

December 16, 2018
Third 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

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Micah 5:1-4a
Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-45

EUCCHARISTIC TEAMS

9:00 - Team 3
11:00 - Team 3
7:00 - Team B

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

Week of Prayer #14- "The Hidden Life of Jesus" (p. 147-149)

This is a week to look more closely at your own humanness as you remember the hidden story of Jesus, growing up, becoming human, too. Sink down into your ordinary human life. Join more deeply in the great story of God's revelation in the physical, enfleshed presence of Jesus. Let it be as if you are spending the week at Nazareth when you pray, aware of all your surroundings. Let yourself be in the place where you have every right and expectation to feel at home. In your prayer this week you might ask Jesus, "How did your background prepare you for situations like this?" This prayerful dialogue between Jesus' story and my story will be rich in helping me know him, grow in love for him, and be moved more deeply to be with him.

PARISH WINTER RETREAT

Rejoice and Be Glad

Our annual parish retreat will be Friday, January 25, 7:00- 8:30 PM, and Saturday, January 26, 8:30 AM- 3:00 PM on Pope Francis' *Rejoice and Be Glad*. Our time together will include reflection on our common call to holiness, with opportunities for creative and artistic expression. More details coming soon so save the dates!

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WEB ADDRESSES

www.bellarminechapel.org
www.facebook.com/groups/33645704859
www.kiva.org/lender/bellarmine8597

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 16	10:10 AM 4:30 PM	Parish Registration GIFT/SPEX - Hailstones Hall BYG - McDonald Library, First Floor
Monday, December 17	7:00 PM	Centering Prayer - Small Chapel
Wednesday, December 19	3:00 PM	Centering Prayer - Small Chapel
Thursday, December 20	7:00 PM	RCIA - Parish Center
Saturday, December 22	9:00 AM	St. Vincent de Paul - Activity Room
Sunday, December 23	10:10 AM 4:30 PM	GIFT/SPEX - Hailstones Hall BYG - McDonald Library, First Floor

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 or contact Jane Myers at 745-3317 or myersj6@xavier.edu

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.



I swear to you there are divine things more beautiful than words can tell. ~Walt Whitman

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!

CHRISTMAS THANK YOU!

Many thanks to all of you for your generous support of our Giving Tree, Alternative Gift Fair, and GIFT Program International Fair this year! We were able to give over 500 gifts to our neighbors in need through the Giving Tree, to learn about six different nations through our GIFT program, and to raise over \$18,000 for fair trade artisans and local non-profits through the Alternative Gift Fair, our most successful fair to date. None of that would be possible without the generous support of time and talent from so many of you. And thank you, especially, to those parishioner volunteers who helped organize these annual opportunities for all of us - your leadership is deeply appreciated!

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!

JESUIT ANNOUNCEMENT

On Monday, December 17, the Midwest Province of Jesuits will publish the names of Jesuits with established allegations of sexual abuse of minors since 1955. An allegation is called “established” when there is a reasonable certainty that the allegation is true and that the abuse likely occurred. An established allegation of sexual abuse of a minor leads to the Jesuit’s permanent removal from public ministry. The names will be posted on the Province website (www.jesuitsmidwest.org) along with a letter from the Midwest Jesuit Provincial, Fr. Brian Paulson, S.J. Included on this list will be some Jesuits who have served in Cincinnati. The Jesuit province tries to respond pastorally to anyone who brings forward an allegation, regardless of how much time has passed. For more information and for instructions on reporting incidents of abuse, please visit: www.jesuitsmidwest.org.

NATIONAL HOMELESS MEMORIAL DAY AND PRAYERS

Each year the Greater Cincinnati Homeless Coalition, along with their counterparts across the nation, remember those who have died as a result of homelessness on December 21, the longest night of the year. This year, they will gather at 5:30 PM on the 21st to hold a prayer vigil in Washington Park across from Music Hall, reading the names of those who have died in the past year. A group of parishioners will be there, and invite you to join them.

Knowing that many of us cannot join, but recognizing the need for prayer around this quiet tragedy, our Social Mission Core Team has prepared ornaments with the names of the deceased from our area who passed within the last year. Please take one of these ornaments from the tree, and add it to your own, holding them in prayer through this week and the remainder of the holiday season.

For more information, contact our Director of Social Mission, Tim Severyn at severynte@xavier.edu or 513-745-1908.

SVDP BOOK COLLECTION

There is a box in the narthex for your used books. Fiction, non-fiction, children’s or adult’s ...all books are appreciated.

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)

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

If you missed last Sunday's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious, it is not too late to give. Please send your donations to Bellarmine Chapel, with Retirement Fund in the memo line. 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, it helps ensure our religious have their housing and health care needs met. You can find out more here: <https://retiredreligious.org/>

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Mass: Celebrated and Enlightened

Sunday, January 6, 2:30pm in the Chapel
Confirmation Candidates, BYG and all teens, along with all their parents are invited to a teaching Mass with Tom Lawler, S.J., presiding. Fr. Tom will help us understand the meaning of the Mass, its many parts and prayers, at a deeper level. Our hope is that this will enable us to participate more fully and improve the connection we have with the liturgy. Mass is followed by dinner at the McDonald Library. We would ask all parents and teens who will be joining us for dinner after the mass, to RSVP by Tuesday, January 2.

***BYG Special Event** December 16 - Study Slam
4:30 Dinner
5:00 - 6:45 Studying/tutoring, with periodic breaks
Coffee, hot cocoa and snacks available throughout.

BYG Dates for the new year: January 6 special event
2:30 – 5:45 PM (teaching Mass - see above),
January 13, 20, 27 – skiing
Usual meeting time: 4:30-6:45 PM on Sundays
First Floor McDonald Memorial Library

Jr High byg Dates for the new year: January 4, 18,
February 1, 15
Meetings: 7:00-9:30 PM (every other Friday)
First Floor McDonald Memorial Library

We Sing Your Praises

A huge thanks to all who sang Christmas Carols at Bridgeway Point and WellSprings/Evergreen last Sunday. The music brought the joy of the season to the residents and many people were able to sing along with us. Carolers: Kim, Steve, Nick and Claire Yungbluth, Ellen and Greg Schloemer, Russ Martin, Jacob Smith, Grace Bohl, Patrick McLaughlin, J.T., Jordan and Justin Sedgwick, Julia and Ethan Wilson, Jack and Margie Fronduti, Rebekah Wright, Michael Homoelle, Jack and Anna Byars, Noah Visconti, Beau Schureck, Jack Giglia, Sam and Craig Rush, Chris and Polina Potter-Wroblewski, Anne Prior, Annie Mesewicz, Maggie Mullaney and Brigid Simmons. Great job!



No matter what, we always have the power to choose hope over despair, engagement over apathy, kindness over indifference, love over hate.
~Cory Booker

SVDP

On a recent Saturday morning two Vincentians entered a house that seemed like a construction site, the home of a gentleman who was a self-described workaholic. He had bought the home from his family and was gradually rehabbing it until tragedy struck. He lost his wife and then he, himself, was diagnosed with throat cancer and could no longer work to finish the project as he underwent chemotherapy. Furniture his wife had chosen was still in plastic wrap amidst the construction debris!

The two Vincentians gave him vouchers for beds for his sons and himself and referred him to a non-profit organization that provided home repair for the needy. They promised him a bag of food for Thanksgiving and prayed with him for healing. With you, we pray for Ben and for all those who struggle with health issues while dealing with poverty, praying that the Lord will be near to them and take away their anxiety.

For questions about St. Vincent de Paul, or to get involved, please call Jim Doerger at (513) 617-2085.

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 accepts ONLY 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!

REMEMBERING, SAVORING, AWAITING THE NEW

A time of prayer on December 31, 9:30 am -2 pm, led by Donna Steffen, SC at the Sisters of Charity Motherhouse. We will look over and pray with the graces of 2018, and then look towards God's particular invitation as we begin the new year. The time will include guided reflection, prayer, journaling, sharing, and ritual. Bring a journal! Fee:\$25. Registration, contact Micki Trentman at 347-5449 or Micki.trentman@srcharitycinti.org