

21 Christ the King *Jane Blinka	22 *Jennifer Sparks	23 *Heidi O'Connor	24	25 Thanks-giving Day Mass 10am	26 *Brian Yacucci	27 *Casey Betz *Michael Flood
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**Music for Today's Liturgy**  
 Processional: #604  
*All the Ends of the Earth*  
 Response: #35  
*Shepherd Me O God*  
 Communion: #72  
*The Love of the Lord*  
 Recessional: #865  
*Soon and Very Soon*



**Winner-A-Day Winners:** 11/15-11/21  
 Ervin Federmann, Lois Glacken, Margaret Fariello, Judith Tooley, Br. John Carey, Everett Lucas, Doug Guzwiller. 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 November 28**  
Coordinator: Jeanette Tepe  
Greeters: Barbara Bok  
Lector 1: Brian Yacucci  
Lector 2: Karen Skillman  
Intercessions: Kathie Hendy  
Eucharistic Minister: Tina Candelaresi  
Collection: Denise Ratterman, Randy Ulses

**A Picture Wall:** Today, we continue to take pictures for this project. We will be taking pictures today 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 family.

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

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.



**Book of the Deceased:** During the month of November, the book of the deceased is in the front of the church, next to the Paschal Candle. Feel free to add the names of people you want to have our community pray for.

Today's Readings: Dn 7:13-14 Rv 1:5-8 John 18:33b-37	Next Sunday: Jer 33:14-16 1 Thes 3:12—4:2 Luke 21:25-28, 34-36
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**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

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.

## Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ



**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.

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**Stewardship - Week Ending Nov. 14**

Sunday Collection: \$ 1,731.00  
 Mail in Collection: \$11,070.00  
 Total: \$12,801.00



Thank you to all who contribute on Sunday and to the many faithful who send your offerings during the week. You can donate online at sfsparish.org. We do not pass a collection basket during Mass. Instead, we have a collection urn behind the lectern.

*With each contribution show a cheerful countenance,  
 And pay your tithes in a spirit of joy.  
 Give to the Most High as God has given to you,  
 Generously according to your means.  
 -Sirach 35:8-9*

*Faith is a journey, not a destination.*

**Pastor's Corner**



At our November **Parish Council Meeting**, members endorsed the idea of doing a large postcard mailing to all the residents of the 45202 zip code. Our parish mission statement says, "We are called to serve with and among the people of Over-the-Rhine." The colorful postcard will be an invitation to our OTR and downtown neighbors to visit the Live Nativity, the large Franciscan Christmas display in the church and parts of the friary and welcomes folks to join us for our Christmas Masses. This is an investment of \$2,000-3,000, but we do this with the hope that we can create goodwill, maybe attract some new members or simply share the joy of the season with our unique experiences.



Plans continue for the use of the 1600 Vine building. The roof, gutters and cornices are now repaired. Look up sometime and see how nice it is! We continue to be in talks with various representatives of Miami University who are interested in a partnership for education students and new teachers to be involved in CISE and other urban schools. A large grant is pending that could go a long way with the interior renovation.

Members of the council learned more about the HVAC project, with fundraising now over \$35,000 to toward a goal of \$100,000. An architect is giving us some ideas on how we can add another bathroom without extreme costs.

I shared some of my goals to gather college students among our parish families for a social time during the Christmas holidays, getting newly married couples together and maybe having a town hall meeting after the first of the year where we could hear from many voices what people are thinking about the parish.

Carol Metz joined us for her first meeting on the council, but 3 members were unable to attend. Still, we had a good and lively discussion.

*Fr. Al*

*Exercise daily...Walk with the Lord.  
 But, don't count your steps,  
 Make your steps count!*



**THANKS Be to God.**



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, please register yourself and your family. Forms are available on the table in church.

**Upcoming Events:**

- Nov. 25. Thanksgiving Day Mass at 10am.
- Nov. 26. Live Nativity and Franciscan Christmas display open at 5PM, and continues weekends through Jan. 1
- Dec. 4. Southern Gateway Men's Chorus provides a FREE concert in our church at 7PM
- Dec. 8. Holy Day of the Immaculate Conception. Masses are at 8:00AM and 5:45PM. Church decorating begins at 6:30PM followed by festive food!
- Dec. 11. Advent Communal Reconciliation Service at 10AM. Among those of us celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be five children for their First Reconciliation. 2 or 3 priests will be available.
- Dec. 12. Special Collection for Retired Religious
- Dec. 24. Christmas Eve Mass at 4:00PM with a musical prelude beginning about 3:30PM.
- Dec. 25. Christmas Day Mass at 10:00AM

**Catholic Campaign for Human Development**



Please be generous in this Sunday's collection for CCHD. In the United States, one in eight people lives in poverty. With this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. A special urn or basket is provided for your donations. (Maybe special envelopes will arrive in time for your use today or next week.)



St. Francis Seraph Parish is asking for your help again this Christmas season. In past years we have asked for Kroger Gift Cards, and this program has been a huge success. Many individuals in the neighborhood struggle to have food and household supplies in their homes. So we will continue the Gift Card program again this Christmas season. A basket for the gift cards will be in place today, Nov. 28, and December 5. We kindly ask for gift cards in a \$25 donation amount. Please indicate the gift amount of the card. If you are not able to pick up a gift card, monetary donations are also greatly appreciated. Thank you!



Before the turkey is ready to go in the oven and the pies are ready to be baked, before the football games begin and your family and company arrives, come and give thanks to God this November 25, at our annual St. Francis Seraph Thanksgiving Day Parish Mass at 10AM.

**Fratelli Tutti.** This encyclical letter from Pope Francis is actually a good read! On Sunday, Nov. 28, Fr. Al would like to meet with people who might be interested in reading the document and engaging in conversations. A key topic will be when people would like to meet. The reading and discussion of this important letter will be a time of ongoing faith formation.