

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 5, 2026

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

[This Sunday's Readings](#)

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DARING DISCIPLES Camp

Preschool - 6th grade
Theme: Miracles

*4-6th grade has a separate program with a curriculum similar to our youth ministry

 July 20-24
 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
 Conotan Learning Center



REGISTER HERE!

Bellarmino Calendar

Sunday, April 5

8 a.m. Easter Sunday Mass

10 a.m. Easter Sunday Mass

12 p.m. Easter Sunday Mass

Monday, April 6

7 p.m. Centering Prayer Group (email [Rosie Laughlin](mailto:Rosie.Laughlin))
7 p.m. Intercessory Prayer Group (email jeff.ravenwing@gmail.com for Zoom link)

Tuesday, April 7

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

Thursday, April 9

7 p.m. Catholicism & Culture Lecture Series - Kennedy Auditorium

Saturday, April 11

9 a.m. [St. Vincent De Paul Home Visits](#) - Parish Center
9 a.m. [St. Francis and PTSD Reflection](#) - Gallagher Student Center

Sunday, April 12

1:30 p.m. [Upper Room: Young Adult Easter Gathering](#) - Jesuit Residence

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Easter Triduum

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](#)

PARISH LIFE

A Call for Emerging Leaders – Parish Advisory Council

Parishioners are invited to nominate themselves or others to serve on the Bellarmine Parish Advisory Council. 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 for more information and to submit a nomination.](#)

Easter Vigil Reception

Our annual tradition of feasting following our celebration of the Easter Vigil will be **Saturday, April 4**. Please plan to join us and to bring a treat of finger food or dessert to share.

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.

Celebrating First Communion

Our parish children will be celebrating their First Communion on **Sunday, April 19**, at the 11:30 a.m. Mass. We will be reserving seating for forty three children and families who will gather that day. There will be limited additional seats available, so we encourage all who are able to please participate in the 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. liturgies that day. Thank you for your support of our families in this way.

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

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.](#)

FAITH FORMATION

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

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](#). [Flyer here](#).

Upcoming Events

Social Mission Newsletter

If you missed our recent Social Mission Newsletter, [you can find it here](#). The newsletter includes a calendar of events for the month! To sign up to receive this monthly newsletter by email [click here](#).

Native Tree and Shrub Giveaway - Order Today!

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.

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](#).

Earth Day Mass

Join Fr. Paul and Fr. Pat for our first Earth Day Mass on **April 22**, 7 p.m. in the Chapel. We will be using the new care for creation mass setting approved by Pope Leo last year. Come pray with us!

Rock the Block - Hamilton

Join Habitat for Humanity across two days: **Friday, April 24** and **Saturday, April 25** from 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. The particulars include:

- An opportunity to work outdoors in spring weather, doing painting, clean-up, yard work, minor repairs for elderly homeowners and in public parks and schools;
- A chance for the entire family to work together (ages 10 and up);
- Free babysitting for younger family members;
- Lunch provided by La Soupe;
- The opportunity to work with other Bellarmine parishioners.

[Sign up and reserve spots today](#). If you're interested, please don't wait. This is a popular event, and the available spots fill up fast. Call Dan at 513-607-0337 if you have any questions.

Our Ministries

2025 Social Mission Year-in-Review

We are called to bear hope and healing — to extend Christ's ministry of love through charitable works and social justice. Last year, our Social Mission Core Team drove the expansion of social mission efforts at the Chapel. To share the good news and invite others to join these efforts, we compiled a [2025 Social Mission Year-in-Review](#). Please take a look and join us in celebrating the many ways our community is living out the gospel!

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.

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](#).

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

The Upper Room — A Young Adult Easter Gathering

The Easter season is more than a single Sunday; it's fifty days of celebrating the Risen Christ together. This year, young adults from Bellarmine Chapel are invited to live into that season more intentionally through *The Upper Room*, a time of prayer and faith-sharing rooted in community.

We'll gather on Sunday afternoons from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Jesuit Residence on Xavier University's campus (3844 Victory Parkway), a short walk from Bellarmine, with easy parking nearby. Our first meeting is **Sunday, April 12**. Come as you are. Bring a friend. The disciples didn't gather alone — neither should we. *Questions? Don't hesitate to [reach out to Fr. Damian](#); he'd love to hear from you.*

Save the Date – Young Adult Retreat, May 15-17

Young adults, mark your calendars! The Jesuit Parish Family Young Adult Retreat is happening **Friday, May 15**, through **Sunday, May 17**, at the Jesuit Spirituality Center at Milford. More details about the theme and registration are coming soon — but trust us, you'll want to keep this weekend free. Stay tuned!

Faith Under 6

Events for families with young children! The next meet-up is **Sunday, May 3**, outside Bellarmine Chapel from 10:15-11:15 a.m. Bring a blanket and your favorite outdoor toy. Snacks will be provided. No registration is necessary for this event. Contact cff@bellarminechapel.org for more info.

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!

Teens in Grades 7 & 8

Sunday Mornings 10:20-11:20 a.m. in Alter Hall 203:

- **April 5** – Happy Easter!
- **April 12** – Enjoy digging outdoors in the NEXUS Garden (meet first in Alter 203)

High School Teens Grades 9-12

All high school teens are invited to our next high school gathering on **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 Hall103. Please RSVP to Jane Myers at myers@bellarminechapel.org.

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

Apr 6, 2026

8 AM

5 PM Shep Lawson +

Apr 7, 2026

8 AM

5 PM Maurice Eugene Weber +

Apr 8, 2026

8 AM

5 PM Connie Usery +

Apr 9, 2026

8 AM

5 PM Benjamin Sigmon +

Apr 10, 2026

8 AM

5 PM Tom Choquette +

Apr 11, 2026

8 AM

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.

Weekend Retreat Opportunities at the Jesuit Spiritual Center

Women's Retreat June 26-28 Dr. Susan Timoney, PhD

Living on the Edge: Exploring Honest Faith

For women standing at the edge — of belief, belonging, or patience — this retreat offers a safe and reflective space for women who feel distant from the Church or are struggling with doubt, anger, or disappointment. Bring all of this into conversation with God and one another. Guided by the life of St. Ignatius of Loyola and other saints who wrestled with faith and institution, we'll learn how to enter a "dialogue of the heart."

Co-ed Retreat August 28-30 Fr. Mitch Pacwa, SJ

Reflecting on the 2nd Week of the Spiritual Exercises

Fr. Mitch Pacwa, SJ, will use the psalms to reflect on the call of Christ the King as well as the birth and life of Jesus. The Second Week of the Exercises is focused on understanding the identity of Jesus and how he ministered to and interacted with others in order to help us love Christ more deeply and live like Christ more fully. [Click to learn more](#).

This 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

Next Weekend - April 12

9 a.m. Fr. Damian Torres-Botello, SJ

11:30 a.m. Fr. Damian Torres-Botello, SJ

7 p.m. Fr. Ed Schmidt, SJ

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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**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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OCIA:

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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.