

11 *Kathy Addison *Pat Ruthemeyer Children Rel. Ed	12	13 *Karen Skillman	14 *Sr. Christine Pratt, OSU *Tammy Schwartz	15	16 *Holly Jones *Oliver Meyer	17 *Charlene Riva *Allie, Annie, Brendan and Jack Haskins
18 25th Sunday *Charmaine DeSilva *Kathy Zielinski	19	20 *Polly Otto	21	22	23	24 *Fr. Al

Music for Today's Liturgy
 Processional: #640
There is a Balm in Gilead
 Response: *Create in Me*

Communion: #792 *The Love of the Lord*
 #645 *Amazing Grace*
 Recessional: #712
The King of Love My Shepherd Is



Winner-A-Day Winners: 9/5-9/11
 ADCO Heating, Carol Burns, Judith Verny, Mary Beiting, James Hausfeld, Jame Filusch, Anne Bauer. 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.



Minister Schedule for September 18
Coordinator: Jerry Diersing
Greeters: Matt Cavanaugh, Dan Nolan, Don and Kathy Meyer
Lector 1: Bob Ehsam
Lector 2: Cindy Lewis
Intercessions: Steve Sparks
Eucharistic Minister: Carla Sherman
Collection: Anne Burkhart, John Reder

Upcoming Events
Today: St. Clement Festival, 1-8pm.
 Sept. 14 8AM Mass is an observance of the annual Day of Prayer for Church Victims of Abuse.
 Sept. 17 3pm Concert. (further details in this bulletin.)
 Sept. 18 Deacon Don Meyer is more formally introduced and he will assist at our 10AM Mass.
 Sept. 20 Parish Council Meeting via Zoom at 6:30PM. Last meeting before new elections.
 Sept. 25 25th Anniversary Blessing for James and Mary Geers.

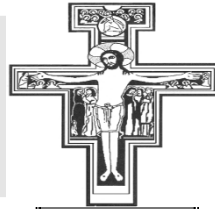


Peace Prayer of St. Francis
 Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;
 where there is hatred, let me sow love;
 where there is injury, pardon;
 where there is doubt, faith;
 where there is despair, hope;
 where there is darkness, light;
 and where there is sadness, joy.
 Grant that I may not so much 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.



Choir Members
 Another 4 members to our choir would be welcome. We can extend the area to accommodate new members. If interested, you can contact our Music Director at jameswloughery@gmail.com.

Today's Readings: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14 1 Tm 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-32	Next Sunday: Am 8:4-7 1 Tm 2:1-8 Luke 16:1-13
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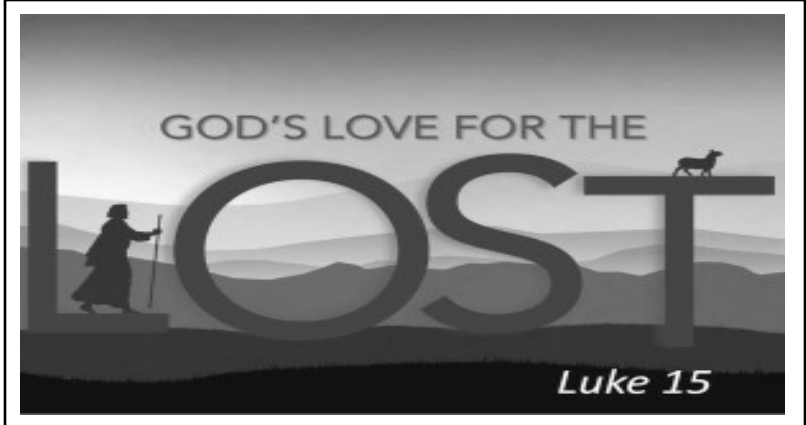
at Liberty & Vine, in Over-the-Rhine

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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.

24th 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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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.

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Stewardship - Week Ending Sept. 4
 Sunday Collection: \$5,122.00
 Mail in Collection: \$1,109.15
 Total: \$6,231.15
 Thank you!



Entry for Monday-Friday 8:00AM Mass
 You are welcome to join the small community that celebrates each morning in the chapel of our church. Enter through the gate to the right of the church entrance and come in the side door. We are waiting until the security personnel arrive at 9:00AM to open the main door of the church.

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

This summer, some of us on the parish staff have spent time helping sharpen our parish roster. Who are we? How many people are really members? We were able to identify folks who sometimes contribute, but are not parishioners. They are on our donor list. We identified those who have died, are no longer coming here, etc. We count now a parish with about 180 households. This is not exact science, but I counted 77 households who have been members here before my arrival in 2020. Since then, 82 households have migrated from St. Monica-St. George. I count at least 7 households from St. Anthony (this might be an undercount). Another 15 households have joined our parish from various other paths.

A parish roster is always in flux, but I find it helpful to have a fairly good picture of who belongs to our community. All of us “newbies” in the past two years can be grateful to the community that we found here. The “original” St. Francis Seraph people formed this diverse and welcoming parish, making it possible for our parish to more than double in size. Literally, almost every week, another person or household is joining. It matters a lot that “All Are Welcome.”

Fr. Al

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.)

In memory of all who died, September 11, 2001



I Once was Lost, but Now Am Found!

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.

Dear St. Francis Seraph Parish Community, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone who donated Target gift cards to our school. Thanks to your generosity we were given over \$500 dollars worth of gift cards and were able to provide uniforms to many families here at school. Thank you again for all that you do!
 God Bless,
Joe Clements
 Principal St. Francis Seraph School



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**. 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 today, we'll be in touch with those who are nominated to be sure they are willing to serve. Elections will be on Sunday, September 25.

Deacon Don Meyer wants to focus his energy and involvement in our parish by helping to establish a social action committee. After Mass on Sept. 25, he invites interested folks to meet in the chapel to explore possibilities. As Covid recedes, there is a growing interest in parishioners to get involved in various outreach opportunities on behalf of justice and peace. This meeting will be an opportunity to begin to organize and work together. Also, he is interested in establishing a Men's Spirituality Group. More about this later.

On Sunday, Sept. 18, Deacon Don will exercise diaconal duties assisting at the Mass. (This not expected to be a regular part of his ministry with us at St. Francis, but mainly an opportunity to introduce him to parishioners.)

HVAC Update...As you probably recall, we have reported that major pieces of equipment needed to complete the installation have been delayed. One piece was slated to be shipped mid-August and 3 more in mid-September. No word on the progress in the “supply chain.” Meanwhile, we make progress in the fundraising! As of September 4, our total gifts are 149,451. Recall, we made our fall/winter goal of \$100,000 and now we are ever so close to the spring/summer goal of \$150,000. Of course, we don't want to stop. With a total cost of \$292,000, each donation saves us having to dip deeply into our savings.