

6 5th Sunday *Thomas Meyer *Diane Cunningham	7	8 *Caroline Brock	9 *Kathy Kirschner	10	11	12 -SFS Woman's Group 10am
13 6th Sunday *Jamie Brock *Daniel Sheard *Mary Kay Donahue	14 *Joan Hoxsey	15 *Nancy Frondorf	16	17	18	19 *Tina Candelaresi

**Music for Today's Liturgy**  
 Processional: #757  
*Jesus in the Morning*  
 Response: **Psalm 138**  
*On the Day I Called*  
 Communion: #713 *Quietly, Peacefully*  
 #680 *We Walk by Faith*  
 Recessional: #656  
*Lead Me Guide Me*



**Winner-A-Day Winners:** 1/31-2/6  
 Louis Knolle (\$100, last day of month),  
 Ed Kinney, Donna Wagner, Kevin Ryan,  
 Pam Karous, Jim Armayer, Louise Birkofer.  
 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 February 13**  
Coordinator: Lois Biddle  
Greeters: Amy and Bob Dressman, Mary Geers  
Lector 1: Caroline Brock  
Lector 2: Casey Betz  
Intercessions: Sue Meile  
Eucharistic Minister: Kathleen MacQueeney  
Collection: Barbara Bok, Denise Ratterman

**TRANSFORMATION:**  
**A Lenten Day Retreat:** Feb. 26, 9:30am-5pm  
 (4pm Vigil Mass) at the Cathedral of St. Peter in  
 Chains. Fr. Kevin Scaff, of the Missionaries of  
 the Precious Blood is the speaker. \$40, with  
 lunch and snacks. Register by Feb. 15 at  
[www.stpeterinchainscathedral.org](http://www.stpeterinchainscathedral.org).  
 "How do you hope to transform this Lent?"

*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.



**Coming Events**  
 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.

Today's Readings:	Next Sunday:
Is 6:1-2a, 3-8	Jer 17:5-8
1 Cor 15:1-11	1 Cor 15:12, 16-20
Luke 5:1-11	Luke 6:17, 20-26



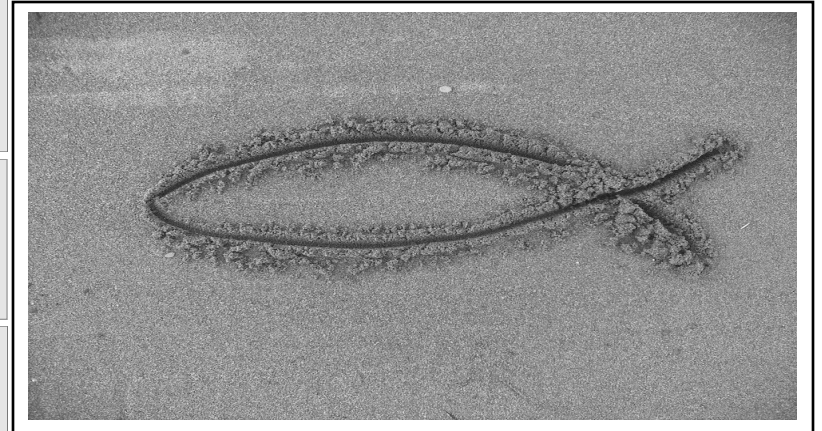
# St. Francis Seraph Church

at Liberty & Vine, in Over-the-Rhine

5th 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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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  
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**Stewardship - Week Ending Jan. 30**  
 Sunday Collection: \$2,354.00  
 Mail in Collection: \$ 165.00  
 Total: \$2,519.00



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

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.

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

## Pastor's Corner



This weekend we open Black History Month. Our choir is planning to incorporate more of the Spirituals and other music relating to Black History. I hope everyone takes some opportunity to pay attention to the offerings around the city that can inform and inspire us regarding this aspect of US history.



This weekend I am taking part in a Catholic Engaged Encounter. Saturday afternoon, I'll attend some presentations, enjoy supper with the engaged couples and help with the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation that night. I'll return on Sunday to celebrate the closing Mass at 1:30PM.

Next weekend, February 13, I'll probably watch some FOOTBALL! Probably?! WHO DEY! Also, next weekend, the Archdiocese will be announcing all the archdiocesan priest assignments related to the new Families of Parishes. No change is expected in our Franciscan Family (St. Clement and St. Francis Seraph).

*Fr. Al*

### Finance Committee Report:

Our committee met on January 27 for the quarterly meeting. Our parish is faced with much larger Archdiocesan Assessment (tax) than we had earlier thought. A miscalculation in the finance office resulted in a much lower payment the first 6 months of this year and now we are making up for that in the next six months. While our parish income is running \$100,000 ahead of expenses, this \$36,000 over the next six months will eat away at that. But, our finances are fine. Fr. Al has written to the Archbishop to ask that our \$283,000 grant for the renovation of the 1600 Vine building be excluded from assessment. Members encouraged Fr. Al to present more information about the HVAC costs when the final proposal is submitted. Certainly, we are pleased with having raised over \$88,000 for this fund.



## Be a Rainbow in Someone's Cloud



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.

### SAINT FRANCIS SERAPH WOMEN'S GROUP MEETING



All women of the parish are invited to attend the next meeting of the **St. Francis Seraph Women's Group on Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 10am.** Continuing our theme for this year of **"Strong Catholic Women of Faith,"** this month we will be focusing on the lives of *St. Dymphna (patron – mental illness)* and *St. Margaret of Castello (patron – disabilities).* Guest speaker will be **Dr. Stuart Bassman** whose topic will be **"Mental Health: Crisis, Issues and Resolutions Today."** Parking will be available in the SFS School parking lot. Please use the 1615 Vine Street Friary entrance. We continue to request that you kindly bring and wear a mask!

At the conclusion of Mass today, we will have the traditional blessing of throats.

### Catholic Ministries Appeal



Today is Commitment Sunday. Many people have received a mailing directly at home. We have some pledge/contribution envelopes available in church. Remember, our goal is \$8,668. While we hope for some rather large donations, each \$50 or \$100 can add up quickly. You will be supporting Catholic Charities and Social Services; Retired Archdiocesan priests; chaplains for campus, prison and hospitals; vocations; New Evangelization and St. Rita School for the Deaf. You can designate where you would like your contribution to be directed. For more information go to CatholicAOC.org/CMA.

### Braver Angels

The Braver Angels Workshop, originally scheduled for January 19, at St. Clement Parish, is now rescheduled for February 16, 7-9:30pm. Braver Angels is an organization which is trying to bring Americans together and bridge the partisan divide and strengthen our democratic republic. Many people dread political conversations with friends or family whose politics differ from their own. They worry that any attempts as political discussions will devolve into arguments, and result in hurt feeling or anger. Braver Angels "Skills for Bridging the Divide" workshop teaches skills for having respectful conversations that clarify differences, search for common ground, and affirm the importance of relationship. Everyone is welcome no matter your religious or political affiliations. For more info, you may contact Colleen Gerke, OFS, Director of Faith Formation at St. Clement Church and School, cgerke@stclement.org or 513-641-3176. The Braver Angels website is braverangels.com

February is Black History Month, and the theme this year is "Black Health and Wellness," noting the vast accomplishments of black medical practitioners, but also the vast disparities in getting proper health treatment to African-American people. Go to asalh.org for more info.