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**Minister Schedule for April 18**

Coordinator: Jerry Diersing  
Lector 1: Caroline Brock  
Lector 2: Robert Dahlstron  
Eucharistic Minister: Carla Sherman  
Collection: Anne Burkhart, Randy Ulses

Weekday Masses are celebrated at 8am in the chapel, 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.

Our parish is now able to provide live-streaming of the 10AM Mass. You can view Mass live on Sunday mornings at 10am at [facebook.com/SFChurch](https://www.facebook.com/SFChurch) and the Mass and homily videos are generally posted to the parish website later in the day.

**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:** 4/1-4/5  
 Marilyn Meyer \$25; Brian Keininger \$25; Joe Pearce \$25; Dan Franklin \$25.  
 We are waiting on more returns to fill the hopper and 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!

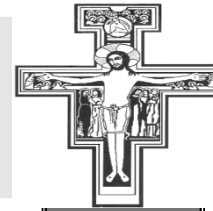
The **WINNER-A-DAY** raffle year began again on April 1 (no fooling!) Everyday of the year, someone wins at least \$25. Your envelope of chances should have arrived in the mail to you. If not and/or you need more, check the back table of church, or call the parish office at 535-2719. All proceeds benefit church and school. Thank you!

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.



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# St. Francis Seraph Church

at Liberty & Vine, in Over-the-Rhine

## Second Sunday of Easter

**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**

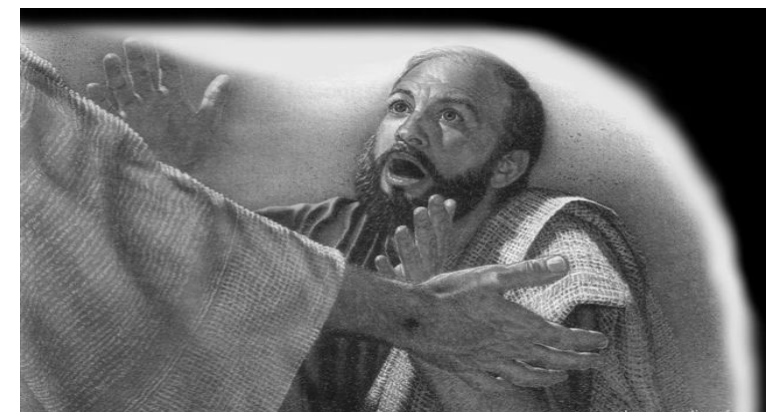
**Baptism - Infants:** Sunday during or immediately following 10am Mass. Expectant parents plan to attend Baptismal Preparation Program.

**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.




**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  
 Welcome  
 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: 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 April 4**   
 Sunday Collection: \$7,187.00  
 Mail in Collection: \$2,695.00  
 Total: \$9,882.00  
 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 sfsparish.org. We do not pass a collection basket during Mass. Instead, we have collection urn behind the lectern.


**SFS MINISTRIES**  
 Sfsministries.org  
**Executive Director**  
 Chris Schuermann,  
 513-549-0542  
**Office Manager**  
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**Volunteer Director**  
 Theresa Diersen  
 513-276-7037  
 Breakfast 7-9am  
 Dinner 4-6pm  
 Monday thru Friday.  
 Bag Lunch 8:30 to 10:30am  
 Monday thru Thursday

## Pastor's Corner


The beautiful spring weather was perfect for the Easter weekend. While it is refreshing to see all the blooming trees and flowers, it is even more glorious to see more and more people coming to church! It seems each weekend we are being given the opportunity to meet more people who have made SFS their parish for many years and to welcome new arrivals.

St. Francis Seraph can certainly be a Beacon of Light! Our beautifully decorated church has caused some “awe” among new members and visitors. I often hear how people new or visiting have felt so welcomed. The ability to welcome, to show hospitality, has been shown to be an essential mark of a healthy parish. Even without official ushers or a welcome committee, there are so many parishioners who naturally reach out, greet, welcome those are new. Each of us can continue to extend that warm welcome to all.

Having completed 40 days of Lent we now have 50 days of Easter! As important as we have made the season of Lent, the 50 days set aside to celebrate Easter tells us that this Easter Season is at the heart of our Faith lives. Keep the “Alleluias” rolling off your tongue! Keep the melodies going! We are Easter People! Let’s spread to the joy of the Risen Lord. 

*Fr. Al*

Good Shepherd Sunday is celebrated on the 4th Sunday of Easter, April 25. This is a Sunday asking us to pray for Vocations, especially to Religious Life and Priesthood.

Easter has arrived and what a vast array of beautiful flowers we have here in church!  Thanks to all who have volunteered to keep the thirsty flowers watered and looked after.

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

Today's Readings:	Next Sunday:
Acts 4:32-35	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19
1 John 5:1-6	1 John 2:1-5a
John 20:19-31	Luke 24:35-48

## Never Doubt God's Mercy for Us!



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. 

All Parish Volunteers: New Child Protection Platform - In July this year, the archdiocese will be moving to SafeParish as the new platform for Child Protection training and compliance. SafeParish is an organization that specializes in training and education solutions for organizations world-wide. They have 20+ years of experience in providing child safe environment training programs. SafeParish will continue to work with our current background check provider. All training and background information in your current VIRTUS account will be transferred to SafeParish. No new live training through SafeParish will be required if you have completed live child protection training through VIRTUS. Ongoing child protection training will still be required for all volunteers and employees and will consist of quarterly interactive video-based training instead of monthly bulletins. As the archdiocese moves closer to the conversion date, additional information regarding your new SafeParish account will be provided.

Tuesday, April 13, Parish Council Meeting by zoom, at 6:30PM.

Thursday, April 15, Parish Staff Meeting at 11:00AM

Sunday, April 18, Third Sunday of Lent  
 Roger Bacon High School students join us for our 10AM Mass. After Mass they take time for some Over-The- Rhine clean up service activity and then lunch at the Market. We welcome these young people who are growing in a sense of Franciscan values.

Catholic Relief Services Collection is an opportunity for us to help improve the lives of some of the most vulnerable people around the world and here in the United States. Funds from the collection support CRS and other organizations that aid victims of natural disasters, immigrants in need of legal assistance and resources to help them adapt to life in their new home, and refugee children with special educational needs. 

Your donations help our brothers and sisters in the US through the USCCB's Migration and Refugee Services, the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc, and the USCCB Secretariate of Cultural Diversity in the Church. Special envelopes are available on the back tables in the church. These envelopes carry the theme: **Help Jesus in Disguise.**

*The best vitamin for a Christian is B1.*

On this Divine Mercy Sunday, the Corporal Works of Mercy are found in the teachings of Jesus and give us a model for how we should treat others, as if they were Christ in disguise.

- + Feed the Hungry
  - + Give Drink to the Thirsty
  - + Shelter the Homeless
  - + Visit the Sick
  - + Visit the Prisoners
  - + Bury the Dead
  - + Give Alms to the Poor
- Many examples for doing this are found at usccb.org
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