

Bellarmino Chapel

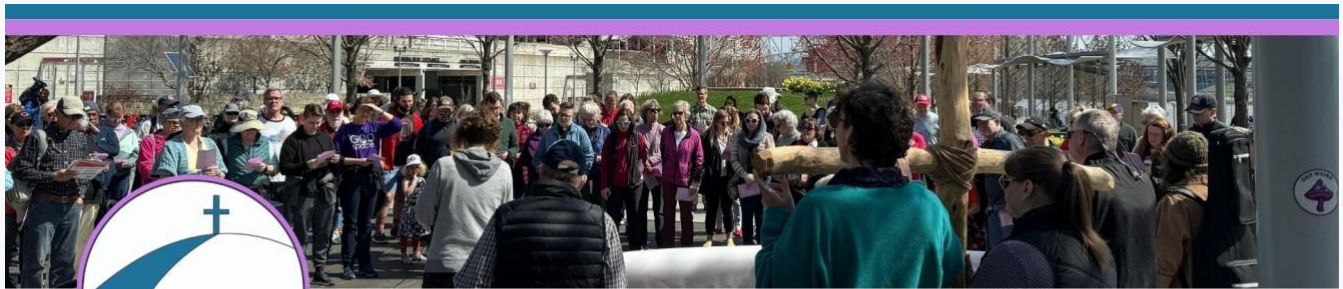
Bellarmino Chapel is a Catholic faith community that strives to live out the teaching and example of Jesus Christ in the spiritual tradition of St. Ignatius of Loyola. We seek to be a parish where lives are transformed by the new and creative ways of the Holy Spirit. Nourished at the table of the Eucharist,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

March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

[This Sunday's Readings](#)

[Next Sunday's Readings](#)



WAY OF THE CROSS FOR JUSTICE: A PRAYERFUL REFLECTION

Good Friday, April 3, 12:00-2:00 PM

American Queen Paddle Wheel
100 Joe Nuxhall Way, Cincinnati, OH 45202



More info: give.ignitepeace.org/WOTC26
Questions? shannon@ignitepeace.org or 513.864.5784

Bellarmino Calendar

Sunday, March 29

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

Monday, March 30

7 p.m. Intercessory Prayer Group (email jeff.ravenwing@gmail.com for Zoom link)

Tuesday, March 31

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

Wednesday, April 1

Lenten Eucharistic Adoration - Small Chapel
7:30 p.m. Tenebrae Prayer Service - Main Chapel

Thursday, April 2

7:30 p.m. Holy Thursday Mass

Friday, April 3

12 p.m. [Way of the Cross for Justice](#) - 100 Joe Nuxhall Way
7:30 p.m. Good Friday Service

Saturday, April 4

9 a.m. [St. Vincent De Paul Home Visits](#) - Parish Center
8:45 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday, April 5

8 a.m. Easter Sunday Mass
10 a.m. Easter Sunday Mass
12 p.m. Easter Sunday Mass

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Easter Triduum Mass Times

Wednesday, April 1: Tenebrae Service – 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 2: Holy Thursday Mass – 7:30 p.m.

Friday, April 3: Good Friday – 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 4: Easter Vigil Mass – 8:45 p.m.

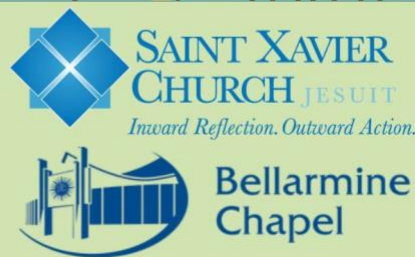
Sunday, April 5: Easter Sunday Mass – 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 12 p.m.

[Click to view the Bellarmine Presider Calendar](#)

NATIVE TREE & SHRUB GIVEAWAY

Sunday, April 26

Join us in celebrating Earth Day by picking up a native tree or shrub for your yard! All trees are free, available on a first-come, first-serve basis. To reserve your tree, scan below!




PARISH LIFE

Two Jesuits Talking — A New Digital Evangelization Project

Hey Bellarmine! As part of our growing mission of evangelization, I'm excited to share a new project: Two Jesuits Talking, a podcast I co-host with Fr. Eric Immel, SJ—my good friend and a vocations promoter for the Midwest Jesuit Province. This podcast is part of my work in evangelization, but honestly, it's pretty simple. It's two Jesuits sitting down and talking about what we're actually thinking about, wrestling with, and praying through. Some of it is about faith, some of it is about life, and a lot of it is about how those two don't always line up as neatly as we'd like.

 New video episodes drop Wednesdays on YouTube

 Audio releases Saturdays on all podcast platforms

Jump in and watch here: [Two Jesuits Talking YouTube playlist](#)

- Fr. Damian Torres-Botello, SJ

Anticipating Easter Vigil Reception

Thinking ahead to our annual festive reception following our Easter Vigil on **Saturday, April 4**, we are still in need of just a few more volunteers. If you feel inspired to help our faithful Kathy Riga, [please sign up here](#).

Morning of Reflection: St. Francis & PTSD

Join us for a powerful morning of reflection, St. Francis of Assisi as a Victim of Post-Traumatic Stress, on **Saturday, April 11**, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Xavier University's Arrupe Overlook. Facilitated by Fr. John Quigley, OFM, this session moves beyond the familiar "saint of joy" to explore Francis as a man marked by the trauma and disillusionment of war. In honor of the 2026 Year of St. Francis, come discover how his journey through fragmentation led to a profound, courageous peace in Christ. The event is sponsored by the Institute of Spirituality & Social Justice and Bellarmine Chapel. [Registration is required. Click to learn more.](#)

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@bellarminechapel.org. [Click to read the minutes from the council's January meeting.](#)

Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Sunday in between morning Masses. Children should bring a bag or basket. We will gather at 9:15 a.m. to take a photo and explain areas for different age groups. No registration required.

FAITH FORMATION

Preparing for Good Friday through *Visio Divina*

In this presentation, parishioner and theologian Elizabeth Groppe will share a series of sacred images from the Christian tradition depicting the crucifixion. Following a brief commentary on each image, there will be a time for silence, and then a time for sharing words or phrases in response, as in the practice of *Lectio Divina*. Elizabeth's offer comes at a good moment in our ongoing conversation about a corpus on the cross in the sanctuary, so please join us on **Sunday, March 29**, 10:15-11:15 a.m. in Hailstones Hall Room 2.

Catholicism & Culture Lecture Series with Fr. Aaron Malnick, SJ

Join us on **Thursday, April 9**, at 7 p.m. for a special presentation by Fr. Aaron Malnick, SJ, entitled "Poems to Retreat By: Engaging the Catholic Imagination." Hosted at Xavier University's Kennedy Auditorium, this talk is part of the Catholicism and Culture Lecture Series. Fr. Malnick, a Vocation Promoter for the USA Midwest Jesuits will explore how poetry can serve as a bridge to a deeper spiritual life. All are welcome to attend this evening of reflection and insight.

Marriage Enrichment Series

The Marriage Enrichment Series continues on **Friday, April 17**, for couples married ~15 years or fewer. Join us an evening gathering, 6-8 p.m., to deepen your friendships, faith, and love in a fun, relaxed setting with other couples. Location: Gallagher Student Center, Arrupe Room. Free childcare in the Chapel provided. [Download a PDF flyer.](#) [Learn more and register.](#)

SOCIAL MISSION

Weekly Highlight

Native Tree and Shrub Giveaway - Order Form Now Open!

Our Jesuit Parish Family's 5th Annual Native Tree and Shrub Giveaway is scheduled for **Sunday, April 26**, just after Earth Day and Arbor Day. [Order your plant today, while supplies last!](#) Be sure to read the instructions on the top of the form in their entirety before ordering. Wondering why increasing the biodiversity in our yards matters? Check out Dr. Tim Kloppenborg and Karen McCabe, University Horticulturalist's [Why Plant Native? Video](#). The Giveaway is a joint effort of Bellarmine Chapel and Xavier University's Tree Campus USA initiative.

Upcoming Events

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 Violence. The service will be held **Friday, April 3**, 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 care for creation. [More information and RSVP with Ignite Peace here.](#)

Embracing God's Creation: Family-Friendly Wildflower Walk

Our Embracing God's Creation series continues with a family-friendly walk, focused on spring ephemerals and birds at Caldwell Nature Preserve on **Saturday, April 18**, 9 a.m. This event is being organized in collaboration with our People of All Abilities Team and will have an accessible, paved path option. [You can RSVP here.](#)

Social Mission Book Group

Join us for a virtual discussion of *How We Learn to Be Brave* by Mariann Budde on **Sunday, April 19**, 4:30-6 p.m. [Register here.](#)

Our Ministries

Advocacy Alert - Postcard on Migrants

Our Ignatian Advocacy Team invites you to sign a letter to our federal Senators after mass this week focused on immigration reform. Our effort is focused on encouraging a no vote on S.3054, which has the potential to violate the dignity of migrant children and families. [You can learn more here.](#)

Building a Bridge Holy Week Guide

Our Building a Bridge team compiled a guide for Holy Week with the help of various parishioners. Please take some time to meditate on the daily readings and reflections provided. May this deepen your relationship with God as you walk alongside Jesus to His death and resurrection. The guide can be found online [here.](#)

Shalom Habitat: Thank You and Invitation

Thanks to all parishioners who responded generously to our appeal last week for funds and volunteers in support of our Cincinnati Habitat project, Shalom 31, in Madisonville. Work at the site will continue through the spring and into summer. [This photograph](#) shows recent progress that has been made (essentially just the start of the excavation). It is not too late to take part. Remember, we're looking for workers, a Steering Committee member or two, and funds for building materials. If you would like to donate, [please use this link to the Bellarmine website.](#) If you are interested in signing up to volunteer, [please use this handy form.](#) Again, we appreciate your generosity and your continued support of this vital ministry. If you have questions, please call Dan Aerni at (513)-607-0337.

And don't forget Rock the Block, to take place in Hamilton on April 24-25. Please contact Dan if you are interested in taking part.

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! Dozens of cookies are needed, as all participants and staff at the prison will receive cookies! 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 **Sunday, March 29** and **Sunday, April 12**. A box will be in the narthex. Please also pray for the weekend that the men inside will be touched by God's grace!

Transforming Jail Ministries

As we know, Jesus calls us to visit the imprisoned. But, did you also know that here at St. Xavier Church, we have the opportunity to do just that? Working with a program called Transforming Jail Ministries, a team from the Jesuit Parish Family visits local jails once a month, on Sunday morning, to share scripture and reflection. If you are

interested in joining this team to help bear hope and healing to our imprisoned brothers and sisters, please contact Cary Powell at carybpowell@gmail.com.

Medicine Bottle Collection Reminder

We continue to collect medicine bottles in the narthex for donation to Matthew 25 Ministries. These bottles are used to dispense medicines across the developing world. A reminder that all bottles must be clean with the label and glue fully removed! Please no bottles that are not clear plastic. We appreciate your help with this!

Join the Great Ohio Climate March

Registration is now open for the Great Ohio Climate March, organized by Third Act Ohio. From **May 16-28**, participants will walk over 100 miles from Athens to Columbus, advocating for clean, renewable energy and an end to fossil fuel expansion in Ohio. You can join for the full march or just a portion—whatever fits your schedule. Volunteers and supporters are also invited to attend key events, including the Salt Fork State Park rally (May 23) and the Statehouse rally and lobbying day in Columbus (May 28). Learn more, attend an info session, and register by April 16 [here](#) or email ohio@thirdact.org.

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

If you missed the anthology release event, have no fear! You can find [a recording of the event here](#) and the entire anthology on our Bellarmine website [here](#). There are also physical copies available to borrow from a small lending library in the narthex. We invite you to pray with these creative works of our Jesuit Parish Family parishioners in celebration of the 10-year anniversary of *Laudato Si'* and our call to care for our common home.

PASTORAL CARE

Mass of Christian Burial for Nancy Kaye Ollier

Please join the Ollier family in celebrating Nancy's life on **Tuesday, March 31**, at Bellarmine Chapel. Her Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. with visitation preceding at 10 a.m. If you are unable to join the family in person, you can access Mass through this [public livestream link](#).

New Funeral Planning Guide Available

We are pleased to share our newly completed [Funeral Planning Guide, now available](#). Our pastoral staff uses this guide to assist with planning both imminent and pre-planned funerals. We invite you to explore this and other helpful funeral planning resources, also [available on our website](#).

Notice of Funeral at Bellarmine Chapel

David Chiappone entered his new life in Christ on March 15. An alumnus of Xavier University, David earned both a bachelor's and master's degree at XU. He is survived by his spouse Nancy and daughters Camille (Robert) and Sarah (Jim). A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated for David at Bellarmine Chapel on **Saturday, March 28**. Visitation will take place at Bellarmine beginning at 12:30 p.m., followed by Mass at 2 p.m. Messages of condolence may be sent to Nancy Schmidtgoessling at 2015 Beechlen Ct., Cincinnati, OH 45233.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Daring Disciples Camp

Planning is underway for our summer program for students in preschool through 6th grade. Daring Disciples Camp will take place **July 20-24** from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Conotan Learning Center, with the theme "Miracles." The 4-6th grade has a separate program with a curriculum similar to our youth ministry. [Sign up here.](#)

GIFT – Children's Faith Formation

Enrollment is open! Let's Grow In Faith Together! [Click here for GIFT Registration.](#) The form will now include our Jr High Youth Ministry, for grades 7&8*. Including junior high will allow us to pre-plan the calendar alongside GIFT to maximize the convenience for families and create a thoughtful bridge for graduating 6th graders. *The 7&8 will remain youth group and use its own curriculum.

Drop In and Play

We encourage families with children under 3 years to join us on Sundays 10:15 a.m. - 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

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.

Teens in Grades 7 & 8

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. Here's what's ahead:

- **March 29** - Pancake breakfast in the GSC
- **April 5** - Happy Easter!

High School Teens Grades 9-12

All high school teens are invited to our series of Sunday Evening Dinners. The next one is Sunday, **April 12**, 5:30-7 p.m., in Alter Hall Rm. 103. Join us to enjoy dinner, presentation, good conversation, and prayer together. Save these dates and locations: May 3 in Alter Hall 103. Please RSVP to myers@bellarminechapel.org.

New youth in Grades 7 through 12 who want to join our Youth Ministry in general, [please complete this form.](#)

OFFICE NOTES

Ways to Give: Gift of Stock / Securities

Donating appreciated securities (stocks, mutual funds) directly to Bellarmine Chapel can be a tax-efficient strategy that allows you to deduct the fair market value of the donated shares and avoid capital gains tax on the appreciation while also supporting the mission of your parish. Electronic transfer is the most efficient way to transfer securities to Bellarmine Chapel. Notify your broker that you wish to make a gift of securities to St. Robert Bellarmine Chapel. Please contact Kathy Heile about your gift by email at heile@bellarminechapel.org or by calling (513) 745-3380. Kathy will provide the correct account information and transfer instructions that your broker needs.

2025 Year-End Contribution Statements

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

Mar 30, 2026

8 AM

5 PM Frank Ungruhe + and Carolyn Ungruhe +

Mar 31, 2026

8 AM Mary Kay Jordan Fleming +

5 PM Beth Ryan +

Apr 1, 2026

8 AM

5 PM Fred G. Reuter +

Apr 2, 2026

Holy Thursday

Apr 3, 2026

Good Friday

Apr 4, 2026

Easter Vigil

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

PARTNER OPPORTUNITIES

Family Vacation Retreat

Would you like to unplug with your family this summer? Enjoy together time, faith time, and fun time with other Catholic families? Come join us on the beautiful shores of Indian Lake for our annual [Family Vacation Retreat](#), sponsored by the Marianists, the religious order associated with Moeller and UD. Summer 2026 dates are **July 7-11** and **July 21-25** (Tuesday noon through Saturday noon). [Link to easy online registration form](#). Register today! Discount given before May! Questions? Contact Bro. Joe Kamis S.M. joe.kamis1946@gmail.com or (314) 753-3219

Volunteers Needed – Sunday Mass Ministry

Seven Acres Senior Living in Clifton is seeking volunteers to assist with Sunday Mass at 11 a.m. Help is needed with simple tasks like assisting residents, sacristy setup, and supporting the liturgy. Volunteers would serve occasionally from about 10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Training provided. Contact Barb Vopat at (216) 470-4207 for more information.

Retreats at the Jesuit Spiritual Center

The Jesuit Spiritual Center is offering a number of directed retreats in 2026. Some are for 5 nights, and some are for 7 nights. In 2026 the dates are: May 1-6, June 19-26, July 10-15, July 31-August 7, October 2-9, and December 6-11. Each begins with dinner on the first night, and ends with lunch on the last day. These retreats are in silence with a daily meeting with a spiritual director. The retreat includes daily Mass, morning prayer, the opportunity for Reconciliation, and some evening prayer options. These retreats provide a rich opportunity to deepen one's

relationship with God, to access one's true inner self, within a praying community, with beautiful grounds and nature surrounding the retreat house. [Click to learn more.](#)

This Weekend - March 29

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

Next Weekend - April 5

8:45 p.m. Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
8 a.m. Fr. Ed Schmidt, SJ
10 a.m. Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, SJ
12 p.m. Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ

Jesuit Parish Family
VISION STATEMENT

**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.

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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Baptisms:

Pam Fellerhoff 513-745-3377

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Tina Ernst 513-745-4224

OCIA:

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](#).

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.