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| 20 3rd Sunday of Lent | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 *Isaac Hill *Jane Yager Way of the Cross at St. Clement 7pm | 26 Lenten Reconcilia- tion Service 10am |
| 27 4th Sunday of Lent | 28 *Liz Fuentes | 29 | 30 | 31 *Nancy Kathman | April 1 *Yvonne Foley Way of the Cross at St. Clement 7pm | 2 Piano/Organ Concert 7:30pm |

Music for Today's Liturgy
 Processional: #813
God, Whose Purpose is to Kindle
 Response: #75
The Lord is Kind and Merciful
 Communion:
Transfigure Us, O Lord
 Recessional: #470
Somebody's Knockin'



Minister Schedule for March 27
Coordinator: Jeanette Tepe
Greeters: Barbara Bok, Sr. Joyce Moeller,
 Marilou Priestle
Lector 1: Bob Dahlstrom
Lector 2: Sr. Theresa Falkenstien
Intercessions: Nancy Aniskovich
Eucharistic Minister: Rita Reichert
Collection: Tina Candelaresi, John Reder

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.



Winner-A-Day Winners: 3/14-3/20
 Chuck Hais, Beverly Cloran, DeeDee
 O'Malley, Tim Barry, David Yauch,
 Jean Brown, Michael Flood. All are \$25 winners!
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 at
 513-535-2719. The Winner-A-Day Hopper has
 lots of room. If your name is drawn, the ticket
 goes right back in so that you have the possibility
 of winning again! All proceeds benefit our
 Church and School.



As a reminder for this Lenten season,
 our Parish Mission is to help stock the
 Family Food Pantry at our School. SFS
 school maintains a limited food pantry
 for school families in need. Pantry items
 are distributed to school families in crisis. Items
 that are greatly needed include laundry detergent
 and cleaning supplies, personal hygiene products,
 non-perishable foods such as peanut butter, jelly,
 pasta, canned vegetables and fruits, cereal,
 pancake mix and Kroger gift cards. You can
 bring these items on Sundays and place them in
 the bin located near the ramp on the left side of
 church. Thank you for your continued support for
 this project.



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| Today's Readings: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12 Luke 13:1-9 | Next Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12 2 Cor 5:17-21 Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 |
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St. Francis Seraph Church

at Liberty & Vine, in Over-the-Rhine

Third Sunday of Lent



**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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 All
 Visitors!



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 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 Mar. 13 
 Sunday Collection: \$2,757.00
 Mail in Collection: \$3,405.00
 Total: \$6,162.00
 Ash Wednesday, Eastern Europe, \$2,403.00
 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

Today is the First Day of Spring! Even when a winter has not been all that cold, I know I am ready for all that Spring brings. 
 I am celebrating Mass at St. Clement Church today, so please welcome Fr. E.J. Stein, OFM. He is not a stranger to St. Francis Seraph since he served here as pastor 1997-1999. Our Franciscan Family of Parishes will undoubtedly bring our two communities into more and more efforts of collaboration in the coming years.
Fr. David Kohut, OFM, served as pastor here prior to my arrival, 2013-2020. As has been announced, he suffered a severe stroke and is now in residence and rehab at St. Margaret Hall in O'Bryanville. Other illnesses complicate his recovery. He continues to have difficulty in any conversations, but visitors are certainly allowed. We want to continue praying for him.
 Finally, it is Women's History Month! Keep your eyes open for various events and information that highlight women's contributions to our nation and Church. 
Fr. Al



 **Surveys: Caring for the People of St. Francis Seraph.** Our Parish Council will discuss the results of your input and a report will be provided next week. In general, people are very supportive of our ministry all week long. To a great extent, folks are welcoming to the homeless folks who come here during Sunday Mass. Of course, we want to be pay attention to the concerns of those who are less comfortable. We received about 90 surveys which should give us a very good picture of how our parish feels and thinks about all of this.

Catholic Ministries Appeal: As of March 14, our parishioners have contributed \$7,505 toward our goal of \$8,688. 33 pledges have resulted in getting us 87% of the way! Could you still make a gift to this worthy cause benefiting many ministries that serve the people in the Archdiocese? We don't need great big gifts. Every little bit counts.

We Welcome Fr. E.J. Stein today!



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/April:
March 26: Communal Lenten Reconciliation Service at 10AM.
Wedding of new parishioners Eva Grippa and Keegan McCarty, 3:30PM.
March 27: Worship Committee meets after Mass, 10:30AM.
April 2: Fratelli Tutti discussion group at 1PM in the chapel.
Piano/Organ Concert in church at 7:30PM.
April 3: Communal Celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will take place shortly after our 10AM Mass is concluded.

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

Good example has twice the value of good advice.

Lent:
 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.

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! 

Communal Lenten Reconciliation Service
 Parishioners have the opportunity on Saturday, March 26, 10:00AM, to participate in this celebration of God's wondrous mercy. The service consists of prayer, reflection and Scripture so that all can recognize our falling short, far short, of perfection! At the conclusion, there will be priests available to celebrate the individual Sacrament of Reconciliation. 

Ash Wednesday Collection:
 We extended the time for this collection and have received \$2,403 for the Churches in Eastern and Central Europe. Given all that is happening in Ukraine, I'm sure many churches across the United States saw this collection rise! Thank you to all who made contributions which should give a lot of humanitarian aid to the people and Catholic churches in Ukraine.

Focus on a good life, not a good living.