

25 4th Sunday of Easter	26	27 *Tom Miele	28	29 *Judy Schmidt	30	May 1
2 5th Sunday of Easter	3	4 *Ken Hunter	5	6	7	8 *Bill Schramm

Minister Schedule for May 2

Coordinator: Randy Ulses
Lector 1: Jeanette Tepe
Lector 2: Dave Frondorf
Eucharistic Minister: Mary Geers
Collection: Nataliya Kravchenko, Mike Smith

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: 4/19-4/25
 Joanne Schwaegerle, Dawn Mowery, Donna Combs, Joseph Lohmueller, Catherine Grosse, Gregory Clausing, Kathy Miele. All are \$25 winners. 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!
Winner-a-Day: How it supports the parish:
 The most recent year of daily winners came to a close on March 30. We continue to receive raffle tickets and contributions every day.
 Total Revenue (2020-21): \$38,575.00
 Prize Payouts: \$12,725.00 (33% of revenue)
 Postage, Printing, etc. \$4,487.00 (12% of rev.)
 Net Profit: \$21,363.00

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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 in the Franciscan
 Tradition since 1859.

Sacraments

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

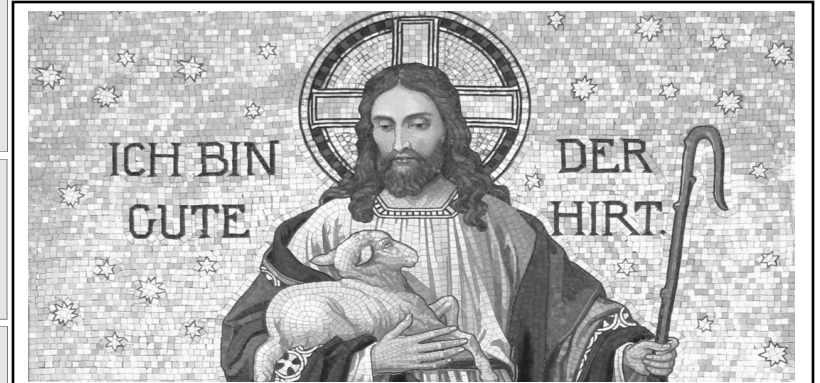
Baptism - Adults: Usually celebrated at Easter Vigil. Preparation in stages through the year.

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.

Fourth Sunday of Easter



"I Am the Good Shepherd."

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: 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 April 18 
 Sunday Collection: \$1,401.00
 Mail in Collection: \$2,846.68
 Total: \$4,247.68
 Month of March PayPal Offerings: \$2,174.80

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 a collection urn behind the lectern.

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

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, we are encouraged to pray for vocations, especially to Religious Life and Priesthood.

Everyone is aware that for the last 50 years there has been a decline in the number of people choosing to enter Religious Life and Priesthood. Is God not calling? Are we not listening? Is the Church not open to those God might be calling? Lots of questions.

Let's be honest: the Archdiocesan program called Beacons of Light is primarily being driven by the lack of priests to serve so many parishes. So we need to group parishes into "families" that one pastor can try to manage.

The Franciscans used to provide parish leadership for many Cincinnati parishes. We are reduced to St. Clement and St. Francis Seraph. When current pastors retire or die, there is a serious concern if there will be another to take our places.


I wish I could provide something really uplifting or optimistic about the future. I can say to a young man who might have interest in a vocation to Franciscan Life that I have had almost 50 years of satisfaction and fulfillment in this life of brotherhood and service to the church. I know Brother Tim will say the same thing. How I wish our life was more attractive to more young people! Yes, we can take this Sunday to pray. I would also ask that you think about young people you know. Maybe there is someone to whom you could speak, someone that you think might be a good Religious Brother, Sister or Priest.



Fr. Al

Your life may be the only Bible some folks read.

Today's Readings: Acts 4:8-12
 1 John 3:1-2
 John 10:11-18

Next Sunday: Acts 9:26-31
 1 John 3:18-24
 John 15:1-8 




Keep the Bible in Your Heart, not on a Shelf.





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. 

Parish Council Notes:
 We are "zooming" right along, holding a meeting this past Tuesday, April 13. The Pastor's Report included a few notes from our Worship and Finance Committees. The building at 1600 Vine continues to be a topic of discussion as it needs cornice required repairs. Meanwhile, we have two bids for air conditioning of the church (a third bid is being sought). No decisions can be made at this time. Fr. Al reported that we should soon have parking at the lot on the corner of Liberty and Race. He also mentioned the possibility of a 4:00PM Mass on Saturdays as a way to relieve crowding at the 10:00AM Sunday Mass while we continue to use only every other pew.

Our next meeting will be May 25.
IF YOU HAVE ANY TOPIC OR AGENDA YOU WANT THE PARISH COUNCIL TO CONSIDER, TALK TO ONE OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS.
 Thank you. 

We are pleased to announce that we will celebrate the Rite of Welcome today to our brother, Gary Favors. As a child, Gary was a student at St. Francis Seraph and then went on to Roger Bacon High school. Now as a baptized adult, he desires to join the Catholic Church. Greta Benton serves as his sponsor. We anticipate Gary being fully received into the Church on the Feast of Corpus Christi, June 6. At that time he will be confirmed and receive the Eucharist. **"Welcome home, Gary!"** 

Hearing Assistance Devices...A reminder that we now have 4 devices that can be used during Mass for anyone who has difficulty hearing. We will be glad to provide these for you. 

Our Parish has another parking option for Sunday Mass. St. Francis Seraph parishioners can park FREE on Sundays from 8am to 1pm at the 3CDC lot at the southwest corner of Liberty and Race. Here's how you do it: go to the kiosk, and 

- Enter your vehicle license number, click OK
- The screen displays how many hours. Select #5 More Selections. Press #2 St. Francis
- Enter coupon code 4316
- Receipt: Hit cancel. You don't need to display a receipt.
- The screen will show you can be parked until 1pm!

Kroger Rewards Program
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