



# 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.*

## May 24, 2026 Pentecost Sunday

[This Sunday's Readings](#)  
[Next Sunday's Readings](#)

### Parish Twinning Reception

Celebrating our oneness in the Body of Christ across borders and cultures for over 25 years!

Join us in strengthening the bonds of our parish twinning relationship by learning about the parish, community, and ministries of La Virgen de Nazaret (Lima, Peru) and exploring opportunities for solidarity and the mutual exchange of gifts with the St. Xavier Church community.

**Sunday, June 14, at 6 PM**

after the 5 PM Mass

St. Xavier Church, Parish Center

611 Sycamore Street, Cincinnati



## Bellarmino Calendar

**Sunday, May 24**

2 p.m. [NEXUS Kick Off Potluck](#) - NEXUS Community Garden

### **Monday, May 25**

**10 a.m. Daily Mass (No 8 a.m. or 5 p.m. Mass)**

**Memorial Day – Parish office closed**

7 p.m. Intercessory Prayer Group (email [Jeff](#))

7 p.m. Centering Prayer Group (email [Rosie](#))

### **Tuesday, May 26**

6:15 p.m. [Dismantling Racism Team Meeting](#) - Zoom

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

### **Thursday, May 28**

10 a.m. [Senior Adult Ministry: Cincy Bus Tour](#)

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

### **Saturday, May 30**

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

## **Graduations at the Cintas Center**

Remaining [high school graduations at the Cintas Center](#):

Saturday, May 23, at 9 a.m. – Fairfield High School

Saturday, May 23, at 2 p.m. – Milford High School

Saturday, May 23, at 7 p.m. – Taylor High School

**Sunday, May 24, at 2 p.m.** – Sycamore High School

Tuesday, May 26, at 7:30 p.m. – Mount Notre Dame High School

Thursday, May 28, at 7 p.m. – St. Xavier High School

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## **Welcoming Our Pentecost Candidates**

This Pentecost Sunday, the parishioners listed below — members of our Jesuit Parish Family from both St. Xavier Church and Bellarmine Chapel — will be received into full communion and confirmed in the Catholic Church at the 9 a.m. Mass at St. Xavier. Over the past ten weeks, they have walked together through a program of study, prayer, and accompaniment in preparation for this day. As they take this next step in their journey of faith, please keep them in your prayers and offer them a warm welcome.

### **Matthew Crawford - Bellarmine Chapel**

*Sponsor: Lucy Pavlick*

Matthew joins us from Chagrin Falls, where he serves as Vice President of Real Estate for Bon Secours Mercy Health. He describes his path into the Catholic Church as the fruit of years of reflection, strong Catholic mentors, and the experiences of marriage and fatherhood, and hopes that his full communion with the Church will help

him thrive more fully as a husband and dad. A college baseball player and devoted Grateful Dead fan, Matthew has even won a few Thomas Jefferson lookalike contests along the way.



**Sophie Ficek - Bellarmine Chapel**

*Sponsor: Dillon Oswald*

Sophie grew up Catholic and always had a relationship with God, but it was being asked to become a godmother last year that moved her to complete her initiation in the Church — she wanted to truly accompany her goddaughter in faith. This Pentecost she'll be confirmed at St. Xavier, taking her full place in the sacramental life of the Church. Originally from Denver, Sophie works as an Associate Project Manager, finds her rhythm with God through nightly journaling, and describes herself as fun, outgoing, and supportive.

**Thibaut Girard - St. Xavier Church**

*Sponsor: Benjamin Romito*

Thibaut comes to St. Xavier from France, where he was raised in a Catholic family and has long wanted to complete his initiation in the Church. With his wedding in 2027, the time finally feels right to be confirmed. He hopes God will continue to accompany him as he builds a family and one day helps his future children walk the path of faith. Passionate about history and aerospace, Thibaut also rides horses and is a self-described huge fan of video games.



**Jennifer Jody - Bellarmine Chapel**

*Sponsor: Caitlin Ingram*

Jennifer has been part of the Bellarmine community for a while and says she feels right at home here, especially drawn to the parish's outreach to those in need. This Pentecost she'll be received into full communion with the Catholic Church, completing a journey she's been walking for some time. She works as an English as a Second Language communication coach, is launching a tutoring program this summer for children with dyslexia, and speaks fluent German with a friend from former East Germany.

**Christopher Riedel - St. Xavier Church**

*Sponsor: Jon Decurtins*

Chris comes to St. Xavier from Cincinnati, where he works as a Director of Key Accounts in oncology pharmaceuticals. This Pentecost he'll be received into full communion with the Catholic Church, a step he describes as deepening his relationship with God in the sacred tradition—and he says he's especially looking forward to receiving the Body and Blood of Christ for the first time. An Eagle Scout who speaks fluent Spanish and has even been skydiving, Chris describes himself as loyal and self-improving.



### **Amilcar Torres-Enriquez - St. Xavier Church**

*Sponsor: Andrew Serger*

Amilcar was born in Arecibo, Puerto Rico, and grew up Catholic; baptized, made his First Communion and Reconciliation, and was just about to be confirmed when his family moved. Now a law student at UC and graduating very soon, he completed that interrupted step on Sunday, May 17, when he was confirmed at St. Xavier ahead of his wedding to Cassidy Serger this Pentecost weekend. Please keep Amilcar and Cassidy in your prayers as they begin this next chapter together.

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## **PARISH LIFE**

### **Church of the Resurrection**

Last week, [it was announced](#) that the Church of the Resurrection in Bond Hill will become a free-standing parish within the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and the Cincinnati Jesuit Community will provide pastoral support. There will be an informational meeting at Bellarmine Chapel on **Sunday, May 31**, at 12:30 p.m. to discuss how this happy news might impact the Jesuit Parish Family and answer any questions. We are excited to accompany the Cincinnati Jesuit Community and the Church of the Resurrection as they discern their way forward. All are welcome!

### **250 Good Works: An Invitation to Hope and Healing**

Our Jesuit Parish Family continues its call to be transformed in the Body of Christ—bearing hope and healing to our world. As Easter ends and ordinary time begins, we remember Jesus’ words “Peace be with you...as the Father sent me, I am sending you” (Jn 20:21). Emboldened by the Holy Spirit, rooted in our faith, and following His example, we are called to give, to evangelize, and to serve.

As the United States commemorates the 250th anniversary of our nation in 2026, we invite you to join our parish family in a special effort to bring hope, healing and peace to our community. With that spirit, our parish plans to complete more than 250 Good Works between Memorial Day (May 25) and Independence Day (July 4).

[Click here to visit a webpage](#) with a list of upcoming parish good works and service opportunities to which you are warmly invited. You are also encouraged to think creatively and help develop additional ways to serve. After you have completed your good work(s), individually or as a group, you are invited to record your efforts via a form linked on the webpage so they can be shared with the parish community.

### **The Jesuit Parish Family is Hiring – Administrative Assistant I**

The Administrative Assistant performs a variety of tasks to support the Business Director and the Systems Director, along with other parish staff for the Jesuit Parish Family (Bellarmine Chapel and St. Xavier Church). Please [click here to view a full job description](#) and learn how to apply!

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## PASTORAL CARE

### **Notes of Prayer and Hope for Our Homebound Parishioners**

Our parish is blessed by the presence and prayers of our homebound parishioners, and we want them to know that we are thinking of them. We invite you to help us share God’s care and the warmth of our community by signing a “Thinking of You” card after Masses on **Sunday, May 31**. Please stop by the table in the narthex and take a moment to write a note or simply add your name. This small gesture can bring comfort, encouragement, and a meaningful reminder that they remain an important part of our parish family.

### **Senior Adult Program: “Spiritual Direction”**

If you missed the program this past Wednesday, May 20, you can access the [livestream recording here](#). To access the library of all previously recorded Senior Adult programs, [please click here](#).

### **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.

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## SOCIAL MISSION

### Weekly Highlight

**Parish Visitors from Peru**

The weekend of **June 13-14**, Fr. Miguel Arieta and a parishioner from St. Xavier's sister parish in Lima, Peru, will join to share about their community and ministries and to strengthen the bonds of their parish twinning relationship. Bellarmine parishioners are invited to learn more through a reception in the St. Xavier Parish Center at 6 p.m. (after the 5 p.m. Mass) on **Sunday, June 14**. We hope that this will be a moment to recognize our oneness as the Body of Christ across cultures and to learn from each other's expressions of faith!

### Upcoming Events

#### **Outside Saturdays for June**

As part of our Jesuit Parish Family's new [Laudato Si' Action Plan Platform](#), we are launching a new initiative called Outside Saturdays! Some months we will bring parishioners together for an outdoor excursion, and other months we will share ideas you can do on your own! In June, there are two opportunities:

1. **Invasive Species Hike - Saturday, June 6, 9-11 a.m.** - This is a guided hike through the forest trails of the Greenacres Indian Hill Campus. This immersive experience will introduce participants to common invasive plant species found in woodlands alongside key native plants. [RSVP here.](#)
2. **NEXUS Service Day - Saturday, June 13, 9-11 a.m.** - Join us in the NEXUS Community Garden and Urban Farm on Xavier's campus for a day of service! No gardening experience required! [RSVP here.](#)

#### **Origin Film Screening for Juneteenth**

Please join the Dismantling Racism Team's screening of the movie *Origin* on **June 19**. The film is based off of Isabel Wilkerson's book, *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents*, and will begin and end with a group discussion lead by our Dismantling Racism Team. The location is Xavier University's Kennedy Auditorium with doors opening at 6 p.m. Please email [Lindsay](#) if you plan on attending. There will be snacks!

### Our Ministries

#### **Outreach Collection: Lydia's House**

Lydia's House is a house of hospitality for homeless families, located about 8 blocks from the Chapel. As Lydia's House continues to grow they have made the decision to hire a case manager to help with the material needs of the guests and former guests' families. This season, they are actively raising the \$45,000 needed to pay for the first year of salary. To learn more [check out this website](#). You can [donate to support Lydia's House on our Bellarmine website here](#) or by mailing a check to the Chapel with Lydia's House in the memo line.

#### **Habitat for Humanity Shalom Coalition - We're Building!**

Take a look at the attached photographs [here](#) and [here](#). They show our progress in two week's time on Jackie Kelley's house on Homer Avenue in Madisonville! Remarkable!

By now, we have raised over \$22,500 for building materials. Thanks to all who have contributed financially, as well as in various other ways. We're still looking for a few more volunteers to prepare Saturday lunches for our volunteers. If you're interested, contact Dan Aerni at [aernidan@gmail.com](mailto:aernidan@gmail.com).

#### **Journey of Hope: Summer Reading and Watch List**

Thanks to everyone who joined us for our events on migration this spring! Look for more events in the fall. In the meanwhile, [check out this summer reading and watch list](#) to learn more about the immigration systems and encounter the stories of our migrant and refugee brothers and sisters.

#### **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!

## Save-the-Date: Active Discipleship Day

Our summer Active Discipleship Day, a family-friendly day of reflection and action, will be on **Saturday, August 8**, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. launching from St. Xavier Church. RSVP will be available soon. We hope you all can join us!

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## FAITH FORMATION

### Learn More about Catholic Faith and Practice - Evening of Inquiry

If you are drawn to learn more about Catholic faith and practice, join us for an Evening of Inquiry on **Thursday, June 25**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Bellarmine Parish Center (across from Brockman Hall on campus.) For more information or to let us know you will join us, please contact Jane Myers at [myers@bellarminechapel.org](mailto:myers@bellarminechapel.org).

### Commonweal Invitation

Since 2019 there has been a small group that meets monthly via zoom for an hour plus to discuss an article from a recent issue of Commonweal magazine. We have found the discussions around issues of concern to Catholics to be engaging, informative, and sometimes pointed. We need some new members. Would you like to join? You don't even have to subscribe since the magazine will allow you to read several articles online each month for free. If you are interested, contact Mike Marchal at [mhmarchal@aol.com](mailto:mhmarchal@aol.com).

### Formed

Formed is a library of Catholic Theology and Spirituality resources to guide and support adults on their spiritual and faith formation journey. [Visit their website through this link](#). Our Jesuit Parish Family has a subscription to this library and all are welcome to register for an account. Follow these easy steps:

1. Go to [formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup) (where you are automatically redirected to the sign-in page)
2. Enter your email and click "Next"
3. Enter your name, agree to the Terms of Use, and click "Sign Up"
4. Select your parish by entering the parish zip code, (enter 45202 for St. Francis Xavier Church) then click "Sign Up"
5. You will then be taken to the main Formed site and should be automatically signed in and be able to access all the content

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## YOUTH MINISTRY

### High School Retreat to Kick Off New Year - Save the Dates!

*All students* who will be in Grades 9-12 in the fall, mark your calendars for **Saturday-Sunday, September 19-20**, and plan to join us for a retreat to kick off our new year of Youth Ministry together. It will be at Higher Ground Retreat and Conference Center in West Harrison, IN, beginning on Saturday morning and concluding Sunday afternoon.

Our Xavier Youth Ministry interns will lead a weekend of finding new ways to pray, going deeper into faith, and having fun with new friends. For those who have been on a youth retreat, you know how amazing they are; for those who have not yet experienced one, you will soon find out! Registration information will soon be available.

### Children's & Middle School Faith Formation

Enrollment is filling up! [Click here for Registration](#). This form includes (GIFT)PK-6th and (The Edge)7-8th grade. Descriptions of our programs can be found on [our website](#). Contact [CFF@bellarminechapel.org](mailto:CFF@bellarminechapel.org) with questions.

### **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](#).

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## OFFICE NOTES

### **Supporting Bellarmine Chapel:**

#### **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](mailto:heile@bellarminechapel.org) or (513) 745-3380 if you need help or have any questions.

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### **May 25, 2026**

10 AM Memorial Day

### **May 26, 2026**

8 AM

5 PM Isaiah Kirby +

### **May 27, 2026**

8 AM Katrina Reed

5 PM Mary Jane Quinlisk +

### **May 28, 2026**

8 AM

5 PM Mary Catherine Mabee Weber +

### **May 29, 2026**

8 AM Katherine P. Heile +

5 PM Intention of John and Irene Francis

### **May 30, 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

### **Memorial Day Service at Gate of Heaven Cemetery**

Gate of Heaven Cemetery invites us to attend a Memorial Day service on **May 25**. A special presentation by CPT Allison Estes (US Army) begins at 10:30 a.m., followed by a field Mass at 11 a.m., with Archbishop Casey presiding.

### **Laudato Si' Movement Ohio Chapter Launches**

The [Laudato Si' Movement](#) (LSM) is active across the globe in inspiring and mobilizing Catholic communities in caring for our common home. Now, we are starting a LSM Ohio Chapter! There is an informational launch (Zoom) meeting on **Thursday, May 28**, from 7-8 p.m. with a networking opportunity afterwards. If you are interested and available, you can join us by registering here: <https://bit.ly/LSMOHPreview>.

### **Retreats at the Jesuit Spiritual Center**

Might God be inviting you to a Directed Retreat at the Jesuit Spiritual Center in Milford? Summer retreats: **June 19-26 and July 31-August 7**. The retreats include: daily Spiritual Direction, Daily Mass, morning prayer, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, invitation to pray with art, all in an atmosphere of silence within a praying community, and surrounded by healing and beautiful nature. For information, [please click here](#).

### **Angelico Project - An Evening of Catholic Culture**

On **Thursday, June 11**, we will gather once again for An Evening of Catholic Culture. This year, we are honored to present the 2026 Fra Angelico Award to Archbishop Emeritus Dennis Schnurr. Featuring sacred art, live music, inspiring performances, and more, this Gala is far more than a typical banquet. It is a rallying point for cultural renewal — bringing together artists, clergy, business leaders, families, and patrons who believe beauty will save the world. [Click to learn more](#).

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#### **This Weekend - May 24**

9 a.m. Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, SJ

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7 p.m. Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ

#### **Next Weekend - May 31**

9 a.m. Fr. Ed Schmidt, SJ

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7 p.m. Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, 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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### Baptisms:

Pam Fellerhoff 513-745-3377

### Weddings:

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](mailto:office@bellarminechapel.org) or 513-745-3398) directly to confirm authenticity.