

March 2022

13 2nd Sunday of Lent *Steve McDevitt *Denise Ratterman	14 *Bob Burns	15	16	17	18 Way of the Cross at St. Clement 7pm	19 *Maggie Mascunana
20 3rd Sunday of Lent	21	22	23	24	25 *Isaac Hill *Jane Yager Way of the Cross at St. Clement 7pm	26

**Music for Today's Liturgy**  
 Processional: #596  
*Praise to You*  
 Response: **Psalm 27**  
*The Lord is My Light and My Salvation*  
 Communion:  
*Transfigure Us, O Lord*  
 Recessional: #859  
*God of Day/Dark*



**Winner-A-Day Winners: 3/7-3/13**  
 Connie Adams, Cassandra Barham, Margaret Fariello, Emily Huber, Michael Flood, Robert Noyes, Bob Hanneken. 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 20**  
 Coordinator: Jerry Diersing  
 Greeters: Matt Cavanaugh, Dan Nolan Don and Kathy Meyer  
 Lector 1: Diana Campbell  
 Lector 2: Mark Kacher  
 Intercessions: Veree Russell  
 Eucharistic Minister: Carla Sherman  
 Collection: Anne Burkhart, Joan Callahan

**A new Winner-a-Day season begins April 1.**  
 Tickets have been mailed. Tickets are \$20 or 6 for \$100. There is a \$25 winner all days, except certain days are \$100 and even \$1,000! If you did not receive in the mail this opportunity to participate, you can call the parish office. Every ticket that is drawn out goes back in the hopper with a chance to be pulled out again!  
 All proceeds benefit our Church and School.



**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.

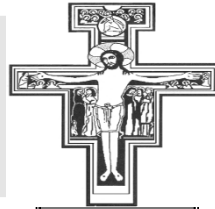


**Project Rachel** is a confidential post-abortive ministry in the Archdiocese that serves anyone who has experienced the loss of a child through abortion. There is help for women and men to find hope and healing. The next retreat is April 29-May 1. [www.catholicaoc.org/projectrachel](http://www.catholicaoc.org/projectrachel).

*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

**ST. FRANCIS SERAPH  
 THE HEART OF OVER-THE-RHINE**  
 1615 Vine Street  
 Cincinnati, OH 45202  
 Office: (513) 535-2719

## Second Sunday of Lent



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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 Welcome  
 All  
 Visitors!



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**Sunday Mass**  
 10:00 a.m.  
**Weekday Mass**  
 Mon.– Fri. 8:00 a.m.  
**Holy Days**  
 8 a.m. & 6 p.m.

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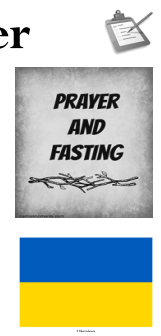
**Stewardship - Week Ending Mar. 6**   
 Sunday Collection: \$5,006.00  
 Mail in Collection: \$1,185.00  
 Total: \$6,191.00  
 February PayPal Donations: \$2,155.44  
 Thank you to all who contribute on Sunday and to those who send your offerings during the week. You can donate online at sfsparish.org. 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

The terrible war being inflicted unjustly upon Ukraine continues to weigh heavy on people all over the world. Our parish is trying to heed the plea of Pope Francis for prayer and fasting. We hope soon we can fly the flags of Ukraine and the United States on the front of our church, a sign of solidarity. Thank you to all who are responding to the Ash Wednesday Collection which will greatly benefit the efforts of the Church in Ukraine, now for humanitarian needs more than ever. Some Catholic members of St. Columban Church have researched valid organizations that are working to aid: Shelter, Heal, Care and Educate. Some fliers are available in church with QR codes if you would like to donate. They have also suggested an Easter project where the parish or donors could purchase the Easter Eggs (pysanky) that are such works of art by Ukrainian artists in the USA. Then parishioners could make donations for them. We can explore this possibility.




**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. You can join parishioners at St. Clement Church for Stations of the Cross each Friday at 7:00PM.



**Catholic Ministries Appeal:** As of March 1, our parishioners have contributed \$5,745 toward our \$8,688 goal. 26 pledges have resulted in 66% of our goal. Can you be part of the next 26 pledges? Catholic Ministries Appeal benefits many worthy ministries in our Archdiocese.



**Lord, It is Good That We Are Here.**



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:**  
 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.

**Hearing Assistance Available...**If you have difficulty hearing clearly, our church is now equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask for a receiver.

*Breathe in God's Spirit; Exhale God's Love.*


**CONCERT at SFS.**  
 On Saturday, April 2, James Loughery, our parish musician, and his wife, Mia Zlatanovic, will offer a concert: "Spring Nights, Spring Days." Their piano and organ pieces will be "contrasting night and day music that perhaps evokes Springtime." The concert is at 7:30PM. Mark your calendars for this delightful evening in spring!



**Hymnals:** We are receiving a donation of more Gather Hymnals from St. Monica-St. George Church who have transitioned to the use of worship aids for the various Masses so they no longer use these hymnals. These hymnals also have an appendix with the Sunday Readings.

**Braver Angels** is a movement to help a nation so divided by the reds and blues to come together in dialogue. There will be an in-person workshop, **Depolarizing Within**, offered on Saturday, March 19, at St. John the Evangelist Church, 9080 Cincinnati-Dayton Rd. A Free Workshop. Build skills in how to be more aware of my own "inner polarizations." Learn how to be critical without demonizing, dismissing or stereotyping others, strategies for intervening constructively in social conversations with like-minded peers when these conversations veer into contempt and ridicule for people who hold other political views. Contact: [Kelly@braverangels](mailto:Kelly@braverangels).

**We All Need Healing...**We cannot call ourselves disciples, those who follow after Jesus and call him master, if we refuse to let him transform every part of us. Franciscanmedia/minutemeditation

**An Irish Blessing** 

May love and laughter light your days, and warm your heart and home. May good and faithful friends be yours, wherever you may roam. May peace and plenty bless your world with joy that long endures. May all life's passing seasons bring the best to you and yours!