

October 2021

3 27th Sunday Pet Blessing *Katie Robertshaw	4 *Larry Bohman	5 *Sue Miele *Henry Stacey	6	7 *Faith Kemper	8	9 *Fred Keeley
10 28th Sunday *Abraham Kleinschmidt	11 *Carolyn Heller	12 *Chuck Knepfle	13 *Chris Kolik	14	15 *Diana Campbell *Jeanette Tepe	16 *Jerry Schmidt

**Music for Today's Liturgy**



Processional: #966  
**When Love is Found**  
 Response: #86  
**Blest Are They**  
 Communion: #617  
**We Praise You**  
 Recessional: #708  
**Set Your Heart**

**Winner-A-Day Winners:** 9/27-10/03  
 Floyd Trossman, Greg Reinstatler, Daniel Nolan, Ann Donoghue (\$100 last day of month), Robert Manning, John Gardner, Tim Kell. 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!



**Minister Schedule for October 10**

**Coordinator:** Lois Biddle  
**Greeters:** Amy Dressman  
**Lector 1:** Karen Skillman  
**Lector 2:** Caroline Brock  
**Intercessions:** Jeanette Tepe  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Lois Biddle  
**Collection:** Rita Reichert, John Reder

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. Greta asks for prayers for the repose of the soul of Demetria Scott and for the health and well-being for his mother and family.



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. See Tom Wanner here in church, or email Peggy Frondorf at pegdorf75@gmail.com.



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

**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.



# St. Francis Seraph Church

at Liberty & Vine, in Over-the-Rhine

**ST. FRANCIS SERAPH  
 THE HEART OF OVER-  
 THE-RHINE**  
 1615 Vine Street  
 Cincinnati, OH 45202  
 Office: (513) 535-2719

**Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**



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!  


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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: [sfsparish.org](http://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. 26**   
 Sunday Collection: \$1,908.00  
 Mail in Collection: \$ 810.00  
 Total: \$2,718.00

**Religious Communities in the Archdiocese**  
 are celebrating the 200<sup>th</sup> 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


I'm writing this **BEACONS OF LIGHT** update before the final meetings later in this week, but I feel certain that the plan involving St. Francis Seraph will be as planned some months ago. As the archdiocese groups parishes into new "families," those parishes staffed by Religious Orders will be grouped into a "family." That means St. Clement in St. Bernard will be a family with us! Or we with them. In the diocesan "families" there will be one pastor assisted by other priests. I don't know if the Franciscans will need to follow this model. Currently Fr. John Stein is pastor of St. Clement and, of course, I'm here at SFS. What the future holds is not clear. I know our two parishes will be expected to collaborate more. This is a five year process, but we will rather soon need active parishioners involved in some meetings to see what shape our new family will take. Now until Oct. 20, parishioners throughout the Archdiocese are asked to go to the Beacons web site and share comments, ask questions, etc. Go to [www.BeaconsAOC.org](http://www.BeaconsAOC.org).


*Fr. Al*

**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. Talk to Br. Tim if you can help.

**Franciscan Action Network** is initiating local "Circles of Change." Find out more about this at [www.franciscanjusticecircles.org](http://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](http://bellarminechapel.org/building-a-bridge).

Today's Readings: Gn 2:18-24 Heb 2:9-11 Mark 10:2-16	Next Sunday: Wis 7:7-11 Heb 4:12-13 Mark 10:17-30	
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**Preach the Gospel. Use Words if Necessary.**

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.

**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](http://otrch.org/cobc) or contact Claire at 513-287-8058.

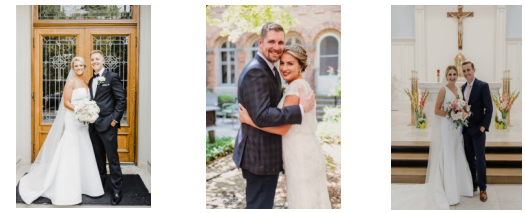
**SFS Women's Group Meeting**  
 All women of the Parish are invited to attend the next meeting on Saturday, Oct. 9. Continuing our theme for this year of "Strong Catholic Women of Faith," this month we will be reflecting on the lives of St. Clare of Assisi and St. Elizabeth of Hungary. Please gather with us in the Friary Conference Room at 9:45 am. We will walk next door to the St. Anthony Center. Parking is available in the school lot. Please use the 1615 Vine St. door. Please use the sign-up sheets on the back table to reserve a spot or contact Pat Ruthemeyer no later than October 7 at 513-910-9485.



**Annual Pet Blessing**  
 With the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi tomorrow, we'll certainly "think Francis" as we celebrate today! A Blessing of Pets will follow after Mass out on the plaza in front of church. Fr. Al and Bro. Tim will be available until noon, maybe longer, for stragglers!



**These three young couples** were recently married! Through these pictures, parishioners will have a glimpse at their joy and maybe a chance to congratulate them as you see them in church on Sundays.



1. Julie Kenning and Nick Brune, St. Ursula Chapel, Cincinnati, on July 3.
2. Natalya Kravchenko and Anthony Newby, St. Francis Seraph Church, on August 7.
3. Kasia Solomianko and Ian Blair, St. James Church, Arlington, IL, on Aug. 14

Saints Francis and Clare of Assisi remind us that we are not separate from the natural world but part of it in one sacred earth community. St. Francis of Assisi, in his "Canticle of Brother Sun," sings of all as brother and sister and addresses the elements as Brother Sun, Sister Water, Mother and Sister Earth, Brother Wind and Sister Moon. All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing: Alleluia! Alleluia! O burning sun with golden beam and silver moon with softer gleam: Oh praise him! O praise him! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! "While you are proclaiming peace with your lips, be careful to have it more fully in your heart." *St. Francis of Assisi*

