

17 29th Sunday	18	19 *Anne Burkhart *Elianan Niese	20 *Julie Fay	21	22 *Sara Kleinschmidt	23
24 30th Sunday	25 *Gary Favors *Carol Fisher	26 *Pablo Rosales	27	28 *Tom Brock	29	30 *Geofrey Yager

Music for Today's Liturgy
 Processional: #935
Draw Near
 Response: #44
Let Your Mercy Be On Us (refrain 1)
 Communion: #716, *In Every Age*, and #751, *Servant Song*
 Recessional: #916
I Receive the Living God



Winner-A-Day Winners: 10/11-10/17
 Denise Ratterman, James Bono, ADCO Heating, Stephen Dick, Jim Dunphy, Mary Briccio, Tom Digman. 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 24
Coordinator: Jeanette Tepe
Greeters: Barbara Bok
Lector 1: Karen Skillman
Lector 2: Casey Betz
Intercessions: Brian Yacucci
Eucharistic Minister: Kathy Schellinger
Collection: N. Kravchenko, D. Ratterman

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.



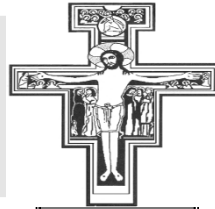
Faith is a journey, not a destination.

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 St. Francis Seraph School is still participating in the Kroger Rewards Program. You can register online at krogercommunityrewards.com and begin having your rewards benefit our school. Enter St. Francis Church/School by name or code 71122. Your designation is greatly appreciated. It is important to know that you do not lose any of your points by donating to SFS School. Just swipe your Kroger Plus Card at the checkout and both you and the school earn the appropriate points!



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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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Weekday Mass
 Mon.– Fri. 8:00 a.m.
Holy Days
 8 a.m. & 5:45 p.m.

Parish Council
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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 Oct. 10 
 Sunday Collection: \$1,997.00
 Mail in Collection: \$1,025.00
 Total: \$3,022.00

October Count: YOU Count! **YOU COUNT!**
 All Catholic churches count Mass attendance in the month of October. Sorry, we can't include those who are live-streaming. Obviously, our numbers are going to be significantly higher than they have been in past years. This is data we can use in our parish planning and that the Archdiocese considers in all this Beacons of Light planning. Come to Mass and be counted! So far, we counted attendance of 176 on October 3, and 224 on October 10. How good it is to see the growth in the parish!


Pastor's Corner

This Sunday, our parish joins Catholic parishes around the world in a prayerful opening of a 2-year Synod process. In the preparatory document or “handbook” in advance of the meeting the Vatican says: *“The synod is intended to inspire people to dream about the church we are called to be, to make people’s hopes flourish, to stimulate trust, to bind up wounds, to weave new and deeper relationships, to learn from one another, to build bridges, to enlighten minds, warm hearts, and restore strength to our hands for our common mission.”* Each diocese will eventually create a ten-page report and all these reports will fold into reports from all corners of the world. This is a Synod on synodality. Pope Francis has espoused this important mode of trying to listen to all the voices in the church, especially conscious of the laity. I hope and pray that in the coming 6 months we’ll have good leadership as to how the laity will really be heard. Many of us know that trying to be synodal did not work well at St. Anthony in Madisonville and St. Monica-St. George in Clifton. The laity put a lot of work into voicing a vision for their parishes, but to little avail. I want to believe something different can emerge in this process. Let’s give the Holy Spirit a chance at the Synod that will meet in Rome in 2023. But the Synod begins today in our parish.

Fr. Al

Sorry for the repetition for this plea, but 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. No experience necessary, just a love to read with the students.

Today’s Readings: Isaiah 53:10-11
 Heb 4:14-16
 Mark 10:35-45

Next Sunday: Jer 31:7-9
 Heb 5:1-6
 Mark 10:46-52 



True Leaders have a Servant's Heart



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.

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. **Next Sunday, October 24,** we will begin to take pictures for this project. We will be taking pictures for three Sundays in a row so that we can try to include everyone and to spread out the picture taking process. If you could stay for a few minutes after Mass, we will take pictures on the steps leading up to the altar. Another possibility is that you bring in pictures that you already have of yourself. If you attend Mass as a family, we would like to have pictures of families. You can give them to me, Br. Tim. Thank you all!

October events:

Oct. 22. **Marriage** of Megan Gladfelter and Connor Inglis at noon. This couple began wedding planning with Fr. Al while at SMSG, delayed because of covid, and now will have a simple marriage ceremony here prior to their Saturday big reception.
 Oct. 24. **Mission Sunday:** This is the Catholic Church’s worldwide day to celebrate that we are a missionary church. A special collection on this Sunday helps fund so many of the efforts in mission dioceses around the world.
 Oct. 28. **Parish Finance Committee meets** at 1PM.
 Oct. 29. A meeting with representatives from Miami University as we continue to explore a use for our 1600 Vine building. (The work being done on the building revealed even more repairs to the cornices than had been anticipated, taking the cost of this project up!)

The following is a “Franciscan Model of Civil Discourse” promoted by the Franciscan Action Network. It is called The Francis Pledge, a commitment to civility in discourse:

- + Facilitate a forum for difficult discourse and acknowledge that dialogue can lead to new insight and mutual understanding.
- + Respect the dignity of all people, especially the dignity of those who hold an opposing view.
- + Audit myself and utilize the terms or a vocabulary of faith to unite or reconcile rather than divide conflicting positions.
- + Neutralize inflamed conversations by presuming that those with whom we differ are acting in good faith.
- + Collaborate with others and recognize that all human engagement is an opportunity to promote peace.
- + Identify common ground such as similar values or concerns and utilize this as a foundation to build upon.
- + Support efforts to clean up provocative language by calling policy makers to their sense of personal integrity.