

19 25th Sunday	20 *Polly Otto	21	22	23	24 *Fr. Al	25 *Br. Tim
26 26th Sunday *Josh Bort	27 *Jack Geers	28 *Aiyana Reese	29 *Erin Levin *Bonnie Neumeier	30 *Linda Weisgerber	October 1 *Chip Sepate *Chas Wiederhold	2 *Amy Dressman *Orin Reese

**Music for Today's Liturgy**



Processional: #842

*Come to Us*

Response: **Psalm 19**

*"Lord, you have the words of everlasting life."*

Communion: #751

*Servant Song*

Recessional: #955

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

**Children's Faith Formation News:**

Classes begin today for our Children's Religious Education Program. Parents and children should gather in the Chapel after Mass to meet catechists and receive classroom assignments.

The weekly faith-formation classes begin immediately after Mass today for Grade School and Junior High students. We thank Greta Benton in helping with the children in grades 2-3; Allison Reder, grades 4-6; and Hannah Hill for grades 7 and 8. All students will be using grade-appropriate *Pflaum Gospel Weekly* materials. A full calendar for the Fall Term will be distributed to children and parents. Winter dates will be announced later.

For registered Pre-Schoolers and Kindergarten children, *Pflaum Gospel Weeklies* materials will be available each Sunday in the letter-file basket on the table at the back of church. Parents should take these materials with them each week. Thanks to Marilyn Meyer for coordinating this. If there are any families/children who have not as yet registered for this Religious Education Program, please contact Pat Ruthemeyer as soon as possible at 513-910-9485. Thank you.

**Winner-A-Day Winners:** 9/13-9/19



ADCO Heating, George Allen, Br. Tom Gerchak, Margaret Fariello, Chad Creed \$500 (feast of St. Francis Stigmata), Kay Brogle, Thomas Mason. All others 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!

Please contact Br. Tim or the parish office at 535-2719 if you or someone in your family is ill or if you have a special prayer request in order to be included in our weekly prayers for the sick.

**Minister Schedule for September 26**

Coordinator: Randy Ulses

Greeters: Barbara Bok

Lector 1: Brian Yacucci

Lector 2: Diana Campbell

Intercessions: Dan Nolan

Eucharistic Minister: Mary Geers

Collection: Joan Monin Callahan, Rita Reichert



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# St. Francis Seraph Church

at Liberty & Vine, in Over-the-Rhine

*Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**ST. FRANCIS SERAPH  
THE HEART OF OVER-  
THE-RHINE**  
1615 Vine Street  
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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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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 Sept. 12**   
 Sunday Collection: \$2,058.36  
 Mail in Collection: \$1,310.00  
 Total: \$3,368.36  
 Haiti Collection Total: \$1,386.00

Fr. David Adiletta, O.P., will preach an appeal here at Mass on September 26 to benefit the Dominican mission in East Africa as part of the 2021 archdiocesan Missionary Cooperation Plan. Fr. David served in East Africa for nine years and will share the good works of our friars in the mission. This year, eight new novices have begun their studies to become priests of the Dominican order. The Dominican Friars serve in communities that continue to be affected by Covid. Our friars depend on the support of the faithful here at home. Thank you.

## Pastor's Corner

After 24 years around college students at the University of Cincinnati, I have a soft spot in my heart for these folks. I knew we had a number of college students in our parish families here. This is probably not a complete list, but here they are:

**Kasia Blair**, UC College of Pharmacy, 3rd year  
**Laura Dressman**, Miami University, 3rd year  
**Robby Dressman**, S. New Hampshire Univ. 1st yr  
**Sara Dressman**, Burrell College of Osteopathy 2nd yr  
**Anna Ehrsam**, Ohio State University, 2nd year  
**Jonah Kolik**, New York University, 2nd year  
**Joy Miele**, UC College of Nursing, 1st year  
**Dan Sheard**, University of North Dakota, 1st year  
**Emily Sheard**, Ohio State University, 4th year.

We'll try to reach out to them during this semester and maybe make a special invitation for them to join us when they are home at Christmas time.

-And three couples among our parishioners who married this summer will soon be highlighted in a future bulletin with a picture of the happy brides and grooms!

-All of us want to do all we can to pray for and encourage our younger members, to help them sustain their faith and connection to Christ through the Church.

*Fr. Al*


### Blessing of our School Staff and Catechists:

Today we will extend a blessing to all those working at our school and teaching in our Children's Faith Formation program here in the parish. We hope to have a reception to which we are all invited in the courtyard after Mass.

### Comment on Draft "FAMILIES OF

**PARISHES"** Make sure your voice is heard! Beacons of Light, the archdiocese-wide pastoral planning process currently underway, will result in all parishes being grouped into "Families" under the leadership of one pastor. A draft of this plan will be shared for public comment October 1-20 at [beaconsAOC.org](http://beaconsAOC.org).

Today's Readings:  
 Wis 2:12, 17-20  
 Jas 3:16—4:3  
 Mark 9:30-37

Next Sunday:  
 Nm 11:25-29  
 Jas 5:1-6  
 Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48 



## Be God's Servant to Others



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. **The school lot is closed and locked at 1pm.**

There is also a parking lot on the left and right side of Moore Street. This is free parking for our parish while Sunday Mass is in session. There is also free parking in the lot at the southwest corner of Liberty and Race. At the kiosk, enter the code 4316. **You can park there until 1pm.** 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.

### Executive Director search for St. Francis

**Seraph Ministries.** As Chris Schuermann is set to retire in December, a new Executive Director is being sought. Candidates can apply through Oct. 3. Fr. Al can provide a role description and how you can submit a cover letter and resume or you can simply go to [ammaxfielfl@gmail.com](mailto:ammaxfielfl@gmail.com). Ann is directing the search. SFS Ministries involve the kitchen/dining room serving breakfast and supper Monday-Friday, the Sarah Center, Cooking for the Families and partnering with Mary Magdalene House and the Center for Respite Care.

**Annual Fundraising Brunch.** Venice on Vine is holding Sr. Judy Tensings's Annual Sunday Brunch on Sept. 26 and Oct. 3. This year it is "Pick Up and Go." 1301 Vine Street. Some order forms will be available on the tables in back of church. \$15 is the cost to support the great work of Venice on Vine!

### **September Dates:**

**Sunday, 9/19:** Children's Faith Formation classes begin after the Sunday Mass.  
**Wednesday, 9/22:** 4 or 5 Parish Leaders from each of the parishes in our Cathedral Deanery will be part of a meeting to be introduced to the Beacons of Light process currently ongoing in the Archdiocese.  
**Sunday, 9/26:** Mission Appeal at our Mass. Joe and Carol Metz celebrate their 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.  
**Wednesday, 9/29:** Meeting at Good Shepherd for all priests for the "unveil" of the proposed plan for the Families of Parishes.

**Annual Pet Blessing...** With the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4, we'll certainly "think Francis" as we celebrate on Sunday, the 3<sup>rd</sup>. A Blessing of Pets will follow our 10:00AM Mass out on the plaza in front of church. Fr. Al and Bro. Tim will be available until noon, maybe longer, for stragglers! Yes, you can bring your pet to Mass. It might get a little chaotic, but, hey, it's the Feast of St. Francis who loved all creatures. In years past we actually sponsored a pet clinic in the afternoon, but since Covid, that has not been possible.

**Religious Communities in the Archdiocese** are celebrating the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Archdiocese with a Day of Service on October 9. All people are invited to join in any of the many ways of service. The Franciscan Friars are choosing to invite parishioners and friends to join us in writing letters asking our Ohio legislators to abolish the death penalty. Oct. 8-17 is Death Penalty Abolition Week for Ohio Faith Communities. More information and a sample letter will be provided.

All women of the parish are invited to attend the next meeting of the SFS Women's Group on Sat. Sept. 25 at 10am. Theme for this year is "Strong Catholic Women of Faith." Please join us in the Friary Conference Room. Parking will be available in the SFS School parking lot. Please use the 1615 Vine Street Friary entrance.