

20 7th Sunday	21	22	23	24	25 *JoAnn Schwartz	26
27 8th Sunday	28	March 1 *Susan Fahler	2 Ash Wednesday Mass at 8am, 6pm	3 *Nancy Aniskovich	4 *Aaron Burns	5

**Music for Today's Liturgy**  
 Processional: #814  
*Freedom is Coming*  
 Response: #72  
*The Lord is Kind*  
 Communion: #812  
*A Place at the Table*  
 Recessional: #579  
*Over My Head*



**Winner-A-Day Winners:** 2/14-2/20  
 Paul Witte, Sr. Mary Joyce Moeller,  
 Carol Fisher, Pat Kichler, Walter Carroll,  
 Tom Donnelly, Dorothy Willet.  
 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 27**  
Coordinator: Jeanette Tepe  
Greeters: Barbara Bok, Sr. Joyce Moeller  
Lector 1: Ed Aug  
Lector 2: Joan Monnin Callahan  
Intercessions: Moe Nieman  
Eucharistic Minister: Kathy Schellinger  
Collection: Joan Callahan, John Reder

**TRANSFORMATION:**  
**A Lenten Day Retreat:** Feb. 26, 9:30am-5pm  
 (4pm Vigil Mass) at the Cathedral of St. Peter in  
 Chains. Fr. Kevin Scaf, 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.



St. Francis Seraph Ministries depends greatly on  
 community engagement and support from volun-  
 teers to operate all of our programs and best uti-  
 lize resources. Volunteers provide the vital link  
 between the server and those being served offer-  
 ing our guests hospitality with dignity and kind-  
 ness. Each SFSM program offers unique volun-  
 teer opportunities and time frames. For more  
 details please contact Theresa Diersen, Volunteer  
 Director [tdiersen@sfsministries.org](mailto:tdiersen@sfsministries.org).

Today's Readings:	Next Sunday:
1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13	Sir 27:4-7
1 Cor 15:45-49	1 Cor 15:54-58
Luke 6:27-38	Luke 6:39-45



# St. Francis Seraph Church

at Liberty & Vine, in Over-the-Rhine

7th 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.

Lord, make me an  
 instrument of your peace.  
 For it is in giving that we  
 receive.  
 It is in pardoning that we  
 are pardoned.  
 It is in dying that we are  
 born to eternal life.  
 For the measure with which you measure  
 will in return be measured out to you.



**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. 13**  
 Sunday Collection: \$4,235.00  
 Mail in Collection: \$1,775.00  
 Total: \$6,010.00



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.*

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



This Sunday and next we still find ourselves in "Ordinary Time." But very soon it will be Lent. This week's bulletin provides the schedule for our Ash Wednesday observances. (see below.) There will be special booklets available so that you can have a daily time of reflection. One of these booklets is provided by the Franciscans, a simple page-a-day with inspiration coming from Dorothy Day. The other one will be based on the daily Scripture readings with a reflection and a meditation. Choose one or both to guide you in a more reflective manner this Lent. Way of the Cross will be celebrated at St. Clement Church each Friday. We'll have more details in the next bulletin.

Our Lenten Communal Reconciliation Service will be celebrated on Saturday, March 26, 10AM. We'll soon announce how we can gather alms, providing supplies for a local cause. Since St. Clement and St. Francis Seraph are officially a "Family," I have been invited to preach a three evening Parish Mission, March 21-23, at St. Clement. On the weekend of March 19/20, I'll celebrate the two Masses at St. Clement and Fr. John Stein will celebrate the 10AM Sunday Mass here.



*Fr. Al*

**Ash Wednesday is March 2.** Our parish celebrates a Mass at 8:00AM in the chapel. The school community gathers for an all-school 9:00am Mass. (All are welcome.) 6:00PM Mass in the church. (Yet to be announced: details for a noon Mass?) The collection on Ash Wednesday is for the Support of the Church in Central and Eastern Europe (this includes Ukraine). Special envelopes are available on the back tables.



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.



## A World of Love Makes a World of Difference



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.



**Pest Control Inspection:** We had a professional inspection of our church seating this past Monday and we can happily report there are no signs of bugs! There is concern that with so many people coming into the church throughout the week bringing blankets, sometimes bags of clothes, food, etc. that we are at risk of bedbugs. Certainly, we need to continue to take measures to adequately clean the church before services.



St. Clement Parish, our sister parish at 4536 Vine Street, in St. Bernard, is hosting their Annual Day of Caring Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, February 27, from 10:30am to 2pm. Eat in, or carry out. The cost is a donation of your choice. All the money raised will go to the St. Clement food pantry. The food pantry serves many homeless and hungry people throughout the year.



### Catholic Ministries Appeal



Very few donations have been in the collection the past two weeks. Hopefully, parishioners are mailing their contributions directly to the Archdiocese. There are extra donation/pledge envelopes available on the back tables in the church. Remember, this year's goal is \$8,668.00. To reach this goal we need many folks making a gift. We will receive a report on our progress 4 or 5 weeks into the campaign. 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.

### Memorial Service for Roxanne Hemmelgarn.

She and her husband Carl had recently registered in our parish, but Roxanne died suddenly several months ago while Carl was still hospitalized in Dayton. The family has waited to celebrate her passing until Carl was in better health. This service will be conducted by Fr. Al at the Kohler Center, 4572 Presidential Way in Kettering, Ohio on Friday, March 4, at 11AM. The service will be followed by lunch and then interment of ashes at the cemetery. Some former St. Monica-St. George parishioners remember her from her involvement in choir and women's group. You are welcome to attend.

**Archdiocesan Anniversary Books:** There are still 4 copies of TREASURES of the Archdiocese, a beautiful pictorial of many of the churches throughout the Archdiocese, on sale for \$30.00 The Seeking the Lord illustrated history of our 200 years, is on sale for \$15.00. There are five of these still available. You can contact the parish office for purchase information. (Many parishes in the Archdiocese did not receive their shipments due to the "supply chain" problems and larger numbers that they ordered.)

*The heaviest thing to carry is a grudge.*