

17 2nd Sunday Ord. Time	18	19 *Charlie Luebbe	20	21 *Charles Moore	22 *Nataliya Kravchenko	23 *Gale LaWarre
24 3rd Sunday *Anthony Newby	25	26	27 *Pete Evans Wanner	28	29 *Mila Leubbe *Jodi Stacey	30

Minister Schedule for January 24
Coordinator: Jerry Diersing
Lector 1: Katie Callahan
Lector 2: Joan Monnin Callahan
Eucharistic Minister: Jerry Diersing
Collection: Tina Candelaresi, Dave Frondorf

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: 1/11-1/17
 \$25 winners: Jeanette Lavanier, Bill Vaughn, Paul Westrich, Bob Munninghoff, Andrew Wangler, Virginia Summe, Janet Fette
 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.
 Nov 9 -15: Dave Enginger, Frank Fiorino, Gary Hehemann, Paul Westrich, Michael Nagel, Betty Lehr, Janet Bolam. Nov 16-22: Winnie Boehm, June Brady, Paul Leibel, Hayes Ryland, John Tergerson, Nick Guetle, Anita Hartman.



Our parish is now able to provide live-streaming of the 10AM Mass. You can access this through our parish website. And the homily is separately recorded and available. Those who are able to come to church might want to advise other parishioners that they can feel more included even if they have to be at home. Thanks to a new parishioner, Ron Callahan, for taking on this task and to parishioners who are pledging to donate to the expense.

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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.




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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Visit the parish website: sfparish.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. 10 
 Sunday Collection: \$1,387.00
 Mail in Collection: \$3,782.00
 Total: \$5,169.00
 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 sfparish.org
 We do not pass a collection basket during Mass. Instead, we have collection urn behind the lectern. Thank You!

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Pastor's Corner

On Monday, January 18, we celebrate the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. On the same day we begin a Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The coinciding of these two days seems most appropriate in a time when there is so much division. Not only is Christianity divided, but there are serious divides among us Catholics. And our nation continues to suffer from the 400 years of racial inequality, the scourge of all those years of slavery and the continuing struggle to see all as equal. 

On Wednesday, January 20, our country will celebrate the inauguration of a new president. What has been such a seamless transition of power through the course of our nation's history will be a tense moment. We hope and pray our democracy will remain a "beacon of light" for the world.


On Friday, January 22, we observe A Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.


The week we are entering provides much for us to pray about.

On Sunday, January 24, we celebrate Sunday of the Word of God. In another article in today's bulletin, you'll find some helpful thoughts about the importance of listening to the Word, praying with the Word of God.

May you find this coming week a time of grace as we prayerfully engage with all these concerns that affect our lives.


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. 

 A big THANK YOU to all who helped this past Thursday evening putting away all the Christmas decorations and return our church to "ordinary" time.

Your life may be the only Bible some folks read.

Today's Readings:	Next Sunday:
1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19	Jonah 3:1-5, 10
1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20	1 Cor 7:29-31
John 1:35-42	Mark 1:14-20




New Year Resolutions Going Well?

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. 

Tomorrow, our country honors the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. Here are a few quotes from him:



- "History will have to record that the greatest tragedy of this period of social transition was not the strident clamor of the bad people, but the appalling silence of the good people."
- "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."
- "Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'"
- "That old law about 'an eye for an eye' leaves everybody blind. The time is always right to do the right thing."

Honoring Dr. King this year in Cincinnati will be through a mostly virtual format due to the Covid pandemic. There will be a commemorative motorcade and march beginning at 10:30am adhering to CDC guidelines. Go to mlkcoalition.org for much more information about events and schedules.

Sunday of the Word of God: Several years ago, Pope Francis designated the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Jan. 24 this year) as Sunday of the Word of God. The US Bishops posted some thoughts about the Liturgy of the Word.

"What must we do to properly receive the Word of God proclaimed at Mass? The General Instruction tells us that "the readings from the Word of God are to be listened to reverently by everyone", and it provides that those who read the Scriptures at Mass must be "truly suited to carrying out this function and carefully prepared, so that by their hearing the readings from the sacred texts the faithful may conceive in their hearts a sweet and living affection for Sacred Scripture."

The key word in all of this is listening. We are called to listen attentively as the reader, deacon or priest proclaims God's Word. Unless one is unable to hear, one should not be reading along with a text from a missal or missalette. Rather, taking our cue from the GI itself, we should listen as we would if Christ himself were standing at the ambo, for in fact it is God who speaks when the Scriptures are proclaimed. Carefully following along with the printed word can cause us to miss the gentle voice of the Holy Spirit, the message that the Spirit may have for us in one of the passages because we are anxious to "keep up," to move along with the reader.

Perhaps the best way to understand the readings at Mass and our response to them is offered by St. John Paul II in his instruction Dies Domini. He encourages "those who take part in the Eucharist—priest, ministers and faithful...to prepare the Sunday liturgy, reflecting beforehand upon the word of God which will be proclaimed" and adds that if we do not, "it is difficult for the liturgical proclamation of the word of God alone to produce the fruit we might expect." In this way we will till the soil, preparing our souls to receive the seeds to be planted by the Word of God so that seed may bear fruit."