

18 25th Sunday *Charmaine DeSilva *Kathy Zielinski	19	20 *Polly Otto	21	22	23	24 *Fr. Al
25 26th Sunday *Br. Tim	26 *Josh Bort	27 * Jack Geers No 8am Mass today	28 *Aiyana Reese No 8am Mass today	29 *Erin Levin *Bonnie Neumeier No 8am Mass today	30 *Linda Weisgerber	31

Music for Today's Liturgy
 Processional: #813
God Whose Purpose is to Kindle
 Response: #78
Our Blessing Cup
 Communion: #811
Abundant Life
 Recessional: #557
Send Down the Fire



Winner-A-Day Winners: 9/12-9/18
 Jeanette Tepe, Tom Donnelly James Schuchter, Felicitas Perez, Joyce Gardner, Richard Vara, \$500 (St. Francis Stigmata,) Dawn Mowery. All other 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!



Minister Schedule for September 25
Coordinator: Randy Ulses
Greeters: Barbara Bok, Sr. Joyce Moeller, Marilou Priestle
Lector 1: Patrick Deavy
Lector 2: Casy Betz
Intercessions: Ed Aug
Eucharistic Minister: Tina Candelaresi
Collection: Joan Callahan, Tina Candelaresi

Upcoming Events
Today Our 4 Candidates for Confirmation are joining youth from St. Stephen Parish for a retreat from 11am to 3pm.
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.
Sept. 25 Social Action Committee meets at 11:30AM. This is an exploratory meeting to see who is interested and in what.
Sept. 26-29 Fr. Al is participating in the Archdiocesan Priests Convocation in Wheeling, WV. No 8AM Masses Tues., Wed., or Thursday.
Sept. 30 School Mass at 9AM (an early celebration of the Feast of St. Francis.)
Oct. 2 Blessing of Pets as we approach the Feast of St. Francis. You are invited to bring your pet to Mass - unless you have a big horse or something!
Oct. 3 You are invited to join Franciscans around the area for the Prayer Service marking the death of St. Francis (The Transitus.) This is celebrated at St. Anthony Shrine, 5000 Colerain Ave. Fr. Al will be the homilist this year.



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.



St. Francis Seraph Church

at Liberty & Vine, in Over-the-Rhine

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**ST. FRANCIS SERAPH
 THE HEART OF OVER-THE-RHINE**
 1615 Vine Street
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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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Sunday Mass
 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 Sept. 11

Sunday Collection: \$3,675.00
 Mail in Collection: \$1,230.00
 Total: \$4,905.00



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



While it is exciting to think about the possibilities that our building at 1600 Vine St. will be home to a new and innovative program, it is equally daunting to think about the renovation costs for this building. To bring this dream into reality, we have contracted with a grant writer to help us reach out to Foundations and major donors to raise \$1.1 million dollars! The good news is we have that first grant of \$283,000, so we are more than a quarter of the way to the goal. This program of Miami University will help address the shortage of teachers in elementary schools, especially in our urban area. Young teachers will pursue their masters degrees on line while living in community and teaching in our CISE and public schools serving the inner city. Of course, we anticipate some of these teachers will be serving our St. Francis Seraph School.

We are working now with the University, the Archdiocese and the architects to move this program along. Liberty and Vine will be the location for this wonderful partnership helping lift children out of poverty onto the road for success!

Fr. Al

Breaking Open the Sin of Racism

This is a program of small group dialogue and videos featuring scholars at the University of Dayton and Chaminade Julianne Catholic High School in Dayton. The series starts at a macro global and historical examination of race and racism, and progresses to a micro examination of the interpersonal impact of race and racism. St. Francis Seraph Parish will offer this program on five **Saturdays, 1:00-2:30PM Oct. 29; Nov. 5, 12, 19; Dec. 3**. These sessions will take place in our school auditorium with parking behind the school. (Note: there are a few steps into the building, but there will be people to assist.) **RSVP: flkemper@gmail.com** by Oct. 24 with subject line "SFS Racism Program." These sessions offer the possibility of healing our past through reconciliation and re-membering the Body of Christ. The objective is to increase awareness of the invisibility of privilege, systemic racism, anti-racism and the predominance of whiteness in our nation, particularly within the context of the Catholic Church. Fostering dialogue among us is key to this series.



Serve God and Be a Good Steward!



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.



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:	Next Sunday:
Am 8:4-7	Am 6:1a, 4-7
1 Tm 2:1-8	1Tm 6:11-16
Luke 16:1-13	Luke 16:19-31

Parish Council Elections



It has been almost 3 years since our parish had elections. Last Sunday was the first opportunity for you to nominate someone. We are extending nominations through this Sunday. You can nominate yourself or someone you think could be a good person for this role. Nominees must be a registered parishioners for six months or more and 18 years or older. We will hope we have a good diversity of candidates willing to serve. Elections are slated for next Sunday, Sept. 25. You will have an opportunity to meet each one and hear a little bit about their interest in being on the Council.

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.

Today, 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.)

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.

Help Wanted: Anyone interested in becoming an acolyte (server), whether young or old(er), please sign up on the sheets on the tables in the back of church. Training will be provided for those interested.