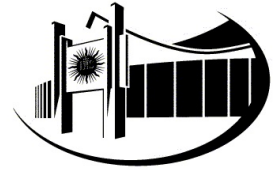


December 9, 2018
Second Sunday of
Advent

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

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Zephania 3:14-18a
Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 3:10-18

EUCCHARISTIC TEAMS

9:00 - Team 2
11:00 - Team 2
7:00 - Team A

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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

Week of Prayer #13- "The Childhood of Jesus" (p. 143-144)

You are encouraged to put aside the text and let the stories this week absorb your attention slowly, through your imagination and senses. It's a way of contemplating the story and letting it become interactive with you, allowing the scripture to reveal itself. There is no "right way" to do this. It's about drawing close, because the persons of the story are real. When we draw close we find our own truth.

Consider the story of Jesus' Presentation in the Temple, praying in the same way, asking to see and know, to open your heart as you are drawn, to get close to Jesus and his story. You get what you ask for, really. Learn how the presence of Jesus, in the flesh, affects you. Always end by opening your heart in "colloquy." Listen deeply, and listen again, to see if there is something more for you. It is all gift!

GIVING TREE GIFTS DUE TODAY!!!!

If you still have Giving Tree presents to return to Bellarmine, please place them under the tree by the end of 7:00 Mass today, or to the chapel office by **12:00 Noon, tomorrow, December 10th. Gifts brought in after 12 PM tomorrow will not be able to be delivered.**

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WEB ADDRESSES

www.bellarmino-chapel.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 9		Giving Tree Gifts Due!! 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
Monday, December 10	7:00 PM	Blue Christmas Service
	7:00 PM	Evangelization and Catechesis Team - Parish Center
Tuesday, December 11	7:00 PM	Worship Core - Activity Room
Wednesday, December 12	6:15 PM	Advisory Committee - Alumni Center
	7:00 PM	Social Mission Core Team - Activity Room
Thursday, December 13	7:00 PM	RCIA - Parish Center
	7:00 PM	Mystagogy - Activity Room
Friday, December 14	5:45 PM	byg Giving Tree Gift Delivery - Arrupe Lounge
Saturday, December 15	9:00 AM	St. Vincent de Paul - Activity Room
Sunday, December 16		Parish Registration
	10:10 AM	GIFT/SPEX - Hailstones Hall
	4:30 PM	BYG - McDonald Library, First Floor

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Today we are participating in the national collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. This collection goes to support the retirement of nuns, priests, and others in religious life. With an aging population and dwindling resources within many communities, this fund helps ensure our religious have their housing and health care needs met. You can find out more here: <https://retiredreligious.org/> Please be generous in your support!

BELLARMINE ALTERNATIVE GIFT FAIR

Did you know Bellarmine hosts one of the metro area's largest Alternative Gift Fair, with fair trade and NGO-based products sold from across the country and around the world? We will have food, crafts, pottery, clothing, jewelry and more from over 25 vendors this year - all for one day only, today, December 9, from 10 AM to 1:30 PM in the Gallagher Student Center. We hope you can join! Questions? Contact our Director of Social Mission, Tim Severyn at severynte@xavier.edu

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.

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

BOOK SIGNING

Looking for one more gift? Maybe for yourself? Ken Overberg, S.J. will be selling his new book, *Disciples: Ordinary People in Extraordinary Times*, on Sunday, December 23, after the morning Masses and before the evening Mass. Cost is \$10.

HAVING A GREENER CHRISTMAS

Be sure to check out the tips for having a greener Christmas, put together by our Bellarmine Healthy Earth Team. Paper copies are available in the narthex, or you can find the tips on Bellarmine's website/facebook page!

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.

TERRACYCLE PROGRAM

Thanks so much for the great response to our Terracycle Project. We have collected over \$200 for our efforts to date! The terracycle folks would like to remind you that ministry ONLY accepts personal and beauty care and oral care items, not medical, health, over the counter medications, vision care items, trash, laundry containers. Please remember one of your fellow parishioners will be touching every item you put in the gray bin!

UPCOMING EARTHSCURSIONS

Mark your calendar now to join us on some upcoming Earthscursions:

Sunday, December 30, 2PM Winter Hike at Shawnee Lookout

We will park and gather at the Springhouse School, 2030 Lawrenceburg Rd North Bend, OH 45052, Free with Hamilton County Great Parks pass (\$3/vehicle for day pass).

Saturday, January 19, 10:00 AM–noon Adventure Hike Series: Meditation and Hiking

Join certified instructors on the trail to learn quick, easy ways to de-stress with mindfulness and meditation while picking up day hiking tips along the way. Be sure to pack water and dress for the weather. For ages 12 and up. Mitchell Memorial Forest/Stone Memorial Shelter (\$15/person, register at this website by 3 days in advance: <https://www.greatparks.org/calendar#>)

Sunday, January 27 BYG Perfect North Ski Outing

Families are welcome to join BYG on their annual Ski Outing .Any child younger than High School must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. More information will be available in the bulletin.

Saturday, February 2, Maple Sugaring at Caldwell Nature Center (free with online registration)

Tuesday, February 19, 6PM, Cincinnati Observatory Supermoon Rising Event,

Observing tips to seeing the moon when it is big and bright, \$5/person (let Kathy Kohl know if you are planning on attending by Friday, Feb. 15)

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 healinghandsoffaith@gmail.com. Any questions, please contact Faith Kemper at 859-750-8836.

YOUTH MINISTRY

High School Bellarmine Youth Group

Upcoming dates: December 16*

SUNDAYS: 4:30 – 6:45 PM

First Floor, McDonald Memorial Library

*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.

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.



When everything seems to be going against you, remember that the airplane takes off against the wind, not with it. ~Henry Ford

SVDP BEDS FUND

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 today.

WISDOM WEDNESDAYS SPIRITUALITY PROGRAM

Wednesday, January 9, 2019 6:30 PM—8:00 PM

St. Clare Convent Peace Center (60 Compton Road, 45215) For more information call 513-761-9040.

Living in the Light presented by Patricia Faust
Coping with the losses of late life through religion.
When people of greatest maturity meet situations of greatest challenge - they move from religious thought to religion in action. Research supports that older people turn to religion at a time of loss. We will discover how religion supports and allows coping and forward movement in your life.

JESUIT SPIRITUAL CENTER

Ignatian Overnight Retreat

Mary Reparatrix

January 6 - 8, 2019

Letting God Find Us in All Things

The value of Ignatian Spirituality is that God finds us right in our everyday experience. God in Jesus Christ is not out there somewhere, but very close to us and wanting to find us in our deepest desires. This silent weekend retreat is designed to guide you on your inner journey of spiritual growth. It is a time of rest and silence to refresh and experience the divine encounter with God. Fr. Paul Macke, SJ will be your retreat director and will lead you through a spiritual renewal and reflection as you immerse To register or for more information visit www.jesuitspiritualcenter.com or call 513.248-3500 ext. 10.



Happiness does not lead to gratitude. Gratitude leads to happiness.

~ Benedictine monk David Steindl-Rast