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**Music for Today's Liturgy**  
 Processional: #405  
*Advent Gathering Song*  
 Response: #52  
*Be Merciful*  
 Communion: #728 *Eye Has Not Seen*  
 #937 *Now in this Banquet*  
 Recessional: #635  
*Let All Things Now Living*



**Winner-A-Day Winners:** 11/22-11/28  
 Tom Foley, Julie McMahon, Carl Roos, Betsy Santen, Cherie Treber, Connie Vonderhaar, Br. John Carey. 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 December 5**  
Coordinator: Jerry Diarsing  
Greeters: Gale LaWarre, Marilyn Meyer  
Lector 1: Jeanette Tepe  
Lector 2: Clarissa Irvin  
Intercessions: Brian Yacucci  
Eucharistic Minister: Tina Candelaresi  
Collection: Tina Candelaresi, John Reder

**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.

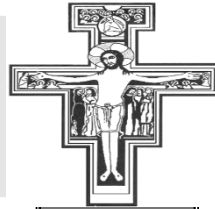


**Peace Prayer of St. Francis**  
 Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;  
 where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
 where there is injury, pardon;  
 where there is doubt, faith;  
 where there is despair, hope;  
 where there is darkness, light;  
 and where there is sadness, joy.  
 Grant that 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.



The Ultimate Guide to Advent: Go to [thecatholictelegraph.com](http://thecatholictelegraph.com) to get a free copy sent to you via email. The guide includes Advent traditions, favorite recipes, pages for children activities and more.

Today's Readings: Jer 33:14-16 1 Thes 3:12—4:2 Luke 21:25-28, 34-36	Next Sunday: Bar 5:1-9 Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 Luke 3:1-6
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# St. Francis Seraph Church

at Liberty & Vine, in Over-the-Rhine

## 1st Sunday of Advent

**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.




**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!



**Fratelli Tutti.** This encyclical letter from Pope Francis is actually a good read! **Today**, after Mass, 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.

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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  
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**Stewardship - Week Ending Nov. 21**   
 Sunday Collection: \$2,000.00  
 Mail in Collection: \$1,510.00  
 Total: \$3,510.00

CCHD Collection: \$300.00

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.

*Jesus noticed a poor widow putting in two small coins. He said, "I tell you truly, this poor widow put in more than all the rest."*

*Luke 21:1-2*  
*Certainly the Lord values our sacrificial efforts.*

*Faith is a journey, not a destination.*

**A Synod on Synodality?** Sounds strange, doesn't it? Yet this is what the Holy Father has called. In its simplest form, synodality represents a collaborative approach by all the People of God to address a particular issue for which the Holy Father seeks input. For this synod, he wants to hear from everyone on how the whole Church (not only Bishops and priests) can journey together in bringing the gospel message to the world. To address this "synodal" approach, he has called for all dioceses in the world to hold local consultative meetings to discuss this topic. Currently, our archdiocese is targeting Jan. and Feb. of 2022 for these meetings. Please prayerfully consider participating in your local deanery meeting. That opportunity will soon be available on our archdiocesan website and in the bulletin.

**Winter Appeal:** You probably received a letter this week. This is an annual appeal that now reaches 20,000 addresses. Obviously, we try to reach far beyond our parishioners for support of our school and parish. We budget with the hopes of receiving over \$20,000 each year.

**HVAC thermometer:** You may have seen this big "thermometer" on a wall in the back of the church. This heating up so that we can be "cool" in the summer! We are now over \$40,000 toward a goal of \$100,000.

**Styrofoam Recycling.** This material is one of the worst products for our environment. The neighborhood of Wyoming is sponsoring a program to collect Styrofoam on January 7. Holiday gift packaging often uses Styrofoam in various sizes and those "peanuts" (which will need to be in a bag. More information later, but Joan Callahan would be willing to have you bring your stuff to church and her family will get it recycled on that day. This is a real way to care for the planet, Mother Earth!



Happy Church New Year!



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:**

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

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**Catholic Campaign for Human Development**

Thank you for your support last Sunday for this important collection. We raised \$300 to support those on the margins who in poverty in the United States. You can still contribute today. 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.



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, and next Sunday. 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!



The Franciscan Christmas display is open here in the church and Friary through January 1!

Fridays: 4-7pm; Saturdays: Noon-7pm and Sundays: 1pm-5pm. Free admission! And...The Live Nativity is open daily in the Vine Street Courtyard from 1-7pm. Bring your family and friends and show them the sights and sounds of a Franciscan Christmas!

As mentioned in the Upcoming Events column to the left, this Saturday at 7pm, here in our church, the much-acclaimed Southern Gateway Men's Chorus will be entertaining us with a free concert. They will be singing many holiday favorites. All are welcome.

