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| 7<br>5th Sunday                  | 8                     | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12                      | 13 |
| 14<br>6th Sunday<br>*Joan Hoxsey | 15<br>*Nancy Frondorf | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19<br>*Tina Candelaresi | 20 |

**Minister Schedule for February 14**  
**Coordinator:** Lois Biddle  
**Lector 1:** Karen Skillman  
**Lector 2:** Tim Candelaresi  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Mary Geers  
**Collection:** Joan Monnin Callahan, John Reder

Weekday Masses are celebrated at 8am 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.

If you would like to have your birthday announced at Mass and in this bulletin and are unsure if the parish has this info, contact the office, or send your birthday info to bulletin editor Dave Frondorf, davedorf75@gmail.com, or see me in church. Thank you.

**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.



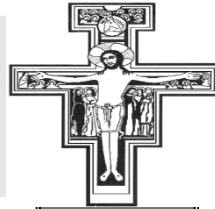
**Winner-A-Day Winners: 2/1-2/7**  
 Pauline Clinkenbeard \$25; Barbara Murtha \$25; ADCO Heating \$25; S. Allen Dohan \$25; Darlene Lockwood \$25; H. Richard Duval \$25; Beverly Cloran \$25. The Winner-A-Day Hopper has lots of room. Have you purchased your tickets yet? If not, call the parish office 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/SFChurch> 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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# St. Francis Seraph Church

at Liberty & Vine, in Over-the-Rhine

**ST. FRANCIS SERAPH  
 THE HEART OF OVER-  
 THE-RHINE**  
 1615 Vine Street  
 Cincinnati, OH 45202  
 Office: (513) 535-2719

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.





*Looking for Jesus?*

**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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We  
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 All  
 Visitors!  


 Like Us and Spread the Word!

**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  
 Anthony Newby  
 John Reder  
 Robb Wing

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. 31**  
 Sunday Collection: \$1,891.00  
 Mail in Collection: \$1,910.00  
 Total: \$3,801.00  
 Thank you to all who contribute on Sunday and to the many faithful who send 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. Contribution envelopes will be sent soon, per IRS, for donations over \$300.

**SFS MINISTRIES**  
 Sfsministries.org  
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 Breakfast 7-9am  
 Dinner 4-6pm  
 Monday thru Friday.  
 Bag Lunch 8:30 to 10:30am  
 Monday thru Thursday

## Pastor's Corner

This Sunday we hear from miserable Job. In this year of pandemic, many of us might identify with his plight. "Life on earth is a drudgery...I have been assigned months of misery...filled with restlessness...I shall not see happiness again."

Yes, Covid fatigue is getting old. How much we just want to hug another human being, hold someone's hand who is sad or ill. In the Gospel, Jesus grasped the hand of Simon's mother-in-law and the fever left her. We are missing that natural power of human touch right now. But we know, in time, we will be restored.

What a good development that while many people can't come to church due to underlying health issues, we are now able to provide live-streaming of our Sunday Mass. Additionally, many people have been able to view/hear the Sunday homily on their phones and screens. All of these forms of media are helping long-standing and new church members have some connection to their parish. Donations are arriving to help us pay for this \$2,500 investment in technology.

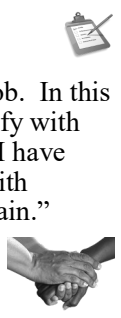
We are also beginning to have companies look at what it will take to repair and restore our church windows, install air conditioning and renovate the building at 1600 Vine. We might not be able to do everything now but we need to know what this all could cost. Wow! I wholeheartedly encourage all of these improvements with an eye to the future of this great parish here in the heart of Over-The-Rhine. I envision a growing community that will proclaim our Franciscan vision long into the years to come. I believe we are capable of great things.

*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.

*Your life may be the only Bible some folks read.*

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| Today's Readings:<br>Job 7:1-4, 6-7<br>1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23<br>Mark 1:29-39 | Next Sunday:<br>Lv 13:1-2, 44-46<br>1 Cor 10:31—11:1<br>Mark 1:40-45 |
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"The time is always right to do what is right." MLK

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.

**Lent is coming.** Ash Wednesday is Feb. 17. We will soon announce our schedule for that day. We are preparing for a Franciscan Spirituality Series for 4 or 5 Saturdays in Lent, 10:00-11:30AM, in the church. More information coming soon. Our parish almsgiving will be items collected each Sunday for the Mary Magdalene House next door. We will provide a list of suggested needed items.

**February is Black History Month**  
 The theme this year is "Black Family: Representation, Identity and Diversity" explores the African diaspora (the dispersion of any people from their original homeland), and the spread of Black families across the United States. The black family offers a rich tapestry of images for exploring the African American past and present. For much more information, including the history of this month-long celebration, go to asalh.org.



Today is Commitment Sunday. Our parish goal is \$4,930. Hopefully, most of you have received a mailing with information about the ministries and pledge/donation card. The priests are asked to give first, to lead the way, so Fr. Al has sent his gift to the Appeal, but that won't move us very close to the goal! ☺ A reminder to new parishioners coming from other parishes: when making your gift/pledge, be sure to designate St. Francis Seraph as your parish. Here's hoping many parishioners will contribute something today so we can quickly reach our goal. Extra pledge/donation cards and envelopes are available on the tables in back of church. All donations benefit **New Evangelization, St. Rita School, Seminary and Vocations, Retired Priests, Hospital, Campus and Prison Ministries, and Catholic Charities and Social Services.** For more information about this appeal and a description of all six ministries, go to [aocstewardship.org/CMA](http://aocstewardship.org/CMA)

**Covid-related notes:**  
 The Office of Divine Worship and Sacraments does not suggest that each person use hand sanitizer on the way to receiving Communion. Hand sanitizer should be available at the entrances of the church. Our parish Liturgy Committee has noticed that sometimes people's hands are still damp with sanitizer when receiving the host. The location of just one sanitizer in the aisle has also slowed and caused some confusion regarding two stations for Communion. Starting today, hand sanitizer will be at the two entrances, not in the aisle. The Worship Office does ask that those distributing Communion sanitize their hands, as we have been doing. Instruction from the Vatican concerning Ash Wednesday: After blessing the ashes, the priest says the formula once for all, "Repent, and believe in the Gospel." **"The priest (and extra minister) takes the ashes and sprinkles them on the head of each without saying anything."** So the ashes will not be placed as a mark on our foreheads.

