Bellarmine Chapel is a Catholic faith community that strives to live out the teaching and example of Jesus Christ in the spiritual tradition of St. Ignatius of Loyola. We seek to be a parish where lives are transformed by the new and creative ways of the Holy Spirit. Nourished at the table of the Eucharist, we are sent on mission to make disciples, serve those in need, work for justice, and welcome all with love.

TODAY’S READINGS
Malachi 3:1-4
Hebrews 2:14-18
Luke 2:22-40

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS
Isaiah 58:7-10
1 Corinthians 2:1-5
Matthew 5:13-16

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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.

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.

HOLISTIC HEALING FROM STRESS
For All Adults, Esp. Parents
Parishioner Mary Duennes, trained by Capacitar International, whose mission is Healing Ourselves, Healing Our World, is offering her skills to our community, leading prayerful movement toward regulating our stress. Join her on Sunday mornings, February 2, 9, and 23, 10:10-10:55 AM in the Atrium at the end of the 1st floor of Alter Hall. Mary will include practices which parents can teach their children. New material will be presented at each session so attendance at previous sessions is not required but helpful.

LISTENING SESSIONS
For Increased Faith Formation Time
Over the past two Sundays brief pulpit announcements have been made about the need to increase our parish Faith Formation time on Sunday mornings. Now all are invited to Listening Sessions on Sunday, February 16, at 10:10-10:55 AM in Hailstones Hall Room 2; 12:10-12:55 PM in the Chapel; OR 6:00-6:45 PM in the Small Chapel. These sessions will be facilitated by members of our Advisory Committee and the Evangelization and Discipleship Core Team. Please come and have your voice heard!

RITE OF WELCOME FOR FIRST COMMUNION
Next Sunday, February 9, we will celebrate a Rite of Welcome (into the formation process) for our children preparing for First Communion in the spring. We offer our prayer and support to these families over the coming months of preparation.

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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 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.

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.
PARISH MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION

Our annual Mardi Gras celebration will be Tuesday, February 25, 2020, at 6:00 PM. Come for lots of pancakes, fun crafts, ending with prayer in the Chapel as we “Bury the Alleluia” for Lent. Please RSVP to Jane Myers myersj6@xavier.edu or 745-3317 or sign up on the board in the narthex.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR XU STUDENTS & ADULTS

If you are an XU student or adult who would like to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation to be celebrated in April, please contact Jane Myers at myersj6@xavier.edu or 745-3317. The formation sessions will begin in late February.

SMALL FAITH COMMUNITIES IN LENT

Lent is a good time of the year to join an existing Small Faith Community or to initiate one. If you are interested, and have a sense of what focus you may want for a group; or if you already have a group, and need resources or support, please contact Jane Myers at myersj6@xavier.edu or 745-3317.

I find hope in the darkest of days, and focus in the brightest. I do not judge the universe.
~Dalai Lama XIV

YOUTH MINISTRY

All upcoming youth events are open to both little byg and big BYG unless otherwise noted.

What's Coming up?

2/8 & 2/9 - Retreat at Higher Ground
2/16 - Couples Panel - 4:30-6:45 McDonald Library Rm 130
2/23 - BYG ONLY - Catholic Sexual Ethics with Dr. Marcus Mescher - 4:30-6:45 McDonald Library Rm 130

BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION

Parents who present their children for Baptism are expected to participate in a Baptism Preparation Session to intentionally anticipate celebrating this important sacrament with their child. Our next session will be Wednesday, February 12, 2020, at 7:00 PM. Please contact Jane Myers to register at myersj6@xavier.edu or 745-3317.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

Saturday, February 15

Join other couples to celebrate your marriage with a 4:00 PM presentation, an intimate 5:30 liturgy followed by a shared meal. Registrations will be available in the Narthex today, or by contacting Kathy Kohl at kohlp@xavier.edu or 513-745-3376.
LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES

The next ministry schedule for March 1 thru May 31 is currently in development. Profile updates and new enrollments entered by February 5 will be used for the next schedule. Current ministers should update profiles with ministry requests and “can’t serve” times using the MSP web terminal link received via email. New ministers not currently in ministry scheduler are always welcome and can access the new enrollment link on the Bellarmine website page at bellarminechapel.org/ministry-schedules.html

We appreciate the continued feedback on the new Ministry Scheduler system and are happy to answer your questions as we all learn to navigate the system together. If you have questions or concerns, please send an email to schedules@bellarminechapel.org

VIRTUS-TRAINED ADULTS NEEDED

As our parish continues to grow in our ministries with children and youth, we are increasingly in need of VIRTUS-trained (Safe Environment & Protection of Children) adults to accompany them during regular parish activities and special events. If you are already VIRTUS-trained and serve at another archdiocesan location, please consider adding St. Robert Bellarmine Parish to the list of places you serve; OR if you are willing to take the 3-hour training to be available to support our parish needs, especially if you are a parent of a child or teen, please contact Jane Myers myersj6@xavier.edu or 745-3317.

REMAIN IN MEXICO

This past Wednesday, January 29, marked the one year anniversary of the Remain in Mexico policy implemented by President Trump, a policy that has forced at least 56,000 asylum seekers to remain in Mexico while their asylum cases are being adjudicated, where they are at risk of exploitation by drug cartels and other harms, often for many months. The Sisters of Mercy have drafted an advocacy alert calling on our Congress to defund this initiative. You can learn more and find that alert here: https://bit.ly/315UUYj Copies of the advocacy alert will also be available to sign in the narthex after mass.

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We cannot direct the wind, but we can adjust the sails.

~Dolly Parton

ADULT 2020 KENTUCKY SERVICE TRIP

As many of you know, the Bellarmine youth group has been making a summer service trip to Eastern Kentucky for about 30 years. Since 2011, we have been working in the community of Helton in Leslie County. Due to staffing changes, BYG will not be making this trip in 2020, but we have been asked to send a group of adults in order to continue this tradition of service to the Helton community. Our group will engage in light to moderate construction activity to rehab houses for local needy residents. This will be accompanied by recreational activities, one potluck supper with local residents, and community building and prayer activities among our group.

The trip will run from July 12 through July 18, 2020, and we are now soliciting statements of intent from parishioners who would like to be part of this group. Eligibility is open to all parishioners 18 years of age or older, as well as parishioners younger than 18 who are accompanied by one or more of their parents. We prefer participants who will commit for the entire week, but are open to those who can only commit for part of the week (such part-timers, however, will be responsible for their own transportation to and from Kentucky). We anticipate a per-person cost of $300 for the full week, and scholarships are available for those who need them. For planning purposes, we would like to have a firm count of participants by the end of February.

Please consider participating and if you are interested, please let us know. We will have representatives at all Masses on February 2, 2020, and will be able to answer questions after each Mass. You may also contact Tim Severyn (severynte@xavier.edu) at other times if you have questions.

SOCIAL MISSION OUTREACH GRANTS

The Social Mission Core Team is accepting applications for our $500 mini-grants between now and the deadline of March 1. These grants are awarded to any non-profit or start-up initiative in need of funding that a parishioner is currently involved in, even if only as a volunteer. The core requirement is that the organization or project aligns with Catholic Social Teaching and fits in with the wider efforts of our Church. For the application and more detailed guidelines, contact our Director of Social Mission, Tim Severyn, at severynte@xavier.edu today!
**DIAPER AND WIPES COLLECTION**

Did you know diaper need is a reality in our city? There are over 16,000 diaper-wearing children in the Greater Cincinnati area experiencing diaper need each month. Sweet Cheeks Diaper Bank (www.sweetcheeksdiaperbanks.org) serves Greater Cincinnati by giving diapers to area partner agencies who distribute them to the families they serve. Please help by donating diapers and wipes (sizes 4, 5, 6 and all pull-ups are especially needed) in the bins in the Narthex between Sunday, February 9 and Sunday, February 16. Thanks for your generous support of the health and well-being of families in our community!

**MEATLESS POTLUCK**

Our Healthy Earth Team invites you to consider decreasing your meat consumption this Lent. We are hosting a Meatless Meet-Up Potluck on Monday, February 24, 6:30 PM, just before Ash Wednesday, at the Quaker Meeting House near campus (3960 Winding Way). So bring your favorite meat-free dish to share! And even if you can't make a commitment this Lent, we invite you to join us for this tasty community meal, and to learn a bit more about the benefits of a plant-based diet and its connections to our faith. Throughout Lent, we will also offer vegetarian recipes in the narthex. RSVP to Tim Severyn, our Director of Social Mission, at severynte@xavier.edu

**LENTEN DAILY REFLECTION**

For the past two years, Bellarmine's Social Mission Core Team has offered a daily email reflection during Lent on the theme of Share the Journey. The theme for this year, which will tie into all aspects of parish life, including our Lenten series, is Reconciliation - the sacrament, the internal dynamic, the interpersonal practice, and the active process of reconciling with the larger human family, the planet, and God. We invite you to pray upon this topic throughout Lent. If you would like to receive this daily reflection, please send an email to our Director of Social Mission, Tim Severyn, at severynte@xavier.edu before Ash Wednesday (2/26). We are starting our list afresh this year, so even if you have received our Lenten email in previous years, you will need to sign up again!

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

Cell phone problems and a locked door almost prevented one of our neighbors from getting help a couple Saturdays ago. When the two Vincentians tried to contact the neighbor, they could get no answer from her cell phone, and the door to the building was securely locked. They were about to give up when they spotted a woman on the street calling out to them. She gasped with relief when she knew she hadn’t missed the visit and then began to cry.

As they listened sympathetically, she shared her story. First, she had missed a job interview that morning because the car she was supposed to use had been towed away. A sloppy repair job on the roof of her apartment had allowed rain water to drench and ruin her furniture. On top of all of that, her prescription glasses had broken, and she had no food and now she had no way to get any.

The Vincentians referred her to the new building on Bank Street to get new glasses, gave her a voucher for furniture, bus tokens so she could get to a job interview, Kroger cards for food, and a Bible for spiritual relief. While they were praying with her, assuring her of God’s care for her and all her needs, a smile appeared and then a grateful hug amidst the tears.

The two Vincentians truly felt that God’s timing couldn’t have been better. They were able to bring hope and help in this worst of moments for this woman so desperate for help. If you’d like to get involved with Bellarmine Chapel’s St. Vincent de Paul conference, please call Jim Doerger at (513) 617-2085.

**WANTED**

The Bellarmine SVDP needs work-at-home volunteers to expand the services it provides to neighbors of our parish. This telephone work will put you in direct contact with those neighbors seeking help from SVDP. You will work with other members of SVDP once or twice a month for about 10 hours per week (Wednesday to Friday). This is a wonderful opportunity to be of significant service to our neighbors without leaving your home. You will have the full support of SVDP leadership in helping us co-create the kingdom of God. Contact Jim Doerger 513-617-2085.