March 8, 2020
Second Sunday of Lent

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
Genesis 12:1-4a
2 Timothy 1:8b-10
Matthew 17:1-9

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS
Exodus 17:3-7
Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
John 4:5-42

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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.

IT’S LENT.
Let’s look closely at reconciliation!

Sunday Morning Series in Hailstones Hall #2

For the next few weeks all are invited to reflect on Reconciliation personally, in our communities, and globally.

March 15- Join in a group reflection on the Ecological Examen “Reconciling God, Creation and Humanity” (see article below)
March 22- “Let’s talk honestly about Confession or the Sacrament of Reconciliation”- What has kept me from it? What would motivate me to return? Remind me how it works.
March 29- Several priests will be available to celebrate the Sacrament individually.

ECOLOGICAL EXAMEN

Join us on Sunday, March 15, 10:10-10:50 AM in Hailstones Room 2 for a prayerful review of the Ecological Examen, which the Jesuits released last year to help us connect our faith to all of creation. You can find the prayer here: ecologicalexamen.org and prayer cards will be distributed at the gathering. Contact Tim Severyn for more information at severynte@xavier.edu

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.

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, March 8
Parish Registration
Socials at Morning Masses
Outreach Collection - Habitat for Humanity
10:10 AM GIFT - Hailstones Hall
1:00 PM Ireland in Words and Music - Kennedy Auditorium
4:30 PM BYG - Voices from the Margins: Women - Arrupe Lounge

Monday, March 9
6:30 PM JustMatters - Activity Room
7:00 PM Evangelization and Discipleship - Parish Center

Tuesday, March 10
6:30 PM JustFaith - Parish Center

Wednesday, March 11
2:30 PM Centering Prayer - Small Chapel
6:45 PM Advisory Team - Alumni

Thursday, March 12
6:00 PM RCIA Dinner - Clocktower Lounge

Saturday, March 14
9:00 AM St. Vincent de Paul - Activity Room

Sunday, March 15
10:10 AM GIFT - Hailstones Hall

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

This Sunday, we celebrate the women of our parish and the wider world, recognizing all that they have done and continue to do to co-create a world of faith, hope, and love. We together pray for an end to gender discrimination, sexism, and the marginalization of women and girls globally and here at home.

You are invited to join us this Sunday, 4:30 PM in the Arrupe Overlook for our Voices from the Margins event focused on the marginalization women have faced in our Church. Come hear from your fellow parishioners and enter into dialogue around what a more inclusive community might be and how we can work together to get there. Contact our Director of Social Mission at severynte@xavier.edu to get involved!

BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION

Our next Baptism Preparation Session will be Wednesday, March 25 at 7:00 PM in the small chapel. (Not on April 1 as previously scheduled.) Please RSVP to Jane Myers at myersj6@xavier.edu or 745-3317.

VOLUNTEER FOR THE WAY OF THE CROSS FOR JUSTICE

Join us on Good Friday, April 10, 12-2 PM at Fountain Square for a reflection on the many faces of the crucified Christ today. Bellarmine will be leading a station on global peace, and we would love to have you volunteer! Email Tim Severyn at severynte@xavier.edu to be involved!

YOUTH MINISTRY

All are welcome to attend the Voices from the Margins and the Interfaith Service Day!

3/8 - Voices from the Margins - Women in the Church - Gallagher Student Center - Arrupe Room - 4:30-6:45

3/22 - Interfaith Service Day - Gorman Heritage Farms, 10052 Reading Road, 3-6 pm

3/20-3/22 - Please pray for our youth team leaders and staff who are attending an Ignatian Solidarity Network Summit on social justice, in Columbus, OH.
MEATLESS FOR LENT

The Healthy Earth Team has a basket with vegan/vegetarian recipes in the narthex of church. This is a place for sharing recipes - so feel free to take a copy of anything that is there. If you would like to have your recipes added to the mix - email Tim Severyn at severynte@xavier.edu

KAIROS WEEKEND COOKIES

Today is the last day to drop off cookies for the Kairos retreat at Lebanon Correctional Institution on March 12 - 15. Another group will be holding a Kairos retreat at the Southern Ohio Correctional Facility on March 26 - 29. They will be collecting cookies through Thursday, March 19. Cookies must be 2 to 3 inches in diameter. Any type of cookie is fine. Please bag them two dozen per bag in gallon-size zip lock bags, with nothing else in the bags (no foil, paper, etc). A box will be in the narthex during the coming weeks to collect the cookies, with the new deadline of March 19 for final turn-in. Thank you for your cookies and your prayers!

HOW DO WE BUILD THE CULTURE OF ENCOUNTER?

Join Theology Professor, parishioner, and author of the new book, The Ethics of Encounter, Dr. Marcus Mescher in the Chapel on Monday, March 30, 7 PM for a conversation around how we can overcome despair, distrust, and division. In describing his new book, Jim Martin, SJ writes, "Mescher provides an inspiring account of what is possible when we commit ourselves to creating a culture of encounter that aims for a culture of belonging." Books will be available at the event.

SVDP BOOK COLLECTION

For the next few weeks the books collected by Bellarmine’s SVDP in the narthex baskets will be donated to the Walnut Hills High School library. Bill Sedgwick, a Bellarmine parishioner and teacher at Walnut Hills, has asked for our support. The donated books will be sold at the school’s primary fund drive for the library. As always, we are asking that you not donate textbook or other materials that will be less desirable for general sale. If you have these items, the Cincinnati Public Library does accept books for recycling as a fundraiser for their libraries!

FAMILY VOLUNTEER DAY!

All families are invited to a volunteer day with the Fresh is Better: Evanston Garden Project that Bellarmine has been coordinating for the last 3 years. Join us on Saturday, April 4, at 9:30 AM-12:30 PM at the Evanston Recreation Center for a morning of garden clean up, compost delivery, planting, building, and more! RSVP or questions to Tim Severyn at severynte@xavier.edu

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. This spring, when you are 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. We can also take ceramic or terra cotta pots. Contact Tim Severyn, our Director of Social Mission, at severynte@xavier.edu to get involved!

REMINDERS

❖ During cold and flu season, please be sure to take your used tissues out of the pew with you at the end of Mass.
❖ To receive the bulletin by email, please send Liz Keuffer your name at keuffer@xavier.edu.

STUDY AT THE ATHENAEUM

Is God calling you to something new? Come and see how lay Catholic studies at the Athenaeum/Mount St. Mary’s Seminary can help you grow in faith, knowledge and skills. We offer graduate degrees in Pastoral Ministry, Theology, and Biblical Studies; a non-degreed Certificate in Pastoral Ministry and a variety of courses for credit and audit. Choose from classes such as Old Testament Scripture, Church History, Philosophy, Foundations for Lay Ministry, Catechism and Discipleship. Call 513-231-1200 or email smcgurgan@athenaeum.edu to learn more.
CATHOLIC WOMEN’S WITNESS

Cincinnati Catholics Witness for Women’s Equality and Dignity on International Women’s Day on March 8, 2020

Area Catholics, including a number of Bellarmine parishioners, are holding a witness for women’s equality and dignity within the Catholic Church. This witness coincides with other witnesses for women’s equality and dignity around the world (see other events at https://voicesoffaith.org/iwd2020).

Time: 5:00 – 6:00 (daylight savings time change day)
Place: Cathedral of St. Peter’s in Church, 325 Eighth St W, Cincinnati, OH 45202
Participants asked to: 1. Wear something white 2. Bring candles (real or artificial) 3. Bring signs promoting equality and dignity for all women in the Catholic Church. For more information go to www.facebook.com/Voices-Speaking-469991166373578/

VENICE ON VINE SPRING RAFFLE

March into daily chances to win $75 or $150 dollars while supporting Venice on Vine. The luck of the Irish could bring $2,000 on St. Patrick's Day or dream of the First Day of Spring with $1,000! Your entry allows you to win everyday. Online purchases for the 2020 Grow Your Green Raffle are $20 each or 3 for $50 at VeniceonVine.com, Facebook, or visit us at 1301 Vine Street.

Thanks for being a sweetheart and helping Venice on Vine maintain pre-employment training and a job stabilization for individuals with barriers to employment. Venice utilizes both a traditional pizzeria, a commercial catering kitchen, and our new food truck as classrooms.

SAVE ST MARK'S CHURCH

The Evanston Community Council is interested in saving St. Mark's Church, on Montgomery and Duck Creek, from demolition or misuse. They will be having a meeting to discuss possible plans on Wednesday, March 18, 5:30 PM at the Evanston Recreation Center (3204 Woodburn). Come hear what's under consideration and provide your feedback!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Recently a Vincentian and a Xavier student participating in a class on social justice and diversity visited a woman who was in a very difficult situation. A few weeks before, her fiancee had been taken away in front of the children and deported. Then her home had been condemned, leaving them homeless. The children had been put in foster care. She had finally found housing, but her apartment was completely empty except for an air mattress covered by a beach towel. In tears, she told them that she wouldn’t get her children back until she had beds for all of them. They listened with compassion and concern. They gave her a bible, a children’s bible, vouchers for furniture, clothing and one for three beds. They prayed with her and assured her they would try to get more beds.

That Saturday, fewer neighbors needed monetary help so four more beds could be purchased for her. A SVDP family offered to purchase a bed for the mother, and another member got pillows for them. A neighbor’s aunt agreed to buy a “Bed in a Bag” for all of the beds, providing the sheets and blankets they needed. The Xavier student’s husband, who was in home construction and repair business, had recently had a client ask him to get rid of some things for free. The next day he delivered a couch, two side chairs, a coffee table and a refrigerator. Finally, another Vincentian arranged to provide delivery for the beds and furniture the following week.

On the day of delivery it was like Christmas! The empty apartment was ready for the reuniting of the family. The grateful woman has a court date to get her children back, and hopefully that will be soon. Miracles can happen! If you’d like to get involved with Bellarmine’s St. Vincent de Paul conference, either doing Saturday visits or volunteering from your home, please call Jim Doerger at 513-617-2085.

SU CASA BANQUET AND AWARDS DINNER

Su Casa Hispanic Center, a part of Catholic Charities, will be holding their annual banquet in the Cintas Center on April 24, 6-9 PM. Tickets are $75. We would like to organize a Bellarmine table, if possible - so please let Tim Severyn know if you'd like to be a part, at severynte@xavier.edu