

24 3rd Sunday *Anthony Newby	25	26	27 *Pete Evans Wanner	28	29 *Mila Leubbe *Jodi Stacey	30
31 4th Sunday	February 1	2	3	4	5 *Maureen Keely	6 *Arlo Back

Minister Schedule for January 31

Coordinator: Lois Biddle
Lector 1: Casey Betz
Lector 2: Clarissa Irvin
Eucharistic Minister: Kathleen MacQueeney
Collection: Joan Monnin Callahan, Randy Ulises

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: 1/18-1/24
 \$25 winners: August Kramer, Eileen Hunsche, Cathy Birkenhauer, Howard Fishburn, Paula Link, Arelene Conlon, Jim Goldschmidt.
 The Winner-A-Day Hopper has lots of room. Have you purchased your tickets yet? If not, call the parish office at 513-535-2719 so your name can be in the hopper for the daily drawing. If your name is drawn, the ticket goes right back in so that you have the possibility of winning again!



Our parish is now able to provide live-streaming of the 10AM Mass. You can view Mass live on Sunday mornings at 10am at <https://www.facebook.com/SFSCChurch> and the Mass and homily videos are generally posted to the parish website later in the day. Thanks to a new parishioner, Ron Callahan, for taking on this task and to parishioners who are pledging to donate to the expense. Those of you 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.



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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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.




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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 All
 Visitors!


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

Parish Council
 John D. Back
 Nataliya Kravchenko
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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. 17 
 Sunday Collection: \$ 604.00
 Mail in Collection: \$2,690.00
 Total: \$3,294.00
 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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 Monday thru Friday.
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 Monday thru Thursday

Pastor's Corner




“Catholic Schools Week”
 Our St. Francis Seraph School will be in full celebration mode along with all Catholic Schools in the country, January 25-31. The week at our school has many fun and interactive events. Each day has a theme with civic tasks, community-building activities, fun wear, special treats and times of prayer.



A Catholic education has so many benefits for the students who are blessed to be able to attend our school. Besides the Catholic environment and religion classes, our students benefit from the stable and safe atmosphere, are recipients of many generous donations and have a dedicated staff to teach them.

Our principal, Halsey Mabry, never misses an opportunity to encourage and challenge the students to excel and apply themselves. And he often says, “I love you, we love you.” And it is true!! CISE, The **C**atholic **I**nner city **S**chool’s **E**ducation Fund, helps us so much. Of course, we benefit tremendously from the State of Ohio’s voucher program. Our school is a mission of the parish, a great service to this neighborhood, giving these children a pathway to high school. Many grads are in college. Our students are on their way to successful and meaningful 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. 

Do you have or know someone who has a business that could use some advertising? There is a blank advertising block on the back of the bulletin just waiting for you! Make some revenue for yourself and our parish. Call the parish office for more info.

Your life may be the only Bible some folks read.

Today's Readings:	Next Sunday:
Jonah 3:1-5, 10	Dt 18:15-20
1 Cor 7:29-31	1 Cor 7:32-35
Mark 1:14-20	Mark 1:21-28




Teach Me Your Ways, O Lord.



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. 

With Malice Toward None
 We certainly live in divided times. Our faith calls us to rise above the vitriol and harsh language and be people of compassion and healing. The Catholic Social Action office of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati is partnering with Braver Angels and their “*With Malice Toward None*” program to help facilitate this important work. First, we are bringing together via Zoom those who are delighted by the results of the presidential election (Tues. 1/26 7pm) and, separately, those who are distressed by the results (Wed. 1/27 7pm). Then, on Wed. 2/3 at 6:00pm, we will have a joint session with both groups. We are hoping to have an equal number of delighted and distressed folks. So, if you are interested in participating and know someone from the other side of the proverbial aisle, please invite them to join with you. If you have any questions, and/or to signup, please contact Andrew Musgrave, csa@catholicaoc.org or 513-263-6690. Or catholiccincinnati.org

In two weeks, February 7, the annual special collection for the Catholic Ministries Appeal will take place. The CMA is the annual campaign to continue to support six local ministries that teach, feed, and heal. All 200+ parishes in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati are asked to participate in this vital appeal. All donations benefit **New Evangelization, St. Rita School, Seminary and Vocations, Retired Priests, Hospital, Campus and Prison Ministries, and Catholic Charities and Social Services.** The success of the CMA is the work of the Holy Spirit. Please remember the six ministries and all those served in your prayers. For more information about this appeal and a description of all six ministries, go to aocstewardship.org/CMA

Work of Christmas Begins

When the song of the angels is stilled,
 when the star in the sky is gone,
 when the kings and princes are home,
 when the shepherds are back with the flocks,
 then the work of Christmas begins:
 to find the lost,
 to heal those broken in spirit,
 to feed the hungry,
 to release the oppressed,
 to rebuild the nations,
 to bring peace among all peoples,
 to make a little music with the heart...
 And to radiate the Light of Christ, every day, in every way, in all that we do and in all that we say. Then the work of Christmas begins.



-- Howard Thurman, adapted

The **Worship/Liturgy Group** met yesterday and will begin looking ahead to Lent and to evaluate how we think we are doing week by week at our Eucharistic assembly.

Parish Council will meet via zoom on Tuesday, Feb. 2. John E. Back has decided to step off the Council. We still have a good group of 5 helping Brother Tim and Fr. Al as we talk about the needs of our parish.