



BELLARMINE
Jesuit Retreat House

THE BELLARMINE CONNECTION

2023-2024 Program Guide Edition

LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I am delighted to introduce to you this new format of our program guide that provides an array of options that we hope will excite you. **Dive in to discover retreats that will bring you unimagined wonders and a deep tangible connection to God's love for you.**



The retreats featured in detail in this edition are those that are scheduled until Thanksgiving 2023. We have included the days of reflection through the end of the calendar year. The full schedule of the retreat season is included in list format on page 7. While we have lined up a **fabulous season of retreat leaders for you**, these are

subject to change based on occasional extenuating circumstances. Each season we work with over 50 retreat leaders and less than a handful change. Shifting gears mid-season is challenging, but we trust that the Lord is with us and provides grace even in the midst of change.

You will receive **the second edition of our program guide in the fall**. It will feature details about upcoming retreats and days of reflection. We will continue to communicate with you through a variety of channels, highlighting our offerings that are new and different.

Enjoy these pages of goodness and light, and we look forward to seeing you on retreat in the coming year!

Blessings,

Erin Maiorca
Executive Director

p.s. Come to the quiet!

NEW AT BELLARMINE

We have many traditional Bellarmine retreats: silent men's, women's, 12-step recovery retreats, and Veteran's retreats.

New this season, we are offering more co-ed and semi-silent retreats.

Registration is open for the complete 2023-2024 retreat season!
Book your retreat at jesuitretreat.org/retreat-schedules.

Mark your calendar, register, and invite folks to join you!

SAVE THE DATE

Our 75th Anniversary year will conclude with a celebration of ministry, music, and song. More details coming soon. We hope to see you there!



Thursday, September 21, 2023
Old Saint Patrick's Church
Chicago, Illinois

WELCOME FR. TOM KRETTEK, SJ



We are delighted to welcome Fr. Tom Krettek, SJ, the new Superior of the Bellarmine Jesuit Community. Fr. Tom entered the Society of Jesus in 1971 and was ordained a priest in 1982. After

completing a PhD in Philosophy at The Catholic University of America in 1987, he spent two years in Africa teaching philosophy in seminary programs.

Fr. Tom was at Creighton University from 1989 to 2000 as Director of the Jesuit Humanities Program and teaching philosophy. In 2000, he was appointed Rector of the Marquette University Jesuit Community and taught philosophy. From 2005 to 2011 he was Provincial of the Wisconsin Province. He returned to Marquette University as Vice President for Mission and Ministry in 2016. He served as a visiting professor of philosophy and academic director of the Jesuit First Studies Program at Loyola University Chicago from 2018 to 2022.

Fr. Tom has experience in giving spiritual direction and preached and directed retreats. He enjoys reading and occasionally plays golf.

All are welcome!

JOIN US ON RETREAT

There are many graces and blessings received while on retreat ... find your spiritual truth, discover your sacred story, unearth meaningful day-to-day habits to nourish your well-being, focus on a God-given gift, or learn a new skill.



September 15-17, 2023

TEACH US TO PRAY - REFLECTIONS ON *THE LORD'S PRAYER*

This retreat will help you expand and deepen the ways you pray using scripture, scholarly commentary, storytelling, poetry, music, guided imagery and journaling. Drawing on the wisdom of the *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius, this retreat will forever change the way you encounter The Lord's Prayer.



Retreat Leader: Fr. Michael Sparough, SJ
Bellarmine Ministry Team member; prolific writer and speaker on prayer and sacraments; holds an MFA from the Yale School of Drama.

September 29-October 1, 2023

A WRITING RETREAT

Come be inspired by the wisdom and beauty of the award-winning poetry of Mary Oliver and the perennial power of St. Ignatius' *Spiritual Exercises*. During this semi-silent retreat, we will use the water of the Pulitzer Prize winner's words and the fire of St. Ignatius' *Exercises* to spark our creativity and respond on paper through poetry, prose, song or story.



Retreat Leader: Fr. Roc O'Connor, SJ
Bellarmine Ministry Team member; full time composer and writer; published his collection of eight new songs, *All Shall Be Well: The Hand of God* in June 2020.



Retreat Leader: Fr. Michael Sparough, SJ
Bellarmine Ministry Team member; prolific writer and speaker on prayer and sacraments; holds an MFA from the Yale School of Drama.



Retreat Leaders: Tom and Geralyn Sparough
Retreat facilitators for 30 years; co-writers of two books: *The Secret Diary of Mother Mary* and *The Embodied Rosary*; enjoy writing poetry and journaling as forms of prayer.

FOR
ASPIRING WRITERS,
MUSICIANS, AND
THOSE LOOKING
TO EXPAND THEIR
CREATIVITY

October 6-9, 2023

THE CHOSEN: A SPIRITUAL REFLECTION RETREAT

Reflect on the life of Jesus and his first followers in a whole new way while on this semi-silent retreat. Together with other retreatants and members of our Ministry Team at Bellarmine, you will watch *The Chosen* (season 1, 2, or 3), the first-ever multi-season show about Jesus, starring Catholic actor Jonathan Roumie portraying Jesus.

Retreat Leaders: Bellarmine Ministry Team & Additional Spiritual Directors



October 13-15, 2023

THE *SPIRITUAL EXERCISES* THROUGH ART

This retreat explores the *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius by reflecting on and praying with works of art in painting, sculpture and photography. Such visual arts can move the imagination and inspire spiritual experiences and insights in ways that words alone cannot.



Retreat Leader: Fr. Mark Scalese, SJ
Superior of First Studies Program at Loyola University Chicago; previous professor in the Film, Television and Media Arts program and director of campus ministry at Fairfield University.



November 17-19, 2023

IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY & YOGA

This semi-silent retreat includes gentle movement, prayer, silent personal reflection, small group sharing, and spiritual direction. We will explore the four Universal Apostolic Preferences of the Society of Jesus through the lens of Christian and Yoga traditions. *No prior experience with Ignatian spirituality or yoga is required.*



Retreat Leader: Fr. Bobby Karle, SJ
Jesuit co-founder of Ignatian Spirituality & Yoga; trained in Eastern and Western spiritual practices; uses the body and breath to realize Christ's presence.



"Coming Home" Retreats for Veterans

Days of Reflection for Adults
led by a Jesuit Priest &
Team of Veterans

8:00 am - 6:30 pm

*These programs are **free** to attend!*



October 22, 2023



January 28, 2024



May 19, 2024



September 8-10, 2023

UNEXPECTED TURNS: THE CONVERSION OF ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA

This retreat will explore the unexpected turns in St. Ignatius Loyola’s life that required him to adapt to where God seemed to be leading him—just as the twists and turns in our own lives force us to reflect on and adapt to where God is calling us. As for St. Ignatius, so for us: God writes straight with sometimes very crooked lines!



Retreat Leader: Fr. Michael Graham, SJ
Entered the Jesuits in 1978; ordained in 1988; former Xavier University President (2001-2021); collaborator in the area of Jesuit Mission and Identity.

September 22-24, 2023

A HEART-CENTERED APPROACH TO THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES

A 5th century bishop named Diadochus wrote that the measure of our love for God depends upon how deeply aware we are of God’s love for us. St. Ignatius’ *Spiritual Exercises* are designed to deepen our awareness of God’s love. This retreat will focus on the relationship between our hearts and God’s.



Retreat Leader: Fr. James Kubicki, SJ
Contributes to Relevant Radio; author of *A Heart on Fire: Rediscovering Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus* and *A Year of Daily Offerings*.

October 20-22, 2023

EXPERIENCING GOD THROUGH IGNATIAN CONTEMPLATION AND PRAYER

This retreat will make use of Ignatian contemplation, imaginative prayer, and the senses to engage in conversation with God. The focus will be on understanding our interior life using the Internal Family Systems method (IFS) as a means to intimate prayer with God, Jesus, Spirit.



Retreat Leader: Fr. Jeff Putthoff, SJ
National speaker on trauma-informed care, youth formation, Ignatian spirituality and leadership; previous high school teacher and associate pastor.



November 10-12, 2023 (12-Step Recovery Retreat)

WE ABSOLUTELY INSIST ON ENJOYING LIFE!

This weekend we’ll move through these Steps, examining how each can apply to the many ways we are powerless each day. The 12 Steps provide for us a program for living. By applying the Steps to those situations, we can maximize our ability to enjoy life, thus facilitating us to become “happy, joyous, and free.”



Retreat Leader: Fr. Tim Meier, SJ
Previous Chaplain in the California National Guard; previous undergraduate Research Director of the Honors Program in Biology at Stanford University; clean and sober since September 1979.

In Memoriam

We remember deceased retreatants, their spouses, and loved ones who passed away in 2022-2023.

- Amanda Asque - 12/15/2022
- Frank Beil - 11/26/2022
- Fr. Joseph Eagan - 12/20/2022
- Richard Favoriti - 2/26/2023
- Stephen R. Grove - 11/17/2022
- William J. Halpin - 2/20/2023
- Michael C. Hourihane - 12/1/2022
- Deacon Paul Iwanski - 2/9/2023
- John W. Lynch, Sr. - 12/16/2022
- Robert Matthei - 12/30/2022
- Andrew McKenna, Sr. - 2/7/2023
- Kristine Marie Messitt - 12/26/2022
- K.C. Nagle - 2/9/2023
- Larry P. Podgorski - 2/3/2023
- Thomas M. Prusha - 1/14/2023
- Gerald M. Pubentz - 11/21/2022
- Deacon Paul Schmidt - 9/21/2022
- John J. Schornack - 10/10/2022
- Jerome G. Thompson - 2/16/2023
- Joseph Vitu - 2/20/2022

Please let us know of retreatants and loved ones who have passed away so that we may join with you in prayer for them.

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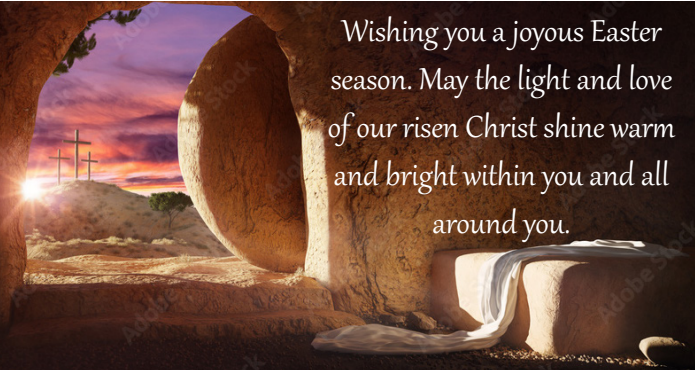
We Give Thanks



In loving memory

When a Bellarmine retreatant has passed away, the family may choose to name Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House as the recipient of gifts made in memory of their loved one. We give thanks for those who remember their loved one’s Bellarmine retreat experiences in this special way. A list of all names and addresses of memorial donors is provided to the family.

For more information, please contact Kathy Caudill (kcaudill@jesuitretreat.org, 847-381-2719).



Wishing you a joyous Easter season. May the light and love of our risen Christ shine warm and bright within you and all around you.

October 10-12, 2023 (Midweek Retreat)

GREATER FREEDOM THROUGH IGNATIAN PRAYER

Every day is filled with choices, large and small, each an opportunity to grow closer to God. Sometimes things we hold dear get in the way. This retreat will focus on the movements of the *Spiritual Exercises* through a variety of Ignatian-inspired ways of praying toward the grace of living a life of love and service more freely.



Retreat Leader: Jenéne Francis
Aspiring contemplative in action who enjoys adapting and offering the *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius for days of reflection and retreats.

October 27-29, 2023

WHAT ARE THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES?

St. Ignatius Loyola was led by God to help people experience God’s love. Fr. Al Johnson and Fr. Michael Sparough, SJ share insights from their experience of St. Ignatius’ soul-enriching, life-changing program of spiritual renewal. This is a retreat for those new to the *Spiritual Exercises* as well as veterans of many retreats.



Retreat Leader: Fr. Michael Sparough, SJ
Bellarmino Ministry Team member; prolific writer and speaker on prayer and sacraments; holds an MFA from the Yale School of Drama.



Retreat Leader: Fr. Al Johnson
Episcopal priest; volunteer chaplain for the Barrington Countryside Fire District; served as Rector of St. Michael’s Episcopal Church in Barrington.

November 3-5, 2023 (12-Step Recovery Retreat)

SIMPLE, LIFE-SAVING RECOVERY SLOGANS

A weekend of reflection and quiet focused on the 12 Steps of recovery, looking at the practical tools for helping people get back on their feet. This retreat will include reflections on the 12 Steps, the 12 Traditions, and the life saving slogans of the program.



Retreat Leader: Fr. Tom Weston, SJ
Entered the California Province of the Jesuit Order in 1965; ordained a priest in 1978; counsels and does retreat work with alcoholics and other addicts.

MEN’S WEEKEND RETREATS

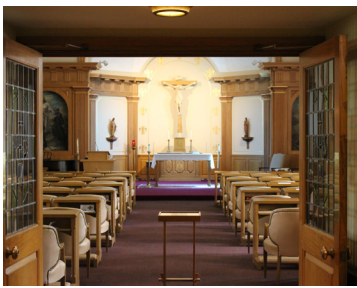
12-STEP RECOVERY RETREATS

WOMEN’S WEEKEND RETREATS

WEEKEND RETREATS FOR ADULTS

DATE	DESCRIPTION	RETREAT LEADER
Sep 8-10	Men’s Weekend Retreat	Fr. Michael Graham, SJ
Sep 15-17	Weekend Retreat for Adults	Fr. Michael Sparough, SJ
Sep 22-24	Men’s Weekend Retreat	Fr. James Kubicki, SJ
Sep 29-Oct 1	Semi-Silent Weekend Retreat for Adults	Fr. Roc O’Connor, SJ, Fr. Michael Sparough, SJ, Tom & GERALYN Sparough
Oct 6-9	<i>The Chosen</i> Retreat for Adults (Semi-Silent) Private Retreatants Welcome	Bellarmino Ministry Team and Additional Spiritual Directors
Oct 10-12	Women’s Midweek Retreat	Jenéne Francis
Oct 13-15	Weekend Retreat for Adults	Fr. Mark Scalese, SJ
Oct 20-22	Men’s Weekend Retreat	Fr. Jeff Putthoff, SJ
Oct 27-29	Women’s Weekend Retreat	Fr. Michael Sparough, SJ and Fr. Al Johnson
Nov 3-5	Women’s 12-Step Recovery Retreat	Fr. Tom Weston, SJ
Nov 10-12	Men’s 12-Step Recovery Retreat	Fr. Tim Meier, SJ
Nov 17-19	Semi-Silent Ignatian Yoga Retreat for Adults	Fr. Bobby Karle, SJ
Dec 1-3	Men’s Weekend Retreat	Fr. Keith Muccino, SJ
Dec 8-10	Men’s 12-Step Recovery Retreat	Fr. Tom O’Neill, SJ
Jan 5-7	Men’s Weekend Retreat	Fr. Michael Graham, SJ
Jan 12-14	Men’s Weekend Retreat	Fr. Joe Laramie, SJ
Jan 19-21	Men’s Weekend Retreat	Fr. Chris Manahan, SJ
Jan 26-28	Men’s Weekend Retreat	Fr. Jeff Putthoff, SJ
Feb 2-4	Women’s Weekend Retreat	Fr. James Kubicki, SJ
Feb 9-10	Overnight Retreat for Adults	Elizabeth Neubauer and Fr. Michael Sparough, SJ
Feb 23-25	Weekend Retreat for Adults	Fr. Greg Boyle, SJ
Feb 29-Mar 3	Extended Weekend Retreat for Adults	Fr. Mitch Pacwa, SJ
Mar 8-10	Men’s Weekend Retreat	Fr. Michael Graham, SJ
Mar 15-17	Men’s 12-Step Recovery Retreat	Fr. Tim Meier, SJ
Mar 22-24	Men’s Weekend Retreat	Fr. Mark Carr, SJ
Mar 28-30	Holy Week Retreat for Adults	Fr. James Kubicki, SJ
Apr 4-6	Semi-Silent Retreat for Liturgical Musicians & Ministers	Fr. Roc O’Connor, SJ
Apr 12-14	Men’s Weekend Retreat	Fr. Paul Macke, SJ
Apr 26-28	Women’s 12-Step Recovery Retreat	Fr. Tim Meier, SJ
May 3-5	Women’s Weekend Retreat	Fr. Michael Sparough, SJ

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DAYS OF REFLECTION

A day of reflection is a shorter version of the Ignatian Weekend Retreat. It is sure to give you the peace and serenity needed to be still and to rest in God's loving embrace.

Days of Reflection are from 9 am - 3 pm.



September 18, 2023

To Have a Conversation with God



November 6, 2023

Transforming Grief



November 20, 2023

Gratitude for Our God-Given Gifts



December 5, 2023 & December 14, 2023

Advent Days of Reflection

PERSONAL RETREAT DAYS

NOVEMBER 20-22, 2023



Take care of yourself ... mind, body and soul!

Refresh and come enjoy the quiet of Bellarmine before the busy holiday season. This retreat is unstructured, which allows you to *relax* and *rest* as you wish, allowing time for you to *reflect* on your life and how God is calling you.

Spiritual Direction is available upon request.