry and Marriage Enrichment, welcome the assistance of parishioners to prepare full meals for groups participating in events at various times. Home-cooked meals are an appreciated contribution.

Home Communion Ministry

Contact: homecommunion@bellarminechapel.org

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/3mz5vr5f>

This ministry focuses on bringing the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist to parishioners who are unable to attend Sunday Mass because of illness or being homebound. Contact us at the email to request the sacrament Home Communion Ministers offer a way to share the Gospel, provide the Eucharist, and help those who are homebound feel connected to the parish community.

Grief Support

Contact: griefsupport@bellarminechapel.org

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/3mz5vr5f>

Bellarmine offers support for those grieving the death of a loved one or any other loss of a relationship, job, quality of life, etc. Experienced and/or trained parish members are available to provide a safe, welcoming space. Contact us at the email to request this support. We are seeking experienced and/or trained parish members to join this ministry.

Social Mission

Advocacy

Contact: advocacychair@bellarminechapel.org

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/yf9c76dd>

Recognizing the need to address the unjust structures in our society today, the Ignatian Advocacy Team seeks to advocate for and with our most marginalized brothers and sisters. We support relationships with community organizations, non-profits, and government bodies at the local, state, and national levels.



Building a Bridge (LGBTQ+ Inclusion Team)

Contact: buildingbridgechair@bellarminechapel.org

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/46shb3hc>

The Building a Bridge Team works to encourage a welcoming, inclusive, and loving environment at Bellarmine Chapel for people who are LGBTQ+, as well as empower those who wish to support these individuals. We seek to “build a bridge” between the LGBTQ+ community and the Catholic Church.



Dismantling Racism

Contact: dismantlingracismchair@bellarminechapel.org

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/yvapsy4a>

Bellarmino has had an active Dismantling Racism Team since 2007. We focus on building relationships with communities of color, educating our community on the realities of systemic racism, and advocating with our brothers and sisters of color for anti-racist policies.



Healthy Earth

Contact: healthyearthchair@bellarminechapel.org

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/3xz58a36>

The Jesuit Parish Family Healthy Earth Team's mission is to inspire our parish through educational initiatives to connect the tenets of our Catholic faith and the need for action in protecting our common home from ecological exploitation and injustice. The Team meets on the 4th Monday of the month at 6 p.m.



Immigration

Contact: immigrationchair@bellarminechapel.org

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/yc86h84j>

In 2017, Pope Francis launched Share the Journey, and the Jesuits simultaneously launched the Campaign for Hospitality, two efforts collaboratively focused on welcoming migrants and refugees. Bellarmine responded by creating our Immigration Team. This Team builds relationships with the migrant community, educates to change the narrative surrounding



immigrants, and advocates for comprehensive immigration reform founded on the dignity and worth of every individual.

People of All Abilities

Contact: allabilitieschair@bellarminechapel.org

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/3tdkwcar>

The People of All Abilities Team is a diverse group of Bellarmine parishioners committed to the fundamental idea that we are all made in the image and likeness of God, regardless of identities, abilities, appearances, or mental states. The Team works to increase accessibility and inclusion in parish spaces and programming. We combat the stigma surrounding disability in partnership with other organizations from across the community.



Service and Solidarity Initiatives

St. Vincent de Paul

Contact: SVDP@bellarminechapel.org

Link: <https://www.svdpcincinnati.org>

Our Parish's Primary Anti-Poverty Initiative, The Bellarmine Conference of St. Vincent de Paul provides assistance in food, rent, utility bills, medication, clothing, furniture, and more to our neighbors in Evanston and Avondale. Visits take place every Saturday, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. We pray together during these visits and see how we might help with some of our neighbor's other needs. Additional volunteer help is needed throughout the week, including answering phones and delivering food from the pantry.



Tender Mercies

Contact: tendermercies@bellarminechapel.org

Link: <https://www.tendermerciesinc.org>

Prayer groups, families, and individuals are needed to help prepare and serve a meal for roughly 40-60 people each month. You only need to commit for one month each year.



Habitat for Humanity

Contact: habitat@bellarminechapel.org

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/mrywrpa6>

The Shalom Coalition of Habitat for Humanity builds a house every year between March and September. Volunteers ages 16 and older are needed.



Transforming Jail Ministries

Contact: transformjail@bellarminechapel.org

Link: <https://www.tjmi.org>

Transforming Jail Ministries brings a Catholic ministry team into the Hamilton County Justice Center once a month to provide a communion service and visit with inmates. Men and women are needed as volunteers.



Kairos Prison Ministry

Contact: kairosprisonministry@bellarminechapel.org

Link: <https://kairosprisonministry.org>

Kairos Prison Ministry conducts weekend retreats at several area prisons. Men are needed to join the retreat team. The wider parish supports by baking cookies the week of the retreat for each person in the prison.



NEXUS Community Garden and Urban Farm

Contact: nexus@bellarminechapel.org

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/ydp3mfjc>

The mission of NEXUS Community Garden and Urban Farm is to serve as a growing collaborative space bringing together diverse stakeholders from Bellarmine Chapel, Xavier University campus, and neighboring communities. A place to grow genuinely transformative relationships, address food insecurity and hunger, educate around the importance of urban agriculture, and promote sustainability. Volunteers help with weeding, watering, harvesting, and delivery to the food pantries.



Lydia's House

Contact: socialmissionsdirector@bellarminechapel.org

Link: <https://stlydiashouse.org>

Lydia's House offers safe, stable and supportive housing to women and children in crisis and transition in Greater Cincinnati. Volunteers are needed for a variety of projects, including meal preparation and accompaniment.



Casa de Paz

Contact: socialmissionsdirector@bellarminechapel.org

Link: <https://casadepazcinci.org>

Casa de Paz provides safe housing and community support for Latina women and their children recovering from trauma in Cincinnati. Volunteers are needed to organize activities, tutor children, and accompany the women and children.



Xavier Jesuit Academy

Contact: socialmissionsdirector@bellarminechapel.org

Link: <https://www.xavierja.org>

Xavier Jesuit Academy is the new elementary school in Bond Hill serving boys in third, fourth, and fifth grade. The Academy is dedicated to breaking the cycle of intergenerational poverty through focused care for each student so that they are prepared for high school and beyond. They are always seeking tutors/mentors for their students.



Advent Giving Tree

Contact: GivingTree@bellarminechapel.org

Our David Thomas Jones Memorial Giving Tree is an annual opportunity to give to our neighbors in need throughout the Advent Season. We partner with ten nonprofits to distribute over 500 gifts, making the holidays a bit brighter for so many.

LEADERSHIP COMMITTEES

bellarminechapel.org/about/leadership-committees

Parish Advisory Council

The Parish Advisory Council pays attention to the spirit and quality of life within our parish as a whole. The council brings together 8-10 members from the parish who engage in a regular discernment process that keeps our community faithful to the message of Jesus. The council considers current needs, pastoral priorities, long-range plans, and other strategic issues that affect the parish. Meetings are monthly, with members appointed for three-year terms. From time to time, a need may arise to form a working group to focus attention on some particular aspect of parish life. For the most part, however, the Parish Advisory Council operates as a whole and is based on prayerful reflection. In this way, the council contributes to the overall quality of our parish community.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee works to make sure that the parish has the financial means to support our mission and ministry fully and that our spending is in line with our budget. At meetings, which typically occur eight times per year, committee members review the budget, discuss stewardship issues, oversee financial controls, and consider staff needs.

Worship Core Team

Team members work to uphold the Worship Core Mission: to serve in an advisory role for the pastor and staff; examining, exploring, assessing forms of worship, and prayerfully discerning which may be of most significant help to Bellarmine parishioners on their faith journey. Members may also assist in providing opportunities for Bellarmine parishioners to participate in such forms of communal (and to a lesser degree, private) worship.

Social Mission Core Team

The Social Mission Core Team is a parish leadership team representing the breadth of our parish's sustainability and social mission activity, both Issue-based Action Teams and Service and Solidarity Teams. Representatives are elected to two-year terms beginning in August. Core Team members serve as community organizers for the parish focused on sustaining and growing our social mission and forming active disciples.

Evangelization and Discipleship Core Team

The Evangelization and Discipleship Core Team is composed of persons from various Faith Formation and Disciple-making Ministry groups. Members meet monthly to evaluate, pray, discern and advise parish staff toward providing programs, resources, etc., for increased engagement.

Marriage Ministries Core Team

The Marriage Ministries Core Team is a parish leadership team representing our parish's dedication, support and nurturing to both engaged couples preparing for the sacrament and married couples throughout their sacramental journey. The Team plans a quality bi-annual retreat for engaged couples, provides FOCCUS teams for marriage preparation (Facilitating Open Couple Communication, Understanding & Study), and plans Ignatian-inspired events and series to support couples during each stage of the marital journey.

Young Adult Core Team

The Young Adult Core Team is a group of young adults who help to plan and organize the activities that Bellarmine Chapel hosts for young adults throughout the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. We meet on the first Thursday of every month.