LISTENING SESSIONS  
For Increased Faith Formation Time

Over the past 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!

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 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.

BELLARMINE ALL-PARISH MASS

Our All-Parish Mass will be held on Sunday, March 1 in the Cintas Center. Mass will begin at 10:00 AM, followed by a breakfast. Please join us! We will not have our usual 9, 11 and 7 o’clock Masses in the Chapel that day.

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 park in the circle. Use it for drop off and pick up only.
BELLARMINE CALENDAR

Sunday, February 9
Parish Registration
Socials at Morning Masses
BYG/byg Retreat
10:10 AM GIFT - Hailstones Hall

Monday, February 10
7:00 PM Evangelization and Discipleship - Parish Center

Tuesday, February 11
6:30 PM JustFaith - Parish Center
7:00 PM Worship Core - Activity Room

Wednesday, February 12
2:30 PM Centering Prayer - Small Chapel
6:15 PM Advisory Committee - Alumni
6:30 PM Social Mission Gathering - Chapel

Thursday, February 13
7:00 PM RCIA - Parish Center

Saturday, February 15
9:00 AM St. Vincent de Paul - Activity Room
3:30 PM Celebration of Marriage - Arrupe Room, GSC
5:30 PM Celebration of Marriage Mass - Chapel

Sunday, February 16
Outreach Collection - Ignatian Spirituality Project
10:10 AM GIFT - Hailstones Hall
10:10 AM Parish Listening Session - Hailstones 2
12:10 PM Parish Listening Session - Chapel
4:30 PM BYG/byg - McDonald Library
6:00 PM Parish Listening Session - Small Chapel

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE
Saturday, February 15

What better time than Valentine’s Day weekend to explore and renew your marriage promise? 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.
*Registrations are due tomorrow, February 10!

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.

The final word is love.
~Dorothy Day

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.

SUNDAY CHILD CARE WORKERS NEEDED

The child care we offer during our three parish Masses is in need of additional providers. Vivian Jackson continues to lead our team but we need several more VIRTUS-trained adults to assist. A stipend is paid for each Mass. Please contact Jane Myers at 745-3317 or myersj6@xavier.edu

TAX LETTERS

If you need a letter of your parish donations from 2019 for tax purposes, please contact Liz Keuffer in the Chapel office at keuffer@xavier.edu or 513-745-3398.
**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.

**SOCIAL MISSION GATHERING**

On Wednesday, February 12, 6:30 PM in the Chapel, the Social Mission Core Team will be hosting their first Social Mission Gathering for the parish, inviting everyone involved in or interested in being involved in Bellarmine's Social Mission activities to come together for an evening of prayer, celebration, learning, and cross-pollination collaboration between ministries. Themes include Jack Jezreel's book, *A New Way to Be Church: Parish Renewal from the Outside In* and the 7 principles of Catholic Social Teaching. Please mark your calendar and join if you're able! For more information and to RSVP, contact our Director of Social Mission, Tim Severyn, at severynte@xavier.edu

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

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

**What's Coming up?**

- **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
- **3/8** - Voices from the Margins: Women in the Church @ 4:30 - 6:45, Arrupe Lounge in Gallagher Center
- **3/22** - Interfaith Service Day @ 3:00 - 6:00, Gorman Heritage Farms (10052 Reading Rd.)

**FEBRUARY OUTREACH COLLECTION**

Next Sunday, February 16 our monthly outreach collection will go to support the work of the Ignatian Spirituality Project, which runs transformational retreats for homeless men experiencing addictions. For more information, visit www.ispretreats.org

**LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES TO GO DEEPER**

This Lent there are 3 ongoing opportunities being offered to parishioners interested in going deeper into the theme of Reconciliation - the active process of reconciling with the larger human family, the planet, and God. If you would like to participate in any of these opportunities, please contact our Director of Social Mission, Tim Severyn at severynte@xavier.edu

1) Daily Lenten Email Reflection - We invite you to go deeper into prayer and reconciliation with God, and can email you daily reflections - Bible verses, prayers, poems, testimonies, and more - for encouragement and inspiration. 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!

2) JustMatters: Faith and Racial Healing: Embracing, Truth, Justice, and Restoration - We invite you to go deeper into the question of racial reconciliation by joining this 8-week small faith study group involving prayer, reflection, reading, dialogue, and immersion. Participants will look deeply at the history of racism in the United States, working together toward true reconciliation with God and restoration with one another. The group will meet on Monday evenings, 6:30-8:30 PM, beginning March 2. RSVP required.

3) Meatless Meet Up: Potluck - We invite you to go deeper into the question of reconciliation with creation by reducing your meat consumption during Lent - whether that's going vegetarian/vegan or skipping meat one meal each day or week! To help create community around this commitment, and learn more about the connection between faith and a plant-based diet, we invite you to a Meatless Meet Up: Potluck on Monday, February 24, 6:30 PM at the Quaker Meeting House (3960 Winding Way). We will host other meatless opportunities during Lent and will include vegetarian recipes in the narthex as well. RSVP appreciated but not required!

**BUILDING A BRIDGE BOOK CLUB**

We are continuing our discussion of *Building a Bridge: How the Catholic Church and the LGBT Community Can Enter into a Relationship of Respect, Compassion, and Sensitivity*, by Fr. James Martin, SJ. Meetings are on the last Sunday of each month from 5:30-7 in Hailstones Hall room 7. If you would like more information, please contact Katherine Inskeep at kinskeep@alumni.nd.edu or text 419-303-6625.
**JOB OPPORTUNITY**

Bellarmine Chapel is looking for a part-time, temporary (4-6 months) secretary/receptionist. If you are interested, or know someone who might be, please contact Fr. Eric at sundrup@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.

**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!

**IMMERSION OPPORTUNITY**

Those participating in JustFaith and JustMatters programs will be going on an immersion to Community Matters and Casa de Paz on Saturday, February 22, 9 AM- 1 PM. This will include prayer, dialogue, lunch, and reflection. We can accommodate a few more people interested in learning more about these organizations and meeting members of the communities they serve. For more info or to RSVP contact Tim Severyn at severynte@xavier.edu

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The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart. ~Helen Keller

**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!

**RACIAL JUSTICE AND FAITH EVENT**

Please join us on February 20, 7 PM in the Arrupe Overlook of the Gallagher Student Center for a conversation about how faith informs work for racial justice, as five Xavier students share their experiences, insights, and hopes. Fr. Michael Graham will provide introductory remarks and John Gehring, Catholic Program Director for Faith in Public Life will moderate the panel. After we hear from the students, we will open this up into a town hall discussion so that members of the community can share as well. All are welcome!

**SAVE-THE-DATE: PLANT SALE AND SWAP**

We need your donations for the Third Annual Bellarmine and Evanston Community - Fresh is Better Plant Sale and Swap, scheduled for Saturday, April 18, 9-12 at the Evanston Recreation Center, with all proceeds going to support gardening, beautification, and hunger relief in the Evanston community. While spring might feel far away, before too long you will be out there separating your perennials. Please consider keeping your extras in pots and bringing them to the pre-sale drop off on Friday, 5-7 PM. All donors will receive coupons that you can use the following day for plants as well! If you're starting seeds for vegetables or flowers, or have some extra house plants, we will gladly accept those too. Any unused ceramic or terracotta pots - we can also take those! Contact Tim Severyn, our Director of Social Mission, at severynte@xavier.edu to get involved!