

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
3 27th Sunday Pet Blessing *Katie Robertshaw	4 *Larry Bohman	5 *Sue Miele *Henry Stacey	6	7 *Faith Kemper	8	9 *Fred Keeley

Music for Today's Liturgy
 Processional: #811
Abundant Life
 Response: **Psalm 19**
Your words, Lord, are Spirit, Spirit and Life" (repeat)
 Communion: #812
A Place at the Table
 Recessional: #810
Let Justice Roll Like a River



Winner-A-Day Winners: 9/20-9/26
 Marlene Lesch, Peggy Wall, Evelyn Habermehl, John Steffen, Randy Ulses, Denise Ratterman, Kathleen Hendy. 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!



Minister Schedule for October 3
Coordinator: Randy Ulses
Greeters: Gale LaWarre, Marilyn Meyer
Lector 1: Clarissa Irvin
Lector 2: Steve Sparks
Intercessions: Dave Frondorf
Eucharistic Minister: Kathleen MacQueeney
Collection: Tina Candelaresi, Dave Frondorf

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.



Your life may be the only Bible some folks read.

The St. Francis Seraph School library is looking for a few volunteers to help on Mondays. The library hours are from 8am -2pm, but any amount of time you would be able to provide would be most helpful. For more info, see Tom Wanner here in church, or email Peggy Frondorf at pegdorf75@gmail.com. No experience is necessary, just a love for reading with the students.

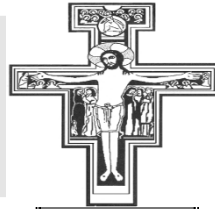


Peace Prayer of St. Francis
 Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;
 where there is hatred, let me sow love;
 where there is injury, pardon;
 where there is doubt, faith;
 where there is despair, hope;
 where there is darkness, light;
 and where there is sadness, joy.
 Grant that I may not so much 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.




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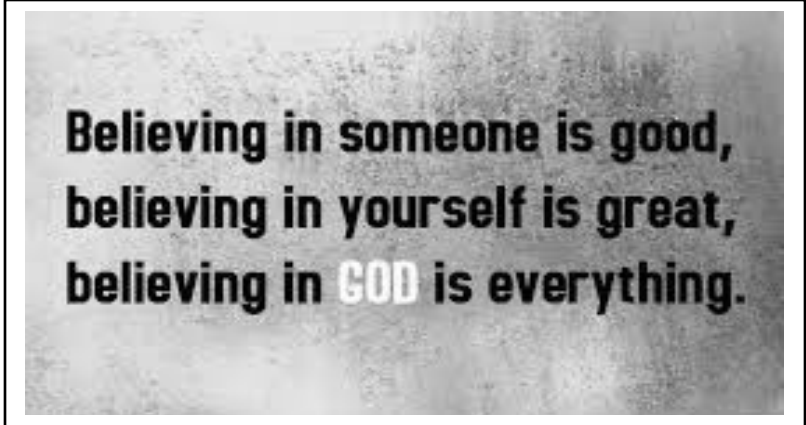
at Liberty & Vine, in Over-the-Rhine

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**ST. FRANCIS SERAPH
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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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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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 Sunday Collection: \$1,683.00
 Mail in Collection: \$ 803.00
 Total: \$2,486.00

Religious Communities in the Archdiocese are celebrating the 200th Anniversary of the Archdiocese with a Day of Service on Oct. 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.

The Bulletin: Your receipt for attending Mass!

Pastor's Corner

October is on the horizon. On Sunday, Oct. 3, you are invited to take part in the special Franciscan observance of the death of St. Francis, called **Transitus**. This will gather many of the Franciscan Family at St. Clement Church in St. Bernard, 7PM. All are welcome! Monday, Oct. 4, is the Feast of St. Francis. Maybe you would like to celebrate with us the Mass at 8:00AM on that day.

I will be on retreat from the evening of Oct. 3-9, days of prayer and reflection, some reading and quiet time alone.

October 1-20 is the period of time in which Catholics throughout the Archdiocese are invited to go on line, see the picture of the Families of Parishes and there make your comments, ask your questions.

Sunday, Oct. 17, Catholic churches throughout the world will celebrate a Mass to mark the opening of the **World-Wide Synod** that will assemble in Rome in 2023. Locally, there will be times to gather and hear the concerns of the whole church. More information will come soon.


Fr. Al

We welcome Fr. David Adiletta, O.P., our presider today, and who will speak on behalf of the Dominican missions in East Africa.

Franciscan Action Network is initiating local "Circles of Change." Find out more about this at www.franciscanjusticecircles.org. Watch a short film and learn more.

LGBTQ+ Bridge. Bellarmine Chapel has a new online resource. Find it on our parish website or go to bellarminechapel.org/building-a-bridge.

In last week's bulletin, college students among our parish family were listed. One name was left off the list, (oops, editor error): **Alec Reder**, who is in his second year at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.

Today's Readings: Nm 11:25-29 Jas 5:1-6 Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48	Next Sunday: Gn 2:18-24 Heb 2:9-11 Mark 10:2-16	
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What is Your Mission in Life?



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.

Summer Raffle
 The St. Francis Seraph Church and School Annual Summer Appeal Raffle continues for one more week, and in celebration of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4, the drawing will take place next Sunday, October 3, right after Mass. The Summer Appeal proceeds are earmarked for our church and to assist in providing a great education for the St. Francis Seraph School students. With your help, we will be able to provide our students with tutoring, mentoring and school activities. If you need tickets, or need more tickets, please call the parish office at 535-2719. Thank you.

OTRCH: Bonnie Neumeier announced the "Walk Our Blocks" event on Oct. 7 to support the work of this vital OTR organization. For more information and the purchase of tickets visit: otrch.org/cobc or contact Claire at 513-287-8058. Tickets are \$75.

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 3rd. 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.

Parish council Notes: Of course, there was continuing conversation around issues of buildings and the progress in regard to the repairs of the 1600 Building and the projects in the church. One new item involved a decision to have Fr. Al contact a parishioner/architect to begin to see what we might be able to do about putting in a second bathroom in the church. We spent some time evaluating the Picnics on the Plaza, some successes and benefits of this summer activity. There was some discussion about small group formation, the Beacons of Light and the fruits of the OTR conversation 2 Sundays ago. Parish Council Elections were suggested but we thought we might hold off doing this for another year to give people more chance to get to know one another. Meanwhile, the council asked Fr. Al to appoint one person to fill the open seat. That will be someone new to the parish. And a project will get started to start taking pictures of everyone in the parish (see below.)

A Picture Wall: Due to the pandemic, our faith community has not had many opportunities to gather socially in order to get to know one another. This is especially challenging since there are so many new members. So we want to create a picture wall on display in back of church. We would like to take pictures of our parishioners on several Sundays. We are asking for volunteers who would be willing to stay after Mass to take pictures. Cell phone photos will be fine. Br. Tim will invite people to join a camera crew!