

30 4th Sunday	31	February 1	2	3	4 *Rita Reichert	5 *Maureen Keeley
6 5th Sunday *Thomas Meyer *Diane Cunningham	7	8 *Caroline Brock	9 *Kathy Kirschner	10	11	12

**Music for Today's Liturgy**  
 Processional: #742  
*The Church's One Foundation*  
 Response: Psalm 71  
*I Will Sing of Your Salvation*  
 Communion: #960  
*#Healer of Our Every Ill*  
 Recessional: #902  
*O Breathe on Me, O Breath of God*



**Winner-A-Day Winners:** 1/24-1/30  
 Janet Fette, Mike Smith, Thomas Wernke, Joe Pearce, Barb Hildebrand, Claire Esselman, Trish Baker. 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 February 6**  
Coordinator: Randy Ulses  
Greeters: Gale LaWarre, Marilyn Meyer  
Lector 1: Patrick Deavy  
Lector 2: Clarissa Irvin  
Intercessions: Bob Ehrams  
Eucharistic Minister: Dan Nolan  
Collection: Tina Candelaresi, Rita Reichert

**Catholic School's Week** begins today! You are invited to a 9:00AM Opening Prayer Service with all the children 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."



**Parish Council Members:**  
 Pictures of our six elected Council Members are now on the wall y the Children's Room in the vestibule of the church. Brother Tim and Father Al are ex-officio members.

**GODISNOWHERE**  
 (now read it again)

Today's Readings:	Next Sunday:
Jer 1:4-5, 17-19	Is 6:1-2a, 3-8
1 Cor 12:31—13:13	1 Cor 15:1-11
Luke 4:21-30	Luke 5:1-11

*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.



# St. Francis Seraph Church

at Liberty & Vine, in Over-the-Rhine

4th 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 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**  
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**Stewardship - Week Ending Jan. 23**  
 Sunday Collection: \$1,648.00  
 Mail in Collection: \$3,760.00  
 Total: \$5,408.00



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

Low-gluten hosts are available for those with gluten allergy. Simply come to Communion where Fr. Al is distributing and let him know you need such a host. He has them in a separate container.

*Exercise daily...Walk with the Lord.*

## Pastor's Corner



**HVAC:** By the time this bulletin is printed, Bro. Tim and I will have met with the company who will install our new heating and air-conditioning system. Our fundraising is going along nicely with over \$80,000 raised and more is still pledged. Hopefully, we'll exceed that \$100,000 goal and not have to go so deeply into other funds in order to make this big improvement,

**1600 Vine Street:** We continue to make plans for Miami University to institute a program for teachers who will be trained to teach in the urban core. Tim and I have met with architects who are very interested in helping us move toward the renovation of this building.



**2<sup>nd</sup> Bathroom for the church:** Hopefully, we'll be able to get plans that could make the addition of another bathroom possible without major expense.

**Church Windows:** We have been reassured that this project is still on target to be completed in the spring. This is a project that the Franciscans are undertaking.

**Buildings!** During this time of covid, it has been difficult to move forward with the more mission-centered goals. Spending this much time on buildings is not where many of us, including me, want to expend so much energy. Hopefully, much of this work will be completed and we can move on to more people-centered activities when getting out and engaging with more people feels safe.

*Fr. Al*

**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.

**Hearing Assistance Available...**If you have difficulty hearing clearly, our church is now equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask for a receiver.

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.



Love is Patient, Love is Kind, Love Never Fails.



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.

### Coming Events

- Jan. 31 All School Prayer Service at 9:00AM Catholic Schools Week begins!
- Feb. 8 Fr. Al hosts OTR Clergy for a gathering/discussion.
- Feb. 13 Worship Committee meeting at 11:30AM
- Feb. 15 Parish Council meeting (zoom) at 6:30pm
- Feb. 18 Wedding: Marissa Lampe and James Kimbel, II
- Feb. 19 Fratelli Tutti discussion, 1pm in chapel.

### Catholic Ministries Appeal:



This is the annual fund drive of the Archdiocese that gives funding to Catholic Charities and Catholic Social Services, Retired Archdiocesan Clergy, Campus, Hospital and Prison Ministries, Seminary and Vocations, St. Rita School for the Deaf, and New Evangelization.

Allison and John Reder gave a testimony last Sunday about what motivates them to give to the Catholic Ministries Appeal. They have seen how important Campus Ministry has been for their two college students. Others of us might be very impressed by all the works of Catholic Charities. For many people, the services of hospital chaplains has been a spiritual gift. St. Francis Seraph Church exceeded last year's goal for the CMA. Our goal this year is **\$8,668**. If many parishioners pledge and give generously we won't need to rely upon those really big donations. Commitment Sunday is February 6. Prior to next Sunday, many of you will receive information and pledge cards in the mail. We'll also have some pledge envelopes available on the 6<sup>th</sup>. For more info, go to CatholicAOC.org/CMA

St. Francis Seraph School continues to participate in the Kroger Rewards Program. You can register online at krogercommunityrewards.com and begin having your rewards benefit our school. Enter St. Francis Church/School and click. Your designation is greatly appreciated. It is important to know that you do not lose any of your fuel points by donating to SFS School.

The Mary Magdalen House, located next door in the Saint Anthony Center on Republic Street, has been helping the homeless in OTR since 1988. It offers an oasis of hospitality, providing a safe and pleasant place for persons in need, to shower, shave, brush their teeth, do laundry and more. Who are the homeless? There are many people who have common misconceptions of who the poor and homeless are. Go to their website at marymagdalenhouse.org to read about the many reasons people find themselves in extraordinary hard times and they serve all these folks without hesitation or any manner of discrimination. The Mary Magdalen House welcomes volunteers, and is always in need for clothing, toiletries and cleaning supplies and monetary donations. Parishioner Jerry Sedgwick has been a mainstay at MMH for about 30 years.

