

A Fresh Cup of Christmas Tea



BELLARMINE

Jesuit Retreat House

December 16, 2026

9 am - 3 pm

Day of Reflection for Adults

Fr. Michael's Stories of the Birth of Jesus

An Advent favorite for many years now, Fr Michael and his talented friends Terri, Dev, and Paula refresh & reprise his imaginative retelling of the Christmas story. This year's updated program includes a new story as well as familiar ones, soul-stirring music, guided meditations, and personal reflections. Whether it's your fourth or first time coming, this program is sure to touch your heart, tickle your funny bone, and help you prepare for what this holy season is all about.

Retreat Leaders:

Fr. J. Michael Sparough, SJ, Terri Davis

Dev Kennedy and Paula Kowalkowski



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The Bellarmine Retreat Experience

What to Expect

A day or evening of reflection, grounded in the Jesuit tradition, is a shorter version of the Ignatian Weekend Retreat. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, a day or evening program is sure to give you the peace and serenity needed to be still and to rest in God's loving embrace.

- Bellarmine has two libraries, a resource center, two chapels, dining room, and many other places to relax.
- Located on 80 acres, with both woodlands
- and prairie grasses.
- Outdoor spaces include a labyrinth, walking trails, prayer gardens, a gazebo, stations of the cross, as well as patios and outdoor chairs and benches.
- Each retreatant has their own bedroom.



Graces and Blessings of a Retreat

"I enjoy coming to a Bellarmine retreat to let go of the worldly distractions and reconnect and refocus on Our Lord and what is important in life."

*"Time to be silent, to grow in my relationship with Jesus.
Excellent "tools" given to help make that happen."*

"The silence. It's the only time in life where I have access to silence for this long and it opens my heart to hear God."

Join us on retreat!

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