



# 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.*

## January 11, 2026 The Baptism of the Lord

[This Sunday's Readings](#)

[Next Sunday's Readings](#)

### Parish Family Annual Retreat

To Bear Hope & Healing

📅 Friday, February 6, 2026

🕒 6 -8 p.m.

Dinner & Reflection

📅 Saturday, February 7, 2026

🕒 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Concluding with Mass

📍 Xavier University



## Bellarmino Calendar

**Sunday, January 11**

*Second Sunday Socials after morning Masses*

4:30 p.m. [Social Mission Book Group](#)

### **Monday, January 12**

6 p.m. [Dismantling Racism Team Meeting](#) - Main Chapel  
7 p.m. Intercessory Prayer Group (email [jeff.ravenwing@gmail.com](mailto:jeff.ravenwing@gmail.com) for Zoom link)

### **Tuesday, January 13**

6:30 p.m. [Building a Bridge Team Meeting](#) - Virtual  
7:30 p.m. [Parish Examen Group](#) - Zoom

### **Thursday, January 15**

6:30 p.m. OCIA ([email Jane Myers](#))

### **Saturday, January 17**

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

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## PARISH LIFE

### **Donations for the Winter Service Project – Feb. 22 at GIFT**

Our 3rd-6th graders will create blessing bags with personal hygiene items for those in need. We are collecting: individually wrapped toothbrushes, toothpaste, travel sized body wash, travel sized shampoo and conditioner, feminine products, deodorant, razors and shaving cream. Items should be left in boxes in the church Narthex by **February 15**. Thank you to all those who have already contributed!

### **Sunday Morning Socials January 11**

Our Second Sunday of the Month Socials will take place following the 9 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Masses. Please plan to bring a treat to share and to stay after Mass to meet new parishioners.

### **Annual Jesuit Parish Family Retreat**

Join our Parish Family for our annual retreat **Friday, February 6**, 6 - 8 p.m. including dinner and reflection; and **Saturday, February 7**, 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m., concluding with Mass. Our theme *To Bear Hope and Healing* is rooted in

our Parish Family Vision Statement. The location for both days will be on Xavier University's campus. Registration is now open! [Please click here.](#)

### **Bellarmino Parish Advisory Council**

The Parish Advisory Council considers current needs, pastoral priorities, long-range plans, and other strategic issues that affect the parish. Contact the [Parish Advisory Council](#) via email, [advisory@bellarmino-chapel.org](mailto:advisory@bellarmino-chapel.org). [Click to read the minutes from the council's November meeting.](#)

### **Celebrating Marriage & Milestones**

In January, our parish family will joyfully celebrate the Feast of the Espousals of Mary and Joseph. On **Sunday, January 25**, at the 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Xavier Church, Fr. Paul will offer a special homily and blessing for all married and engaged couples, as well as those living with the loss of a spouse.

Throughout the month of January, Jesuit Parish Family parishioners are invited to bring a wedding photo to be displayed on the side altars at St. X as a tribute to lifelong love and commitment. Following the Mass on January 25th, please join the Marriage Enrichment Team for Parlor Donuts and coffee in the St. X Parish Center. If you celebrate a special or milestone anniversary this coming year, we would love to recognize it. Please contact Tina Ernst at [ternst@stxchurch.org](mailto:ternst@stxchurch.org) or 513-721-4045 ext. 1004. Let us come together as a parish family to celebrate and pray for God's continued blessings on all marriages!

### **Angelico Project Art Exhibition**

Experience the True, the Good, and the Beautiful! With dozens of works from various disciplines, this show is a testament to the skill and devotion of our region's talented local artists. Join us for an opening reception in the St. Xavier Church Parish Center on **Saturday, January 24**. Live Music. Light hors d'oeuvres. The reception in the Parish Center will be open to the public from 7-9 p.m. The exhibition will be displayed until April 9.

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## **FAITH FORMATION**

### **Growing in Our Love for the Mass**

Recently, a Teaching Mass was celebrated at Bellarmino Chapel for children and their parents, with similar Teaching Masses also held at St. Xavier Church with Fr. Jim Ackerman on various occasions.

While these particular Teaching Masses have been designed with children in mind, the invitation to grow in our understanding of the liturgy is truly for everyone. Deepening our knowledge of the Mass enriches our prayer, strengthens our faith, and helps us more fully become what we receive: the Body of Christ. For parents, this understanding also supports the life of faith in the home—the *domestic Church*—where children first learn how to pray and worship. For the faithful as a whole, this deeper understanding invites us to pray with greater intention, participate more fully, and allow the liturgy to shape how we live beyond the walls of the church. For those interested in learning more, two excellent and approachable resources are:

- *Living the Mass* by Dominic Grassi and Joe Paprocki  
<https://a.co/d/044VpnD>
- *What Happens at Mass* by Jeremy Driscoll, OSB  
<https://a.co/d/5JdzCTV>

If parishioners—parents or otherwise—are interested in forming a small reading or discussion group around one of these texts, Fr. Damian would be happy to accompany that journey. For more information or to express interest, contact Fr. Damian at [damian@bellarmino-chapel.org](mailto:damian@bellarmino-chapel.org).

## **Prayer Ministries**

Perhaps in this new year you want to be more intentional about your prayer practices or explore new ones. These are ongoing prayer communities who would welcome you to join them at any time. Contact information is provided to receive the necessary links for remote access.

### Intercessory Prayer

Contact: [intercessory@bellarminechapel.org](mailto:intercessory@bellarminechapel.org)

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/44xwivs3>

A group of parishioners gathers each Monday at 7 p.m. remotely 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](mailto: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](mailto:centeringprayer@bellarminechapel.org)

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

## ***Phoebe Circle for Women in Church Leadership***

The Phoebe Circle of St. Bernard Parish is interested in forming a community-wide committee to host a workshop for the benefit of Catholics in the archdiocese on the work of lay leaders and the synodal process. Some ideas include models of lay leadership, leadership of Laudato Si, and examples of women in leadership in our church. We also plan to invite someone from the archdiocese to talk about women in leadership and their role in this important vision for the Catholic Church. If you have interest in joining this effort, please contact Michelle Catania at [mdcatania@gmail.com](mailto:mdcatania@gmail.com) or Kathleen Wille at [kathleenwille@gmail.com](mailto:kathleenwille@gmail.com). Our first meeting will be held in mid- to late-January.

## **GIFT – Children's Faith Formation**

Enrollment is at a max size for many classrooms. We encourage families who are interested to contact [cff@bellarminechapel.org](mailto:cff@bellarminechapel.org). We want to include all, but need to confirm classroom support. Let's Grow In Faith Together! (GIFT).

## **Drop In and Play**

We encourage families with children under 3 years to join us on Sundays 10:15-11:15 a.m. in Hailstones Hall. We have coffee and a classroom set up with enrichment activities for parishioners with young children. No registration necessary!

## **Youth Ministry - Teens in Grades 7-12**

You are invited to join your Bellarmine friends, meet new ones, learn about your Catholic faith and practices, and have fun, led by our Youth Ministry interns, other volunteers, and our Jesuit priests.

Sunday Mornings 10:15-11:15 a.m. in Alter Hall 203

Join us each Sunday morning for fun and service events plus twice a month *Youth Ministry Real Talk*“ YMRT.” These gatherings will include presentations and conversations about our faith and how we live it out, service and ministry opportunities, and other ways to connect with one another and with our parish community.

We re-gather this **Sunday, January 11**, to begin a Prayer Workshop Series. This Sunday please bring a personal rosary from home to use for our prayer. (We will have extras if you forget.) New youth who want to join our Youth Ministry in general, [please complete this form](#).

**Praying The Spiritual Exercises in the Spirit of Teilhard de Chardin** Using the book *The New Spiritual Exercises*, this at-home remote retreat will begin **February 5 through April 9**, for ten weeks on Thursdays, 1-2:30 p.m., facilitated by parishioners Jim Brown and Mike Lacinak. The first and last sessions on February 5 and April 9 will be in-person. For more about Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, view the documentary: [Teilhard, Visionary Scientist](#). To register for the ten-week experience, [please complete this form](#).

### **Marriage Enrichment Series**

The Marriage Enrichment Series continues on **Friday, February 20**, for couples married ~15 years or fewer. Join us for six Friday evening gatherings (6-8 p.m.) to deepen your friendships, faith, and love in a fun, relaxed setting with other couples. Dates: 2/20, 3/20, and 4/17. Location: Health United Building (HUB). Free childcare in the Chapel provided. [Download a PDF flyer](#). [Learn more and register](#).

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## **SOCIAL MISSION**

### Upcoming Events

#### **In-Person Dismantling Racism Team Meeting & Potluck**

Our dismantling racism team will meet in-person (with hybrid option!) on **January 12** at 6 p.m. in the Activity Room in the Chapel. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share, and our main course will be catered by Southern Grace. Please RSVP to [Lindsay](#) if you plan on attending!

#### **Embracing God's Creation: Film Screening and Prayer Service**

Join us for our spring Embracing God's Creation series focused on the ecological spirituality of Laudato Si'. The series begins **Wednesday, January 28**, 7 p.m. at Kennedy Auditorium on Xavier University's campus with a screening of the documentary film [A Force for Nature: Lucy Braun](#) and Q&A with director Meg Hanrahan. Lucy Braun, a plant ecologist, was one of the first women to receive her PhD from UC and one of the founders of what would become the Nature Conservancy.

The series continues on **Thursday, February 12**, 7 p.m. at Bellarmine Chapel with *Loving Creation: A Prayer Service of Longing, Lament, and Reconnection* co-sponsored by the Brueggeman Center for Dialogue. This will be an ecumenical prayer service inviting deeper reflection on our relationship with creation, with music in the spirit of Taizé. All are welcome!

[RSVP for either event here](#).

#### **Lenten JustFaith Group: Eco-Justice - Food and Farming**

We will be hosting an 8-week, online session on Sacred Land: Food and Farming. Sessions will be held on Wednesday evenings, 6:30-8:30 p.m. beginning **February 25** and running through **April 15**. [Express interest here](#).

### **Save-the-Date: Active Discipleship Day**

Our Spring Active Discipleship Day will be held **on Saturday, March 28**, 9 a.m to 1 p.m. This is a Jesuit Parish Family-wide day of reflection and action - we hope to see you there!

### **Social Mission Book Group - *Voices of the Border***

Our Social Mission Book Group is meeting in January to read *Voices of the Border: Testimonios of Migration, Deportation, and Asylum*. The group will meet virtually on **January 11** at 4:30 p.m., and in-person sometime in March (this was recently rescheduled). If you are interested in joining, please [RSVP here](#). Questions? Contact [Sara Damewood](#).

### *Our Ministries*

#### **Christmas Light Recycling**

Xavier University's Laudato Si' initiatives is collecting old Christmas lights for recycling. Please drop off any string lights, traditional and LED, into the marked bin for recycling in the narthex through the end of January. Questions can be directed to Tim Sundrup, Xavier University Sustainability Coordinator, at [sundrupt@xavier.edu](mailto:sundrupt@xavier.edu). For more information on Xavier's Laudato Si' Action Platform Plan please see [www.xavier.edu/green](http://www.xavier.edu/green).

#### **December-January Social Mission Newsletter**

If you missed our recent Social Mission Newsletter, [you can find it here](#). To sign up to receive this monthly newsletter by email [click here](#).

#### **Death Penalty Letters to Governor DeWine**

In January, Governor Mike DeWine will be releasing his long-anticipated statement on the Death Penalty in Ohio. Through his leadership, a moratorium was established in 2018 due to numerous problems with the use of lethal injection. During the years since, there has been growing support for abolishing this practice. Pope Leo recently publicly emphasized that support for the death penalty is inconsistent with being pro-life.

Governor DeWine is spending these next days in reflection and prayer as he discerns his Governor's power to commute the sentences of the 114 persons on death row. (Governor George Ryan made this heroic choice for the state of Illinois in 2003.) The Death Penalty has now been abolished in 23 states. With support, encouragement, and prayerful support, Governor DeWine could make Ohio the 24th. This is a timely moment to consider writing a personal letter expressing solidarity with him in prayer, and urging him to once again take bold and courageous leadership.

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## OFFICE NOTES

### **2025 Year-End Contribution Statements**

The year-end tax statements will be available later in January 2026. If you don't yet have a parish portal account, [sign up for one](#) to pull your statements directly once they are available.

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## MASS INTENTIONS

**Jan 12, 2026**

8 AM

5 PM Family of Mike and Kathy Heisdorffer

**Jan 13, 2026**

8 AM

5 PM Gail Joann Bechtold +

**Jan 14, 2026**

8 AM

5 PM Michael Stinn +

**Jan 15, 2026**

8 AM

5 PM Virginia Francis +

**Jan 16, 2026**

8 AM Ginny and Charlie Passmore +

5 PM Mike Kelly +

**Jan 17, 2026**

8 AM

If you would like to schedule a Mass intention, please visit our website's [Request Mass Intentions page](#).

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## PARTNER OPPORTUNITIES

### **Personally Directed Retreat at the Jesuit Spiritual Center**

Consider the long weekend, 3-night, personally directed retreat at the Jesuit Spiritual Center, **February 20-23**. This is a special opportunity to give yourself more reflective, prayer time for your relationship with God, and to have daily spiritual direction, a supportive praying community, daily Mass, and the opportunity for Reconciliation. Register: [jesuitspiritualcenter.com](http://jesuitspiritualcenter.com). Contact: [reservations@jesuitspiritualcenter.com](mailto:reservations@jesuitspiritualcenter.com) or call 513-248-3500.

### **Sacred Heritage Tours**

Sacred Heritage Tours provides engaging, small-group tours of Catholic churches and sacred spaces throughout the Cincinnati area. Each tour highlights the history, art, and architecture of these places, helping participants see familiar spaces in new ways. Tours are generally held on Saturday mornings, with two tours offered each month. For a complete tour listing and to register, visit [www.sacredheritagetours.com](http://www.sacredheritagetours.com)

### **St. Peter Faber Academy**

We're excited to share that the [St. Peter Faber Academy](#) magazine is officially published. This magazine offers a meaningful look into life at St. Peter Faber Academy focusing on our strong academic foundation, faith-filled community, dedicated teachers, and the joyful experiences that shape our students each day. [Click to view the magazine](#) and discover what makes St. Peter Faber Academy a special place to learn, grow, and thrive. An open house will be held on **January 25**, from 12-2 p.m.



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### **Faith and Labor Series**

The Archdiocese Social Action Office is hosting Erin Shaw for a 4-part online series on Faith and Labor: A Catholic Vision for Economic Justice. The first session on the Moral Foundation of Catholic Social Teaching will be **January 14**, 6:30 p.m. Join the Zoom here: [tinyurl.com/faithandlabor](https://tinyurl.com/faithandlabor)

### **MLK Spirit Celebration**

Join us on **Wednesday, January 21**, from 5-6 p.m. in Gallagher Student Center Theatre as Xavier honors the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at the fourth annual MLK Spirit Celebration sponsored by the Student Government Association. This year's theme, "The Fierce Urgency of Now: Work as if Everything Depended on You," will be highlighted through a special program featuring Pastor David Harding, Senior Pastor of Christ Tabernacle Church, along with All for JC and musical selections by Xavier Gospel Choir.

### **Good Shepherd Catholic Montessori Open House**

Their Winter Open House will be held on **January 25**, from 12-2 p.m. Good Shepherd Catholic Montessori is a pre-K through 8th grade school located in Madisonville. Their motto is Always Catholic. Authentically Montessori. Helping children grow in wisdom, age, and grace. [Learn more here.](#)

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### **This Weekend - January 11**

9 a.m. Fr. Damian Torres-Botello, SJ  
11:30 a.m. Fr. Damian Torres-Botello, SJ  
7 p.m. Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ

### **Next Weekend - January 18**

9 a.m. Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, SJ  
11:30 a.m. Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, SJ  
7 p.m. Fr. Damian Torres-Botello, SJ

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*Jesuit Parish Family*  
**VISION STATEMENT**

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



Bellarmino Chapel



**SAINT XAVIER  
CHURCH JESUIT**  
*Inward Reflection. Outward Action.*

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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

### PHONE NUMBERS

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Pam Fellerhoff 513-745-3377

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Jane Myers 513-745-3317

### Reconciliation:

Wednesdays at 4 p.m., Thursdays at 8:45 a.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.

## **MINISTRY RESOURCE GUIDE**

Explore the ministries of Bellarmine Chapel in our updated [Ministry Resource Guide](#).

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