

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
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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

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.



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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 THE-RHINE**
 1615 Vine Street
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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
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 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
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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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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 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

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 Ser-
 aph 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. Cur-
 rently 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 in-
 volved 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.

Fr. Al

A Picture Wall: Due to the pandemic, our faith
 community has not had many opportunities to gath-
 er 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. 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.

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 



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 consid-
 er 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 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 Con-
 ference 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