

4 23rd Sunday *Elizabeth Allen	5	6	7	8	9 *Jennifer Adamson	10 *Maury Drummey -Women's Group Meet- ing 10am
11 *Kathy Addison *Pat Ruthemeyer Children Rel. Ed	12	13 *Karen Skillman	14 *Sr. Chris- tine Pratt, OSU *Tammy Schwartz	15	16 *Holly Jones *Oliver Meyer	17 *Charlene Riva

**Music for Today's Liturgy**  
 Processional: #594  
*We Are Marching*  
 Response: *"If Today You Hear God's Voice,  
 Harden Not Your Hearts."*  
 Communion: #790  
*The Summons*  
 Recessional: #881  
*Lift High the Cross*



**Winner-A-Day Winners:** 8/29-9/4  
 James Imholte, LaVerne Roberto, Patrick Gibboney, \$100, last day of month, Bill Harland, Patricia Helmes, Laura Freeman, Carol Munninghoff. 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! All proceeds benefit our Church and School.



**Minister Schedule for September 11**  
Coordinator: Lois Biddle  
Greeters: Mary Geers, Steve Sparks  
 Gregory Weber  
Lector 1: Diana Campbell  
Lector 2: Karen Skillman  
Intercessions: Veree Russell  
Eucharistic Minister: Lois Biddle  
Collection: Denise Ratterman, John Reder

**Upcoming Events**  
 Sept. 8 Deanery Meeting, the first of our expanded deanery, at the Cathedral, 12:30pm.  
 Sept. 9-11 St. Clement Festival  
 Sept. 17 World Premiere of the "Mass for the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi" takes place at 3pm, in our church. Collaboration of Fr. Murray Bodo, OFM, and Michael Chertock, with orchestral and chorus.



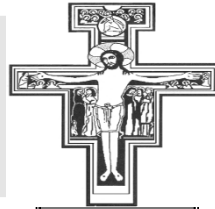
*Your life may be the only Bible some folks read.*

**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.



**Catholic Telegraph...** Registered parishioners are entitled to receive the monthly magazine of the Archdiocese, The Catholic Telegraph. If you are not receiving a mailed copy of the Telegraph, you can add your name to our list by signing up in the back of church. Just give your name; we have your address.

Today's Readings:	Next Sunday:
Wis 9:13-18b	Ex 32:7-11, 13-14
Phmn 9-10, 12-17	1 Tm 1:12-17
Luke 14:25-33	Luke 15:1-32



# 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.

## 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time





**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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 Visitors!




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 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 Aug. 28**   
 Sunday Collection: \$1,914.00  
 Mail in Collection: \$ 400.00  
 Total: \$2,314.00

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*

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. He is happy to take your prayer request by calling or texting him at 513-404-3688.

## Pastor's Corner

I continue to be delighted sending letters to New Parishioners. I think I have signed 5 or 6 letters in the past couple of weeks. I know of another 3 couples who are telling me they will soon register. Last Sunday I spoke with a family of five who are looking to join a church. (They had been part of a Franciscan parish in the Washington, DC area before moving back to Cincinnati.) One of our current parish members recommended they visit here. Telling others about your parish is a form of evangelization, sharing good news. If you find something good here, you, too, can tell others who might be adrift. I've heard some disturbing stories about some of the beginnings of these Families of Parishes. I'm sure parishioners will try to give their new pastors and vicars a chance, but I believe there will be Catholics hoping to find a place like our parish. Is there a parish like ours? Maybe we just need to direct them here! We've still got room, room to grow. Growth does bring change. The past two years have increased the numbers of people attending Mass. Along with Covid-19 restrictions, we've lost some of the unique features that were treasured by our original congregation: the robust Sign of Peace, most of the congregation gathering around the altar at Mass, etc.

We'll have to trust the Spirit is moving. Let's all stay open to one another and certainly to the Holy Spirit.

*Fr. Al*

The SFS Women's Group Meeting is this Saturday, Sept. 10th, at 10am. The theme for this year is "Mary our Model of Faith and Prayer." Meet in the Friary Dining Room, enter at 1615 Vine St. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

The Children's Religious Education Program for 2022-23 begins next Sunday after Mass. See Pat Ruthemeyer for more info, or call her at 513-910-9485 or the office at 513-535-2719.

St Clement Festival is this Friday, 7-11pm, Pig Roast on Saturday, 3-11pm, Sunday, 1-8pm. Support our sister parish in our Franciscan Family. Location at the Vine Street Hill Park in St. Bernard. Take a flier from the table in back of church.



**Work for the Lord. Great Retirement Benefits!**



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.** Another option is to park in the lot behind the Franciscan Media building. You gain access to this lot via Race Street, north of Liberty. (Race is one way going south into downtown.) it is a short walk around the corner on Liberty Street to church. **This gate will be locked at noon.** We are grateful to Northcrowne Properties, 3CDC and Franciscan Media for making available all of these parking options free to our members on Sunday. 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.



**Today**, our parish hosts many members of the Secular Franciscans (St. Margaret of Cortona Fraternity) for a Final Profession Ceremony for the newest member, **David O'Brien**. David has deep ties with the Franciscan Friars, serving as our CFO for the last 15 years. Almost everybody who comes to Mass here is drawn to the Franciscan charism. We should all be delighted to be part of this occasion. Maybe your interest will be sparked to consider this professed way of life for yourself as a lay Franciscan.

### Parish Council Elections

It has been almost 3 years since our parish had elections. As was announced on Sunday, August 28, we are seeking nominations today (Sept. 4) and next Sunday. You can certainly nominate yourself or someone you think would be an active voice on our Council. The nominees must be at least 18 years old, registered in the parish for 6 months. Think of people who have a longer history with the parish and some people who are new. After Sept. 11, we'll be in touch with those who are nominated to be sure they are willing to serve. Elections will be on Sunday, Sept. 25.



### World Premiere

Your calendars should be marked: Sept. 17, 3:00PM, here at St. Francis Seraph Church! For the first time, "The Mass for the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi" will be performed. The eight poems were written by Fr. Murray Bodo, OFM, a noted writer and teacher; the music is composed by Mr. Michael Chertok, composer and educator, the chair of the piano department at CCM and the principal pianist for the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra. The performance includes chorus and orchestra. Proceeds from donations on this occasion will support the Center for Respite Care. You don't want to miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. (Live streaming will be available.)

