



BELLARMINE
Jesuit Retreat House

THE BELLARMINE CONNECTION

2023-2024 Program Guide

Second Edition

LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



I am finding that words are not nearly adequate to describe the graces of Bellarmine's June pilgrimage to Spain in the footsteps of St. Ignatius. I imagine that you can recall a time or experience that is beyond description. Being a pilgrim and praying at the sites

where Ignacio Loyola prayed was one of those times for me. For 12 days I was refashioned, my heart imprinted and enthralled, my soul absorbed in the trail of the faithful and in communion with 49 other captivated believers.

I was a pilgrim, surrendering myself to walk as Ignacio did. It was an incredible blessing to enter into places that were holy and sacred when he visited them 500 years ago and which were made more so by the contemplative presence of Ignacio and those who have followed him. Reflecting on him, the glory of God, the Society of Jesus, and the beauty and history of the place was a graced experience. It was unimaginable and glorious. The grace was tangible.

I will begin to process the bounty of this experience on my upcoming 8-day retreat. I expect I will be pondering the pilgrimage in my heart for years to come. In one sentence ... I feel that I have been re-baptized in grace and re-confirmed in faith!

I beseech you, **schedule your next retreat, invite a few friends, and consider how God is inviting you to make a pilgrimage.** Being a pilgrim is like nothing else in life, and like a retreat, is an extraordinary encounter with the Divine.

Blessings,

Erin Maiorca
Executive Director

p.s. Come to the quiet!



REGISTER TODAY!

The retreats featured in this edition are those scheduled from December 2023 - May 2024.

View the complete retreat schedule (including our September - November 2023 retreats) at:

jesuitretreat.org/retreat-schedules



WELCOME LEA DACANAY-RODRIGUEZ



Lea Dacanay-Rodriguez joined Bellarmine as Development Director with extensive experience in marketing, stewardship, and fundraising in Catholic nonprofits including the Archdiocese of Chicago and Catholic Theological Union. She graduated cum laude with a degree in Economics from the University of the Philippines.

Lea's move in 2002 from Hawaii to Chicago and her switch from corporate advertising led her to Charis Ministries which re-ignited her passion for Ignatian Spirituality. She completed her Internship in Spiritual Direction at Loyola University in 2005 and served as a spiritual director at Loyola's Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life program and on Bellarmine retreats. She is excited to "come home" to Bellarmine and apply her experience to fulfill our mission.

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.



February 9-10, 2024 (semi-silent/overnight)

SPIRITUAL RESET: A WINTER RESPITE FOR MIND AND HEART

Take time away from the frenetic pace of life to catch your spiritual breath. During this mini-retreat we will delve into the timeless wisdom of the *Spiritual Exercises* and the deep calm of mindfulness and centering prayer. Together, these spiritual practices can help restore balance in your heart and mind.



Retreat Leader: Fr. J. 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: Elizabeth Neubauer
Retreat leader and spiritual director in the Midwest; leader of groups on Twelve Step spirituality and self-compassion.

February 23-25, 2024 (waitlist)

LOVE IS GOD’S RELIGION

These days of retreat will explore how we are to put love in action at the margins, seeking exquisite mutuality and relational wholeness in the vicinity of the poor. The ministry of Homeboy Industries and outreach to gang members and returning citizens will animate this time of reflection.



Retreat Leader: Fr. Gregory Boyle, SJ
Founder of Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles; author of *Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion* and *Barking to the Choir: The Power of Radical Kinship*; recipient of the California Peace Prize.

February 29-March 3, 2024 (extended weekend)

PRAYING THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES WITH THE PSALMS

Fr. Pacwa will expound on his popular retreat using the Psalms as a pathway to praying the *Spiritual Exercises*. For those new to this retreat, it will be an inspirational deep dive into the Psalms. For those who made his retreat last year, you will find it expands your understanding of the *Spiritual Exercises* and the Psalms.



Retreat Leader: Fr. Mitch Pacwa, SJ
President and founder of Ignatius Productions; EWTN television and radio host; holds a PhD in the Old Testament from Vanderbilt University.

March 28-30, 2024 (Thursday - Holy Saturday)

A HEART-CENTERED APPROACH TO THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES

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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*.

April 4-6, 2024 (semi-silent / Thursday-Saturday)

RETREAT FOR LITURGICAL MUSICIANS & MINISTERS

Fr. Roc O’Connor, SJ invites you to come to Bellarmine to rest, pray, and reflect by means of guided meditation, group close encounters with major liturgical symbols, and silent prayer that can open new depths to who the Christ is who died and rose from the dead.



Retreat Leader: Fr. Roc O’Connor, SJ
Bellarmino 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.



December 1-3, 2023

YOU SHALL DO EVEN GREATER THINGS THAN THESE

We forget in our daily lives the power we have been given in the Holy Spirit to heal and transform. This retreat will seek to help us harness the grace of Christ's resurrection and energy of the Spirit waiting to work through us and empower us to do greater things - or what St. Ignatius called the MAGIS.



Retreat Leader: Fr. Keith Muccino, SJ
Associate Director of Pre-Health Professions Advising at the College of the Holy Cross; Course Director at UMASS Medical School; previous practicing medical educator.

January 19-21, 2024

KNOWING CHRIST

If I desire to follow Jesus Christ in my life I have to come to know him. In this retreat we will follow in the footsteps of St. Ignatius Loyola in seeking to be a companion of Jesus.



Retreat Leader: Fr. Christopher Manahan, SJ
Assists the Provincial in caring for Jesuits in the Midwest Province awaiting final vows and for the Province's senior Jesuits who are 70 or older.

January 5-7, 2024

UNEXPECTED TURNS: THE CONVERSIONS OF ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA

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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.

January 26-28, 2024

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.

January 12-14, 2024

THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is an ancient Christian tradition, rooted in Scripture and the writings of the saints. The *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius are closely related to the Sacred Heart, especially through the Apostleship of Prayer. In this retreat, we'll pray to unite our hearts more deeply with the Heart of Jesus.



Retreat Leader: Fr. Joe Laramie, SJ
National Director of the Pope's Prayer Network; National Eucharistic Preacher for the Eucharistic Revival; featured on the *Hallow* app, *EWTN*, *Busted Halo* and *America* magazine.



March 8-10, 2024

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March 22-24, 2024 (Palm Sunday)

ENTERING HOLY WEEK THROUGH THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES

Our retreat, ending on Palm Sunday, will prepare us to enter Holy Week and engage the graces of the upcoming Triduum. The *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius will provide us a path for this journey.



Retreat Leader: Fr. Mark Carr, SJ
Executive Director of the Jesuit Retreat House on Lake Winnebago, Oshkosh, Wisconsin; attended Marquette University; previous principal at Marquette University High School in Wisconsin.

April 12-14, 2024

ACCEPTING GOD'S LOVE TAKES COURAGE

Let's just stop and be present to Jesus loving us without condition. This retreat will explore the obstacles to accepting this unconditional love and the fact that this acceptance requires a grace-filled courage.



Retreat Leader: Fr. Paul Macke, SJ
Jesuit Mission Coordinator at the Jesuit Spiritual Center in Milford, Ohio; Jesuit Liaison for Ignatius House in downtown Cincinnati, Ohio; previous Executive Director at Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat

December 8-10, 2023 (men)

HOW ART ILLUMINATES THE GRACES OF RECOVERY

A member of both AA and Al-Anon, Fr. Tom will weave together his personal experiences, the wisdom found in the Big Book and the Twelve & Twelve and images of art to illuminate the gift and graces of Recovery. He will use the 12 Steps and images of his own art and that of several other painters.



Retreat Leader: Fr. Tom O'Neill, SJ
Associate Pastor at St. Ignatius Parish in Sacramento; Superior of the Sacramento Jesuit Community; MFA in painting from the Pratt Institute in New York.

March 15-17, 2024 (men)

WE ABSOLUTELY INSIST ON ENJOYING LIFE!

This weekend we'll move through the 12 Steps, examining how each can apply to the many ways we are powerless each day. The 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.

April 26-28, 2024 (women)

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Register now and bring a friend!



“A retreat at Bellarmine is the greatest gift I’ve ever received!”

February 2-4, 2024

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May 3-5, 2024

BEYOND THE BASICS: THE PLACES AND SPACES FOR PRAYER

Join Fr. Michael as he leads us in a variety of spiritual exercises. Come ready to stretch your body, mind, and heart. Each session Fr. Michael will introduce us to a different prayer form and then lead us in knocking on the door of that place within us, and the space beyond us, where God dwells.



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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
Retreat Leader: Jenéne Francis



November 6, 2023
Transforming Grief
Retreat Leader: Amy Florian



November 20, 2023
Gratitude for Our God-Given Gifts
Retreat Leader: Molly Henry



December 5, 2023
Advent Day of Reflection
Retreat Leader: Fr. Roc O'Connor, SJ



December 14, 2023
Another Cup of Christmas Tea
Retreat Leader: Fr. J. Michael Sparough,



January 22, 2024
A Day of Healing
Retreat Leader: Fr. J. Michael Sparough,



February 14, 2024
Lent with the Heart of Jesus
Retreat Leader: Fr. James Kubicki, SJ



March 11, 2024
All Shall Be Well (Lent)
Retreat Leader: Rachel Forton



March 26, 2024 (evening)
Mary's Way of the Cross (Lent)
Retreat Leader: To Be Determined



May 10, 2024 (women)
Spiritual Refreshment for Moms
Retreat Leader: Rachel Forton

"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

Refresh mind, body and soul while enjoying the quiet of Bellarmine. Personal retreats are unstructured, which gives you time to relax, rest, and reflect on your life and how God is calling you. *Spiritual Direction is available upon request.*

October 6-9, 2023

November 20-22, 2023

January 2-5, 2024

March 25-28, 2024 *(Holy Week)*

Simplicity, Serenity, Spirituality



Save the date!

INDIVIDUALLY DIRECTED RETREATS

June 21-29, 2024 | July 19-27, 2024

IN MEMORIAM

We remember deceased retreatants, their spouses, and loved ones who passed away.

- Richard M. Byrne - 4/2023
- Dan Casey - 4/30/2023
- Maria Coe - 3/7/2023
- T. E. Collyer - 1/10/2022
- John Connelly - 11/20/2022
- Phillip E. Couri - 5/16/2023
- Donald Drever - 5/10/2023
- Margie Ebert - 3/29/2023
- Reverend Keith J. Esenther, SJ - 6/3/2023
- Mary Flynn - 2/25/2022
- James Foody - 10/2022
- Jim Gebhardt - 5/6/2023
- Nancy C. Herr - 5/1/2023
- George Irvine - 7/7/2023
- Laverne Jacobbazzi - 2/21/2023
- Sr Laurina Kahne CSJ - 4/2023
- Frank Kalisik - 3/2023
- Edward Kaminski - 6/2023
- Tom Kinsella - 4/5/2023
- Stephanie Klatt - 5/21/2022
- Casimir J. Kotowski - 3/9/2023
- Marilyn Kuhr - 4/19/2023
- Luke Laidley - 7/4/2023
- Mary Madden - 4/30/2023
- Cathie Preusker - 3/3/2023
- Albert L. Rechenmacher - 5/8/2023
- Bernard A. Silver - 2/16/2023
- William Staunton - 5/2023
- Robert F. Sterioti- 9/3/2022
- James Welter - 5/24/2023

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

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.

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2023-24 WEEKEND RETREAT SCHEDULE

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 MEN'S WEEKEND RETREATS

 WOMEN'S WEEKEND RETREATS

 12-STEP RECOVERY 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. J. 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. J. Michael Sparough, SJ, Tom & GERALYN Sparough
Oct 6-9	<i>The Chosen</i> Retreat for Adults (Semi-Silent) Personal 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. J. 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. Christopher 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. J. Michael Sparough, SJ
Feb 23-25	Weekend Retreat for Adults	Fr. Gregory 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. J. Michael Sparough, SJ