

24 30th Sunday	25 *Gary Favors *Carol Fisher	26 *Pablo Rosales	27	28 *Tom Brock	29	30 *Geoffrey Yager
31 31st Sunday	November 1 All Saints Day Mass at 8am	2 Evensong 7pm	3	4	5 *Josephine Levin	6 *Michael Binder

Music for Today's Liturgy
 Processional: #656
Lead Me, Guide Me
 Response: #126 *Refrain: The Lord has done great things for us, we are filled with gladness and joy*
 Communion: #813 *Quietly Peacefully*
 Recessional: #640
There is a Balm in Gilead



Winner-A-Day Winners: 10/18-10/24
 Mary Minges, Cathy Abercrombie, Lauren Reder, Robert Steinhauer, Butch Sutherland, Timothy Nolan, Evelyn Dilger. 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 31
Coordinator: Lois Biddle
Greeters: Greta Benton, Clarissa Irvin
Lector 1: Kathie Hendy
Lector 2: Dan Nolan
Intercessions: Tina Candelaresi
Eucharistic Minister: Kay Brogle
Collection: Tina Candelaresi, Randy Ulses

A Picture Wall: Today, 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 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 and your family.



Please contact Br. Tim or the parish office 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 Reco Smith and the spiritual well-being for his wife, Keva and family.



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.



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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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A Roman Catholic
 Community of Faith
 welcoming *all* people of faith
 in the Franciscan
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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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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
 Carol Metz
 Anthony Newby
 John Reder
 Robb Wing

Parish Council Notes... At the request of the Council, Fr. Al has appointed a new member to fill the open position. Our new member is **Carol Metz**. Hopefully we can soon have pictures of all the Council members so parishioners have a better sense of who they are. The Council voted for John Reder to become Council President in January. Robb Wing asked that he be relieved since he is still under such strict quarantine. Reports were given: 1600 Vine Street building is going to increase in costs for the repairs. Preliminary talks continue with Miami Univ. for use of the building. The HVAC bid is still being finalized with the company and the Franciscans. Almost \$25,000 has already been contributed by parishioners! A second bathroom in the church awaits an architect's preliminary ideas. It was reported how well the Children's Faith Formation program is doing with an increased number of young folks. Fr. Al wants to get a discussion group around the encyclical, Fratelli Tutti, which a number of men have asked to delve into. Meanwhile, the Women's Group had a great first session involving reflections on Clare of Assisi and Elizabeth of Hungary. The highlight was the tour of St. Francis Seraph Ministries for these 20 women.

Exercise daily...Walk with the Lord.

Pastor's Corner

This Sunday is World Mission Sunday. This is the opportunity for all Catholic parishes around the world to be reminded that we are a missionary church. The special collection helps mission efforts in the far reaches of the globe. Without mission, there is no real church.

I know, we just had a mission collection! That was the annual Missionary Cooperation Plan event where a particular mission society is invited to come to parishes on behalf of their specific mission. This year, we heard Fr. David speak of the Dominicans' missions in Africa. Parishioners generously donated \$1,560 to this cause.

The Synod on Synodality is gaining some traction. The Archdiocese of Cincinnati has appointed a point person to get this process started. Each deanery is asked to have two representatives on the planning committee. I submitted the name of one of our parishioners who would be willing to be considered for this work.

Meanwhile, Beacons of Light is still in process. Fr. John Stein, pastor of St. Clement, and I are beginning to discuss how this might be enacted in our Franciscan Family. At this time, we mostly have questions, awaiting more specific directives from the Office of Planning. We will eventually need parishioners from both parishes to get involved in the process. We also need some direction from the Franciscan administration as to how they might see this playing out.

Fr. Al

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Stewardship - Week Ending Oct. 17
 Sunday Collection: \$2,040.00
 Mail in Collection: \$ 1,034.68
 Total: \$3,074.68



See the Goodness of the Lord!



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.

October/November Events:

Oct. 24. **Mission Sunday:**
 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!)
 Nov. 1. Feast of All Saints. This year's Holy Day carries no expectation that you must come to Mass. This Feast will be celebrated at the 8am Mass in the chapel.
 Nov. 2. Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. Again, Mass is celebrated at 8am. An Evensong Commemoration of those who died this past year is celebrated at 7pm. Refer to the next column.

REMEMBRANCE EVENSONG 2021

November is the month during which the Church especially recalls and remembers all the saints in heaven and all those souls who have preceded us in life.

On the feast of All Souls, **Tuesday, November 2 at 7:00 pm** our parish will celebrate **Evensong** here in Church to remember those members of our parish who have died during the past year. Family members of those parishioners whom we have lost since November, 2020 are invited to attend this service and to light a candle in memory of their loved one during the service.



This service is open to all parishioners - to pray for all our deceased brothers and sisters, and to lend support to those who are grieving the loss of a loved one within the last year.

Additionally, during this past year of continued COVID restrictions, it is possible that some of our parishioners have experienced the death of a close loved one but been unable to attend the funeral due to travel restrictions or other related issues. Therefore, if you have a loved one or family member who has died during the past year (Nov. 2020 – present, but who was not a member of St. Francis Seraph Parish) and would also like to attend this service and have that person included and remembered during the service, please fill out the form below and return it via the Collection Urn (or by calling the **Parish Office 535-2719**) no later than Sunday, October 31.

EVENSONG 2021
 Tuesday, November 2, 7pm
 St. Francis Seraph Church
 I would like to attend the Evensong Service and to have the following person remembered:
 Name of Deceased _____
 My name _____
 Phone _____ Number Attending _____
 Email _____