

5 2nd Sunday of Advent	6 *Stephen Zeek	7 *Linda Hall	8 Feast Day Mass 5:45pm Church Decoration 6:30pm	9	10 *Bob Hanneken *Henry Meyer *Pauline Sheard	11 Parish Advent Reconcilia- tion Service 10AM
12 3rd Sunday of Advent *Jeanette Yacucci	13	14 *Jason Kreinbrink	15 *Jerry Diersing	16 *Deb Winterhalter	17 *Clarissa Irvin *Sean Hill *Yvette Moon	18

Music for Today's Liturgy
 Processional: #405
Advent Gathering Song
 Response: **Psalm 126**
The Lord Has Done Great Things for Us
 Communion: #933
With This Bread
 Recessional: #775
Go Make a Difference



Winner-A-Day Winners: 11/29-12/5
 Harold Havens, Sr, Dan Franklin \$100
 last day of month, Joanne Schwaegerle,
 Holly Fessel, Donna Hartman, Norma Krusling,
 Norman Muenich. 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 December 12
Coordinator: Randy Ulses
Greeters: Amy Dressman
Lector 1: Dave Frondorf
Lector 2: Casey Betz
Intercessions: Caroline Brock
Eucharistic Minister: Mary Geers
Collection: Rita Reichert, Dave Frondorf



The Archdiocese of Cincinnati has configured the final Families of Parishes for the Beacons of Light. You can view this list beginning at noon today. Go to beaconsaoc.org

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 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.



Help Wanted! The construction of the church nativity and tree decorating will take place this Wednesday, December 8, at 6:30pm. Food and drinks will be provided (after the work is completed!)



Today's Readings:	Next Sunday:
Bar 5:1-9	Zep 3:14-18a
Phil 1:4-6, 8-11	Phil 4:4-7
Luke 3:1-6	Luke 3:10-18



St. Francis Seraph Church

at Liberty & Vine, in Over-the-Rhine

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2nd Sunday of Advent



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.





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.

Matrimony - registered Parishioners should contact the Pastor at least 6 months prior to the anticipated wedding date to begin the process of marriage preparation.

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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 All
 Visitors!


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Sunday Mass
 10:00 a.m.
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 Mon.– Fri. 8:00 a.m.
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 8 a.m. & 5:45 p.m.

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Stewardship - Week Ending Nov. 28 

Sunday Collection: \$2,007.00
 Mail in Collection: \$4,730.00
 Total: \$6,737.00

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 sfparish.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.

Pastor's Corner 

I want to take this opportunity to announce the new Executive Director of St. Francis Seraph Ministries: **Mary Pat Raupach, Ed.D.** She formally began her role on December 1. The out-going director, Chris Schuermann, officially retires on December 15, allowing two weeks for transition.

Mary Pat comes to us from Mercy Neighborhood Ministries, where she has been the director of workforce development and support. Her volunteer and civic work also includes Bethany House Services, Cincinnati Works, Junior Achievement and Partnership Against Trafficking of Humans. Her professional degree as Doctor in Education is from the University of Cincinnati.

She is a strong team leader with extensive background in non-profit management and relationship building.

I was privileged to serve on the search committee with several other Board members. I believe she is going to be an excellent person in this role.

We will celebrate a Commissioning at our parish Sunday Mass on January 2, the Feast of the Epiphany. Members of the Board, staff and volunteers are being invited to join us. I certainly hope our parishioners will continue to be involved with St. Francis Seraph Ministries in many volunteer roles.

Fr. Al

"Fratelli Tutti" 20 or more parishioners are interested in reading and discussing the 8 chapters of this Encyclical of Pope Francis. More details coming after the first of the year, but our first session will be on January 15. We'll meet on Saturdays at 1:00PM in the chapel. If you want to get on the list of participants send your email address to Faith Kemper at flkemper@gmail.com.

Daily Mass is celebrated Monday-Friday at 8:00AM in the chapel. With the new beginning of Advent, you might like to join us one or more days a week, to journey more deeply through the Scriptures of Advent and be enriched by more frequent reception of Communion.



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

Upcoming Events:

- 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.
- 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

Advent Communal Reconciliation Service One expression of "beginning again" can be the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Our parish will host this opportunity this **Saturday, December 11, 10AM.** Parishioners will be joined by 5 of our young members celebrating this sacrament for the first time. There will be two or three priests present.

Retirement Fund for Religious.

Give in Gratitude is this year's theme. A donor to the Fund writes: "I still remember the lessons the sisters gave us and how they instilled in us the love of our faith." Show your thanks for the prayerful service of elderly sisters, brothers and religious order priests. Your gift to the collection on December 12 helps provide medical care and many retirement needs. Many Sisters, in particular, are in great need of support as many of those who taught for tiny stipends are now facing expensive care. Please be generous. Special envelopes are provided for your donations.

CISE, (Catholic Inner-city Schools Education) is holding its annual December Friends of CISE Raffle fundraiser. Ticket sales end at 5pm on Thursday, December 9. Purchase tickets online at cisekids.org. St. Francis Seraph School benefits greatly from CISE.



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. 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!