



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.

July 19, 2026 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

[This Sunday's Readings](#)

[Next Sunday's Readings](#)



ACTIVE DISCIPLESHIP DAY

Saturday, August 8, 9 AM – 1 PM | St. Xavier Church

Join our Parish Family for a day of prayer, service,
and reflection, with lunch provided!



✓ Gardening ✓ Home visits ✓ Food pantry help ✓ ... and more!

[Scan the QR to register](#)



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Bellarmino Calendar

Sunday, July 19

12:30 p.m. [Global Summer Lunch](#) - Health United Building, Room 402

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

Monday, July 20

Daring Disciples Camp begins

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

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

Tuesday, July 21

6 p.m. [Immigration Team Meeting](#)

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

Thursday, July 23

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

Friday, July 24

Daring Disciples Camp ends

Saturday, July 25

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

Sunday, July 26

Fair Trade Sale



Join the Cincinnati Jesuit Works for a Mass at St. Xavier Church to celebrate the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuit order!



St. Xavier Church
611 Sycamore St.
Cincinnati, OH 45202

Note: There will be no morning Masses at Bellarmine Chapel on Sunday, August 2. All are welcome downtown at St. Xavier Church for this annual celebration! (*There will be a 7 p.m. Mass at the Chapel without music.*)

As our Cincinnati Jesuit Works gather on Sunday, August 2, to be fed by the Body of Christ, attendees are invited to help feed our neighbors in need by donating **non-perishable food items** for St. Vincent de Paul food pantries.

Canned goods and other shelf-stable goods can be placed in designated collection bins located at the entrances of St. Xavier Church. Thank you!

[Ways to Give](#)

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Meet Julia Neundorfer

Administrative Assistant, Jesuit Parish Family

I'm excited to be joining the Jesuit Family Parish team! I am passionate about contributing my skills to a faith-based organization, helping foster a welcoming environment while supporting its mission and ministry. I have experience improving operational workflows, managing budgets and financial processes, and coordinating cross-functional teams. I look forward to working with the teams at St. Xavier Church and Bellarmine Chapel as we serve our community with hope and healing.



PARISH LIFE

Where is the Holy Spirit Leading Us? – Synod 2027

As part of Synod 2027, Archbishop Casey invites each of us to participate in a Conversations in the Spirit listening session. Participants will join others across our archdiocese in prayerfully considering what the Holy Spirit is asking of our Church

at this time, thereby assisting Archbishop Casey as he establishes pastoral priorities for the future. There are approximately 60 sessions scheduled between Labor Day and Thanksgiving. [Register today.](#)

Marriage Enrichment Series

Bellarmino Chapel Marriage Enrichment Series is back for the Fall 2026! The series occurs on Friday evenings from 6-8 p.m. in the Gallagher Student Center in the Arrupe Room on the following Fridays: **September 25, October 16 and November 20**. It's a great opportunity for couples married 15 years or fewer to enjoy time together with dinner and childcare provided. [Registration.](#)

Trivia Night at St. Xavier Church

Gather your family and friends and join us in the Parish Center for Trivia Night on **Saturday, July 25**, after the 4 p.m. Mass! Enjoy two hours of fun, fellowship, laughter, and friendly competition with parishioners and our priests. All are welcome—whether you're a trivia champion or just coming for the fun! Food, prizes, and split-the-pot provided! BYOB welcomed! Please RSVP to Tina Ernst at ternst@stxchurch.org or 513.721.4045 ext. 1004.

Bellarmino Chapel Corpus Project

As we prepare to commission a new corpus for our sanctuary cross, our community has been spending time reflecting together on the crucifix—the countless ways Christ has been depicted across the centuries, and the many ways he draws near to us. Our parish discernment process is moving forward, and we are currently considering three exceptional artists for the project. We invite you to visit our new [Corpus Project Webpage](#) to explore their distinct styles, read their biographies, and see links to their portfolios as leadership prepares to make a final selection by mid-July.

There is still time to share a crucifix that has been deeply meaningful to you: one that has shaped your faith, drawn you closer to God, or simply stayed with you over the years. You can [click here to view the artist portfolios](#) and access the [reflection submission form](#). Questions? Contact [Pam Fellerhoff](#).

Faith, Family, FCC Night

FC Cincinnati is excited to celebrate Faith at TQL Stadium on **Friday, August 7**, 8 p.m., as FC hosts Liga MX runner ups Pumas UNAM. The Faith, Family, FCC night is an opportunity for our community to come together to celebrate the importance of Faith in our everyday lives.

All St. Xavier Church and Bellarmino Chapel family and friends are invited to take part in this special night. Tickets can be purchased by following this link: [2026 Faith, Family, FCC](#). When you “check out” please make sure to select section 127 and your parish name so that you will be seated alongside our community at TQL. Purchase deadline: July 31.

Jesuit Parish Family Picnic

Get ready for an afternoon of faith, fellowship, and fun at the Jesuit Parish Family Picnic! Our 2026 picnic will be held on **Sunday, September 27**, 12-4 p.m., in Devou Park (front lawn of OneQuest Health, 200 Home Road, Covington, KY 41011). Whether you are new to the parish or have been part of our community for years, we hope you will join us for this joyful occasion. The venue provides accessibility accommodations for visitors with disabilities. We look forward to celebrating with you!

Volunteering for the Parish Picnic is a great way to share your gifts, meet fellow parishioners, enjoy the satisfaction of creating fun and bringing our community together for a memorable day. Whether you can help for a few hours or take on a larger role, we would love to have you join us! Please contact Susanne Wright at swright@stxchurch.org or wright@bellarminochapel.org to help with the event.

Catholic Night at the Ballpark

Join fellow Catholics from across the Archdiocese of Cincinnati for the Second Annual Catholic Night at the Great American Ballpark (100 Joe Nuxhall Way, Cincinnati, OH 45202) on **Saturday, September 5**, 5:30-10:30 p.m. The Cincinnati Reds will take on the Milwaukee Brewers, with first pitch at 6:40 p.m. The evening will include a pre-game Mass, discounted tickets available exclusively to the Catholic community, and a special Elly De La Cruz bobblehead giveaway for fans in attendance while supplies last. Come enjoy a fun-filled evening of faith, fellowship, and baseball with family and friends! [Link to purchase tickets](#).

Suggested sections if you would like to sit with other JPF parishioners: Field Box Section 136 (Row BB and Row CC currently available) or View Level Section 530 (Rows L, M, N currently available).

250 Good Works: An Invitation to Hope and Healing

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.

Bellarmino Parish Advisory Council - May 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 [May 2026 meeting](#) are now available.

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, July 23**, 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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Children's & Middle School Faith Formation

Enrollment is filling up! [Click here for registration](#). This form includes (GIFT) PK-5th and (The Edge) 6-8th grade. Descriptions of our programs can be found on [our website](#). Contact CFF@bellarminechapel.org with questions.

Fall High School Youth Ministry

Give yourself a break from the fast pace and stress of your week and join us on Sundays, 5:15-6:45 p.m., in a "space" where you can

- Learn how to include God in your everyday life
- Find new ways to pray
- Ask tough questions about your faith and the Church
- Become comfortable with identifying as a disciple of Christ

- Have fun and grow in friendship with other Bellarmine teens

Whether you have already been involved in our High School Youth Ministry over the past two years or will be new to the group, we look forward to welcoming you! We realize that there is an "age range" among 9th-12th grade students, so we will provide appropriate small groups to support different needs.

Our Sunday Evening Youth Ministry kicks off on **August 30!** To register for High School Youth Ministry, [please complete and return this form](#). For the first teen the fee is \$100; for additional teens in the family, \$80. (If you have other children in GIFT or EDGE and have paid the \$100 fee, your high school children pay \$80. If this is a hardship, scholarships are available.)

Fall High School Retreat - 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 fall retreat as we begin our new year of Youth Ministry together. The location is Higher Ground Retreat and Conference Center in West Harrison, IN, beginning on Saturday morning at 10 a.m., and concluding with Mass on Sunday at 1:15 p.m.

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! Please complete and return the [registration form](#) and the [permission form](#).

SOCIAL MISSION

Weekly Highlight

Active Discipleship Day - RSVP Today!

All ages and abilities are welcome to join our Jesuit Parish Family's Summer Active Discipleship Day on **Saturday, August 8**. This family-friendly day of service and reflection will begin at 9 a.m. in the St. Xavier Parish Center for an opening prayer before going out in groups to a variety of service sites. Afterward, everyone is invited back to St. Xavier for lunch and group sharing. [Click here to register](#) by Monday, August 3, and come put your faith into action while getting to know fellow parishioners and addressing the needs of the broader community!

Upcoming Events

Last Chance – Back to School Supplies Collection: July 5-19

We will be collecting your donations of *new* school supplies for our partners at Olivet Food Pantry and St. Andrews in Evanston. We specifically need:

- Backpacks
- Composition books (college & wide rule)
- Crayola crayons
- Crayola markers
- Crayola colored pencils
- Folder
- Glue Sticks
- Ink Pens
- No. 2 Pencils
- Notebook Paper
- Pencil boxes

- Blunt scissors
- Sharpie
- Tissues
- Hand Sanitizer
- Paper Towels
- Notebooks
- Notebook paper (college & wide rule)

There will be a box in the Narthex during Sunday masses for your donations!

Global Summer Lunch - July 19, 12:30 p.m., Health United Building

Join our Immigration Team for our Global Summer Lunch! Join us after the 11:30 a.m. Mass inside the Health United Building at Xavier University for a potluck lunch. [RSVP here and sign up for a dish to bring!](#)

Cincinnati Festival of Faiths

The Jesuit Parish Family is once again a proud co-sponsor of the Cincinnati Festival of Faiths, taking place on **Sunday, August 2**, 1-5 p.m. in the Cintas Center at Xavier University. This event is the city's largest interfaith celebration, gathering 34 faith traditions and 13 world religions to connect through music, art, food, and interactive activities. The festival is free and open to all, and visitors can drop in at any time throughout the day. [Click here to explore the event website.](#) Let [Tim Severyn](#) know if you can volunteer at our table!

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!

Our Ministries

Missionary Cooperative Appeal - Glenmary Home Missioners

Each year, we participate in the national Missionary Cooperative Appeal. Last Sunday, we welcomed Fr. Dan Dorsey of the Glenmary Home Missioners to share about their work serving the spiritual and material needs of people across Appalachia and the rural South, that do not have a Catholic church or resident priest. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! To support their work, [you can make your donations on the Bellarmine website here.](#)

Social Mission Outreach Grants FY 26 + New Submission Deadline!

Did you know Bellarmine's Social Mission Core Team offers mini-grants of up to \$1,000 to area non-profits and startup initiatives? Last year, we awarded six grants. Recipients included:

- **Friends of Batahola** - Supporting the Batahola Norte Cultural Center in Nicaragua. Funds supported two women completing a clothing production course.
- **Cooperative for Education (CoEd)** - Breaking the cycle of poverty through education in Guatemala. Funds supported a scholarship for Gabriela as she completed the Rise Youth Development Program.
- **Kairos Prison Ministry** - Bringing weekend retreats to the incarcerated. Funds supported a recent retreat at Lebanon Correctional.
- **Mary Magdalene House** - Providing showers and laundry services to those experiencing homelessness. Funds were used to purchase undergarments for distribution.
- **Olivet Food Pantry** - Offering food to the food insecure. Funds were used to purchase meat and other products from the FreeStore Food Bank following federal cuts.
- **United Mission for Africa** - Providing healthcare services to people living in rural Togo. Funds supported a 2026 summer mission trip.

Grant applications for the 2027 fiscal year are due by **September 26**. [You can find the application here](#). Contact [Tim Severyn](#), our Director of Sustainability and Social Mission, with questions!

Habitat for Humanity Shalom Coalition Update

We continue to make great progress on the Habitat house in Madisonville. [Photos here](#). We're getting very good at assembling and moving (and climbing) scaffolding as the siding is going up. Insulation is complete, and drywall is being installed this week. Initial electrical installation is complete and passed inspection. In the coming week, we'll finish siding and start painting inside. Jackie has worked with us and is particularly excited as she finished building the shed and just landed a teaching job. Special thanks to Marybeth Sandman from Christ the King who coordinated and served lunch last Saturday. Dedication of the house is tentatively set for **September 12**.

Outside Saturday: Meet the Insects Around You!

As part of our Jesuit Parish Family's new [Laudato Si' Action Plan Platform](#), we launched 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 July, we encourage you to explore the insects around you. For those with small children, July is a great month to stay up late and [watch the lightning bugs](#). For those who are more ambitious, try mothing! This is where you put up a white sheet and a light (white or black) and observe the moths that gather there. [Learn more here!](#) And if night time isn't your favorite, take a walk in one of our [wildflower prairies](#) to observe our [native butterflies](#) and [bees](#) at work!

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Anointing of the Sick - August 9

We will offer the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick on **Sunday, August 9**, *during the 7 p.m. Mass*. All who desire physical, emotional, or spiritual healing are welcome to come to be anointed.

PASTORAL CARE

Senior Adult Program: "Cancer Has No Age Limit: Navigating a Diagnosis"

If you missed the program this past Tuesday, July 14, you can access the [livestream recording here](#). To access the library of all previously recorded Senior Adult programs, [please click here](#).

OFFICE NOTES

Stewardship Snapshot - June 2026

Finance Update:

	Year to Date
Budgeted Offertory Collections	\$1,100,000
Actual Offertory Collections	1,192,527
Over/(Under) Budget	92,527

Liturgy and Sacraments

- Sunday Masses: 730 average weekly in-person attendance (a little lower than our year-to-date average) and 354 average live stream views (about the same as year-to-date average)..
- Daily Masses: 1834 average live stream views (about the same as year-to-date average).
- 4 children received the Sacrament of Baptism

Social Mission and Sustainability Ministries

- \$15,092 was collected for all outreach collections
- Over 200 pounds of produce donated from NEXUS to area food pantries
- 16 attended the NEXUS Service Day
- 80 attended the dinner and presentation with our Parish Family Sister Parish from Peru
- 45 attended the Origin Film Screening
- 60-plus home visits were made by our Vincentians

Parish Life Ministry and Adult Faith Formation

- 4 new inquirers attended an OCIA Inquiry session
- 60 attended the conversation about selecting a corpus for the Chapel
- 6 new households (18 individuals) registered this month.
- 3 funeral services took place in the Chapel
- 2 funeral pre-plan meetings took place with parishioners
- 1 new request for (and receipt of) Eucharist by a homebound parishioner
- 4 couples participated in the planning of the Engaged Couples Pre-Cana Retreat scheduled for July 31, 2026 and August 1, 2026

Children Faith Formation

- About 5 children per weekend utilized child care during morning Masses

MASS INTENTIONS

Jul 20, 2026

8 AM

5 PM Iris Brewer +

Jul 21, 2026

8 AM

5 PM Michael Mullally +

Jul 22, 2026

8 AM

5 PM Edward Mitchell Jr. +

Jul 23, 2026

8 AM

5 PM Julie Vasta +

Jul 24, 2026

8 AM

5 PM

Jul 25, 2026

8 AM

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

PARTNER OPPORTUNITIES

Jesuit Spiritual Center Retreat: "Good Grief" - August 14-15

Focused on navigating loss through author Krista Powers' framework, The 5 Powers of Grief, this retreat will include prayer, liturgy and quiet exploration. \$75 (Friday only) / \$200 (both days). All are welcome! [Register here](#) or (513) 248-3500 ext. 10.

This Weekend - July 19

9 a.m. Fr. Ryan Birjoo, SJ

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7 p.m. Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, SJ

Next Weekend - July 26

9 a.m. Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ

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7 p.m. Fr. Ryan Birjoo, 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:

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.