

December 23, 2018
Fourth 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

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28
1 John 3:1-2, 21-24
Luke 2:41-52

EUCCHARISTIC TEAMS

9:00 - Team 4
11:00 - Team 4
7:00 - Team C

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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 #15 (Week of 12/23)
"The Call of Christ Our King"
Week of Prayer #16 (Week of 12/30)
"Jesus' Public Ministry Begins"

With these next two weeks we are at the mid-point of our retreat in daily life. During this time of gift-giving, remember that gifts are connected to the desires that guide your prayer. Keep asking for the gifts. Sometimes your restlessness or resistance itself may be a gift of God, showing you your desires. This desire is Godself seeking you out. This way of desiring to respond to the call places us with Jesus.

And then we turn to a very direct and simple kind of prayer, a contemplation on the life of Jesus as he reaches his young adulthood. There are scenes which you yourself have lived. Ponder this connection with Jesus in his life and talk about what comes to mind. Let yourself walk along the road with him. Wonder about Jesus' own thoughts, his longing.

CHAPEL HOLIDAY NOTICES

The Chapel Office will be closed until Wednesday, January 2. If you have a pastoral need during this time, please call Fr. Tom at 513-745-2950. There will be no noon masses until January 2. **There will be one Mass on New Year's Day for the Solemnity of Mary at 10:00 AM.** There will not be an 8 AM Mass that day. There will not be a bulletin on Dec 30.

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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

Monday, December 24	4:00 PM	Children's Christmas Liturgy
	10:30 PM	Lessons and Carols
	11:00 PM	Midnight Mass
Tuesday, December 25	9:00 AM	Christmas Liturgy
	11:00 AM	Christmas Liturgy
Saturday, December 29	9:00 AM	St. Vincent de Paul - Activity Room
Tuesday, January 1	10:00 AM	Solemnity of Mary Liturgy
Thursday, January 3	7:00 PM	RCIA - Parish Center
Friday, January 4	7:00 PM	byg - McDonald Library, First Floor
	7:30 PM	Taizé - Chapel
Saturday, January 5	9:00 AM	St. Vincent de Paul - Activity Room
Sunday, January 6	10:10 AM	SPEX - Hailstones Hall
	12:30 PM	Epiphany Event - Chapel
	2:30 PM	BYG Learning Mass - Chapel

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*, today after the morning Masses and before the evening Mass. Cost is \$10.

CENTERING PRAYER

The Wednesday afternoon Centering Prayer group will not meet on December 26. We will resume at 3:00 PM on January 3, 2019.

BELLARMINE MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group typically meets on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM. The next dates will be January 8 & 22, 2019. For information please call Mike Myers at 426-3290.

PEACE MASS

Tuesday, January 1 the Church is celebrating its 52nd World Day of Peace with an 11 AM mass at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains. Archbishop Schnurr will celebrate, with light refreshments to follow. Join us as we pray for nonviolence and healing in our communities and the world.

CELEBRATING BAPTISM AT 7:00 PM

Our community celebrates the Baptism of MacKenzie Williams Harding, daughter of Jamie and Christina Harding.

BDRT MEETING

The US Bishops released their first epistle on racism in forty years last month entitled "Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love." You can find it here: <https://bit.ly/2AadwJo> Our Dismantling Racism Team will be meeting on Monday, January 7, 6 PM in the Activity Room to discuss how we can organize around this document within our community, our ongoing relationship with AMOS Project, our plans for Martin Luther King Sunday, and more. RSVP to Tim Severyn at severynte@xavier.edu

HOMELESS COALITION

Thank you to those who were able to join the Homeless Memorial event in Washington Park this past Friday, and all who hold our neighbors in prayer. A reminder that Grady Cook, our StreetVibes vendor, will be selling his papers this week for the Coalition rather than next week.

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 Jan. 16: <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)

BUILDING COMMUNITIES OF WELCOME

Catholic Charities, Su Casa Hispanic Center, and MARCC invite you to celebrate National Migration Week (January 6-12) by participating in an event called Building Communities of Welcome on Thursday, January 10, 6-8 PM at Good Shepherd Parish (8815 East Kemper Road). This evening will be a gathering to share and learn about faith-based efforts to make our community more immigrant friendly. It will include refreshments from around the world, an interfaith panel, immigrant testimonials, and more. Bellarmine's Immigration Team is planning to participate, so RSVP to Tim Severyn, our Director of Social Mission, at severynte@xavier.edu

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Staff of Bellarmine Chapel!

ENGAGED COUPLES' RETREAT

Engaged couples, please keep the dates of February 15 from 6-9 PM and February 16 from 8:30- 4:30 open for a Bellarmine Engaged Couples' Retreat. We will be meeting in the Conaton Board room here on Xavier's campus for both days.

We are excited to be offering this new way to prayerfully reflect on your upcoming marriage with a community of other Bellarmine/Xavier family members! There will be parishioner couple presentations on marriage as a sacramental way of life, healthy communication as a couple, a reflection from some Bellarmine newlyweds, along with many other offerings. We also have built in some alone time for the two of you and social time so that you can meet other Bellarmine couples who are in the same phase of life as you. We will be providing dinner Friday evening, continental breakfast Saturday morning, and lunch on Saturday. Even if you are marrying elsewhere, you are welcome to join us. This retreat will fulfill the marriage preparation requirement for a formational program for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. For registration information, please contact Kathy Kohl at kohlp@xavier.edu.

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 \$20,000 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!

SVDP WISHES HOLIDAY BLESSINGS TO ALL

On behalf of our Evanston, Avondale, and Walnut Hills neighbors whom we served this past year, all of us of the Bellarmine St. Vincent de Paul Conference wish you and your family a blessed Christmas and a happy, healthy, and grace-filled 2019!

YOUTH MINISTRY

Confirmation Candidates

Take advantage of holiday gatherings of family and friends to complete your Gifts of the Holy Spirit Interviews. Three interviews are to be written up and prepared to be shared at the January 13 Confirmation meeting.

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 to RSVP by Tuesday, January 2.

byg Gift Delivery Thank You!

After sharing a meal, 14 teams with two adults and two or three youth headed out throughout the city and suburbs. Their cars were filled with small Christmas plants, a few toys, some children's clothing and gift cards. We were privileged to bring gifts and spend time giving some comfort and company for those having a particularly difficult year. The highlight of the evening is spending time together. We listen and share stories of our lives and our faith. People talk about their family Christmas traditions and share personal stories about themselves or their loved ones. Sometimes we help hang ornaments on trees, share hot cocoa or cider and munch on homemade cookies. When we come back to campus, we remember all we have visited in prayer. This indeed is my favorite night of the year.

Teens, families and youth ministry leaders gave the gift of service to the community. Giving tree delivery crews did a wonderful job of distributing Christmas gifts. Thank you to all who helped put this together; the drivers and teens: Russ Martin, Angie Homoelle, Kathleen, Chris and Peter Wilke, Kathy, and Cole Stockman, Kristen and Brendan Hundemer, Allison and Lance Borden, Logan Lutkenhoof, Theresa Popelar, Ilka Bryce, Aidan and Audrey Lenox, Jeff, Graham, and Jude Borden, Tori Beck-Borden and Bill Watts, Stephanie and Amira Beck-Borden, Alicia Brinkman, Donavin Nash, Kelly, Anna, Caitlin, and

Jack Byars, Phil and Patrick McHugh, Dan Aerni, Reid Schureck, P.J. Schaaf, Mike and Michael Mellott, John and John David Sniegocki, Joyce and Tom Choquette, Sarah Kemper, Julianna DiBenedetto, Mike, Catherine and Maribelle Domka, Emma Gordon, Alyssa Brandt, Jay and Nola Stowe, Annie, Steve, Liam, Clara and Thomas King, Trish and Anna Wendling, Cara Showalter, Jenny Watts, Sam Homoelle, Chuck and Kathy Kohl, Mallory and Owen Borden and Avery Lutkenhoof. Staff assisting: Chris Potter-Wroblewski, Tim Severyn and Sue Antoinette and to you the parishioners for your incredible generosity to make sure we have the gifts to bring.

BYG's Study Slam on December 16 was time well spent. BYG THANKS to our tutors who made themselves available to any student in need: Carolyn Kammer - Spanish, Melinda Reilly - Biology, Teri Lammers - History and Government, Rebekah Wright and Jacob Smith - Writing and English, Jeff Borden - all things Math. As a new addition this year, we had two servers, Graham and Jude Borden, who happily took orders for hot cocoa or coffee and snacks. This allowed the teens to continue studying throughout the evening.

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