

December , 2018
First Sunday of
Advent

BELLARMINE CHAPEL



We are a Jesuit parish of the Archdiocese, drawn here by our Catholic tradition, our struggles as Church, and by our need for the Eucharistic table. Come with your voice, your stories. We hope to be open to the Christ we receive, sent to take part in the mission.

TODAY'S READINGS

Jeremiah 33:14-16
1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2
Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Baruch 5:1-9
Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11
Luke 3:1-6

EUCCHARISTIC TEAMS

9:00 - Team 1
11:00 - Team 1
7:00 - Team C

STAFF AND E-MAIL

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SACRAMENTS

Baptisms: Jane Myers 745-3317
Weddings: Kathy Kohl 745-3376
RCIA: Jane Myers 745-3317
Reconciliation: Tue. 4-5 PM, Sat. 11 AM - 12 Noon, or by appointment (call 745-2950)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Liturgy of the Word for children ages 4 through 5th grade is celebrated on the first and third Sundays of each month at the 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM parish liturgies. Children age 4 are welcome to participate if accompanied by their parents.

THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES

Retreat in Everyday Life

Week of Prayer #12- "The Birth of Jesus"
(p. 137- 140)

In our praying of The Exercises we are already this week looking closely at the birth of Jesus, even as our liturgical prayer draws us into Advent. Let the influence of these days capture your own desire to see, to know better, the real persons of Mary, Jesus, Joseph, shepherds, relatives and neighbors. See in imagination the way from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Observe the place where Christ is born, and how it is arranged. Look into the eyes of the persons in the story and allow yourself to sense their inner feelings. Take on a role yourself and enter the story. The revelation of the scripture will occur in the words and gestures of the participants as you notice and engage with them.

EVENING OF RECONCILIATION

Join us for our Advent Evening of Reconciliation on Tuesday, Dec. 4, at 7:00 PM. Several priests will be available for the Sacrament; some of our parish children will be celebrating this Sacrament for the first time. An opportunity for personal prayer and guided meditation will also be offered.



To think is easy. To act is hard. But the hardest thing in the world is to act in accordance with your thinking. ~ Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

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WEB ADDRESSES

www.bellarminochapel.org
www.facebook.com/groups/33645704859
www.kiva.org/lender/bellarmino8597

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 7:00 PM
Student masses: 4:00 PM*, 10:00 PM*
Mon-Fri: 8:00 AM, 12:00 Noon, 5:00 PM*
Saturday: 8:00 AM
*when X.U. classes are in session

CHILD CARE AVAILABLE

Please note that child care is available during all three parish masses for children ages 1-6. Child care is located in a room just off the narthex. There is no fee for this service.

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.



ACCESSIBLE PARKING

There are four accessible parking spaces at Husman Hall close to the Chapel. The circle in front of the Chapel is also for accessible parking. For a special placard to allow you to park there, please contact the parish office. Otherwise, please do not double park in the circle. Use it for drop off and pick up only.

BELLARMINE CALENDAR

Sunday, December 2	10:10 AM	SPEX - Hailstones Hall
	4:30 PM	BYG - McDonald Library, First Floor
Monday, December 3	7:00 PM	Centering Prayer - Small Chapel
Tuesday, December 4	7:00 PM	Reconciliation Service
Thursday, December 6	7:00 PM	RCIA - Parish Center
Saturday, December 8	9:00 AM	St. Vincent de Paul - Activity Room
	10:00 AM	Mass for Immaculate Conception
Sunday, December 9		Giving Tree Gifts Due!!
		Parish Registration
		Retirement Fund for Religious
	10:00 AM	Alternative Gift Fair - Gallagher Center
	10:10 AM	GIFT/SPEX - Hailstones Hall
	4:30 PM	BYG - McDonald Library, First Floor

BELLARMINE GIVING TREE

Today the David Jones Memorial Giving is in the front of the Chapel. On the tree are gift requests from individuals in one of four groups that need our help to ensure they receive a Christmas present this year.

Those groups are:

- Senior Citizens supported by the Sisters of Mercy Neighborhood Ministries in our community (green envelopes)
- Children whose names are received from Hamilton County Job and Family Services, many inner city schools, Lydia's House, Casa de Paz, and some children close to the parish with a significant need (red envelopes)
- Parishioners who simply need our support at this time of year (green envelopes)
- Adults who need our outreach at this time of year to have any Christmas celebration at all (green envelopes)

Our gifts are the only gifts that most of these individuals will receive at Christmas. Please take as many envelopes as you like, but be sure to place all gifts under the giving tree on December 2 or December 9. At the very latest, gifts can be brought to the parish office by noon on December 10. The Christmas helpers will deliver all gifts beginning on December 11, **so gifts brought in after 12:00 p.m. on December 10 will not be able to be delivered.**

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

Our Children's Christmas Eve celebration will be at 4:00 PM. As always, all of our children are welcome to serve in special ministries during that liturgy, including singing in the choir, composing and reading prayers of the faithful, distributing candy canes, etc. Please have your child sign up on the board in the narthex this Sunday.

MUSICIAN FOR CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We offer Children's Liturgy of the Word on the first and third Sundays of each month and during all the Sundays of Advent. Bill Watts generously provides guitar accompaniment for many of our 9:00 liturgies, but we need an additional person for back-up. We would welcome an adult or teen who plays guitar or keyboard and enjoys children. Please contact Jane Myers at 745-3317 or myersj6@xavier.edu

CENTERING PRAYER GROUPS

Our Bellarmine community offers two opportunities for Centering Prayer: each Wednesday, at 3:00 PM in the Small Chapel (contact Suzanne Kammer at kammerds@gmail.com) and on the first and third Monday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Small Chapel (contact Rosie Laughlin relaughlin@msn.com)

REMINDERS

Now that the new liturgical ministry schedules are going out, please remember the following:

Readers: please check in with the acolytes in the sacristy when you arrive.

Bread bakers: please bring the bread to the sacristy at least 15 minutes before Mass begins.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping keep our acolytes panic-free before Mass.

THANK YOU!!

The Immigration Team would like to thank the 88 people, including the 35 migrants, who joined us at our Thanksgiving Dinner last Friday, with special thanks to those who brought the delicious food! It was a successful event that we hope to repeat annually.

We also want to thank all the generous donors who attended or supported the Share the Journey Concert last month. We were able to collect over \$4000 to support the Kino Border Initiative and LULAC.

CHARITABLE GIVING FORMS

For the last three years, we have extended the impact of the Alternative Gift Fair by offering an opportunity to give to several of the organizations present outside of fair hours. You can do this by completing a charitable giving form located at the exits to the church. Just complete these forms by the 12/14 deadline, and we will send a Bellarmine greeting card to the recipient of your choice, recognizing the gift you made to a particular organization in their name. Contact Tim Severyn at severynte@xavier.edu for more details.

CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Last Sunday, we collected for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, the U.S. Catholic Church's social justice, anti-poverty campaign that funds programs both locally (Power Inspires Progress/Venice on Vine, CUFA, Interfaith Worker Center, HELP Program, etc.) and across the nation. If you missed it, you can still send a check made out to Bellarmine Chapel with CCHD in the memo line this week! You can learn more here: <https://bit.ly/2zQUhEt>

SOCIAL MISSION GRANTS - EXTENSION!!

Our Social Mission Core Team, the parish's leadership team for all outreach and advocacy projects within the parish, offers mini-grants of \$500 to nonprofits interested in doing a project connected to Catholic Social Teaching, and particularly to our parish's issue areas of ecology, racism, and immigration. If you have an organization you would like to apply for, or if you simply want more information, contact our Director of Social Mission, Tim Severyn, at severynte@xavier.edu. **The deadline for this quarter has been extended to December 7.**

RHINEGEIST CHARITABLE SUDS

On Wednesday December 5, from 5-8 pm at the Rhinegeist Tap Room (1910 Elm Street), Rhinegeist is donating a portion of proceeds to the Winter Shelter at Prince of Peace in Over-the-Rhine. The Prince of Peace Winter Shelter serves the homeless that are in Over-the-Rhine, providing shelter for those who cannot make it to other cold shelters, such as the Shelterhouse in Queensgate (formerly the Drop Inn Center). The Prince of Peace Shelter is open from 9:00 PM to 7:00 AM every night starting Dec. 15 through Feb. 28. For more information, please visit <http://poplcmscinci.org/winter-shelter.html>

WOMEN DOCTORS OF THE CHURCH SERIES

The St. Monica/St. George Women's Spirituality group will be hosting a 4-month series on Women Doctors of the Church with Sr. Marge Kloos as our featured guest speaker. She will lead us on this journey as we explore these fascinating women. We will be using Mary T. Malone's book, *Four Women Doctors of the Church: Hildegard of Bingen, Catherine of Siena, Teresa of Avila, Therese of Lisieux*, so please purchase this book if you plan to join us. We will meet in the Catholic Center on the following dates: Jan. 11, Feb. 8, Mar. 8, and Apr. 12; we will gather at 6:30 PM for social/food time, and Sr. Marge will present from 7-9. A donation of \$5 per evening or \$20 for the program is encouraged. The invitation is open to all women. Please RSVP with your first and last name by sending an email to healinghandsofffaith@gmail.com. Any questions, please contact Faith Kemper at 859-750-8836.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Confirmation Formation

Sunday, December 2 at the same time and place for dinner as BYG below. See you there.

High School Bellarmine Youth Group

Upcoming dates: December 2, 9*, 16**

SUNDAYS: 4:30 – 6:45 PM

First Floor, McDonald Memorial Library

*BYG Special Event December 9, Christmas

Caroling at assisted living homes, 1:30 - 6:00 PM

Meet at Bridgeway Pointe (165 Galbraith Rd. 45216)

Christmas Caroling 2:00 – 3:00 at Bridgepointe

Christmas Caroling 3:15 – 4:15 at Evergreen

Pizza Dinner 4:30 – 6:00 Cost: \$5

Italianette Pizza (1704 W. Galbraith Rd. 45239)

RSVP to Sue by Dec. 7. Text 513-289-6547

**BYG Special Event December 16 - Study Slam

Please make any requests for tutors in specific subject by Dec. 9

4:30 Dinner

5:00 - 6:45 Studying/tutoring, with periodic breaks

Coffee, hot cocoa and snacks available throughout.

Jr High byg

Upcoming special event: Dec 14 (Giving Tree Delivery)

5:45 at the Aruppe Lounge in the Gallagher Center
Dinner, Parish Gift Delivery and visits, dessert and prayer. byg parents please sign-up on line to be a driver or navigator. RSVP your teens to Sue by Dec. 7. It's the best night of the year. Please join us!

SVDP BOOK COLLECTION

Clear your bookshelves for new holiday reading. There is a box in the narthex for your used books. Fiction, non-fiction, children's or adult's ...all books are appreciated.

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

If you need a low-gluten host (<.001%) for communion, please stop in the sacristy before Mass and let an acolyte know.



The idea of wilderness needs no defense, it only needs defenders. ~ Edward Abbey

SVDP BEDS FUND

“Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse...the children were nestled all snug in their beds”...except these children had no bed in which to snuggle. Their families had to flee their bedbug-infested place or had been homeless or been evicted. Their nights were spent on the floor, on a blanket or a mattress that no longer held air, not “nestled all snug in a bed.”

Each week as Bellarmine Vincentians make their visits they find families without beds. Because of your generosity over this past year, 388 individuals have received a bed. As in past years, we offer an opportunity for you to provide a bed or give a donation toward helping buy a bed as a gift to someone this Christmas. “For Christmas, I bought you a bed, but I gave it someone who does not have one,” the gift card reads.

Forms for this kind of gift-giving can be found in the narthex or you can purchase them at the Alternate Gift Fair next Sunday.

COMMUNITY CARE NETWORK

Did you know Bellarmine has a Community Care Network that provides meals for those experiencing an illness, recovering from a surgery or birth, or otherwise able to benefit from short-term meal delivery? We are grateful to our committed team of volunteer chefs, and are eager to expand our volunteer base! If you would like to be added to our meal train email list, with no obligation to sign up for any specific dates but simply to be informed when meals are needed, please contact one of our volunteer coordinators, Amy Whitlatch, at amywhitlatch@gmail.com

QUEEN CITY KITCHEN AND FOOD PANTRY

The Queen City Kitchen and Food Pantry in Walnut Hills is in need of volunteers. Specifically, the food pantry which distributes groceries to local residents on Tuesday and Thursday from 2:00 until 4:00 would like some new committed volunteers. The pantry is located in the basement of the Tom Geiger Guest House at 2631 Gilbert Avenue. More information is available online or by calling Judy Caldwell at 513-497-2553.