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Minister Schedule for January 17
Coordinator: Lois Biddle
Lector 1: Martha Schueler
Lector 2: Dave Frondorf
Eucharistic Minister: Mary Geers
Collection: Anne Burkhart, Nataliya Kravchenko

Weekday Masses are celebrated at 8:00AM in the chapel of our church, Monday-Friday. You can request that a Mass be celebrated for a particular intention. A number of parishioners participate in this Mass on a daily or weekly basis. You are invited.

Low-gluten hosts are available for those with gluten allergy. Simply come to Communion where Fr. Al is distributing and let him know you need such a host. He has them in a separate container.

Peace Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. Grant that I may not so much need to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand, to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

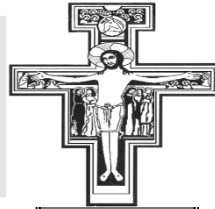


Winner-A-Day Winners: 1/4-1/10
 \$25 winners: Frank O'Neill, Thomas Schuerman, Tim Ambrosius, Cathy Birkenhauer, Judith Greulich, Richard Schewene, M.J. Mazzaferri.
 The Winner-A-Day fundraiser has continued everyday throughout the spring, summer and fall. All winner names will be posted as space allows until current. All winners have received \$25 or otherwise noted.
 Oct 5-11: Frank Listermann, Ed Emmerling, Linda Reilman, Mary Lue Maloney, Carolyn Ungruhe, Mark Kleemeier, Ben Fessel
 Oct 12-18: John Steffen, Rosalind Burgett, Ruth King, Arthur Hudepohl, Carol Wedig, Thomas Musbach, Doug Gutzwiller
 Oct 19-25: Rachel Trapp-Gardner, John Metz, Eva Hoelmer, Marlene Riehle, Elaine Lucas, Michael Smith, Pauline Clinkenbeard
 Oct 26-Nov 1: Thomas Mason, Terry Maloney, Louise Birkofer, Rosalind Burgett, Kathleen Volle, Sue Palermo \$100, Stephanie Schenk
 Nov 2-8: Charles Roemer, Paul Anhofer, Lonnie Kuhl, Pauline Clinkenbeard, Michael Fasce, Lester Kraemer, Timothy Nolan



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A Roman Catholic Community of Faith welcoming all people of faith in the Franciscan Tradition since 1859.

Sacraments
Baptism - Infants: Sunday during or immediately following 10am Mass. Expectant parents plan to attend Baptismal Preparation Program.
Baptism - Adults: Usually celebrated at Easter Vigil. Preparation in stages through the year.
Reconciliation - Sundays 9:30am or by appt.
Anointing of the Sick: Schedule by calling the Office before surgery/medical procedure, or in event of serious illness. In event of medical emergency or death, call 513-404-3688.
Matrimony - registered Parishioners should contact the Pastor at least 6 months prior to the anticipated wedding date to begin the process of marriage preparation.





The Baptism of the Lord

OUR MISSION:
 Saint Francis Seraph is a Catholic faith community. We are called to serve with and among the people of Over-the-Rhine. Our mission is to share the powerful love of Jesus Christ, which changes lives and communities. In the spirit of Saint Francis, we proclaim the Gospel through worship, education and social justice.

A Short History of St Francis Seraph Parish
 Saint Francis Seraph Church is a Roman Catholic parish in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, established by the Franciscan Friars of the Province of St. John the Baptist. In November 1858, the cornerstone was laid for the present St. Francis Seraph Church, and it was consecrated December 18, 1859, with the School opening the same year. In 2000, the church building underwent a major remodel. The social ministries of the Franciscans continued to develop into the 21st century, maintaining the friars historic commitment to Over-the-Rhine in the area of social service. St. Francis Seraph Parish and School continue the friars' parochial and educational ministry. The Parish, School and Ministries are affiliated in a covenant, which expresses the relationship which they share.

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 Visitors!


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 10:00 a.m.
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 Mon.– Fri. 8:00 a.m.
Holy Days
 8 a.m. & 5:45 p.m.

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 Nataliya Kravchenko
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Visit the parish website: sfsparish.org for a history of our parish and the latest news about our church and school, and parish life.

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Stewardship - Week Ending Jan. 3
 Sunday Collection: \$2,208.00
 Mail in Collection: \$ 250.00
 Total: \$2,458.00
 Thank you to all who contribute on Sunday and to the many who are faithful stewards by sending your offerings during the week. You can donate online at sfsparish.org
 We do not pass a collection basket during Mass. Instead, we have collection urn behind the lectern. Thank You!

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 Monday thru Thursday

Pastor's Corner

Baptism of the Lord.
 This Feast marks the conclusion of the Christmas Season, a series of epiphanies: His Birth and revealing to the shepherds; His Presentation in the temple and the words of revelation spoken by Simeon and Anna (Holy Family Sunday); the "Aha" moment experienced by the magi (Feast of the Epiphany) and now the Baptism: "You are my beloved Son."
 Most of us do not remember our Baptism, most of us were infants. How many of us even know the date of our Baptism? Spiritually, Baptism was a very important day. I was initiated into a faith family, joined now to Christ for the rest of my life. That's a pretty big deal! What would it be like for families to celebrate in some way each of the Baptismal Days? It could be a moment to remind the person: "You are God's beloved daughter/son." How good to hear that. Families could create a ritual with water, candle (still got that Baptismal candle?), everyone blessing the honoree of the day. It would be good to reflect back on how each of us received our names—why did mom/dad give the name I have? An annual Baptismal Recognition for each person in the family could take place at the family meal. This would be another way to recognize that our family is a holy family. Even grown children who aren't at home might appreciate a surprise phone call or text or Facebook post on their special day!

Fr. Al
 Please contact Br. Tim or the parish office at 535-2719 if you or someone in your family is ill in order to be included in our weekly prayers for the sick. Please pray for Greta Benton, long-time SFS parishioner, who is ill.

Fr. Al's Sunday homily will now be on the St. Francis Seraph Facebook page: sfsparish.org

Today's Readings: Is 42:1-4, 6-7
 Acts 10:34-38
 Mark 1:7-11
 Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19
 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20
 John 1:35-42



May You Be Blessed with Wisdom and the Grace of God



My Parish is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is. It will be friendly, if I am. It will be holy, if I am. Its pews will be filled if I help fill them. This we pray.

WELCOME GUESTS!...If you are visiting with us today, we want you to know how welcome you are, whether you have come from another parish here in the Archdiocese, from across the river, or from further reaches. Thank you for praying with us. Feel free to join us as often as you can! If you are new to the parish, parking is available in the school lot and the Moerlein Tap room lots over on Moore Street. Turn from Liberty to Moore Street at the Shell station and there are two parking lots immediately after the school on the left and right across from the tap room. This is free parking for our parish while Sunday Mass is in session. **HELP US GROW!! REGISTER PLEASE!** if you are attending St. Francis Seraph regularly and consider us "your parish"-please register yourself and your family. Forms are available on the table in church.

Parish Staff
 A parish office needs those who use their various gifts to hold everything together and help with all the operational details. Here's who we are at St. Francis Seraph:
 Fr. Al Hirt, OFM, Pastor
 Bro. Tim Sucher, OFM, Pastoral Associate
 Mr. Halsey Mabry, Principal
 Mrs. Judy Cox, Accountant
 Mr. Joe Pearce, Secretary/Adm. Asst.
 Mrs. Pat Ruthemeyer, Faith Formation Director
 Mrs. Mary Kay Espelage, Office Assistant
 Mr. Jim Loughery, Music Minister

Kroger Rewards Program...St. Francis Seraph School continues to participate in the Kroger Rewards Program. You can register online at krogercommunityrewards.com and begin having your rewards benefit our school. Enter St. Francis Church/School and click.

Your life may be the only Bible some folks read.

Christmas Thanks. With the conclusion of the Christmas Season, I am thankful to so many people who volunteered to prepare the Franciscan Christmas Display at Christian Moerlein, to construct the outdoor crib, keep animals fed, to help decorate the church and water flow-ers! And now the task of putting everything away. So, with that being said...
"What goes up must come down."
 The decorations that went up before Christmas here in Church must now come down. And we will do that this Thursday, January 14, at 6pm. Many hands make light work. Please come and lend a hand on the 14th and make use of a great volunteer opportunity to help. Refreshments and food and fellowship will be provided (after the work is completed!) Great job, everyone!



Catholic Ministries Appeal:
"The Light shines in the darkness"
 Announcement Sunday will be January 24 and the Commitment Sunday is on February 7. The CMA supports 6 vital ministries in the Archdiocese: Catholic Charities and Social Services; St. Rita School for the Deaf; Retired Archdiocesan priests; Seminary and Vocation; New Evangelization; and Chaplains in hospitals, prisons and campus ministries.
 The overall goal in the Archdiocese is again \$5 million. Each parish has a goal based on ordinary income in the parish. This year's goals have not been published. We should know next week. In 2020, SFS had a goal of \$5,105. We had 8 gifts given for a total of \$995, reaching only 19% of our goal. Hopefully, we'll be able to participate this year at a better level.

As Fr. Al mentioned in his remarks, today marks the end of the Christmas season. Tomorrow, Ordinary Time begins until Ash Wednesday. Ordinary does not mean plain. The name comes from "ordinalis" meaning showing order, denoting an order of succession. Ordinary Time after today focuses on the early life and ministry of Jesus.

