

13 6th Sunday *Jamie Brock *Daniel Sheard *Mary Kay	14 *Joan Hoxsey	15 *Nancy Frondorf	16	17	18	19 *Tina Candelaresi
20 7th Sunday	21	22	23	24	25 *JoAnn Schwartz	26

Music for Today's Liturgy
 Processional: #955
Precious Lord, Take My Hand
 Response: **Psalm 19**
Your Words, Lord, are Spirit, Spirit and Life
 Communion: #817
We Shall Overcome
 Recessional: #497
Ride On, Jesus, Ride



Winner-A-Day Winners: 2/7-2/13
 Lisa Garofalo, ADCO Heating,
 Connie Adams, Bernadette Longano,
 Linda Goldbach, Gloria Hawkins,
 Kathleen Volle. 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 20
Coordinator: Jerry Diersing
Greeters: Matt Cavanaugh, Dan Nolan
Lector 1: Steve Sparks
Lector 2: Casey Betz
Intercessions: Cindy Lewis
Eucharistic Minister: Clarissa Irvin
Collection: Anne Burkhart, Nataliya Kravchenko

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.
 "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. 14 Valentine's Day
 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.
 Mar. 2 Ash Wednesday. The full schedule of
 services will be announced next week.

Today's Readings: Jer 17:5-8 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20 Luke 6:17, 20-26	Next Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13 1 Cor 15:45-49 Luke 6:27-38
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St. Francis Seraph Church

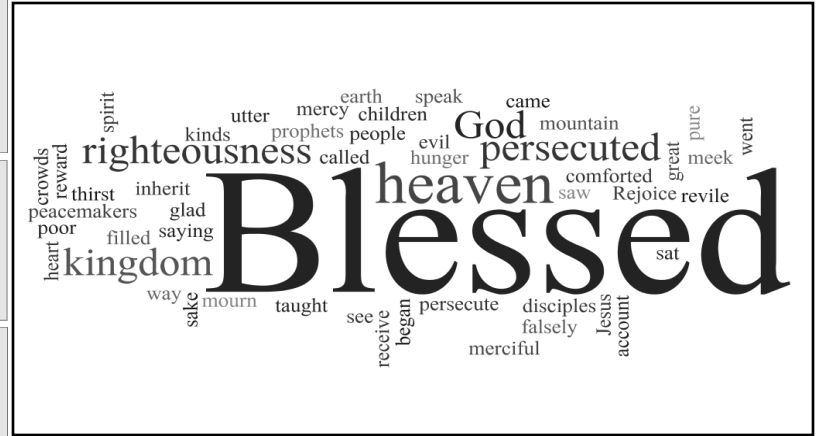
at Liberty & Vine, in Over-the-Rhine

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**ST. FRANCIS SERAPH
 THE HEART OF OVER-
 THE-RHINE**
 1615 Vine Street
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 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.

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Stewardship - Week Ending Feb. 6
 Sunday Collection: \$603.00
 Mail in Collection: \$525.00
 Total: \$1,128.00



Due to icy conditions, Mass attendance was expectedly lower and we had very little mail delivery over the past week, so you see a very low collection! It has been a long time since we saw a collection total like this, but we can feel certain this was just one of those weeks!

Thank you to all who contribute on Sunday and to those 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.

Pastor's Corner

Fr. Al



St. Francis Seraph Church has been serving as a real haven for many people who otherwise have very few choices of a place to sleep, rest and feel safe during the day. Especially in these intensely cold days, they express appreciation that they can come into the church. Opening the church like this is not without complications. From 9AM—5PM when the church is open 7 days a week, the Franciscans of the Province of St. John the Baptist have been paying for the two security personnel here. (On Sundays, the security service arrives at noon. Until recently, we usually had an off-duty police officer here on Sunday mornings. In some weeks, no one signed up for this duty so we are trying to see how much we need security on Sunday morning.) Last Thursday and Friday with no guards here, Bro. Tim and I monitored the church and found people overall very respectful and thankful for the hospitality. On Saturday evening, a cleaning service is here to sweep and mop and clean. Each day our maintenance man at the friary tries to do some cleaning in the bathroom and keep the paper products supplied. Yes, there are occasional disruptions. Yes, offering our church space can get messy. Lately, more people are raising concerns about hygiene and bugs. Our parish council will be addressing some of the concerns that parishioners have expressed regarding this ministry of hospitality. Obviously, there is some clash of values and all of this will be taken into consideration.

I said a Valentine prayer for you, and asked the Lord above to fill your heart and bless your soul with the precious gift of love. I asked Him for sincere love, the kind that's meant to stay, just like the generous love You give to those you touch each day. I prayed for love from family and from every cherished friend, then I asked the Lord to give you His love that knows no end.



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.



Have a Super Sunday!



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.



1600 Vine: The saga of a building. For seven years or so, this parish-owned property has been vacant, costing us annually in taxes, insurance and minor utilities. Recently we made a city-enforced repair to cornices and eaves to the tune of \$64,000. A proposal from Miami University to place graduate teaching students in the urban environment is progressing. We have another meeting on Feb. 14. At the same time, we were the beneficiaries of a \$283,000 grant specifically to renovate this building where CISE schools would benefit from this new group of teachers. We are engaging with architects to keep this project moving. The Archdiocese of Cincinnati has to approve of our plans. Hopefully, the architectural phase will soon have approval. The goal is to see the building ready in time for the start of school in the fall of 2023. Much still has to be worked out regarding financing all his. (\$283,000 will not cover all the costs!)

Catholic Ministries Appeal
 Last Sunday was supposed to be Commitment Sunday. Mass attendance was significantly down due to the cold and icy conditions. Please place your commitment envelopes (some extras are on the tables in back of church) in the collection urn and these will be mailed to the Archdiocese. Or, you can mail it yourself. Remember, our goal is \$8,668. While we hope for some rather large donations, each \$50 or \$100 can add up quickly. Your donation will be supporting six local ministries that teach, feed and heal. You can designate where you would like your contribution to be directed. All 200+ parishes are part of this. 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

Black History Month...Fr. Al has cut and taped a poster displaying six Americans of African descent who are candidates for Sainthood. Check it out. Another Black History activity could be a visit to the Freedom Center. There is much to be learned there.