

April 2022

17 EASTER! *Joy Miele	18	19 *Dale Kleinschmidt	20	21 *Jill Kreinbrink	22	23
24 2nd Sunday of Easter	25	26	27 *Cindy Lewis *Tom Miele	28	29	30 *Eden Zeek

**Music for Today's Liturgy**

Processional: # 

Response: #

Communion: #

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Recessional: #

**See booklets for Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday hymn selections.**

**Minister Schedule for April 24**

Coordinator: Randy Ulses

Greeters: Barbara Bok, Sr. Joyce Moeller  
Marilou Priestle

Lector 1: Joan Monnin Callahan

Lector 2: Casey Betz

Intercessions: Daniel Kalton

Eucharistic Minister: Carla Sherman

Collection: Joan Monnin Callahan, 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:** 4/11-4/17  
Patricia Plogmann, Jan Hirlinger, David Wempe, William Berlier, Ann Verkamp, Deb Bachman, James Hausfeld. 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! All proceeds benefit our Church and School.



**Concert recording**

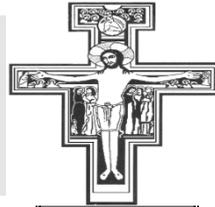
Many people were not able to come to the concert last Saturday evening. You can find a recording of Jim and Mia's piano and organ event on our Facebook page and website.

**Fr. Stu**

This movie opened in theatres on April 13. Based on a true story, Father Stu is an unflinchingly honest, funny and ultimately uplifting drama about a lost soul who finds his purpose in a most unexpected place. Parishes have received endorsements from the Archdiocese to encourage people to view this film. Despite the R rating, Bishops think the raw honesty of this film is worth seeing.

The very first Easter taught us that life never ends and love never dies.

Easter Readings: Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Col: 3:1-4 John 20:1-9	Next Sunday: Acts 5:12-16 Rev 1:9-11, 12-13, 17-19 John 20:19-31
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# 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

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.

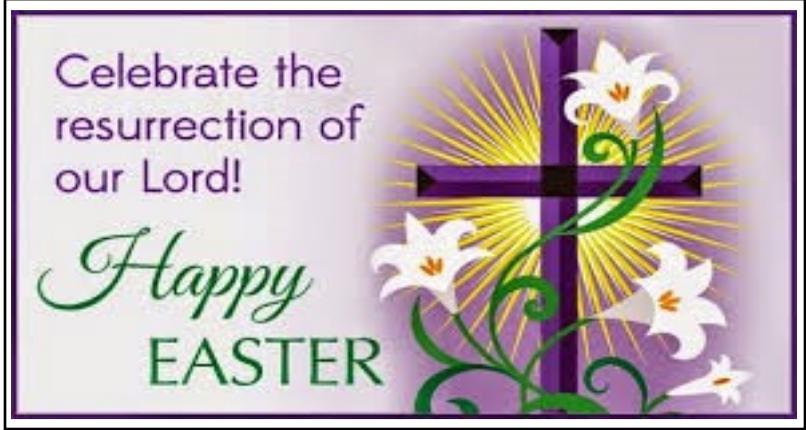
**Baptism - Adults:** Usually celebrated at Easter Vigil. Preparation in stages through the year.

**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.

## Easter!



**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!

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

**Parish Council**  
 John D. Back  
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 Carol Metz  
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 John Reder  
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**Stewardship - Week Ending April 10**   
 Sunday Collection: \$2,903.00  
 Mail in Collection: \$ 490.00  
 Total: \$3,393.00  
 PayPal Total for March: \$3,188.44  
 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 *Fr. Al*

**"Thank you, thank you, thank you."**   
 So many people are instrumental in all the preparations and participation in all the aspects that have been part of Lent, the Triduum and Easter celebrations. I highlight a few at the risk of missing so many. Bro. Tim is responsible for all the environment. This takes a lot of work! Jim Loughery and the choir get applause for all that they offer to our worship enhancement. Many people took on extra roles as Readers, Greeters, Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Sacristans, Planners, Decorators, Cleaners and Polishers of the candlesticks! Pat Ruthemeyer helps create all the programs for our Holy Week Services. It takes a village, as they say.

**I wish all of you a joyous Easter Season!**   
 Even while war rages in Ukraine and families face the deaths of those they love, we find hope and strength in the Paschal Mystery. The Christ of God went through the suffering that we all experience to open for us a path to joy and eternal life. We can say or sing with St. Augustine, **"We are Easter People, and Alleluia is our song."**

- Coming Events**
- April 19 Parish Council Meeting (zoom)
  - April 21 Finance Committee Meeting
  - April 23 Fratelli Tutti discussion group
  - April 24 Worship Committee Meeting
  - May 1 First Communion
  - Catholic Relief Services collection
  - May 3 Ohio Primary—VOTE!

**Easter Proclamation**  
 Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!  
 Exult, all creation around God's throne!  
 Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!  
 Sound the trumpet of salvation!  
 Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor,  
 Radiant in the brightness of your King!  
 Christ has conquered! Glory fills you!  
 Darkness vanishes forever!  
 Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in glory!  
 The risen Savior shines upon you!  
 Let this place resound with joy,  
 Echoing the mighty song of all God's people!



## May You Experience a Blessed Easter!



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.

**We did it! YOU DID IT...** As of April 7, 40 members of our parish made pledges/contributions to the **Catholic Ministries Appeal** totaling \$8,795. Our goal was \$8,668. So we are at 101%. These contributions make possible a lot of valuable ministries in the Archdiocese. We should all be thankful to the generous donors who have helped our parish reach this goal!

**HVAC...The \$292,000 contract** has been signed! Soon work can begin to give us a totally new heating system along with the added feature of air conditioning! Contributions in the fall and early spring made it possible for us to reach that \$100,000 goal. Now we begin a new goal of \$50,000 to add to that. We have \$6,913 toward this new goal. A \$5,000 and \$1,000 gift have kick-started the next phase of this campaign. If you did not see a way to help with the first phase of this campaign, perhaps you can do it now.

**First Communion candidates**   
 We're excited that these five children will receive First Communion on May 1:  
**Isaac Hill, Elise Kleinschmidt, Liliane Luebbe, Kellen McDevitt and Henry Meyer.** *These young people have had the benefit of much parental assistance along with our Faith Formation people: Pat Ruthemeyer and Greta Benton. Our whole parish rejoices that these young people will soon join us in the Eucharistic experience of Christ's Body and Blood.*

**Town Hall?**   
 Parish Council will discuss at our next meeting offering a town hall meeting, probably after a Mass in May. Our parish has changed a lot in the past couple of years. The influx of many new people from different parishes and neighborhoods, the effects of COVID and all the changes that brought about. A facilitated town hall meeting might be helpful as we all adjust to this transition in the parish.  
 The "picture wall" will soon be ready in the back of the church, giving all of us the chance to connect faces and names of all the people filling the pews!  
 After Mass socializing could also be returning soon. We want to grow as a vibrant community, honoring all the gifts that people are offering in the service of the mission of this church.

Our parish provides live-streaming of the 10AM Mass. You can view Mass live on Sunday mornings at 10am at [facebook.com/SFSCChurch](https://www.facebook.com/SFSCChurch) and the Mass and homily videos are generally posted to the parish website later in the day.

Weekday Masses are celebrated at 8am in the chapel, Monday-Friday. You can request that a Mass be celebrated for a particular intention. A number of parishioners participate in this Mass on a daily or weekly basis. You are invited.