

27 8th Sunday	28	March 1 *Susan Faller	2 Ash Wednesday, Mass at 8am, 9am, Noon, and 6pm	3 *Nancy Aniskovich	4 *Aaron Burns Way of the Cross at St. Clement 7pm	5
6 1st Sunday of Lent	7 *Sr. Joyce Moeller *Barb Menefield	8	9	10 *Martha Helmick	11 *Jane Hader Way of the Cross at St. Clement 7pm	12 *Janet Cavanaugh *Jacob Yacucci

Music for Today's Liturgy
 Processional: #878
Transform Us
 Response: **Psalm 95**
If Today You Hear His Voice
 Communion: *Transfigure Us, O Lord*
#93 Taste and See
 Recessional: #871
We Shall Rise Again



Winner-A-Day Winners: 2/21-2/27
 Jennifer McLaughlin, Mary Lang,
 Connie Vogt, Jeanette Tepe,
 Diana Klinedinst, Roger Grein, Ed Jung.
 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 March 6
Coordinator: Randy Ulses
Greeters: Gale LaWarre, Marilyn Meyer,
 Karen Skillman
Lector 1: Clarissa Irvin
Lector 2: Dave Frondorf
Intercessions: Kathy McConkey
Eucharistic Minister: Kay Brogle
Collection: Denise Ratterman, Rita Reichert

HVAC Campaign: We are ever so
 close to reaching that \$100,000
 goal! But it is not too late. If you
 have not given a contribution toward
 this effort, you can help us strive for the next
 \$100,000 with your gift! No gift is too small or
 too large! Why stop now? We will provide an
 update soon on how this project is progressing.



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.

Today's Readings: Sir 27:4-7 1 Cor 15:54-58 Luke 6:39-45	Next Sunday: Dt 26:4-10 Rom 10:8-13 Luke 4:1-13
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St. Francis Seraph Church

at Liberty & Vine, in Over-the-Rhine

8th 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.
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 Mon.– Fri. 8:00 a.m.
Holy Days
 8 a.m. & 6 p.m.

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Stewardship - Week Ending Feb. 20
 Sunday Collection: \$2,278.00
 Mail in Collection: \$2,835.00
 Total: \$5,113.00



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



Synodality: I hope the survey we distributed at the end of Mass on Feb. 20 proves to be a good experience of synodality, listening to as many people in the church as possible. Already, we have received some insightful comments and suggestions as to how we can provide for the needs of our church members and the needs of those who take refuge in the church seven days a week. Your survey comments will be really important as we move forward.



Sunday morning: I had time to hear only a little bit of one man's story outside in front of church. He is 73 years old and has lived in an affordable apartment for the past 9 years across from the main library. He has been informed that his lease is terminated. He hopes to save some money and live in a van! He's convinced at 73 he won't find another affordable place to live. Again, I had time to listen to only a few minutes of his story, but it reminds me that the reasons for homelessness are many! It saddens me that folks are finding themselves on the street.



Fratelli Tutti: Our first of 8 discussions finally happened and a rich discussion it was! Pope Francis' encyclical calling us to be "brothers and sisters all" generated such good dialogue. I know so many members of the parish are eager to be able to gather in small groups, meet each other and grow in faith. As the pandemic lightens up we all look forward to a more dynamic community life here at SFS.



Fr. Al

Ash Wednesday is March 2. There are many opportunities to begin Lent on this day. Our parish celebrates a Mass at 8AM in the chapel. The school community gathers for an all-school 9AM Mass. (All are welcome.) Also a Mass at Noon and a 6PM Mass in the church. 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.



May You be Rooted with God and be Fruitful.



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.



Pastoral Council Report:

The Council spent considerable time talking about issues of security and our ministry of hospitality to the people who come in from the streets. One result of that lively discussion is the survey we are conducting. The Council is also looking to update our relationship



Black History Month...If you haven't taken a look yet, 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.

The Angelico Project, a Catholic based art organization, is presenting: Art and Catholicism, Can Beauty Save the World? At the Cincinnati Art Museum, March 10, 7-9pm. Much more info can be found at angelicoproject.org

Married 25, 40, 50 Years or More?

The Archdiocese (and this parish!) will be happy to celebrate with you if you have a big anniversary in 2022. In August there is a special Mass for Golden Anniversaries. Certificates can be issued with congratulations from Archbishop Schnurr. Couples can contact Ana Ramirez at 513-263-3384 or aramirez@catholicaoc.org. Please let us know in the parish so we can offer a blessing on a Sunday near your Anniversary.



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 internment 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.

Way of the Cross: St. Clement Church offers this traditional Lenten prayer (bilingual) each Friday of Lent at 7:00PM. There is a different theme each week. You can join with others in our Franciscan Family!



Also at our sister Parish, St. Clement, at 4536 Vine Street, in St. Bernard, is hosting their Annual Day of Caring Pancake Breakfast today until 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.



"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." Martin Luther King Jr.