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Music for Today's Liturgy
 Processional: #587
Fresh as the Morning
 Response: **Psalm 51**
Create in Me
 Communion:
Supper of the Lord
 Recessional: #734
Bring Forth the Kingdom



Minister Schedule for April 3
Coordinator: Randy Ulses
Greeters: Gale LaWarre, Marilyn Meyer, Karen Skillman
Lector 1: Patrick Deavy
Lector 2: Tim Candelaresi
Intercessions: Clarissa Irvin
Eucharistic Minister: Kay Brogle
Collection: Barbara Bok, Rita Reichert

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: 3/21-3/27
 Donna Holt, Jane Busemeyer, Felicitas Perez, Julie Bartish, Mary Ann Schroeder, \$500, (feast of Annunciation), Peter Carusone, Lisa Barry. All others 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.

Today's Readings:	Next Sunday:
Jos 5:9a, 10-12	Is 43:16-21
2 Cor 5:17-21	Phil 3:8-14
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32	John 8:1-11



St. Francis Seraph Church

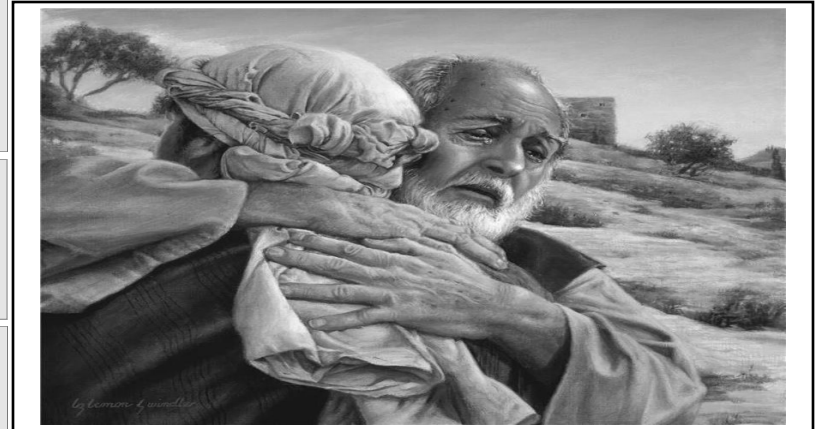
at Liberty & Vine, in Over-the-Rhine

Fourth Sunday of Lent

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



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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 Mar. 20

Sunday Collection: \$3,966.00
 Mail in Collection: \$ 782.35
 Total: \$4,748.35



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



Certainly, one of the most sacred times of the year is Holy Week. **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord** is celebrated at our usual time of 10:00AM. Weather permitting we begin out front with the blessing of the palms and procession into church.

Holy Thursday is celebrated at 7:00pm. This Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper reminds us of the Last Supper, at which Jesus washed the feet of his apostles and offered us his Body and Blood. **Good Friday's** liturgical observance is also at 7:00PM.

Easter Vigil waits until darkness has come, so we begin at 9:00PM. In front of the church, the new fire is blessed and we proceed to proclaim the Resurrection and celebrate the renewal of our Baptism after some time in vigil.

Easter Sunday is celebrated at the usual 10:00AM time. All of these celebrations together create a rich way for our spiritual lives to be enhanced. To the extent possible, try to adjust your normal routines and come to church. Check these dates and times now. We are arranging for security to be in place for these night hours to assure a sense of safety.

Fr. Al

April 16, 9am will be the annual cleaning of church and decorating for Easter. More info next week.

CISE, Catholic Inner-city Schools Education, is having its annual Party in the City Fundraiser on April 9. Funds raised will be used for summer learning for students. Summer learning has always been important for our CISE kids to help minimize learning loss during the summer months. Sometimes referred to as summer slide, children in low-income families are disproportionately affected. This event will be held at the Backstage Event Center, 625 Walnut Street from 7-11pm. It is also an online event. So, before attending the piano/organ concert here in church by Jim Loughery and his wife, Mia, you can purchase raffle tickets and bid on silent auction items! St. Francis Seraph School greatly benefits from CISE. Go to cisekids.org for more info.



God's Love for Us is Boundless!

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.



Facilities Updates

A second toilet will be installed and the entire church bathroom upgraded. We have accepted a bid and the work should begin very soon. The heating and air conditioning project still awaits the final estimate and details. Meanwhile, we have reached our \$100,000 goal and hope to start another phase of fund raising after we see what the final project will involve. The window restorations are scheduled to begin by March 30 with the most work to be done after Easter. (This project is paid by the Province of St. John the Baptist, owners of our church building.) Architect drawings for the 1600 Vine St. building should be ready soon. Another meeting with people from Miami University is scheduled for March 30. With regards to all of these capital needs, Fr. Al is beginning to research the possibility of hiring a development director or grant writer.



Parish Council Report

The Council had a lively and long meeting on March 15. (We continue to meet on Zoom.) Updates on some facility projects were briefly discussed, updates given. (See a separate article on this topic in the bulletin today.) Live-streaming upgrades were discussed. John Back and Ron Callahan are exploring all of this. Council prioritized upgrading the internet dependability and helping with the audio. It seems enough people are using this option to make it worth our while to invest more. People have become appreciative that out of town, out of country family members can tune in for weddings, Baptisms, etc. Our Covenant with St. Francis Seraph Ministries was also an in depth conversation. Clearly, we want a stronger relationship. We discussed some kind of "summit" to involve parishioners and folks at SFSM in establishing a new understanding. Bro. Tim and Fr. Al were tasked to start this dialogue with the director. Survey results was another significant conversation. It was agreed that John Reder, as President of the Council, will give a short presentation at Mass today and the summaries of the surveys will be available for people to read.

CONCERT at SFS.

The piano and organ concert scheduled for April 2, has been changed to Saturday, **April 9.** 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.



Calendar of Events for March/April:

March 27: Worship Committee meets after Mass, 10:30AM.
April 2: Fratelli Tutti discussion group at 1PM in the chapel.
April 3: Communal Celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will take place shortly after our 10AM Mass is concluded.