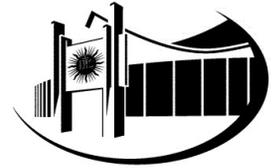


February 24, 2019
Seventh Sunday in
Ordinary Time

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

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23
1 Corinthians 15:45-49
Luke 6:27-38

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Sirach 27:4-7
1 Corinthians 15:54-58
Luke 6:39-45

EUCCHARISTIC TEAMS

9:00 - Team 4
11:00 - Team 1
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 #24 "The Arrest of Jesus"

We come to the final events of Jesus' life and closer to the issues of suffering, injustice and death that affect us all. As you keep your eyes, ears and heart open to the Scriptures, notice also the world of prejudice and violence that is reported each day in the news. Rather than trying to carve out more time for your prayer, let the whole day unfold with your own awareness of human loss and distress.

Recall throughout the day how the innocent are up against so many obstacles to life, human rights, education, equal opportunities. But mainly, and as simply as possible, dwell with Jesus for his own sake, even as his friends diminish in courage and number! with reverence, even with love, open to what you see, hear, and feel.

KAIROS COOKIES

Home-baked cookies will be collected on Sundays, March 3 and 10 for a Kairos Prison Ministry Retreat at Lebanon Correctional Facility. Simply place two dozen home-baked, prayed over cookies (preferably chocolate chip) in a gallon-sized ziplock bag. Please put no writing on the bags or place anything else inside. Each inmate and staff member of the prison will get cookies on this weekend where inmates are shown Christ's enduring love and forgiveness. The dates for the Kairos retreat are March 14-17. Please keep the retreatants and the facilitators in your prayers this weekend.

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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, February 24	10:10 AM 4:30 PM	Fair Trade Coffee and <i>Streetvibes</i> for Sale GIFT/SPEX - Hailstones Hall BYG - McDonald Library, XU
Monday, February 25	6:00 PM 6:00 PM	Activity Room - Grief Support Group Healthy Earth Team - Alumni Center
Tuesday, February 26	7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Report from the Border Speakers - Chapel Racism Discussion Group - Parish Center
Wednesday, February 27	2:30 PM	Solidarity with Nicaragua Speaker - Chapel
Thursday, February 28	7:00 PM 7:00 PM	RCIA - Parish Center Mystagogy - Childcare Room
Friday, March 1	7:00 PM 7:30 PM	byg - McDonald Library Taizé - Chapel
Saturday, March 2	9:00 AM	St. Vincent de Paul - Activity Room
Sunday, March 3	10:10 AM 4:30 PM	GIFT/SPEX - Hailstones Hall BYG - McDonald Library, XU

ALL-PARISH MASS

Sunday, March 10, will be our all-parish Mass at the Cintas Center. Mass will begin at 10:00 AM, followed by breakfast. This will be our only parish Mass that day. All are welcome!

TAX LETTER

If you need a copy of your 2018 donations to the Chapel for tax purposes, please contact Liz Keuffer in the office at keuffer@xavier.edu.

FRESH IS BETTER GARDENING DAY

Join us on Saturday, March 2, 9 AM to 1 PM at the Evanston Rec. Center as we help our Evanston neighbors get their beds prepped for spring planting, weather permitting. To help, contact Tim Severyn at severyn@xavier.edu

RITE OF WELCOME FOR FIRST EUCHARIST

Next Sunday, March 3, we will celebrate a Rite of Welcome and Blessing at our Masses for the children preparing for First Communion in the spring. Please be in prayer with our families who will begin their focused formation toward First Eucharist on May 5.

CENTERING PRAYER DURING LENT

Consider the practice of Centering Prayer during Lent this year. Bellarmine offers two opportunities: Each Wednesday, 3:00 PM in the small chapel (Contact Suzanne Kammer at 513-368-6534); the first & third Monday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center (Contact Rosie Laughlin at 513-469-8584.)

THANK YOU

My deepest gratitude for your financial donations for our sisters and brothers at the Border. I am proud of our parish! Between Bellarmine and the Sisters of Mercy, \$4000 was contributed for the needs of immigrants. Your contributions were spent on underwear, diapers and wetwipes and medicine. We served well over 1,000 immigrants. You cannot imagine the appreciation on their faces in being able to receive clean clothing, food, and much-needed rest. They are in the Respite Center less than 24 hours on average before they head for their destination by bus. The needs are tremendous. Thank you for your generosity. ~Sr. Frank Repka, RSM

REPORT FROM THE BORDER

Several of our parishioners have taken independent trips to the border over the last four months to work with migrants there. We will hold a Report from the Border event in the Chapel on Tuesday, February 26, 7-8:30 PM to hear their witnesses and discuss their experiences. More details will be forthcoming. Contact our Director of Social Mission, Tim Severyn, at severynte@xavier.edu to be involved.

SOLIDARITY WITH NICARAGUA

The parish was so supportive of the Cultural Center of Batahola Norte (CCBN) in the fall we wanted to share some current information. Joe Connelly, an expat who has been working in Managua, Nicaragua for many years is coming to the states to speak on behalf of the CCBN and give the community an update on the situation in Nicaragua. Please join us for a presentation "Solidarity with Nicaragua in a time of Crisis" on Wednesday, February 27, 2:30 - 4 in the chapel. This is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Pat Berning at patberning@fuse.net

SOCIAL MISSION CORE TEAM GRANTS

Each quarter the social mission core team awards two \$500 grants to organizations that parishioners are engaged with and that have a clear connection to Catholic Social Teaching. The deadline for submitting grant requests for this quarter is March 11. Please contact our Director of Social Mission, Tim Severyn, at severynte@xavier.edu for a copy of the application form and guidelines for submission.

LENTEN DAILY REFLECTIONS

Last year, over 200 parishioners signed up to receive a daily Lenten reflection on the theme of *Share the Journey*. We plan to offer this opportunity again this year. We will send a daily quote, Bible passage, or short reflection to all parishioners who opt to participate. These will be brief windows into the lives of those on the margins that you can pray upon throughout your day, serving as a way to keep the culture of encounter alive in our hearts and minds. If you would like to sign up for these emails, please send an email to Tim Severyn, at severynte@xavier.edu. If you have any favorite verses, excerpts from books, etc. that you'd like to see shared with our community - please send these to Tim as well!

TAIZE PRAYER

Please join us in the Chapel on Friday, March 1 at 7:30 PM for a time to pray, reflect, and embrace "The Transfiguration of Our Hearts Through God's Transformative Grace" with the music and ritual of Taizé.

IHN THANKS

Thanks to everyone who generously supported the outreach collection for IHN last week. A number of people signed up to volunteer, many bath towels were donated and monetary donations were received. All will go toward making our ministry to IHN better than ever. For those wondering, our hosting weeks for the remainder of 2019 include the week beginning on Sunday, June 9th; the week beginning on Sunday, August 18th; and the week beginning on Sunday, October 27th. We would be serving the guests at the Church of the Advent on the Thursday and Friday evenings of those weeks. If you have further interest in this ministry, please contact Kathy Aerni at aernicin@yahoo.com or Tim Severyn, our Director of Social Mission at severynte@xavier.edu.

USCCB LISTENING SESSION ON RACISM

Following up on their pastoral letter, *Open Wide our Hearts*, the Bishops are holding listening sessions across the country to hear from those impacted by racism. Our Archdiocese will be hosting one of these on 3/8, 3-5 PM at the University of Dayton, Curran Place. RSVP to Rev. Royce Winters at rwinters@catholiccincinnati.org to attend!

WELCOMING PRAYER WORKSHOP

The Contemplative Outreach of Greater Cincinnati/Northern KY Chapter presents *The Welcoming Prayer Workshop* on Sunday, March 17, 1:00- 4:00 PM in Hailstones Hall, here at XU. The purpose of Welcoming Prayer is to deepen our relationship with God through consenting in the ordinary activities of our day. Presenter is Mary Dwyer, long-time student of Fr. Thomas Keating. To register contact John Orr at Jpo@cinci.rr.com or 513-417-7126.



Whatever causes night in our souls may leave stars.
~Victor Hugo

YOUTH MINISTRY

Planning Ahead:

BYG/Confirmation Spring Retreat
Higher Ground Retreat Center IN
9:00 AM Saturday, March 16 - 3:00 PM Sunday,
March 17

BYG dates:

Feb. 24, March 3, 10
Usual meeting time: 4:30-6:45 PM Sundays
First Floor, McDonald Memorial Library

byg dates for the new year:

March 1, 15, 29
Meetings 7:00-9:30 PM (every other Friday)
First Floor, McDonald Memorial Library

Special Event:

Jr High Teens, Parents, Family Night
April 12 St Vincent De Paul, dinner and program
6:30 - 9:30 at St Vincent DePaul (1125 Bank St)

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR XU STUDENTS & OTHER ADULTS

XU students and other adults who are baptized Catholics but have not yet been confirmed are welcome to a formation process to prepare for and celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. The sessions will be on Sunday afternoons, beginning March 3, 1:00- 2:30 PM, in preparation for the celebration of Confirmation on Sunday, April 28, at the 4:00 PM Mass. Please contact Jane Myers at 745-3317 or myersj6@xavier.edu.

FALL ZEN RETREAT

Zen Master Ama Samy, S.J., returns to lead a retreat at Red River Gorge, Kentucky. September 13-15 and 15-20, 2019; come for three, five, or seven days. Register now to save \$50, \$60 or more. Flyers in the narthex. More information at www.lovelandzen.org

HOUSE CLEANING ASSISTANCE

Need assistance cleaning your home? Several of our immigrant neighbors are willing and ready to connect! Please reach out to our Director of Social Mission, Tim Severyn, at severynte@xavier.edu for more details.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONTINUES PARISH PLANNING PROCESS

Over the past couple of years, our pastor, parish staff, and parishioners serving in leadership have been collecting input from the wider Bellarmine community about the parish and its ministries and functions. As a result, we now have information from: surveys; “circle processes;” parish-wide leadership retreats; and a “white paper” our staff developed (a snapshot of the current state of Bellarmine and its ministries). This information is geared to help the parish in our pastor transition process; it has been provided to province leadership and also to our current and future pastors.

Our Advisory Committee is now using this input to engage in a parish planning process. In this effort, parishioner Tim Kloppenborg (retired Xavier distinguished management professor, author, and consultant) and his Xavier students are providing us with professional guidance.

Our first step in this planning process is to revitalize Bellarmine’s mission statement. Our previous version is four paragraphs long, at least fifteen years old, and by now outdated. Based on the input we have recently gathered, we are developing a two- or three-sentence statement we hope will inspire us and guide our decisions and actions—a statement to serve as a foundation for further planning.

You can expect to hear again from the Advisory Committee in the coming weeks. We will share with you our work on the mission statement, and we look forward to consulting further with you as we move into the next phases of this planning work. As in all that happens here, we seek to pay attention to the creative movement of the Holy Spirit within Bellarmine and beyond.

SANCTUARY CONGREGATIONS COALITION

The next quarterly gathering will be on Thursday, February 28, at 7 PM at Mt. Auburn Presbyterian Church. Bellarmine has been a Support Congregation, offering assistance to the Coalition as needed. This gathering will include information on accompanying immigrants to their ICE appointments and updates on the Mauritanian community in the Cincinnati area, who have specifically been targeted for deportation. No RSVP is necessary.