

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	October 1
2 Blessing of Pets/ Raffle *Orin Reese *Amy Dressman	3 *Katie Robertshaw	4 St. Francis of Assisi Feast Day!	5 *Sue Miele *Henry Stacey	6	7 *Faith Kemper	8 *Patrick Deavy

Music for Today's Liturgy
 Processional: #955
Precious Lord Take My Hand
 Response: #93
Praise the Lord
 Communion: #590 *Christ Be Our Light*
 #727 *Come to Me Weary Traveler*
 Recessional: #622
Canticle of the Turning



Winner-A-Day Winners: 9/19-9/25
 Dick Schewene, J. Michael McNamara, Lisa Garofalo, David Miller, Karl Buechler, Jenny Bird, Gert Bregen. 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 October 2
Coordinator: Randy Ulses
Greeters: Gale LaWarre, Marilyn Meyer, Karen Skillman
Lector 1: Dan Nolan
Lector 2: Caroline Brock
Intercessions: Clarissa Irvin
Eucharistic Minister: Kay Brogle
Collection: Denise Ratterman, Rita Reichert

Upcoming Events
Today 25th Anniversary Blessing for James and Mary Geers.
Today 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.
Oct. 4 The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi!
Oct. 8 St. Francis Women's Group, 10AM
Oct. 11 Sacrament of Confirmation celebrated at the Cathedral, our 4 candidates join with candidates from St. Clement and St. Stephen Churches.



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

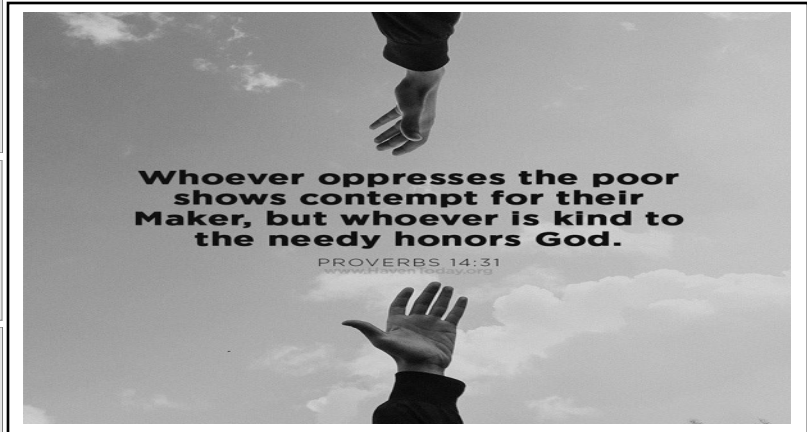
at Liberty & Vine, in Over-the-Rhine

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**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!



Like Us and Spread the Word!

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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 Sept. 18
 Sunday Collection: \$1,299.00
 Mail in Collection: \$1,595.00
 Total: \$2,894.00



Missionary gives thanks.
 “I thank you for the contribution for the Missionary Daughters of St. Rita. (Appeal was on Sunday, Aug. 7.) Your donations will go a long way to provide the needed help the sisters seek. May God bless and reward you abundantly with His grace. May God bless you all. Yours sincerely, *Rev. Urban Osuji, CM.*”

October Count...In October, each church counts how many people attend each Mass on the Sundays. Of course, it matters all the time that we can be together in church, but in October we actually count! Hope to see all of you every Sunday in October! (Can we count cats and dogs on Oct. 2? Hmm)

Pastor's Corner



On Saturday, Sept. 17, the Feast of the Stigmata of St. Francis, our church was blessed to present: **MASS for the FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS.** With poetic text written by Fr. Murray Bodo, OFM, the music composed by Michael Chertok, the choir of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church assisted by musicians from the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra thrilled all in attendance with this world premiere. Many members of our parish attended along with Franciscans from around the city and many visitors. It was a concert event; it was a spiritual event. You can go to our parish website to view and listen to the concert. You would benefit from having the text in front of you, because some of the operatic moments are difficult to catch the poetry. I can provide some copies of the text of the poem if you request them. Events like this I would like to see in our church more and more. This beautiful, sacred space can be the setting for more beauty in the form of music, concerts. If people come into the church for such events, I believe some will be curious about our life of faith, want to join is on a Sunday for Mass. And with new heating and the addition of air conditioning, we can be even more attractive to such future events!

Fr. Al

Blessing of Pets! With the Feast of St. Francis on Oct. 4, Sunday, Oct. 2, we celebrate St. Francis' love of all God's creatures with an 11:00AM Blessing of Pets on the plaza in front of church. Your pet can actually join you for Mass—assuming no one has a camel or horse!



Summer Appeal Drawing! Again, Sunday, Oct. 2, is the day we draw the tickets for the winners in our Summer Appeal. Tickets can still be purchased this Sunday, Sept. 25. The big prize is \$2,000, followed by 2 \$1,000 winners, 3 \$500 winners, 4 \$200 winners and 20 \$125 winners!!!! This will take place after Mass, also.

Help Celebrate our heroes in the Archdiocese on Priesthood Sunday, today, Sept. 25. It is a day to reflect on and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church. Thank you, Fr. Al!



A Rich Person without God is a Poor Person with money.



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 Northcrown 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.



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. call or text him at 513-404-3688.

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.

Parish Council Elections

Because we needed two weeks for nominating (and we postponed that first week) the current Parish Council determined we need to delay the election until Oct. 2. We will contact all the nominees who received more than one nomination and find out who is willing to be on the ballot. On Oct. 2, time will be given to introduce each candidate so that parishioners can put names and faces together. Besides the voting in person on Oct. 2, the slate of nominees will be posted on the website and in an all-parish email so that parishioners will be able to vote remotely by emailing the parish secretary: Joe Pearce, joepearce@sfsparish.org We hope to have a slate of maybe 10 nominees to fill the 5 open positions.

Blink is a celebration of lights and murals throughout Over-The-Rhine into downtown and even across the river. Our church is in the middle of all this nightly activity, Oct. 13-16. We plan to have the doors of the church open, lights on, music ascending from the organ/piano. Inside, we want to have “ambassadors,” members of the parish who will be greeting visitors who come in and can tell them some of our history and our current ministries. (Information will be provided to those who volunteer as ambassadors.) Parishioners can sign up for a few hours or an entire evening. Outside, we will offer a hotdog stand! With so many people crowding the streets, the restaurants can't handle all the hungry people, so we'll provide hotdogs, baked goods and water. Signup sheets are in the church for you to help serve as ambassadors, provide some of the food and baked goods, and staff the hotdog stand! Do you play piano or organ? Maybe you would like to volunteer an hour to provide music! We hope to proclaim to many people that this church is open, thriving, involved in the life of our city. We want people to know they can come here on a Sunday and join us for Mass. Let's be a Beacon of Light in the midst of all this delightful celebration of life!

