



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 26, 2026 4th Sunday of Easter

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Senior Adult Ministry

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Spiritual Direction



Panelists: Connie Cevasco, Todd Long, and Linda Young



10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
at Bellarmine Chapel

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Join the Senior Adult Ministry for a panel discussion with parishioners. Q&A and a casual lunch social is included. Please bring a dessert to share. Register by scanning the QR code!

Bellarmino Calendar

Sunday, April 26

[Native Tree and Shrub Giveaway](#)

Fair Trade Sale

Monday, April 27

- 5 p.m. Communion Service (No 5 p.m. Daily Mass)
- 6 p.m. [Healthy Earth Team Meeting](#) - Zoom
- 7 p.m. Centering Prayer Group (email [Rosie Laughlin](#))
- 7 p.m. Intercessory Prayer Group (email [Jeff](#))

Tuesday, April 28

- 6:15 p.m. [Dismantling Racism Team Meeting](#) - Zoom
- 7:30 p.m. [Parish Examen Group](#) - Zoom

Thursday, April 30

- 5 p.m. Board of Trustees Daily Mass w/ Music - Main Chapel
- 6:30 p.m. OCIA ([email Jane Myers](#))

Saturday, May 2

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

Sunday, May 3

- 10:15 a.m. [People of All Abilities Team Meeting](#)

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A Call for Emerging Leaders: Parish Advisory Council & Worship Core Team

Parishioners are invited to nominate themselves or others to serve on the Bellarmine Parish Advisory Council or the Worship Core Team. 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. Please submit nominations by **April 30**.

Click below to learn more!

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Overview](#)

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Nominate Others](#)

PARISH LIFE

Bellarmino Parish Advisory Council - March 2026 Minutes

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. Minutes from the [March 2026 meeting](#) are now available.

Spring Grove Cemetery Walking Tour

Spring Grove Cemetery has arranged a walking tour for our Jesuit Parish Family (hosted by the St. X Prime Timers). This tour is scheduled for **April 29** at 10:30 a.m. and will focus on the History and Heritage of the grounds. In the event of rain, and if the Memorial Mausoleum is open, we will have the option to tour its stained glass windows. The walking tour will be an easy, approximately 90-minute experience and can be shortened if needed. For those who prefer not to walk, a golf cart accommodating 4-5 people will be arranged. If interested in joining, please contact Mary Stutler at .

Xavierfest – Next Friday

Xavier University's annual student music festival will take place on Friday, May 1, from 4-9 p.m. Beginning April 30 at 8 p.m., we will be prevented from parking in Bellarmine Circle so that food trucks and other vendors can begin setting up for the event. The circle will be open again by Saturday, May 2.

Sacred Heritage Tour of the Chapel

Join Sacred Heritage Tours for a guided tour of Bellarmine Chapel on **Saturday, May 2** from 9-11 a.m. Discover the history of the chapel's founding in 1927, its unique role as both a parish and university chapel, and its striking 1962 mid-century modern design by architect Albert W. Walters. The tour will also highlight later renovations by architect William Schickel, along with the chapel's innovative architecture, symbolic artwork, and rich Jesuit tradition. All are welcome—space is limited. [Registration is required.](#)

Holy Land Wood Carvers – St. Xavier Church

The Holy Land Shepherds are visiting St. Xavier Church this weekend and selling their beautiful hand-carved items in the Parish Center after all Masses. Their mission is to support and strengthen the presence of Christianity in the Holy Land by selling olive wood artifacts in the U.S.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

The Upper Room — A Young Adult Easter Gathering

Easter is fifty days long for a reason — the early Church needed time to figure out what the Resurrection actually meant for how they lived. That's what we're doing too. Young adults from Bellarmine Chapel are gathering Sunday afternoons in *The Upper Room* for prayer, Scripture, and honest conversation. New faces are always welcome.

This week we gather for our third session, turning to the third theme of Catholic Social Teaching: Rights and Responsibilities. The Catholic tradition teaches that human dignity can be protected and a healthy community built up only when human rights are honored and responsibilities are met — to one another, to our families, and to the larger society. We'll meet **Sunday, April 26**, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Jesuit Residence on Xavier University's campus (3844 Victory Parkway) — a short walk from Bellarmine, with easy parking nearby.

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!

PASTORAL CARE

Senior Adult Ministry: Cincy Tour Bus – Adult Social/History Tour

Two dates (May 28 or June 4), 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Join the Senior Adult Ministry for a unique, guided bus tour featuring 40+ historic sites across Downtown Cincinnati, Covington, and Newport, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on one of two dates! The tour departs from / returns to the Cintas parking lot and includes a stop at Findlay Market (lunch on your own). Tour tickets are \$30 per person (+ optional tip). To register and pay for **May 28**, [click here](#). For **June 4**, [click here](#). Seats are limited (20 per tour) – first come, first serve! Any questions/problems regarding registration/payment, please contact Brenda (Cincy Tour Bus Rep) at 513-995-8687, Ext 1.

Senior Adult Program: “Spiritual Direction”

Join us **Wednesday, May 20** in Bellarmine Chapel for a panel discussion with parishioners Connie Cevasco, Todd Long and Linda Young. The program begins promptly at 10 a.m., followed by a casual lunch social (~11:30 a.m.). Feel free to bring a dessert to share. Registration is highly recommended; [please register here](#).

SOCIAL MISSION

Weekly Highlight

Jesuit Parish Family Laudato Si' Action Platform Plan & Native Tree and Shrub Giveaway!

This Sunday, we are releasing our fifth annual Laudato Si' Action Platform Plan, [available here](#). It provides a roadmap for how we will live out our call to care for creation together in the coming year. It is grounded in our parish family vision “to bear hope and healing,” and organized into four simple areas: Pray, Learn, Act, and Advocate. This year, we have identified a unifying theme: Conscientious Consumption. We invite you to prayerfully discern how you might engage in the work of caring for creation with our Parish Family!

This Sunday, we will also have a witness talk from Healthy Earth Team member Rita Pritchard and hold our fifth annual Native Tree and Shrub Giveaway! If you ordered a plant and your plans for pick up have changed, please email our Director of Sustainability and Social Mission, [Tim Severyn](#). Finally, if you've never read Pope Francis' prophetic encyclical, it is available in full on [the Vatican's website](#) along with his 2023 follow-up, [Laudate Deum](#).

Upcoming Events

Meatless Meet Up Potluck

Our Healthy Earth Team is collaborating with our People of All Abilities Team on a Meatless Potluck Meal on campus on **May 4**, 6 p.m. in Alter Room 308. All are welcome! [RSVP here](#).

Lunch & Learn: Lighting the Path

Join us in the St. Xavier Church Parish Center on **Sunday, May 17**, after the 10:30 a.m. Mass to learn about the [Ignatian Spirituality Project](#) (ISP), a Jesuit ministry that accompanies men and women recovering from

homelessness and addiction. We will explore the role of Ignatian spirituality in bearing hope and healing in our world and hear reflections from ISP retreat participants. [Click here to RSVP](#) so we have an accurate headcount for lunch.

NEXUS Kickoff Potluck

Join us for our season opening potluck on **Sunday, May 24**, 2-4 p.m. in the garden! We'll provide the veggie burgers, you provide the sides! This will be a great way to meet our new gardeners and build community with one another! [RSVP here!](#)

Our Ministries

Ozanam Sunday

Each year on the last Sunday in April, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul celebrates Blessed Frédéric Ozanam, the Society's founder. If you missed the Spring Appeal, [you can still donate to support our Parish's primary anti-poverty initiative here.](#)

Coalition Habitat for Humanity Update

We are still waiting for the foundation at 4094 Homer Avenue to be completed. We expect to begin construction near the first of May, and anticipate working on site at the house throughout the summer. We have also arranged to provide lunches to our crew members on Saturdays during the construction season. If you want to join the lunch team, please contact Dan Aerni at aernidan@gmail.com.

As of a week ago, we had raised over \$17,000. Thank you to all who have generously given. We are hoping to reach \$20,000 to defray the costs of the 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 to provide lunches or work in construction, [please use this handy form](#).

NEXUS Community Garden Volunteers Needed

Did you know Bellarmine manages the NEXUS Community Garden and Urban Farm on campus? Last year, we grew and donated over 1,100 pounds of produce to four area food pantries. It takes many hands to tend a garden of that size. If you're interested in helping out, email Tim Severyn!

Celebrating Earth Month

April is Earth Month, and our Healthy Earth Team invites you to explore ways to get more involved in caring for our common home. Here are some helpful materials:

1. [Resource Page](#) - Looking for ways to care for creation with your family? For ways to save energy or reduce food? For prayers and reflection? Our resource page has all of this and more!
2. [Praise Be To You Anthology](#) - Pray with these creative and reflective submissions from Jesuit Parish Family parishioners. The anthology is online with paper copies available for lending in the narthex.
3. [Embracing God's Creation Recordings](#) - All the recordings from our series of events exploring the ecological spirituality of *Laudato Si'* are available online. This includes a [newly released video](#) produced by the Brueggeman Center on our Pilgrimage of Hope for Creation last fall.

Kino Border Initiative Pilgrimage

Spots are open for individuals to sign up for the Kino Border Initiative pilgrimage this fall. The dates of the upcoming pilgrimage are **October 1-5**. Fill out the interest form [here](#), and reach out to [Lindsay](#) with any question. Only 12 spots are available!

Sanctuary Congregations

Bellarmino Chapel is one of many local congregations involved in the Cincinnati Sanctuary Congregations Coalition. The coalition consists of congregations who support immigrant individuals and their families with housing, monetary

aid, food, clothing, health/medical support, and legal support as participants are able. The coalition supported a total of 3 families since 2017, and is actively supporting a family right now.

If you would like to learn more about the Sanctuary Coalition or Bellarmine's Immigration Team efforts and find ways to support, please contact [Lindsay Horn](#).

YOUTH MINISTRY

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 26** – End of year party

High School Teens Grades 9-12

All high school teens are invited to our next high school gathering on **Sunday, May 3**, 5:30-7 p.m., in Alter Hall Rm. 103. Join us to enjoy dinner, presentation, good conversation, and prayer together. Please RSVP to myers@bellarminechapel.org.

OFFICE NOTES

Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from an IRA

For those who are 70 1/2 and older, you can make a charitable distribution directly from your qualified IRA plan. To qualify, the distribution must be made directly from your IRA to St. Robert Bellarmine Chapel. When done correctly, the amount distributed will not be included in your adjusted gross income. This offers several tax benefits, such as a

reduction in taxable income even if you don't itemize, and possibly reducing the tax on your Social Security benefits. If you must take required minimum distributions (RMD), your charitable contribution can also satisfy all or part of the amount of your RMD. For more information about making a qualified charitable distribution to Bellarmine Chapel, please contact your IRA custodian or a tax professional. Provide your financial advisor with our Tax ID information: St. Robert Bellarmine Chapel, 3800 Victory Pkwy, Cincinnati, OH 45207 (Tax ID 31-0537121). Kathy Heile is available to connect at heile@bellarminechapel.org or (513) 745-3380 if you need help or have any questions.

Contribution Envelopes

Are you still receiving weekly envelopes, but you give through other means: online giving, donor-advised fund, stock, IRAs, regularly scheduled checks, or other means?

If so, let us know, and we will remove you from the envelope mailing list. This will eliminate resource waste, save trees, and reduce parish costs associated with mailing them. Please contact [Kathy Heile](#) or call 513-745-3380, and let us know you would like to be removed.

MASS INTENTIONS

Apr 27, 2026

8 AM Bernard Heile Sr +
5 PM Communion Service

Apr 28, 2026

8 AM Nancy Ollier +
5 PM Rev. Ken Hannon OMI +

Apr 29, 2026

8 AM
5 PM Rev John Howren +

Apr 30, 2026

8 AM Michael Lloyd Short +
5 PM Board of Trustees

May 1, 2026

8 AM
5 PM Nancy Ollier +

May 2, 2026

8 AM Kathy (Pavlick) Johnston +

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

PARTNER OPPORTUNITIES

Xavier University Art Reception

Join us on **Friday, May 8** from 6-8 p.m. at the Xavier University Art Gallery for a conversation on faith and intersectionality. Parking is free in the C-3 lot around the gallery. Ian Mcilvain is set to host his thesis exhibition, *Brave Home*, which features Fr. Damian. *Brave Home* will be open at the Xavier Art Gallery (1658 Musketeeer Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45207) from May 1-16. All are welcome. Questions? Contact Ian at mcilvaini@xavier.edu.

World Labyrinth Day – May 2, at 1 p.m.

In all time zones, at 1 p.m. on **May 2**, World Labyrinth Day, people will be walking the labyrinth as a prayer for peace. This prayer will then be for 24 consecutive hours. Walk the Labyrinth on the Sisters of Charity grounds. Come at 12:45 p.m. Followed by a brief sharing. No fee or sign up required. Led by: Moe Nieman, SC Associate. Questions: dfsteffen@aol.com. [Click link for info.](#)

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 26

9 a.m. Fr. Ed Schmidt, SJ

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7 p.m. Fr. James Ackerman, SJ

Next Weekend - May 3

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

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

7 p.m. Fr. Nathan Wendt, 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.