

March 2022

6 1st Sunday of Lent	7 *Sr. Joyce Moeller	8	9 *Nancy Aniskovich	10 *Martha Helmick	11 *Jane Hader Way of the Cross at St. Clement 7pm	12 *Janet Cavanaugh *Jacob Yacucci
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Music for Today's Liturgy
 Processional: #962
Ashes
 Response: #65
Be With Me
 Communion: #782
Only This I Want
 Recessional: #475
Tree of Life



Winner-A-Day Winners: 2/28-3/6
 Marilyn Schutte \$100, last day of month, Tim Nolan, Br. John Carey, Harold Havens, Sr., Bernadette Longano, William Ropp, Irene Herbers. 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 March 13
 Coordinator: Lois Biddle
 Greeters: Amy and Bob Dressman, Mary Geers
 Lector 1: Jim Imholte
 Lector 2: Kathy Meyer
 Intercessions: Karen Skillman
 Eucharistic Minister: Mary Geers
 Collection: Barbara Bok, Dave Frondorf

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.

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.



Project Rachel is a confidential post-abortive ministry in the Archdiocese that serves anyone who has experienced the loss of a child through abortion. There is help for women and men to find hope and healing. The next retreat is April 29-May 1. www.catholicaoc.org/projectrachel.

The heaviest thing to carry is a grudge.

Today's Readings: Dt 26:4-10, Rom 10:8-13, Luke 4:1-13
 Next Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18, Phil 3:17-4:1, Luke 9:28b-36



St. Francis Seraph Church

at Liberty & Vine, in Over-the-Rhine

First Sunday of Lent

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

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 10:00 a.m.
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 Mon.– Fri. 8:00 a.m.
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 8 a.m. & 6 p.m.

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Stewardship - Week Ending Feb. 27
 Sunday Collection: \$2,931.00
 Mail in Collection: \$1,130.00
 Total: \$4,061.00



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



I am grateful that so many people chimed in with your comments on the survey distributed on Sunday, Feb. 27. We now have that survey posted on our website and Facebook page. A few extra copies will be on the tables in back of church. Folks who didn't receive the survey or can't even be here in church have asked to be able to share their thoughts. We had almost 50 surveys returned. Once we have received all of the surveys, we will report the findings. I trust we will be able to discern from your thoughts and suggestions a way to fulfill our mission to: "serve with and among the people of Over-the-Rhine."

Fr. Al

Lent:

Remember, the Fridays of Lent are days of abstaining from meat. This is just one way to observe the penitential nature of the season.

Reflection booklets are available on the tables in church that can provide a daily reflective time. Fr. Al will present a Parish Mission for the parishioners of St. Clement Church, "Franciscan Ways to see Lent and Life." March 21-23, Monday-Wednesday, 7:00PM. Since St. Francis Seraph and St. Clement will soon be a "Family" in the new Beacons of Light plan, members of SFS will certainly be welcome.



Facility Updates

With an architect's drawings and input from a plumbing company, we should be able soon to install a second toilet in the church. We're still looking at what the final cost will be.

We had a very fruitful meeting with people from Miami University regarding the use of our 1600 Vine Street building as a residence for teachers pursuing a Masters in Transformative Education. Our school, other CISE schools and urban public schools will profit from this source of teachers. The goal is still to have the program and the building ready for the fall of 2023.



Be Filled with the Holy Spirit



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.

Calendar of Events for March:

- March 9: Cathedral Deanery Meeting hosted here at 12:30PM.
- 12: SFS Women's Group meets at 10am.
- 12: "tentative" Memorial Service for Edward and Gregory Watkins at 11AM. Their sister, Verna, had been a member here before her death and funeral a few years ago.
- 15: Pastoral Council Meeting by zoom at 6:30pm
- 19: Fratelli Tutti discussion groups continues to meet at 1PM in chapel.
- 20: Fr. E. John Stein, OFM, Pastor of St. Clement Church, will preside at our 10:00AM Mass while Fr. Al presides at the evening and Sunday Masses at St. Clement.
- 26: Communal Lenten Reconciliation Service at 10AM.
- Wedding of new parishioners Eva Grippa and Keegan McCarty, 3:30PM.
- 27: Worship Comm meets after Mass, 10:30AM.

ST. 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, March 12th at 10:00 am.** Continuing our theme for this year of "**Strong Catholic Women of Faith,**" this month we will be focusing on the lives of *St. Maria Goretti (20th C martyr) and Sts. Perpetua & Felicity (early Christian martyrs).* These women were known for their own strong sense of personal dignity and honor, their commitment to Christ, and heroic examples of purity.

Guest speaker will be **Ms. Margaret Brunns** whose topic will be **Protecting Innocence: Keeping Kids Safe on the Internet.** Ms. Brunns will graduate in May from Salmon P. Chase Law School (NKU); she currently serves as an Intern law clerk for the Commonwealth's Office for the 54th District of Kentucky where she has assisted with cases on this topic. In addition, she has previously served as a Youth Minister at St. Mary Parish (Hyde Park) and was also active with Students for Life.

Parking will again be available in the SFS School parking lot. Please use the 1615 Vine Street Friary entrance.

Catholic Sisters Week



Celebrate women religious from March 8-14. CSW is an annual celebration that began in 2014 to honor women religious with a series of events that instruct, enlighten, and bring greater focus on the lives of these incredible women. Fifty-two weeks a year women religious stand with the poor and immigrants, teach children, fight injustice, heal the sick, share spirituality, empower women, defend the planet, promote peace, create community, offer hope. Please consider how you might shine a light on Catholic sisters who have touched your life this March 8-14. For more info, go to c4wr.org/catholic-sisters-week, and anunslife.org, and globalsistersreport.org