


14 6th Sunday *Joan Hoxsey	15 *Nancy Frondorf	16	17 Ash Wednesday Mass: 8am 12:15pm 5:45pm	18	19 *Tina Candelaresi	20 Lenten Speaker Series 10am
21 1st Sunday of Lent	22	23	24	25	26	27 Lenten Speaker Series 10am

Minister Schedule for February 21

Coordinator: Jerry Diersing
Lector 1: Clarissa Irvin
Lector 2: Moe Nieman
Eucharistic Minister: Jerry Diersing
Collection: Anne Burkhart, Mike Smith

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. 


Finance Committee: This meeting will be held at 3PM on February, January 18. Members of the committee are Fred Robertshaw, Robb Wing, Denise Ratterman, Martha Schueler along with accountant Judy Cox and Fr. Al.


The best vitamin for a Christian is B1.

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.



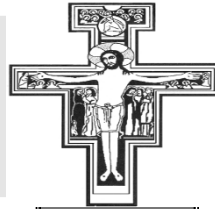
Winner-A-Day Winners: 2/8-2/14 
 Carol Hehemann \$25; Barb Teague \$25;
 Aloysius Humbert \$25; Nancy Frondorf
 \$25; Michael Brinkmiller \$25;
 Joanne Marsh \$25; Mike Smith \$25.
 The Winner-A-Day Hopper has lots of room.
 Have you purchased your tickets yet?
 If not, call the parish office at 513-535-2719 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/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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St. Francis Seraph Church

at Liberty & Vine, in Over-the-Rhine

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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A Roman Catholic
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 welcoming *all* people of faith
 in the Franciscan
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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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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 Feb. 7 
 Sunday Collection: \$1,759.00
 Mail in Collection: \$4,191.00
 Total: \$5,950.00
 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

Valentine's Day! I know, today is the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Sunday before we enter into Lent. Feb. 14 in the Liturgical Calendar is now the Feast of Saints Cyril and Methodius. But we all know this is Valentine's Day! In 1969, St. Valentine was removed from the liturgical calendar because there were so many questions about who he really was. Many legends had arisen around his name, but few real facts were available. (St. Christopher disappeared at the same time and we all know many people still keep his medals in their cars!)

Tradition tells us Valentine was a priest (Bishop?) in Rome during the third century persecution of Christians. One story tells of how he would secretly conduct marriages of Christian couples when such weddings were forbidden. (If men were married, they were not conscripted into the army.) A further tradition recounts that in order to remind these married men of their vows and God's love, Valentine is said to have cut hearts from parchment, giving them to these persecuted Christians. Maybe this is the origin of widespread use of hearts on Valentine's Day. Another legend says that before his martyrdom he had cured the jailer's daughter of her blindness and he sent her a note signed, "Your Valentine."

It would be Geoffrey Chaucer in the 14th century, whose poetry surrounding St. Valentine probably came to be the source of our fascination with associating courtly love with this saint. And I would guess companies like Hallmark cards had a lot to do with the widespread practice of sending valentines! Whatever the situation or historical facts, expressing our love for others is always a good thing. So go ahead, since Cyril and Methodius cards aren't available, send a valentine or give that heart-shaped box of chocolates or red roses or diamonds to someone you love! **Happy Valentine's Day to all of you!**

Fr. Al

Your life may be the only Bible some folks read.

Today's Readings: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46 1 Cor 10:31—11:1 Mark 1:40-45	Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15 1 Pt 3:18-22 Mark 1:12-15
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Do Everything for the Glory 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.

-This Saturday is the beginning of our parish Lenten Saturday Speaker Series, 10am. John Quigley, OFM, will be the speaker. -Our parish almsgiving this Lent benefits the Mary Magdalen House. See bulletin insert for details.

Parish Council met via zoom on Feb. 2. John Reder led the prayer. Faith Formation consisted of discussion of a St. Anthony Messenger article about Deacon Art Miller in Hartford, Conn., who has been so active in all the racial justice issues for many years. He challenges the Catholic Church to act and not just talk! Following the Pastor's Report, we continued discussions of the renovation and use of the building at 1600 Vine, the possibility of restoring the church windows, installing AC in the church, adding a bathroom, fixing broken pews. At this time we are simply starting to have companies look at these things and give us bids. Fr. Al shared a little Finance Committee news that indicates our Parish account at mid-year is running \$83,000 in the black! The School is breaking even. Overall, we are in good shape. Bro. Tim reported on progress regarding finding a new location for the Christmas Display. We briefly discussed AMOS, the city-wide social justice effort involving many congregations. Some members of the Council expressed interest in learning more. The issue was raised about lack of meals served on weekends in the neighborhood. The idea that our parish sponsor something like a cookout in front of the church on some weekends was thought a good idea. Tours of the church for many new members might be offered on Sundays with limited numbers in each group. The Franciscan Province continues to have the large friary on the market, but no buyers yet.

Ash Wednesday
 8:00AM Mass (Fr. Al)
 9:00AM Ash Wednesday Service with School children (Fr. Al)
 12:15PM Mass (Fr. Dan Kroger, OFM) for staff in our Franciscan Media, St. Anthony Center, Parish and Provincial Offices. Parishioners are welcome.
 5:45PM Mass with music (Fr. Mark Soehner, OFM)
 A reminder: Instruction from the Vatican concerning the distribution of ashes in this pandemic: After the blessing of 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 ashes will not be placed on the foreheads.
 The special collection on Ash Wednesday is for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This helps those living in countries under formerly communist rule. So much needs to be restored and rebuilt, both buildings and pastoral work.

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. The power of prayer is powerful.

