

23 3rd Sunday *Gale LaWarre	24 *Bert Sheard	25	26 *Anthony Newby	27 *Pete Wanner	28	29 *Mila Luebbe *Jodi Stacey
30 4th Sunday	31	February 1	2	3	4 *Rita Reichert	5 *Maureen Keeley

**Music for Today's Liturgy**  
 Processional: #593  
*Child of the Light*  
 Response: **Psalm 19**  
*Lord, You Have the Words*  
 Communion: #790 *The Summons*  
 #729 *Only You, O God*  
 Recessional: #868  
*Steal Away to Jesus*



**Winner-A-Day Winners:** 1/17-1/23  
 Carol Hehemann, Mark Gamel,  
 Carl Roos, Deak Family, Caroline Brach,  
 Barbara Teague, Lynn Lucas.  
 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 January 30**  
Coordinator: Randy Ulses  
Greeters: Greta Benton, Clarissa Irvin  
Lector 1: Tina Candelaresi  
Lector 2: Tim Candelaresi  
Intercessions: Moe Nieman  
Eucharistic Minister: Kay Brogle  
Collection: Nataliya Kravchenko, Dave Frondorf

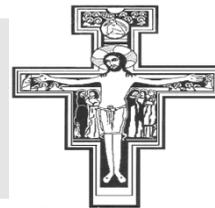
**From the Parish Office:**  
 We are working on the annual contribution  
 letters. These will be going out soon for those  
 who contributed \$250 or more (IRS rule). If you  
 contributed to the HVAC fund, that amount will  
 NOT be displayed in the contribution total on  
 your letter. You should have received an  
 acknowledgement for the HVAC contribution  
 that you can use for tax purposes. If you did not  
 receive the letter or misplaced it, please email Joe  
 Pearce at JoeEPearce@SFSParish.org and he will  
 send you a new letter. Remind him of the date  
 and amount if you have that information.

*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.



**Catholic School's Week** begins  
 January 30. You are invited to a 9:00AM  
 Opening Prayer Service with all the chil-  
 dren of our school, Monday, Jan. 31.  
 Since 1974, National Catholic Schools Week is  
 the annual celebration of Catholic education in  
 the United States. The theme for  
 National Catholic Schools Week 2022 is  
 "Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence.  
 Service."



# St. Francis Seraph Church

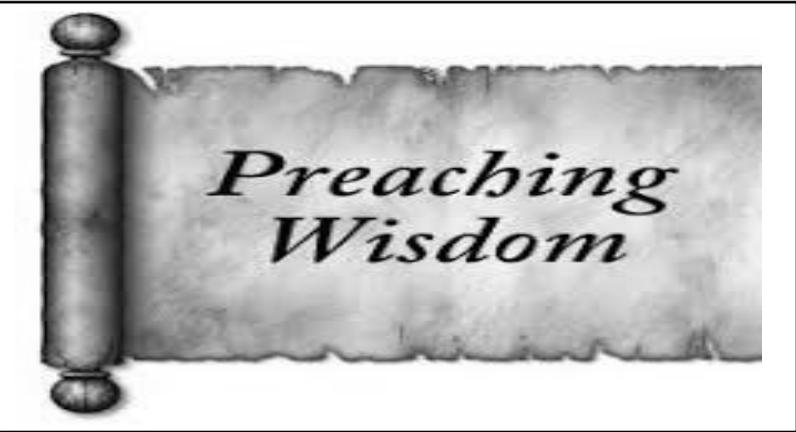
at Liberty & Vine, in Over-the-Rhine

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**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 corner-  
 stone 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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**Parish Website: sfsparish.org**

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

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**Stewardship - Week Ending Jan. 16**  
 Sunday Collection: \$ 987.00  
 Mail in Collection: \$5,890.00  
 Total: \$6,877.00  
 KY Tornado Victims Collection: \$350.00  
 Thank you to all who contribute on Sunday and to those 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.*

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. 

## Pastor's Corner

More than 30 people attended our Parish Synod Session on Tuesday evening. I'm still processing all that I heard. People shared some of their deepest experiences of being church. While Liturgy matters and inspires, most people spoke about small group experiences and the doing of the works of Jesus in all kinds of circumstances. Among the thoughts expressed about what the mission of the Church is: to carry out and continue the works of Jesus Christ, sharing the Word of God, helping us be in community with one another and the Trinity, making disciples, be welcoming of all, help us come to a relationship with Jesus Christ. Clearly, people felt a lot of voices are not being heard or honored in our Church: Women, first of all. But every group of minority members feels less appreciated. What prevents these voices being heard? Of course an all-male, mostly white clergy. Underneath many people's frustration is the clericalism of today's Church. Clearly expressed was a disconnect between the institutional Church and Christ. One take away for me: What might not happen at the diocesan level or the universal level of the Church, might be possible in the local church. I hope we can explore more ways to have St. Francis Seraph Church move to this more synodal model.

I truly appreciated the participation of so many folks on Tuesday evening. I hope I am listening and that we can continue to grow as a vibrant body of Christ.

*Fr. Al*

**Synod Gathering:** You can still register to speak at the deanery meeting this coming Saturday, Jan. 29, at St. Francis Xavier Church hall. Go to [www.CatholicAOC.org/Synod](http://www.CatholicAOC.org/Synod). There will be some zoom opportunity in the near future for those who are not attending group events.

**Archdiocesan Anniversary Books** are still available for purchase. The TREASURES book is \$30 and the Illustrated History is \$15. You can purchase these on the back table in church or call the office to come by at another time.



## The Spirit of the Lord is Upon Us!



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.

### Work of Christmas Begins

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
 when the star in the sky is gone,  
 when the kings and princes are home,  
 when the shepherds are back with the flocks,  
 then the work of Christmas begins:  
 to find the lost,  
 to heal those broken in spirit,  
 to feed the hungry,  
 to release the oppressed,  
 to rebuild the nations,  
 to bring peace among all peoples,  
 to make a little music with the heart...  
 And to radiate the Light of Christ, every day,  
 in every way, in all that we do  
 and in all that we say.

Then the work of Christmas begins.  
 -- Howard Thurman, adapted



*"If you feel far away from God...who moved?"*

### Pastoral Council Notes



Tim and Al spent some time updating the members about progress on the 1600 Vine building, where we are in regard to window restoration, HVAC, a second bathroom in the church. All of this is ongoing, step by step. We'll put more energy into setting up that photo board of parishioners and make the call again for more pictures. Council wants to deepen the collaboration with St. Francis Seraph Ministries. At our next meeting we'll take a look at the covenant and hope to have the Executive Director join us for part of a future meeting. Many feel like this is a moment to begin again. Live-streaming our Masses was a new agenda item. Hopefully we have identified some help and expertise for how we can improve the quality of this production. What was hurriedly put together for the pandemic is now clearly something we need into the future. Sunday security was discussed. Recently no off-duty officers have signed up for this detail and we think we are OK without an officer. If the change to warmer weather warrants security, we can engage our security service for the Sunday mornings.

### Catholic Ministries Appeal:



This is annual fund drive of the Archdiocese that gives funding to Catholic Charities, St. Rita School, vocation efforts, new evangelization, chaplain salaries, etc. Last year our parish surpassed our goal. At this moment, we do not know what this year's goal will be. John and Allison Reder will make a presentation at today's Mass. Fr. Al encourages many people to make even small gifts so that we can reach our goal.

St. Francis Seraph ministries has opportunities to help with the meals during the mornings and evenings. There may be other openings as well. Contact Theresa Diersen at 513-549-0542.